

**2017 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 the Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 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 14, 2017, 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.

Election of Town Officers

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

Zoning Amendments

Article 2 Amend Zoning Ordinance § 334-5 & 6 Terminology

Amend Article II, Terminology, by amending § 334-5 and § 334-6, relative to word usage, interpretation, and definitions. The amendment proposes comprehensive amendments to these sections of the Zoning Ordinance which define the meanings of various terms used throughout the Zoning Ordinance, the term's usage and interpretation.
(Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)

Article 3 Amend Zoning Ordinance § 334-14 Building Height

Amend Article III, General Provisions, by amending § 334-14, to permit a maximum building height of fifty (50) feet for buildings used for manufacturing, warehouses, distribution, and office space ancillary to said principal uses, and specific to certain Industrial (I), General (G), and General-One (G-1) zoning districts.
(Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 5-2)

Article 4 Amend Zoning Ordinance § 334-60 Signs

Amend Article VII, Signs, by amending § 334-60, paragraph K, to provide that no inflatable, balloon or portable signs are allowed in any zoning district unless specifically authorized in a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen for a fair, festival, limited duration performance or other event of a temporary nature.
(Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)

Article 5 Amend Zoning Ordinance § 334-73 Accessory Living Units

Amend Article XIII A, Accessory Living Units, by deleting § 334-73.1, § 334-73.4, and § 334-73.8, and amending § 334-73.2, § 334-73.3, § 334-73.5, and § 334-73.6. The purpose of the amendments is to address recent changes under New Hampshire state law, RSA §§ 674:71-73, relative to accessory dwelling units.
(Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-1)

Selectmen's Articles

Article 6 Construction of New Fire Station

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900,000 for the design and construction of a new Fire Station on Town-owned land located on Lowell Road, with the sum of \$2,100,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and the balance of \$800,000 to be raised from general taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Fire Station is completed or June 30, 2023, whichever is sooner.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 1)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 7 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 amounts 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 \$25,062,815? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,894,750, 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 by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 8 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 amounts 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 \$1,912,779? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,553,948, 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 10 - 0)

Article 9 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 amounts 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 \$4,134,601? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,612,441, 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 10 - 0)

Article 10 Hudson Police Employees Association Contract

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 Employees Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount
7/1/17-6/30/18	\$113,937
7/1/18-6/30/19	\$122,281

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,937 for the 2017-2018 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 7, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 11 Hudson Highway Department Contract

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 Highway Department, Local 1801, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount
7/1/17-6/30/18	\$48,747
7/1/18-6/30/19	\$44,258

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,747 for the 2017-2018 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 7, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 12 Wage & Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,307 which represents an increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 7, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 13 Wage & Benefit Increase for Nine (9) Full Time Library Employees

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,925 which represents a 2% increase in wages and benefits for the nine (9) full-time employees of the Rodgers Memorial Library? (This appropriation is in addition Article 7, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8 - 2)

Article 14 Ambulance Replacement

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 15 Funding 3 Capital Reserve Funds from Unassigned Fund Balance

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$357,000 of which \$119,000 will be added to the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established, \$119,000 will be added to the Recreation Field Construction Capital Reserve Fund previously established, and \$119,000 will be added to Major Repairs to Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2016 Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 7, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 16 Create a Capital Reserve Fund for Library Improvements

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of improving and renovating the building, and replacing, and repairing capital equipment at Hudson Libraries and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund and to further appoint the Hudson Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend from this fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 7 - 3)

Article 17 Discontinue Old Capital Reserve Funds

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds:

- Cable Access Center (TV) CRF created in 2001
- Future Senior Center CRF created in 2009
- Library Expansion CRF created in 1987
- Lowell/River Road CRF created in 1989
- Merrifield Park Pond CRF created in 1992
- Merrimack River Boat Ramp CRF created in 1995

Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town of Hudson's General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. The purposes of the above Capital Reserve Funds are no longer valid so a majority vote is needed to discontinue them. No amount to be raised from taxation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0)

Article 18 All Veteran's Tax Credit

Shall the Town of Hudson adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

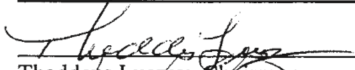
Article 19 Establishment of Benson Park User Fees


Shall the Town of Hudson vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish user fees for Benson Park? This article is advisory only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS AT SAID HUDSON ON THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

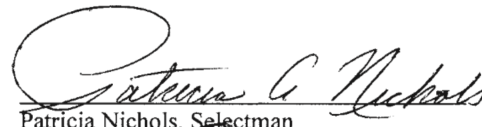
A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

HUDSON-BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Thaddeus Luszey, Chairman


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