

# Town of Hudson Fiscal Year 2024 Warrant

**Article 01** The inhabitants of the Town of Hudson in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):**

Date: February 04, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, Hudson

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: March 14, 2023

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ward One Location: Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, Hudson

Ward Two Location: Alvrine High School Cafeteria, 200 Derry Street, Hudson

**Article 02** Reserved - Zoning Amendment

**Article 03** Reserved - Petitioned Zoning Amendment

**Article 04** General Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$33,527,659? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$32,879,067 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.42

Estimated tax rate is \$4.97

**Article 05 Sewer Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,175,003? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,145,341 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 06 Water Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,526,001? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,517,958 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 07 Hudson Police, Fire & Town Supervisors Association Contract**

Ratification of a Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association for Wage & Benefit Increases.

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Town Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount
7/1/23 – 6/30/24	\$190,118
7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$152,620
7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$144,645
7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$201,792
7/1/27 – 6/30/28	\$154,563

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,118 for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.04

**Article 08 Hudson Public Works Union Contract**

Ratification of a Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Public Works Department Union AFSCME Local 1801 for Wage & Benefit Increases.

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Public Works Department Union AFSCME Local 1801 which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount
7/1/23 – 6/30/2	\$81,628

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,628 for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.02

**Article 09 Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Funding**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the unassigned General Fund balance of June 30, 2023 which will be added to the Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 9, 2021?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 10 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund Funding**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2008?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.01

**Article 11 VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund Funding**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2006? \$15,000 of this sum will come from the General Fund and \$15,000 will come from the Sewer Utility Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 12 Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund Funding**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 11, 2008?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.01

**Article 13 Generator Replacement and Repair Capital Reserve Fund Funding**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the Generator Replacement and Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 8, 2022? \$10,000 of this sum will come from the General Fund, \$10,000 will come from the Sewer Fund and \$10,000 will come from the Water Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 14 Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Fund Funding**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 which will be added to the Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 1998?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 15 Readopt Veteran's Tax Credits**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an Optional Veteran's Tax Credit at \$600.00 per year, and readopt RSA 72:28-b, the All Veteran's Tax Credit at \$600.00 per year? If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 16      Discontinue Combined Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote pursuant to RSA § 41:45-a II, to discontinue the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector? If adopted, the person holding the combined elected office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall continue to hold the combined office until after the date of the next annual town election, following which, that person shall continue to hold the office of Town Clerk until the expiration of that term of office, and the Selectmen shall appoint another individual as Tax Collector in accordance with RSA §41:33.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 17      Establish a Public Safety Services Revolving Fund**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Public Safety Services (PSS) revolving fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h (c) for the purpose of providing public safety services? Fifty percent (50%) of revenues received from Police Detail Cruiser Fees shall be deposited into the fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend from the fund. These funds may be expended only for purposes of Police Fleet Purchasing/outfitting, Police Fleet Maintenance, or Public Safety Services equipment needed in conjunction with special events, highway construction, other construction, or any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen. The Public Safety Services revolving fund shall go into effect on July 1, 2023.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 18      Appoint Conservation Commission as Agents to Expend**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to appoint the Hudson Conservation Commission as agents to expend as authorized by RSA 31:19-a, I, from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established in 2018? No funds to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 19      Adopt Hudson Community Power Plan**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to adopt the Hudson Community Power plan, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the plan and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Hudson Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

**Article 20      Amend Town Code 317-34 (By Petition)**

Amend Town Code 317-34, Schedule VII, Truck, Commercial Vehicle and Heavy Vehicle Limitations to add Collector roads, as defined by Town Code 334:11(b), to being restricted from use by Truck Traffic, Commercial and Heavy Vehicle. These roads shall have an exception if such vehicles are using these roads for local pickup and delivery.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0  
Tax Rate Impact is 0.00

**Article 21      Hire One Police Officer (By Petition)**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,147 which represents the cost of wages and benefits to hire one additional police officer? This police officer will replace a Patrol Officer that will be assigned to the Police Services Division as the Wellness Officer, serving the Police Department and the community of Hudson. This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0  
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee  
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.03

**Article 22      Abolish Hudson Budget Committee (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Budget Committee Section 32:14 of New Hampshire RSA Chapter 32 Municipal Budget Law previously adopted by the Town on March 11, 1941, to abolish the Hudson Budget Committee. Rescinding this subdivision as per RSA 32:14, V, will not prevent the Town from establishing an advisory budget or finance committee(s) as stated in Section 32:24.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0  
Tax Rate Impact is 0.00