

## **#2 Warrant Article Proposal submitted by Craig Putnam – start discussion at August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.**

Draft text for a warrant article(s) for spring 2022 re: EV charging support.

Overall goal: Get the town to put a stake in the ground re: support for EV charging

Specific sub-goals:

- Position the town to take advantage of grants as well as state and federal infrastructure funding for EV charging
- Get the town to modify building codes to require a certain percentage of EV charging spots in newly constructed parking lots, or to add EV charging spots to existing parking lots that are being significantly expanded or upgraded. Such parking lots could be for apartment complexes (such as is being constructed on Lowell Road), businesses with large parking lots (such as supermarkets), etc.
- Get the town to install EV chargers at select town facilities (such as the Alvirne HS parking lot, Hills Memorial Library, the Town Hall, etc.). The focus should be on areas where vehicles may be parked for an extended period of time (several hours). These would typically be level 2 chargers which are relatively inexpensive.
- Support/encourage fleet vehicle users that the town contracts with (such as FIRST Student) to shift to EV vehicles. See: <https://firststudentinc.com/partner-with-us/electric-school-buses/>

“To see if the Town of Hudson, NH will vote to commit to encouraging and supporting electric vehicle (EV) charging in the town. The intent of this warrant article is that the town, by providing leadership and support for a transition over time to electric vehicles, would protect the well-being and health of our citizens by ensuring equitable availability of EV charging for its citizens in a fiscally responsible manner. We can, by actively shifting towards policies and infrastructure that support electric vehicles, reduce dependence on and subsidies for fossil fuels and address the threat of global climate change on a local, state and national level. This article reaffirms and builds upon Warrant Article 29 passed at the 2007 Hudson Town Meeting.”

The text of the 2007 warrant article follows:

### **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 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 [sic] of the people of Hudson. These actions include: 1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of US greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the 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 of 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)”