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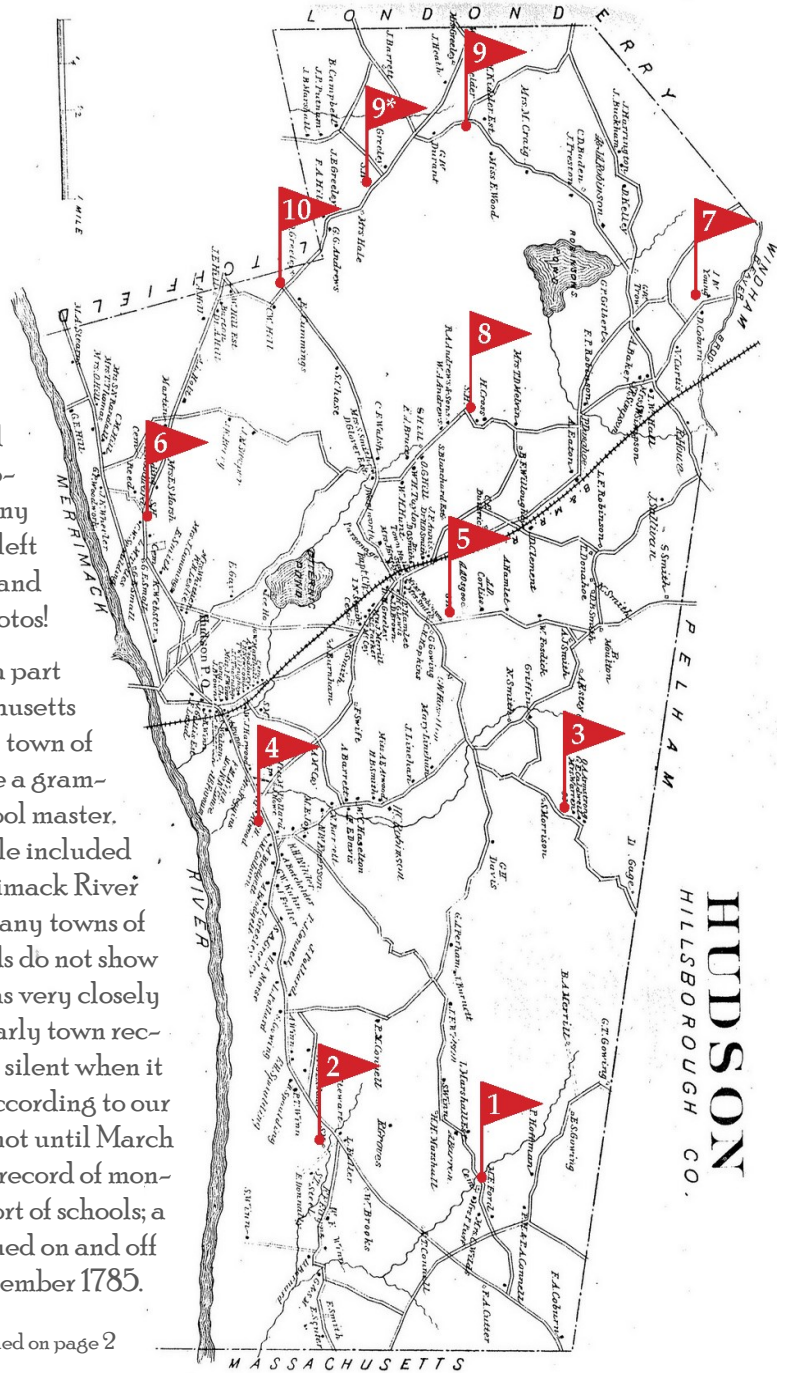
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Early Education In Our Town

As I was preparing this story on early education, I thought of beginning with a line like "You are my age if you remember..." I soon abandoned this idea as most of today's story pre-dates any of our memories; we are left with pages from history and a few old photos!

