

**2009 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 7, 2009 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 10, 2009, 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 VII, Dimensional Requirements, §334-27, Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements, by specifically permitting a single family home without town water and sewer on a lot size of 43,560 square feet in the R-2 District, along with certain additional, minor editorial changes. (Unanimously 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 XII, Signs; to provide that signs in rights of way need a permit; specifically permitting only National or state flags; permitting use of Electronic Message type signs to inform the public about construction and traffic related sites; providing new definitions for Electronic Changing Signs, Exterior and Interior Illuminated Signs, Inflatable or Balloon Signs, LED Signs and Portable Signs; limiting signs in Residential Districts to Home Occupation Signs, Subdivision Signs and Residential Real Estate Signs; prohibiting inflatable or balloon signs in any district; and prohibiting signs that emit sounds, odor, smoke, mist, laser, holograms or signs that use stereopticon or motion pictures. (Unanimously approved by the Planning Board.)

Article 4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article VI, Special Exceptions, §334-24, Home Occupations, to provide additional requirements for granting a Special Exception for a Home Occupation by the ZBA to include; an affidavit from the owner affirming that only residents of the home will work in the Home Occupation; that the approval for a Home Occupation expires with change of ownership of the premises; that the Home Occupation use must be one typically done in a home environment; that onsite retail sales are prohibited; that no more than 50% of the finished floor space be used in the Home Occupation and permitting the Zoning Administrator to revoke a Home Occupation Special Exception if conditions of approval are not maintained. (Unanimously approved by the Planning Board.)

Petitioned Zoning Amendments

Article 5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by Petition for Rezoning as follows?

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by rezoning those parcels of land known as Tax Map 228, Lots 052, 053 and 054 (inclusive), and the land which constitutes Lowell Road and abuts the aforementioned properties (Lots 052, 053 and 054) from being in the Residential-Two (R-2) to being in the Business (B) District. Said parcels are located at the intersection of Rena Avenue and Lowell Road. (Disapproved by the Planning Board by a vote of 5-2.)

Article 6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by Petition for Rezoning as follows?

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by rezoning from Residential-One (R-1) to Residential-Two (R-2) the parcel having an address of 51 Burns Hill Road, Map 211/Lot 40. Said parcel abuts a R-2 zoning district, and is generally located across the street and to the immediate south of the Glen Drive and Burns Hill Road intersection. (Disapproved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-1.)

Article 7 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by Petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows?**
Amend Article XII, Signs, to permit electronic time, temperature and date message centers in only the Business District. (Unanimously disapproved by the Planning Board.)

Article 8 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by Petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows?**
Amend Article XII, Signs, to permit electronic changing signs and LED signs in only the Business (B) District provided messages change no more than once per hour and the signs have automatic controlled lighting and dimming capabilities. (Unanimously disapproved by the Planning Board.)

Selectmen's Articles

Article 9 **Wage and Benefit Increase for Non-Union Personnel**
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,192 which represents a 3% increase in wages and benefits for the following non-union positions: Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Assistant Town Administrator, Road Agent, IT Director, Finance Director, Recreation Director, and Executive Assistant? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-2.)

Article 10 **Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector**
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,835, which represents a 3% increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-2.)

Article 11 **Wage and Benefit Increase for Full Time Library Employees**
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,958 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 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-2.)

Article 12 **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 \$26,935,059? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,886,556 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, 8-3.)

Article 13 **Part-Time Senior Services Director**
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,391 which represents the cost of wages, benefits and office supplies necessary to hire a part-time Senior Services Director? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 11-0.)

Article 14 **Replacement Ambulance**
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000 to purchase a new ambulance, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$155,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose? This account was created for the purpose of purchasing new replacement ambulances for the Town and has been used to replace other units already. No funds are requested from general taxation, as there will be sufficient funds available in this account to make the purchase as of July 1, 2009. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 9-0.)

Article 15 **Vac Con (Drain Suction) Truck Replacement**
Shall the Town of Hudson vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for \$240,000 for the purpose of lease purchasing a VacCon (drain suction) truck and to authorize the withdrawal of \$120,000 plus accumulated interest from the VacCon Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the first year of the lease purchase? This lease purchase contains a fiscal funding escape clause. (Majority vote required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-3.)

Article 16

Future Senior Center Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of building, leasing or renting a facility for a Senior Center to be known as the “Senior Center Capital Reserve Fund” and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in said fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 10-0.)

Article 17

Fire Station Land Assessment

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to conduct an assessment of certain parcels of land within the NH Route 102 corridor to determine whether those parcels would be suitable for the location of a future fire station facility? This assessment will include the identification of environmental and topographical features of the land, the ability of the parcel of land to accommodate water, sewer and drainage systems, and the ability of the land to accommodate an emergency vehicle entrance and exit roadway system. This assessment will also include an evaluation of the estimated costs for improving each such parcel to support a future fire station facility. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-1.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-4.)

Petitioned Article

Article 18

To direct the Selectmen of the Town of Hudson to cap any increase of their annual budget to any projected increase in revenue above the last annual budget and in no case to increase the annual budget more than the rate of inflation, as defined by the National Consumer Price Index—Urban/Rural (CPI-U/R) as averaged over the 12 months preceding the vote on the new annual budget. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-0.)

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS AT SAID HUDSON ON THE _____th DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Benjamin J. Nadeau, Chairman

Richard J. Maddox, Vice-Chairman

Shawn N. Jasper, Selectman

Kenneth J. Massey, Selectman

Roger E. Coutu, Selectman