

**2008 Town Meeting Warrant
Hudson, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hudson, in the County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2008 for the transaction of all business, other than voting by official ballot. This first session of the Annual Town Meeting shall consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each warrant article. Warrant articles may be amended at the first session, subject to the restrictions set forth in NH RSA 40:13, IV.

You are hereby further notified that the second session of the Annual Meeting shall be held at Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, to elect Town officers and to vote by official ballot on all articles set forth in this Warrant, as may be amended by act of the first session meeting.

Article 1 **Election of Town Officers**
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year.

Zoning Amendments

Article 2 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Amend Article VII, Dimensional Requirements, § 334-27, Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements by deleting the existing Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements and adopting a new Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements. This amendment specifies dimensional requirements according to existing Zoning Districts and clarifies the minimum lot size requirements for multi-family uses. (Approved by the Planning Board.)

Article 3 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, § 334-22, Table of Permitted Accessory Uses by deleting the existing Table of Permitted Accessory Uses and adopting a revised Table of Permitted Accessory Uses. This amendment makes "non-profit recreational facilities including membership clubs" prohibited accessory uses in the R-1 and R-2 districts, and permits them when developed as part of a residential subdivision or site plan in the G and G-1 districts. "Health, fitness or athletic club" uses shall be prohibited accessory uses in the R-1 and R-2 districts. The following accessory uses are deleted: "Business, vocational and post secondary schools" and "Wholesale trade and distribution". (Approved by the Planning Board.)

Article 4 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning from General-One (G-1) to Residential-One (R-1), the following residentially developed roadways and their abutting parcels, which are located (generally) to the north and west of Robinson Pond: Beechwood Road, Stoney Lane, Stonewood Lane, Heritage Circle, Jeremy Lane, Boulder Drive, Terra Lane, Chagnon Drive, Henry Drive, Rear Henry Drive, Maureen Lane and the following individual parcels fronting on Robinson Road and Sandalwood Road: 124-130 and 144-154 Robinson Road and 3 Sandalwood Road. All of the aforementioned parcels are shown as having the following parcel identification numbers on the Town Assessor's Maps: 124-003-000 thru 124-033-000, 124-035-000 thru 124-080-000, 133-010-001, 133-028-000, 116-001-000 thru 116-090-000, 117-040-000, 117-041-000, 111-028-000 thru 111-044-000 and 111-055-000 thru 111-067-000. (Approved by the Planning Board.)

Petitioned Zoning Amendment

Article 5 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by Petition for Rezoning as follows?**

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by rezoning from Residential-One (R-1) to Residential-Two (R-2) the parcel having an address of 51 Burns Hill Road, Map 211/Lot 40. Said parcel abuts a R-2 zoning district, and is generally located across the street and to the immediate south of the Glen Drive and Burns Hill Road intersection. (Approved by the Planning Board.)

Petitioned Bond Article

- Article 6** **Senior Center Addition to the Community Center**
Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$964,902 for the design and construction of a Senior Center addition to the west side and adjacent to the Hudson Community Center, and authorize the issuance of not more than \$964,902 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and sell such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and, further, raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,404.44 for the purpose of paying the 2008-2009 bond issuance cost and interest on said general obligation bonds or notes; and furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,700 for the operating cost of the addition for 2008-2009? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (3/5 ballot is required.) The projected operating cost for the first year after construction would be an estimated \$53,000. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Selectmen's Articles

- Article 7** **Multi-Year Contract for Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association**
Shall the Town of Hudson approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

| Year | Estimated Amount |
|------------------|------------------|
| 7/1/08 – 6/30/09 | \$77,217 |
| 7/1/09 – 6/30/10 | \$76,074 |
| 7/1/10 – 6/30/11 | \$69,752 |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,217 for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

- Article 8** **Wage and Benefit Increase for Non-union Personnel**
Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,379 which represents a 3.0% increase in wages and benefits for the following non-union positions: Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Community Development Director, Road Agent, IT Director, Finance Director, Recreation Director, and Executive Assistant? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

- Article 9** **Wage and Benefit Increase for Full Time Library Employees**
Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,512 which represents a 3.0% increase in wages and benefits for the full-time employees of the Hills Memorial Library? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

- Article 10** **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 \$26,505,455? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$27,187,616 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.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 11 **Hiring of Two Police Officers**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,418 which represents the cost of wages and benefits to hire two additional full-time police officers? These officers will be assigned to the Patrol Division and work directly in the neighborhoods and business community. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 12 **Design/Reconstruction/Repair of Pelham Road Dam over Second Brook**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the design and reconstruction/repair of the Pelham Road dam over Second Brook? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 13 **Sale of Town-owned Property**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$450,000 for moving expenses, fit-up, equipment and furnishing costs of the new town library and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise the full amount of up to \$450,000 solely from the sale of two town-owned parcels of real estate, identified as 47 Ferry Street (Tax Map 182-093) and 49 Ferry Street (Tax Map 182-092)? Said sale of real estate to be upon such reasonably commercial terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen. Any excess funds produced by the sale of said real estate shall be paid into the town's general fund. In the event the proceeds from the sale of this real estate are less than \$450,000, the amount appropriated under this article shall be reduced to that lesser amount. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 (VI) and will not lapse until the purposes of this article are completed or June 30, 2014, whichever is soonest. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 14 **Fire Apparatus Refurbish and Repair Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town of Hudson establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the "Fire Apparatus Refurbishment and Repair Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of refurbishing and repairing of fire apparatus and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in this fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, in accordance with RSA 35:15 II? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 15 **Capital Reserve Fund for Future Property Revaluations**

Shall the Town of Hudson establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding future property revaluations to be known as the "Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund" and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in said fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 16 **Land Use Change Tax Fund**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate \$196,789 from the un-appropriated balance of the Land Use Change Tax Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2007 and to place said amount into the Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund for Purchase of Open Space for Conservation Purposes, said fund having been established under Article 30 of the March 2000 Warrant for the purpose of acquiring land, development rights or conservation easements? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 17

Vote Tallies On Warrant Articles

Shall the Town of Hudson, pursuant to NH RSA 32:5(V-a) and NH RSA 40:13 (V-a), require that all votes by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee concerning items appearing in the budget or concerning any warrant article, be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote be printed in the Town Warrant next to the affected warrant article? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

Petitioned Warrant Article

Article 18

Resolution to Discuss State Tax Options

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor? Resolved: We the citizens of Hudson, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge," and have an open discussion covering all options, including an income tax, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS AT SAID HUDSON ON THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

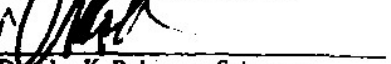
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