In 1721 while we were a part of Dunstable Massachusetts state law required every town of 100 families to provide a grammar school and a school master. The town of Dunstable included both sides of the Merrimack River and parts if not all of many towns of today. The early records do not show that this regulation was very closely followed. In fact, our early town records are suspiciously silent when it comes to education. According to our town history it was not until March 1766 that we have any record of money being voted in support of schools; a situation which continued on and off until September 1785.

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District #1

In 1785 a committee of three was appointed to separate the town into school districts. Each district was to erect and maintain their own school. For some unknown reason their report was not accepted by the town until 1799; when 10 school districts were established. This district plan remained in effect until 1885.

So, you ask where were these district schoolhouses located? Check out this 1892 map of with flags showing the location of each district school. Location of each schoolhouse below with a picture if we have one.

▶ **District 1:** "Musquash District" located on Musquash Road in the southern part of town at the entrance to the present conservation area.



District School #2

▶ **District 2:** "The Red Schoolhouse District" covered the south-western part of town. The house was located on Colburn Road (near what is now Steele Road) a short distance west of River Road. It was rebuilt by the town in 1890; the original house was sold, moved to Lowell Road and modified to become The Chapel of the Holy Angels.

▶ **District 3:** "Bush Hill District" located on the east side of Bush Hill Road, midway up the hill.

District 4: The original #4 was in the west part of town at the entrance to Blodgett Cemetery, where the iron gate is now. The building burned in 1885 and another built on the opposite side of Lowell Road, a short distance north of Fox Hollow.



District School #3

▶ **District 5:** "Hudson Center District" was the earliest house built and was located at the summit of Kimball Hill Road. In 1871 it was rebuilt closer to Hudson Center and on the opposite side of the road near 50 and 52 Kimball Hill, less than one half mile from the center of town.

▶ **District 6:** "Farm District" first located on the west side of Derry Road at the junction of Elm Avenue, In 1852 a new schoolhouse was built close by on the east side of Derry Road. In 1898, after the schoolhouse was closed, it became the dwelling of the French Family. Fire destroyed the dwelling in 1980.

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District #5



District #6

District 7: "Frog Corner District" served the north/east section of town and was located on the east side of Robinson Road at the corner with Griffin Road.

District 8: This district served all of Barrett's Hill, for which it was named. The schoolhouse was situated a short distance west of the summit at 60 Barrett's Hill Road.

▶ **District 9:** "Kidder District" located between districts #7 and #10. Located at the top of the hill on the Kidder place, east of Derry Road in the vicinity of 169-171 Robinson Road.

District 10: Called "Hills Row" the schoolhouse stood near 28 Old Derry Road opposite the end of Greeley Street.



New District 9 - Early



New District 9 - Today

In 1885 the voters of Hudson adopted a single school district whereby all school buildings were maintained and operated under the direction of a 3-member school board. Hudson was one of the few towns to adopt this system before it became state law. The first Hudson School Board elected by the town was: Kimball Webster, Dr. David O. Smith, and Daniel Gage.

One of the first decisions made by the Hudson School District was to consolidate districts 9 and 10. The town voted to purchase land and build a new schoolhouse near the Jackson Greeley place on Derry Road (now Old Derry Road). This

was called District 9. Close to the completion of the New #9 school it was destroyed by fire at a loss to the town and the builder. Opening was delayed until the second term. In 1887 this schoolhouse was said to be one of the most convenient, pleasant, and healthiest schools in the state. The Old #9 building was taken down and the #10 building was sold.

▶ This New #9 is the only district schoolhouse which remains in town today. Located on the Jasper property it has been maintained as a schoolhouse museum by the family.

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In 1896 the district voted to build 2 new schools. One near the bridge with 2 rooms on each of 2 floors for a cost of \$4,000. The second near Hudson center with 2 rooms and a cost of \$3,000. Both schools were completed and dedicated by end of 1896. Webster school was located on Sanders Street (now Library Street). Named in honor of Kimball Webster because of his dedication to Hudson. The Webster School building has been enlarged and improved through the years. No longer a schoolhouse it served as the office building for Hudson School District.

