

**2007 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 10, 2007 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 13, 2007, 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 II, Definitions, by adding new definitions for certain child care agencies as provided in NH RSA 170-E:2, adding new definitions for "Light" and "Heavy" commercial vehicles, and adding new definitions for "General Retail," "Itinerant Roadside Vendor", "Major Commercial Project", and "Personal Service Establishment". (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 III, General Regulations, §334-15.B (2) to provide that at residential sites the outside storage of vehicles or trailers used in commerce with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 13,000 lbs. is prohibited. (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 Article VI, Special Exceptions, Home Occupations, subsections §334-24.I, §334-24.I (1) and §334-24.I (2) to provide that the restriction on the parking of certain vehicles is modified so that the existing term used in these provisions, "business vehicle", is changed to "vehicle used in commerce". (Approved by the Planning Board)

**Article 5**                    **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**  
Amend Article XII – Signs - Section 334-58 (B) (7) to provide that political campaign signs must comply with NH RSA 664:17 as may be amended from time to time. (Approved by the Planning Board)

**Article 6**                    **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**  
Amend Section 334-21, Table of Permitted Principal Uses by deleting the existing Table of Permitted Principal Uses and adopt a revised Table of Permitted Principal Uses. The new Table of Permitted Principal Uses retains four of the existing categories of uses, and changes the "Retail and Service" category of uses to "Commercial" uses. In addition, certain of the existing permitted uses have been deleted and/or have been reclassified or relabeled. (Approved by the Planning Board)

**Article 7**                    **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**  
Amend Article XVIII, Commercial Wireless Telecommunications, Radio Service and Receive-Only Facilities, by deleting existing §334-96 and replacing with new §334-96.1 and §334-96.2. This amendment provides that Commercial Wireless Telecommunication Facilities shall be required to obtain a conditional use permit from the Hudson Planning Board according to standards set forth in the ordinance. (Approved by the Planning Board)

**Article 8**      **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Amend Article XVI, Flood Hazard Areas, by adopting by reference certain amendments to Chapter 218 of the Code of the Town of Hudson, by revising §218-1 to add a purpose section, adopting certain new definitions in §218-2, revising §218-4 concerning flood hazard designations, revising §218-5 concerning duties of the building inspector, revising §218-7 concerning regulatory floodway, and §218-8 concerning variances and appeals. These amendments are required in order for the Town of Hudson to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. (Approved by the Planning Board)

**Bond Article**

**Article 9**      **Construct New Library**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) for the design and construction of a new library on Town-owned land on Derry Road, and authorize the issuance of not more than Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000) 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 One Hundred and Three Thousand Dollars (\$103,000) for the purpose of paying 2007-2008 bond issuance costs and interest on said general obligation bonds or notes; and, furthermore, authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Town-owned properties at 47 and 49 Ferry Street (Tax Map Parcels 182-093-000 and 182-092-000) and to apply the sale proceeds of up to Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) towards this purpose? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (3/5 ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Selectmen's Articles**

**Article 10**      **Ratification of Multi-Year Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Highway Union 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 Local 1801 AFSCME (Highway Union), which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Amount
7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$38,824
7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$36,850
7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$35,243

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,824 for the 2007-2008 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 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 11**      **Ratification of Multi-Year Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Administrative and Support Union 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 Administrative and Support Union Local 1801, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Amount
7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$ 0
7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$44,957
7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$32,387
7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$32,408

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,957 for the 2007-2008 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 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 12**      **Ratification of Multi-Year Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Police Union 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 AFSCME Local 3657 the Police Union, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Amount
7/1/07 - 6/30/08	\$98,590
7/1/08 - 6/30/09	\$95,655
7/1/09 - 6/30/10	\$96,924

