



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2018**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

*Patricia Barry*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center"><b>SELECTMEN</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO</p> <p>MARILYN E. McGRATH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL RAYMOND DROUIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NORMAND G. MARTIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Two Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>MICHAEL FEDELE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ALEJANDRO URRUTIA <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Two Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL E. INDERBITZEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than THREE</p> <p>TED TROST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>HASAN K. GOODE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GRACE HOPKINS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>MARY ELLEN GANNON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Six Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>LISA DONOVAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STUART SCHNEIDERMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>DONNA BOUCHER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>CODE OF ETHICS</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>EDMOND A. DUCHESNE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>

**ARTICLES**

**Article 02: Amend Article III, General Regulations, § 334-10, subsection A**

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 III, General Regulations, § 334-10, subsection A. to eliminate the requirement that multiple uses on a single lot have enough lot area and lot frontage to meet the standards for each individual use, thereby requiring far more land area and frontage than is needed to serve the combined development. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

YES   
NO

**Article 03: Amend Article III, General Regulations, § 334-15.1**

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, § 334-15.1, to eliminate the requirement that lots with stores selling gasoline at retail be located at least 800 feet from another lot with a store selling gasoline at retail. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

YES   
NO

**Article 04: Amend Article VIII, Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots, § 334-32**

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 VIII, Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots, § 334-32 to bring Hudson's Zoning Ordinance into compliance with New Hampshire statutory requirements for treatment of nonconforming lots of record. Towns can no longer require the merger of contiguous lots not meeting zoning requirements for minimum lot frontage and area. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

YES   
NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 05: Amend Article XV, Enforcement and Miscellaneous Provisions, § 334-82**

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

YES

Amend Article XV, Enforcement and Miscellaneous Provisions, § 334-82 to extend the time limit for acting on a variance or special exception approval from one year to two years to bring the Hudson Zoning Ordinance into compliance with New Hampshire statutes. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

NO

**Article 06: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, § 334-21**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

YES

Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, § 334-21 Table of Permitted Principal Uses to eliminate "Major commercial project" (> 100,000 sq. ft.) from the list of Commercial Uses and from Article II, § 334-6 Definitions. This category and definition were added in 2007 in an attempt to limit "big box" stores, but it only limits such stores in the Business District and the impacts are more effectively addressed by other regulations. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 5-1)

NO

**Article 07: General Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate as the General Fund 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 \$25,905,878? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$25,560,233, 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)

YES

NO

**Article 08: Sewer Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate as the Sewer Fund 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 \$2,243,192? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,702,566, 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)

YES

NO

**Article 09: Water Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate as the Water Fund 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 \$4,022,907? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,362,420, 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)

YES

NO

**Article 10: Wage & Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,333 which represents an increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1)

YES

NO

**Article 11: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary Scale**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve a salary schedule based on years of service for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector pursuant to RSA 41:25 and 41:33? If adopted, the annual salary for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall be established in accordance with the following salary schedule:

Years of Service	Salary
Year 1 (Minimum)	\$54,921
Year 2	\$56,843
Year 3	\$58,833
Year 4	\$60,892
Year 5	\$63,023
Year 6	\$65,229
Year 7	\$67,512
Year 8	\$69,875
Year 9 (Maximum)	\$73,320

YES

NO

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

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 12: Wage and Benefit Increase for Library Personnel**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,980 in wages and benefits for the Library Director, five Librarians and two Assistant Librarians of the Rodgers Memorial Library in an effort to move the rate of pay for these positions closer to the average hourly wage rate reported by New Hampshire libraries serving comparable communities? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1)

YES

NO

**Article 13: Hire Four (4) Firefighter/AEMTs**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$349,548, which represents the cost of wages and benefits to hire four Firefighter/AEMTs, with 75% of the salary and benefits being subsidized by the Federal Government, with the sum of \$262,161 to come from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant, and the balance of \$87,387 to be raised from general taxation? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0)

YES

NO

**Article 14: Hire Associate IT Specialist**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,943 which represents the cost to hire a full time Associate IT Specialist to work in the Information Technology Department? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1)

YES

NO

**Article 15: Widening Lowell Rd from Wason Rd to Sagamore Bridge**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 for the design and construction of an additional lane on the south bound side of Lowell Road from Wason Road to the Sagamore Bridge ramp? This project will be funded with \$1,200,000 (80%) from NHDOT federal grant and \$100,000 from the Lowell Road Corridor Fund, and \$200,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance. This is a Special Warrant Article, per RSA 32:3 VI, reflecting an appropriation that will not lapse until the monies are expended, or June 30, 2023, whichever is the earliest. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0)

YES

NO

**Article 16: Benson Park Restroom Facility**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,000 for the design and construction of a permanent restroom facility in Benson Park and provide for operational costs for the first year? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-4)

YES

NO

**Article 17: Funding for Fire Apparatus Refurbishment & Repair CRF**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 which will be added to the Fire Apparatus Repair/Refurbishment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0)

YES

NO

**Article 18: Funding for Property Revaluation CRF**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 which will be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0)

YES

NO

**Article 19: Funding for Communications Equipment & Infrastructure CRF**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 which will be added to the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2018 Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0)

YES

NO

**Article 20: Funding for Library Improvements CRF**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the Library Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-3)

YES

NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 21: Establish Municipal and Transportation Improvement CRF**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA § 35:1 and RSA § 261:153, VI, to collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee in the amount of \$5.00 for the purpose of supporting said Fund? The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all-terrain vehicles and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles. The funds may be used for improvements in local or regional transportation systems, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, public transportation, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs of transportation facilities, including electric vehicle charging stations, and for operating and capital costs of public transportation. The funds may be used as matching funds for state or federal funds allocated for local or regional transportation improvements, but may not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-4)

YES   
NO

**Article 22: Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Elderly**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to 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 \$45,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$55,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$160,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2018 property tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

YES   
NO

**Article 23: Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Disabled**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to 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 \$45,000, or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$55,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$160,000, excluding the value of the residence. If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2018 property tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

YES   
NO

**Article 24: Ratify Agreement between Board of Selectmen and Hudson United Soccer Club**

Shall the Town of Hudson, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, vote to ratify an agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the Hudson United Soccer Club (HUSC) renewing an agreement for the HUSC's semi-exclusive use of "Freedom Field I" soccer field on Route 102 adjacent to the Hills Garrison Elementary School during the regular soccer season, March 1st through November 30th, for a period of 15 years beginning September 1, 2018. Copies of the full text of the Agreement are available at the Town Clerk's office. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

YES   
NO

**Article 25: Allow Keno Games in Hudson (by Petition)**

Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1)

YES   
NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**