The Smith school was located near 42/44 Windham Road on land donated by Dr. David O. Smith. It was named for him in honor of his leadership with the schools and his involvement in all parts of public and private life. The Smith school was consumed by fire December 1907. Rather than rebuilding on the same location it was replaced by the Hudson Center School on Kimball Hill Road in 1909.

By early 1900 the goals for Hudson Schools: Upon graduation from its school system, scholars were able to enter any high school or academy in NH. Town of Hudson was responsible for the high school tuition. ♦

Photos and maps are from the Hudson Historical Society (less newer photos). Written by Ruth Parker, honorary Town Historian and a volunteer for the Hudson Historical Society. To contact the Society, please send email to: HUDSONHISTORICAL@LIVE.COM.



D.O. Smith School - Early



D.O. Smith School - Today



Hills House 1890

The Hudson Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of Hudson, NH. We maintain an historical museum at the "Alvirne" Hills House on Derry Road. We receive and preserve souvenirs and historical data to stimulate an interest in historical matters as they relate to our town.



Webster School - Today

Nine-Eleven Observance

September 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Benson Park

Invocation

National Anthem

Presentation of Colors by Fire and Police Officers

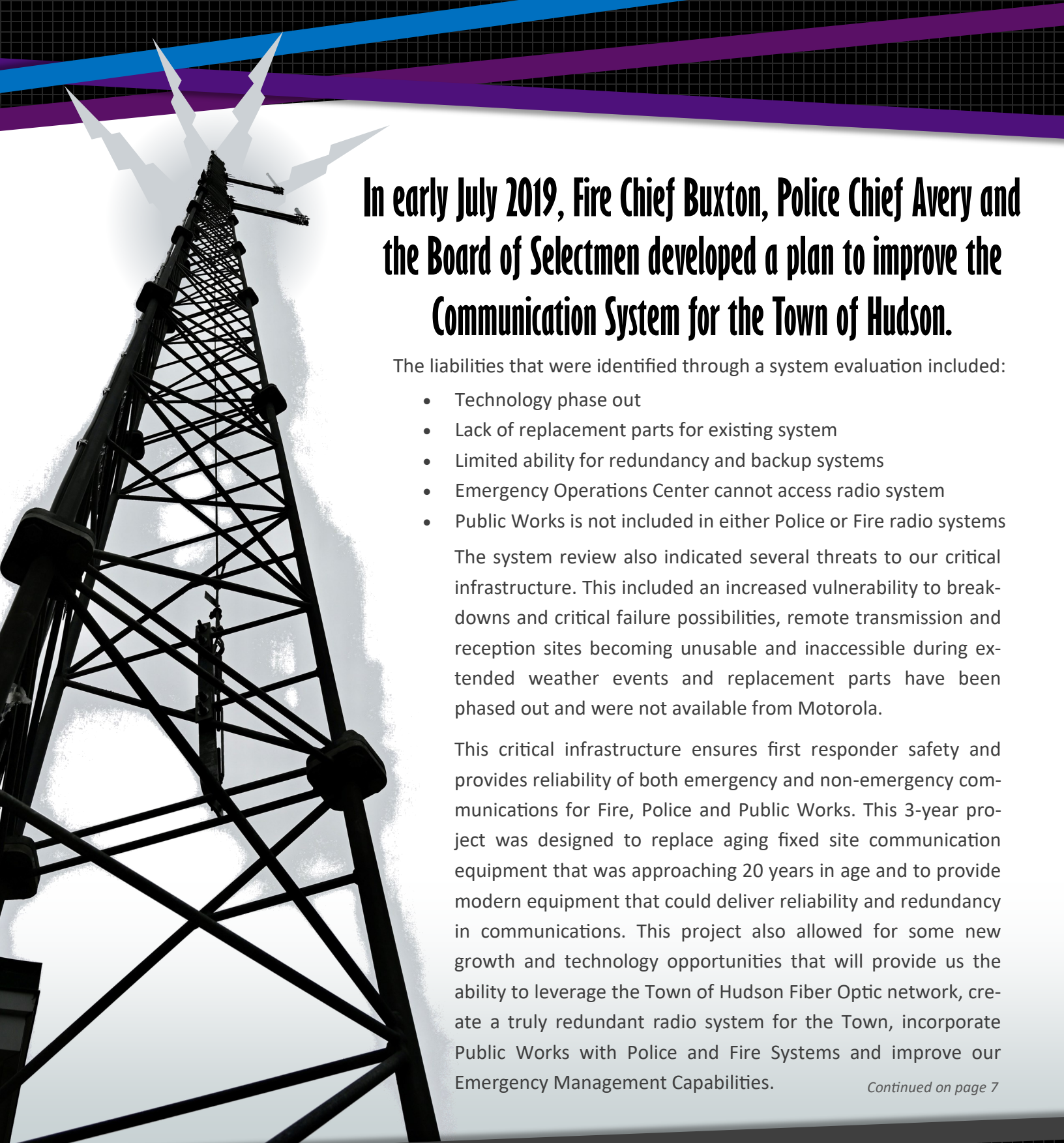
Wreath Laying by Chief of Police and Fire Chief

