

**2011 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 5, 2011 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 8, 2011, 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 XII, Signs, §334-58.B by adding a new sub-section §334-58.B (23) that exempts a public agency that is posting an official notice from having to secure a sign permit. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 - 0 - 1)

**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 XII, Signs, §334-6.J, by adding language that provides that where freestanding signs are permitted they shall not exceed 30 feet in height, and the language of the sign shall be specific to advertising and shall have the street number clearly identified. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 - 1.)

**Petitioned Zoning Amendments**

**Article 4** **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by Petition as follows?**

Amend Article IX, Wetland Conservation District, §334-34, Definitions, to designate Prime Wetlands in accordance with the requirements of RSA 482-A:15, providing for permitting jurisdiction by the NH Department of Environmental Services and providing for a wetland buffer or zone of non-interference of 100 feet from the edge of any Prime Wetland; said Prime Wetlands designated according to the Prime Wetlands Assessment & Designation Study of Hudson dated May 19, 2009 as follows: 1B (Chase Brook Swamp), 5A (Robinson Pond Wetlands), 5B (Robinson Pond Wetlands), 8 (Glover Brook Marsh), 14A (Merrill Brook Swamp), 15A (Bush Hill Swamp Complex), 15D (Bush Hill Beaver Ponds), 17A (Miles Swamp), 18B (Limit Brook Swamp), 20C (Musquash Brook Swamp Complex), 20D (Musquash Brook Swamp Complex), 20E (Musquash Pond Swamp), 23/24 (Herron Pond Marsh). (Disapproved by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 - 2.)

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

Amend Article IX, Wetland Conservation District, §334-34, Definitions, to provide new definitions for "Artificial Wetlands", which are defined as areas of poorly drained soils created by human activity, such as ornamental ponds and drainage ditches, and "Incidental Wetlands", which are defined as areas of poorly drained soils with a surface area of 500 square feet or less, and to amend the definition of "Wetland Buffer" to provided a buffer of zero (0) feet from Artificial Wetlands and Incidental Wetlands, and reducing the buffer for naturally occurring wetlands from 50 feet to 25 feet. (Disapproved by the Planning Board by a vote of 3 - 1 - 1.)

**Article 6**

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

Amend Article IX, Wetland Conservation District, §334-34, Definitions, to provide a new definition for “Prime Wetland Qualifications”, providing that the 100 foot Prime Wetland buffer under RSA RSA 482-A:15 shall not touch or affect an existing dwelling or any area within 30 thirty feet of an existing dwelling unless the affected property owner voluntarily submits to the buffer requirement through a signed affidavit, and to further provide that the 100 foot Prime Wetland buffer shall not touch or affect any existing or currently planned right of way of any class of Town of State maintained roadway. (Disapproved by the Planning Board by a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.)

**Selectmen’s Articles**

**Article 7**

**Ratification of Multi-Year Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association for Wage and 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 Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association, which call for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount	COLA %
7/1/11 – 6/30/12	\$507	0.0%
7/1/12 – 6/30/13	\$66,250	2.0%
7/1/13 – 6/30/14	\$79,665	3.0%

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$507 for the 2011-2012 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 11, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-2).

**Article 8**

**Wage and Benefit Increase for Full Time Employees of Rodgers Memorial Library**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,374 which represents a 3% increase in wage and benefits for the nine full-time employees of the Rodgers Memorial Library? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-5)

**Article 9**

**Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,867, which represents a 3.0% increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11, the Operating Budget). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-2).

**Article 10 Fact Finder's Report for Hudson Support Staff Union**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to implement the recommendations contained in the Fact Finder's Report in the matter of fact-finding between the Town of Hudson and the Hudson Support Staff Union Local 1801 dated January 3, 2011 which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

Year	Amount	COLA %
7/1/10 – 6/30/11	\$0	0.0%
7/1/11 – 6/30/12	\$25,564	3.0%
7/1/12 – 6/30/13	\$31,355	3.0%

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,564 for the 2011-2012 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 11, the Operating Budget.) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0).

**Article 11 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 \$28,223,641? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$28,383,705, 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 by the Budget Committee 11-0)

**Article 12 Design of a dual use Hudson Senior Center and Hudson Community TV Facility**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000, gross budget, for the design of a dual use Senior Center/Hudson Community TV (HCTV) facility to be located at Benson Park and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Senior Center Capital Reserve Fund, \$50,000 from the HCTV Building Capital Reserve Fund, and \$50,000 from the unreserved fund balance. No funds shall be expended until site location is approved by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11, the Operating Budget.) (There is no impact to the tax rate for this appropriation.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-1).

**Article 13 Replacement of three (3) Fire Department Defibrillators**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 gross budget for the purpose of purchasing three (3) replacement defibrillators for the Hudson Fire Department Ambulances? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11, the Operating Budget). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-1)

**Article 14      Establishment of Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the "Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of purchasing specialized fire and EMS Equipment including, but not limited to, Firefighter Protective Clothing, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Defibrillators and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 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 11, the Operating Budget). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0).

**Article 15      Ratification of Agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Litchfield Youth Football and Cheer**

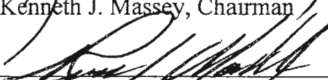
Shall the Town of Hudson, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, vote to ratify an agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Litchfield Youth Football and Cheer (HLYFC) according to which the HLYFC agrees to build the "Zachary Tompkins Memorial Field" football fields on 9 Industrial Drive, (Map 161, Lot 040 and Map 161, Lot 039) in exchange for the HLYFC having semi-exclusive right to use the fields during the regular football season beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2036. Copies of the full text of the Agreement are available at the Town Clerk's office. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0).

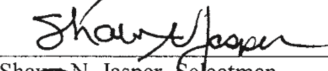
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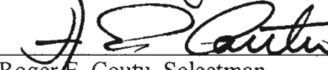
**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

**HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
Kenneth J. Massey, Chairman

  
Richard J. Maddox, Vice-Chairman

  
Shawn N. Jasper, Selectman

  
Roger E. Coutu, Selectman

  
Benjamin J. Nadeau, Selectman