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,590 for the 2007-2008 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 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 13**      **Wage and Benefit Increase for Non-Union Personnel**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,770 which represents a 3.0% increase in wages and benefits for the following non-union positions: Finance Director, Recreation Director and Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 14**      **Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,776, which represents a 3.0% increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 15**      **Wage and Benefit Increase for Supervisors of the Checklist**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to set the salary of the Supervisors of the Checklist at \$1,000 each, per year and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,293, said sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salary and benefits over those paid in the previous year? This sum represents a salary increase of \$400 for each Supervisor with a corresponding FICA (Social Security) contribution of \$31 for each Supervisor. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 16**      **Wage and Benefit Increase for Full-time Employees of Hills Memorial Library**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,101 which represents a 3% increase in wages and benefits for the full-time employees of the Hills Memorial Library? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 17**      **Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to 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 \$26,847,699? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,091,392 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 18**      **Hire two Firefighter/Paramedics**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$129,817) which represents the cost of wages and benefits necessary to hire two (2) Firefighter Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedic Level? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 19**      **Police Dispatcher**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$21,814) which represents the cost of wages and benefits to convert forty (40) hours of part time dispatching into one additional full time Police Dispatcher? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

- Article 20**      **Replacement Fire Engine**  
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$370,000), gross budget for the purpose of purchasing a replacement fire engine and to authorize the withdrawal of \$270,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund and to appropriate \$100,000 from the 2006-2007 unencumbered budget surplus? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
- Article 21**      **Capital Reserve Fund for Police Bullet Proof Vest Replacement**  
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing replacement bullet proof vests for all sworn officers in the Police department to be known as the "Police Vest Replacement Capital Reserve Fund" and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in said fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
- Article 22**      **Capital Reserve Fund for Police Duty Weapons Replacement**  
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing replacement weapons for all sworn officers in the Police department to be known as the "Police Duty Weapons Replacement Capital Reserve Fund" and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in said fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
- Article 23**      **Feasibility Study for Community Center**  
Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for an architectural/engineering study to determine the feasibility of renovating and making additions to the Community Center with the intent of creating a permanent establishment of a Hudson Senior facility? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 17, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
- Article 24**      **Sewer Utility Capital Reserve Fund**  
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to change the purpose of the Nashua Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund created through the adoption of Article 44 at the 1995 Town Meeting, to allow said fund to be used to purchase additional capacity at the Nashua Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as to pay the Town's share for the replacement and repair of the Nashua Wastewater Treatment Plant, and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? (2/3 vote required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)
- Article 25**      **Revised Veterans Tax Credits**  
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 for an optional Veteran's Tax Credit? The optional Veterans Tax Credit shall be \$500, rather than \$300. If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2007 property tax year. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)
- Article 26**      **Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Elderly**  
Shall the Town of Hudson modify the elderly exemptions, pursuant to RSA 72:39-b, from property tax in the Town of Hudson, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$105,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$125,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$150,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2007 property tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)
- Article 27**      **Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Disabled**  
Shall the Town of Hudson modify the exemption, pursuant to RSA 72:37-b, for the disabled? The exemption based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$105,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,000, or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000, excluding the value of the residence. If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2007 property tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 28

**Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Blind**

Shall the Town of Hudson modify the exemption for the blind, pursuant to RSA 72:37, from the assessed value of residential real estate for property tax purposes? This statute provides that every inhabitant who is legally blind shall be exempt each year, for property tax purposes, from the assessed value on a residence to the value of \$105,000. If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2007 property tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

**Petitioned Articles**

Article 29

**New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution**

To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Hudson. These actions include: 1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of US greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the US economy. 2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment. In addition, the town of Hudson encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 30

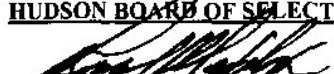
**Two Police Officers**


To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,948 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 17, the Operating Budget.) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)


GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS AT SAID HUDSON ON THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2007.


A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

**HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
Richard J. Maddox, Chairman

  
Shawn N. Jasper, Vice-Chairman

  
Kenneth J. Massey, Selectman

  
Kathleen R. MacLean, Selectman

  
Benjamin J. Nadeau, Selectman