Presentation of arms by American Legion Post #48

Patriotic Songs—Alvirne B Naturals

Closing Remarks—Board of Selectmen





In early July 2019, Fire Chief Buxton, Police Chief Avery and the Board of Selectmen developed a plan to improve the Communication System for the Town of Hudson.

The liabilities that were identified through a system evaluation included:

- Technology phase out
- Lack of replacement parts for existing system
- Limited ability for redundancy and backup systems
- Emergency Operations Center cannot access radio system
- Public Works is not included in either Police or Fire radio systems

The system review also indicated several threats to our critical infrastructure. This included an increased vulnerability to breakdowns and critical failure possibilities, remote transmission and reception sites becoming unusable and inaccessible during extended weather events and replacement parts have been phased out and were not available from Motorola.

This critical infrastructure ensures first responder safety and provides reliability of both emergency and non-emergency communications for Fire, Police and Public Works. This 3-year project was designed to replace aging fixed site communication equipment that was approaching 20 years in age and to provide modern equipment that could deliver reliability and redundancy in communications. This project also allowed for some new growth and technology opportunities that will provide us the ability to leverage the Town of Hudson Fiber Optic network, create a truly redundant radio system for the Town, incorporate Public Works with Police and Fire Systems and improve our Emergency Management Capabilities.

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3 Year Radio Infrastructure Project



Workers begin the installation of the 150 foot Tower at the landfill station on West Road.

When we began this project, the transmission sites were limited to Central Fire Station, DPW Facility, Merrill Hill and Hudson Police Station and were department specific limiting the sharing of transmission sites and equipment. The project provides inter-operability between

On March 10, 2020, the residents of Hudson passed Warrant Article 13 authorizing the Town to withdraw funds necessary to upgrade the Communication System

departments, sites and equipment as well as to provide a single point of contact for the maintenance of the equipment for the duration of the useful life of the equipment. The magnitude of this project required a phased approach to accomplish the purpose with minimal interruptions in Emergency Service communications.

Phase 1

This first phase replaced the physical radio equipment within the dispatch systems and upgraded some technology to provide for inter-operability. It also added additional transmission sites for the Police

Department at Central Fire and for the Fire Department at the Police Station. This upgrade also allows for system redundancy with the ability to allow emergency dispatching from anywhere on the network by leveraging the Town fiber optic network. This provides for police

and fire dispatch to operate their systems remotely should a facility emergency occur. This phase replaces a significant amount of our outdated equipment and builds the base of technology for the physical plant changes in phase 2.

