



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Douglas A. Melanson

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.

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| <p>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>HEIDI JAKOBY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVID S. MORIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARCUS NICOLAS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT COOPER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not One Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>SHAWN N. JASPER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>PLANNING BOARD</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO</p> <p>BRIAN ALAN ETIENNE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>VICTOR OATES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JORDAN G. ULERY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not One Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>BRIAN ALAN ETIENNE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MATTHEW KELLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RICHARD J. WEISSGARBER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DILLON DUMONT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>CODE OF ETHICS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO</p> <p>MICHAEL MacDONALD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSHUA HILL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>CHRISTINE STROUT-LIZOTTE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than THREE</p> <p>JAMES H. LAWRENCE III <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PATRICK QUINLAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KEVIN M. WALSH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO</p> <p>MIMI GUESSFERD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KAREN BOHRER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>HARRY SHIBANOFF <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> |

ARTICLES

Article 02 Planning Board Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 01 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Hudson Zoning Ordinance as follows: revising the Table of Permitted Principal Uses to separate Wholesale, Warehouse, Self-storage mini-warehouse and Distribution facilities into their own separate categories? They are all currently one category. By passing this amendment, a site would need Planning Board approval to change from one category to another.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

Article 03 Petitioned Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 02 as proposed by petition for the Town of Hudson Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Town Code 334, Attachment I, Table of Permitted Principal Uses to remove from permitted use under General (G), and General-I (G-1) zones, warehouses or distribution facilities greater than 100,000 square feet and allow them ONLY in Industrial (I) zones effective immediately following passage of this warrant article.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 04 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 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 \$33,527,659? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$32,879,067 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.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.42
Estimated tax rate is \$4.97

Article 05 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 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 \$2,175,003? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,145,341 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.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended/Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 06 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 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 \$4,526,001? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,517,958 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.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 07 Hudson Police, Fire & Town Supervisors Association Contract

Ratification of a Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association 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 Town Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

| Year | Amount |
|------------------|-----------|
| 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 | \$190,118 |
| 7/1/24 – 6/30/25 | \$152,620 |
| 7/1/25 – 6/30/26 | \$144,645 |
| 7/1/26 – 6/30/27 | \$201,792 |
| 7/1/27 – 6/30/28 | \$154,563 |

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,118 for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year?

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.04

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Article 08 Hudson Public Works Union Contract

Ratification of a Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Public Works Department Union AFSCME Local 1801 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 Hudson Public Works Department Union AFSCME Local 1801 which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

| Year | Amount |
|------------------|----------|
| 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 | \$81,628 |

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,628 for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year?

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.02

Article 09 Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the unassigned General Fund balance of June 30, 2023 which will be added to the Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 9, 2021?

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 10 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2008?

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.01

Article 11 VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2006? \$15,000 of this sum will come from the General Fund and \$15,000 will come from the Sewer Utility Fund.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 12 Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 2008?

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.01

Article 13 Generator Replacement and Repair Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the Generator Replacement and Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 8, 2022? \$10,000 of this sum will come from the General Fund, \$10,000 will come from the Sewer Fund and \$10,000 will come from the Water Fund.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 14 Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 which will be added to the Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 1998?

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 15 Readopt Optional Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to re-adopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$600 (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 16 Readopt All Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town of Hudson readopt the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Hudson under RSA 72:28 (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 17 Discontinue Combined Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Shall the Town of Hudson vote pursuant to RSA § 41:45-a II, to discontinue the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector? If adopted, the person holding the combined elected office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall continue to hold the combined office until after the date of the next annual town election, following which, that person shall continue to hold the office of Town Clerk until the expiration of that term of office, and the Selectmen shall appoint another individual as Tax Collector in accordance with RSA §41:33.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 18 Establish a Public Safety Services Revolving Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Public Safety Services (PSS) revolving fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h (c) for the purpose of providing public safety services? Fifty percent (50%) of revenues received from Police Detail Cruiser Fees shall be deposited into the fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend from the fund. These funds may be expended only for purposes of Police Fleet Purchasing/outfitting, Police Fleet Maintenance, or Public Safety Services equipment needed in conjunction with special events, highway construction, other construction, or any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen. The Public Safety Services revolving fund shall go into effect on July 1, 2023.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 19 Appoint Conservation Commission as Agents to Expend

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to appoint the Hudson Conservation Commission as agents to expend as authorized by RSA 31:19-a, I, from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established in 2018? No funds to be raised by taxation.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Article 20 Adopt Hudson Community Power Plan

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to adopt the Hudson Community Power plan, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the plan and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Hudson Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

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Article 21 Amend Town Code 317-34 (By Petition)

Amend Town Code 317-34, Schedule VII, Truck, Commercial Vehicle and Heavy Vehicle Limitations to add Collector roads, as defined by Town Code 334:11(b), to being restricted from use by Truck Traffic, Commercial and Heavy Vehicle. These roads shall have an exception if such vehicles are using these roads for local pickup and delivery.

YES

NO

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
Tax Rate Impact is 0.00

Article 22 Hire One Police Officer (By Petition)

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish the wellness officer as a fulltime position, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,147 which represents the cost of wages and benefits to hire one (1) additional patrol officer? This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.03

Article 23 Rescind Adoption of Budget Committee Sections 32:14-32:24 and Replace the Hudson Budget Committee with an Advisory Budget Committee (by Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Budget Committee Sections 32:14-32:24 of New Hampshire RSA Chapter 32 Municipal Budget Law previously adopted by the Town to replace the Hudson Budget Committee with an advisory budget committee. Rescinding this subdivision as per RSA 32:14, V will not prevent the Town from establishing an advisory budget or finance committee(s) as stated in Section 32:24. An advisory budget committee will be established by the governing bodies and members will be appointed by the Town Moderator within 60 days of the acceptance of this warrant.

YES

NO

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1
Tax Rate Impact is 0.00

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT



Vote by Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots are an option for registered voters to vote by mail as a substitute to voting in-person. The applicant must first fill out an absentee ballot application in order to receive an absentee ballot.

- If hand-delivering the absentee ballot application to the Town Clerk, the application must be received by Monday, March 13 at 4:00 PM in order to receive an absentee ballot to fill out at that time. A designated delivery agent may also physically bring your absentee ballot to your designated polling location on Election Day, March 14th, by no later than 5:00 PM in order to be counted.*
- If you are mailing the absentee ballot application, the application must be received by the Town Clerk in time to process the application, and in return, mail an absentee ballot to you. When returning the absentee ballot by mail, it is your responsibility to ensure the Town Clerk receives your ballot at Town Hall on or before Tuesday, March 14.
- Any absentee ballot received after March 14 will be deemed invalid and not accepted.

* A delivery agent is determined by [RSA 657:17](#)

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office at 12 School Street or on the town website at: <https://www.hudsonnh.gov/clerk/page/election-information>



Vote In-Person - Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Vote 7AM TO 8PM

WARD 1

Hudson Community Center
12 Lions Ave

WARD 2

Alvirne High School
200 Derry Road

WARD INFORMATION ON THE TOWN WEBSITE

More information is available at sau81.org and hudsonnh.gov