Phase 2

The construction of the transmission and receiver sites is the most significant piece of phase 2. This phase replaces the 80' tower at Central Fire with a 120' tower, the 60' tower at Hudson Police Station with a 100' tower and installs a 150' Tower on a new site at the landfill

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on West Road. The elevation changes with the new towers is significant in and of itself but the addition of the new landfill tower provides for an estimated 99% coverage of the entire town of Hudson. The equipment and antennas at Merrill Hill were replaced with modern technology and to ensure redundancy, the towers at Merrill Hill, Landfill and Central Fire are linked with microwave technology.

This provides for town-wide sharing of resources as Police, Public Works and Fire now share all of the physical towers and an integrated radio infrastructure, which allows for system wide communication through shared resources, reliability and inter-operability between departments on transmission and receive sites through multiple locations that have been strategically placed to maximize coverage.

Project Funding

At the August 13, 2019 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Fire Chief Buxton and Police Chief Avery proposed this project at an associated cost of \$1,542,847 with funding to come from the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund and by creating a

warrant article for the FY21 Town Warrant for \$810,000 to utilize funding from the Town of Hudson Unassigned Fund Balance.

Phase 1

\$659,000 was funded by the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund and approved by the BOS as the agents to expend at their August 13, 2019 meeting.

Phase 2

\$810,000 was approved at the 3/10/2020 Town Election on Warrant Article 13 and funded by the Unassigned Fund Balance.

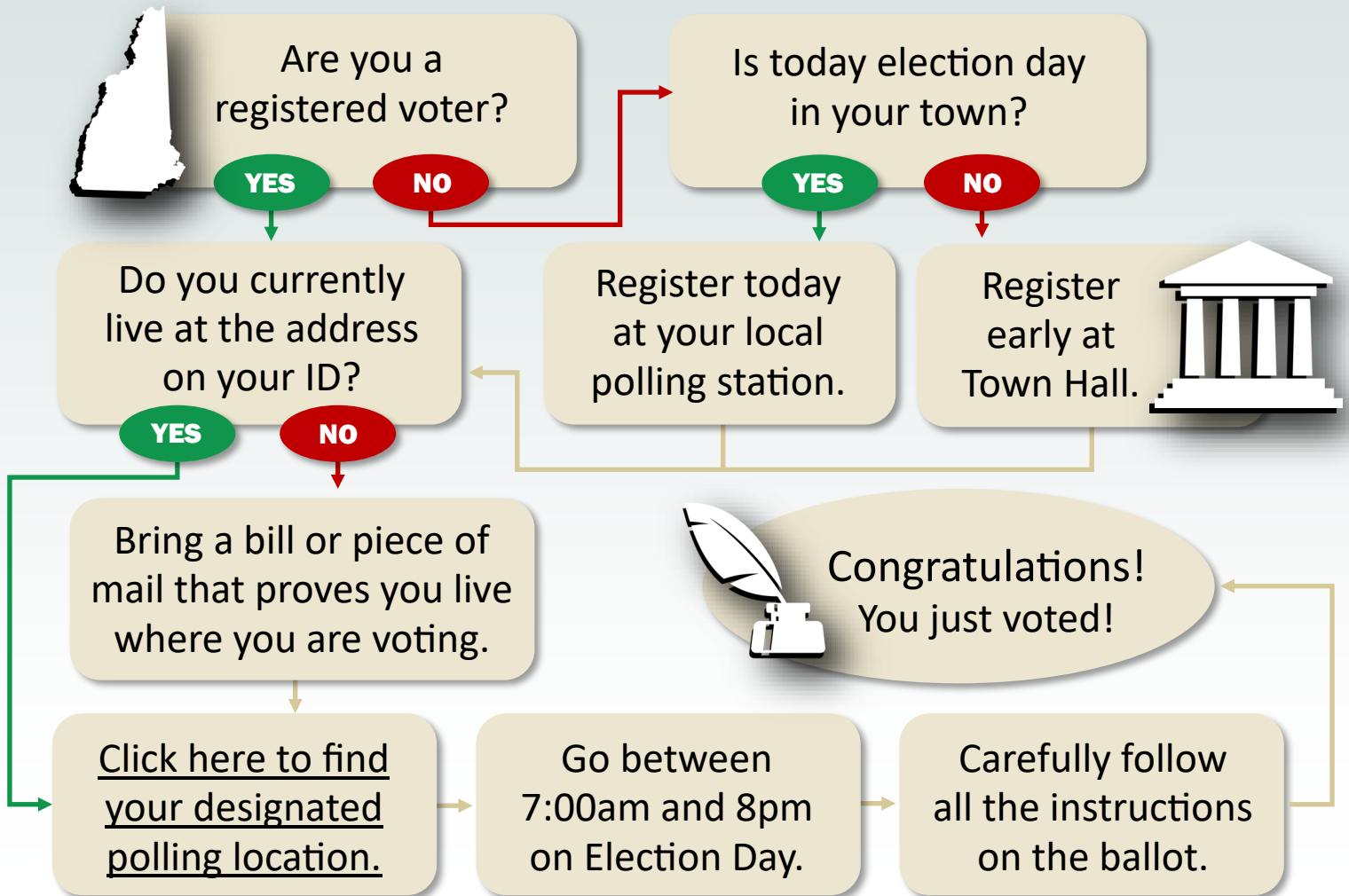
Additional funding of \$22,000 was funded within the FY21 Fire – Emergency Management budget (5770-252) to complete construction on the radio tower. An additional \$91,456.62 was approved for mobile radios and an APX base station at the 3/22/2022 BOS Meeting with funding from the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund. ♦

Story by Jim Paquette, Deputy Fire Chief, photos by David Morin.

Left: The newly completed communication tower at the Hudson Police Station. It stands 100 feet tall.



How to Vote in Hudson Elections



For more information, visit our [Election Information](#) page.

STATE PRIMARY VOTING DAY



will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** beginning at 7:00 a.m. closing no earlier than 8:00 p.m. [See your designated polling location.](#)

GENERAL ELECTION November 8, 2022

- ◆ Last day to register to vote before the General Election - You can register with the Town Clerks Office Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. (closed from 12p.m.-1:00p.m.). The last day for the Town Clerk's Office to accept voter registration applications is Wednesday, October 19, 2022.
- ◆ The final day to register is with the Supervisors of the Checklist and that date is later to be determined. They must be in session for the correction of the checklist at a suitable place in the town between 6 to 13 days prior to the election. Check back [here](#) for the date.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval (s) opposite your choice (s) like this
- To write-in a person not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in line, like this

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
**HUDSON
 REPUBLICAN**
 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
 September 13, 2022



SAMPLE

For Governor

Vote for not more than 1

- Chris Sununu
- Karen Testerman
- Julian M. Acciardo
- Jay Lewis
- Richard A. McMenamon II
- Thaddeus P. Riley

WRITE-IN

For United States Senator

Vote for not more than 1

- Dennis Lamare
- Edmond Laplante, Jr.
- Vikram Mansharamani
- Andy Martin
- Chuck Morse
- Tejasinha Sivalingam
- Kevin H. Smith
- Gerard Beloin
- John Berman
- Donald C. Bolduc
- Bruce Fenton

WRITE-IN

For Representative in Congress

Vote for not more than 1

- Dean A. Poirier
- Lily Tang Williams
- Scott Black
- Robert Burns
- Michael Callis
- George Hansel
- Jay Mercer

WRITE-IN

For Executive Councilor

Vote for not more than 1

- Anne Copp
- Dave Wheeler

WRITE-IN

For State Senator

Vote for not more than 1

- Sharon M. Carson

WRITE-IN

**For State Representatives
 Hillsborough District 13**

Vote for not more than 6

- Stephen J. Kennedy
- Cathy Kenny
- Andrew Prout
- Andrew Renzullo
- Jordan G. Ulery
- Robert Wherry

WRITE-IN

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**For State Representatives
 Hillsborough District 38**

Vote for not more than 2

- Tony Lekas
- Alicia Lekas

WRITE-IN

WRITE-IN

For Sheriff

Vote for not more than 1

- Christopher Connelly

WRITE-IN

For County Attorney

Vote for not more than 1

- John J. Coughlin

WRITE-IN

For County Treasurer

Vote for not more than 1

- David G. Fredette

WRITE-IN

For Register of Deeds

Vote for not more than 1

- Elizabeth Ann Moreau
- Edward J. Sapienza
- Dennis C. Hogan

WRITE-IN

For Register of Probate

Vote for not more than 1

- John A. Graham

WRITE-IN

For County Commissioner

Vote for not more than 1

- Michael Soucy

WRITE-IN

**For Delegates to the
 State Convention
 Hillsborough District 13**

Vote for not more than 6

- Randy Brownrigg
- Christine Cambrils
- Laurie Jasper
- Shawn N. Jasper
- Michael MacDonald
- Patrick Quinlan
- Terry Stewart
- Todd Terrien
- Michael Tranfaglia
- Tom Alciere
- Kimberly Allan

WRITE-IN

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WRITE-IN

**For Delegates to the
 State Convention
 Hillsborough District 38**

Vote for not more than 2

- Constance Jackson
- John V. O'Brien
- Jaime Prout
- Laura J. Gandia

WRITE-IN



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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR HUDSON DEMOCRATIC



SAMPLE

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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR HUDSON DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY ELECTION September 13, 2022



SAMPLE

For Governor

Vote for not more than 1

Tom Sherman

WRITE-IN

For United States Senator

Vote for not more than 1

John Riggieri

Maggie Hassan

Paul J. Krautmann

WRITE-IN

For Representative in Congress

Vote for not more than 1

Ann McLane Kuster

WRITE-IN

For Executive Councilor

Vote for not more than 1

Shoshanna Kelly

WRITE-IN

For State Senator

Vote for not more than 1

John Robinson

WRITE-IN

For State Representatives Hillsborough District 13

Vote for not more than 6

Steve Katsos

John Knowles

Alejandro Urrutia

Barbara A. Blue

WRITE-IN

WRITE-IN

WRITE-IN

WRITE-IN

WRITE-IN

WRITE-IN

For State Representatives Hillsborough District 38

Vote for not more than 2

Timothy T. Wyatt

Cynthia Koutroubas

WRITE-IN

WRITE-IN

For Sheriff

Vote for not more than 1

WRITE-IN

For County Attorney

Vote for not more than 1

WRITE-IN

For County Treasurer

Vote for not more than 1

WRITE-IN

For Register of Deeds

Vote for not more than 1

Mary Ann Crowell

WRITE-IN

For Register of Probate

Vote for not more than 1

William Bryk

WRITE-IN

For County Commissioner

Vote for not more than 1

WRITE-IN

A RECIPE FROM TOWN HALL

Each month we're including a personal recipe provided by a staff member of the Town for you to enjoy!

Crabmeat Dip

- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1 tbsp. finely minced onion
- 1 8oz. can king crabmeat
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Soften the cream cheese and drain the crabmeat until it's dry. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Make dip about 4 hours before use.

~ Paula Orendorf
Inspectional Services



In your role as Board or Committee member, you will review various Town topics and issues assisting the Board of Selectmen in making informed decisions and formulating policy.

CURRENT OPENINGS

Board/Committee	Member	Alternate
Benson Park Committee	1	2
Cable Utility Committee	3	-
Lower Merrimack River Advisory Committee	1	-
Municipal Utility Committee	1	-
Sustainability Committee	2	2
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1	1

To find out more, simply click on the name of the Board or Committee of interest. For an application, click [here](#).

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Thank you for your interest in joining the Town of Hudson Team.

Paper applications are available at the Town Administration Office or online. You can email, snail mail, or apply in person. Applications are accepted only in response to listed vacancies.

We appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson.

CURRENT OPENINGS

- [FULL-TIME INSPECTOR](#) — Fire Department
- [POLICE OFFICER](#) — Police Department
- [CROSSING GUARD](#) — Police Department

New Interim Fire Chief Appointed



The Board of Selectmen has appointed Hudson fire Deputy Scott J. Tice to the position of Interim Fire Chief, effective September 1, 2022.

Chief Tice is a 25 year veteran of the fire service beginning his career in Hudson as a fire fighter in 1996. After holding several other ranks in the Hudson Fire Department, he was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief in 2014.

Chief Tice served in the Navy from 1989 through 1993 and worked for the Manchester Airport Fire Department for 22 years. He obtained an A.S. in Fire Science from Lakes Region Community College and a B.S. in Public Service Management from Granite State College.

He resides in Hudson with his wife Melissa and four children.



After 30 years of hard work and devotion to the fire service, Fire Chief Robert M. Buxton is retiring from the Hudson Fire Department.

Chief Buxton was recently appointed to the position of Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the New Hampshire Department of Safety.

We congratulate him and wish him the best in his new endeavor!

Meeting Calendar September 2022

[Board of Selectmen School Board Joint](#) 1
5:00 pm

[Supervisors of the Checklist](#) 3
2:00 pm

TOWN HALL CLOSED - Labor Day 5

[Budget Committee](#) 7
7:00 pm

[Sustainability Cmte.](#) 8
7:00 pm

[Board of Selectmen](#) 12
7:00 pm
[Conservation Comm.](#)
7:00 pm
[Cable Utility Cmte.](#)
7:00 pm

STATE PRIMARY - Election Day 13

[Planning Board](#) 14
7:00 pm

[Benson Park Cmte.](#) 15
7:00 pm

[Municipal Utility Cte.](#) 20
7:00 pm

[Library Trustees](#) 21
6:00 pm

[Zoning Board](#) 22
7:00 pm

CANCELLED - [Sustainability Cmte.](#) 26
7:00 pm

[Board of Selectmen](#) 27
7:00 pm

[Planning Board](#) 28
7:00 pm

Click on any meeting to view the agenda for the specified date.

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- Human Resources 595-6518
- Information Technology 886-6000
- Inspectional Services 886-6005
- Land Use 886-6008
 - ◇ Engineering
 - ◇ Planning
 - ◇ Zoning
- Police Department 886-6011
- Public Works 886-6018
- Recreation Department 880-1600
- Rodgers Memorial Library 886-6030
- Sewer Utility 886-6029
- Town Clerk 886-6003

Board of Selectmen:

- Kara Roy**
- Bob Guessferd**
- Marilyn McGrath**
- David Morin**
- Brett Gagnon**



CONSERVATION COMMISSION LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

The Hudson Conservation Commission is inviting fellow community members to create a new logo for the Conservation Commission that will represent the commission's dedication to our natural resources.



ELECTRIC DELIVER CHARGE & SUPPLY COST: WHAT ARE THEY?

Better understand your electric bill's supply and delivery charges. All customers have the option of choosing a new energy supplier to help offset the new rate hike.



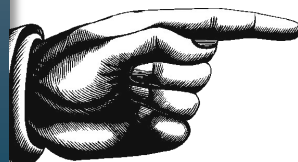
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Are you registered? Find important registration information and deadlines for the 2022 New Hampshire State Elections September 13.



2022 REVALUATION INFORMATION & GUIDE

A revaluation for 2022 was performed August 2nd on your home. Here is important assessment information explaining the process.



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