

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION  
and  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Friday, March 21, 2014 and  
Saturday, March 22, 2014

To Charlee Edgy, Constable of the Town of Hudson in the County of Penobscot, State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hudson in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Friday, the 21st day of March 2014, at 9:45 A.M., then and there to act upon Art. 1:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

For election of officers, the polls will open at 10:00 A.M. on the 21st of March 2014, then and there to act upon Art 2 by secret ballot:

Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot: one Selectman to serve a three year term and one Director of RSU 64 to serve a three year term.

After the polls close at 8:00 P.M. on the same day, the meeting will recess until 10 A.M. on the 22nd of March 2014, at which time the following articles will be acted upon:

Art. 3. To see if the Town will elect a [Budget Committee](#) of nine (9) to confer with the Selectmen at the end of the 2014 fiscal year and to make recommendations for several appropriations, said appropriations to be printed in the 2014 Annual Town Report.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to increase the [Property Tax Levy Limit](#) of \$186,863.15 established for the Town of Hudson by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit. (This must be voted by written ballot).

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for [Administration Compensation](#).  
(\$50,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 for the [Administration Account](#).  
(\$65,000 recommended by the Budget Committee: \$25,000 from Property Taxes and \$40,000 from Excise Taxes)

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the [Hudson Newsletter](#).

(\$1,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for [Town Office Upgrades](#).

(\$500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance)

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,125 for the [Assessor's Agent](#).

(\$19,125 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for [Town Maps](#). This is a carry forward account.

(\$1,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance)

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,444 for the [Code Enforcement Officer](#).

(\$12,444 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100 for the [Health Officer](#).

(\$100 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200 for the [Constable](#).

(\$200 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200 for the [Ordinance Committee](#).

(\$200 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for [Legal Affairs](#).

(\$7,500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,500 for [Town Hall](#).

(\$11,500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$55,100 for the [Fire Department](#).

(\$55,100 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Fire Department Services \$32,400

The above is a carry forward account.

Fire Department Administration 5,700

Fire Station	11,000
Firefighter Reimbursement Fund	6,000

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Fire Department to accept any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass thru funds](#) that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following Arts, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Fire Department to spend any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass thru funds](#) that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following Art.s, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for [G&H Ambulance Service](#).  
(\$2,000 Recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,700 for [Animal Control](#). This is a carry forward account.  
(\$4,700 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate any animal control fees)

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for [Street Lights](#).  
(\$2,500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for [US Flags](#) to be flown in the Town of Hudson. This is a carry forward account.  
(\$1,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate any donations for flags to the flag account)

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,160 for the [Town Maintenance Department](#).  
(\$41,160 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for [Equipment Maintenance](#).  
(\$10,000 recommended by the Budget Committee: \$5,000 from Property Taxes and \$5,000 from Excise Taxes)

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 for [Road Repairs](#). This is a carry forward account

(\$75,000 recommended by the Budget Committee: \$25,000 from Excise Taxes and \$50,000 from Fund Balance)

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$135,000 for [Snow Removal](#).  
(\$135,000 recommended by the Budget Committee : \$125,000 from Excise Taxes and \$10,000 from Fund Balance)

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$750 for upkeep of the [Cemeteries](#). This is a carry forward account.  
(\$750 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate perpetual care interest fund amounts)

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500 for the [Town Garage](#).  
(\$8,500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for maintenance and operation of the [Town Transfer Station](#).  
(\$10,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate to this account 2014 fees acquired through bag income, recycling, and demolition)

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for [Septic Disposal](#).  
(\$500.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for [Support of the Poor](#).  
(\$2,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate state share, if any)

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$430 for the [Dirigo](#) Boys & Girls State Programs.  
(\$430 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$160 for the [Upward Bound](#) program.  
(\$160 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1500 for three [Scholarships](#) for graduating high school seniors from Hudson who have been town residents for one year or more. This is a carry forward account.  
(\$1500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate 2014 donations made to the scholarship fund)

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1218 for the following [Social Service Agencies](#).

(\$1218 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Community Health & Counseling Services	\$92
Penquis Community Action Programs	\$752
Bangor STD Clinic	\$40
United Cerebral Palsy	\$40
Red Cross	\$75
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$150
Bangor Area Visiting Nurses	\$69

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for [Parks and Recreation](#). This is a carry forward account.

(\$12,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes)

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Parks and Recreation Department to accept any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass thru funds](#) that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following Arts, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Parks and Recreation Department to spend any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass thru funds](#) that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following Art.s, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State for registration of snowmobiles to the [Pushaw Lake Snowmobile Association](#) for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails on condition that those trails be open to the public in snow season for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Selectmen to enter into contracts and lease agreements](#) in accordance with approved budget appropriations as voted on at this Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed [3/12 of the budgeted amount](#) in each budget category of the 2014 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2015 to the 2015 annual town meeting.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate \$10,000 as they deem advisable to meet [unanticipated expenses and emergencies](#) that occur during fiscal year 2014.

(\$10,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance)

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Selectmen and the Treasurer to borrow monies in anticipation of tax receipts on behalf of the Town.](#)

Art. 45. To see if the Town will authorize the [Selectmen to sell and convey real estate](#) acquired by the Town under tax liens on such terms and conditions as they deem appropriate. When negotiations with previous owners are unsuccessful, the Selectmen shall advertise the availability of the property in the Town newsletter as well as other publications.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will authorize the [Selectmen to sell or dispose of Town-owned personal property](#) with a value of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or less. Any property over said amount will only be sold upon the approval vote of the Town.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Selectmen to accept any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass thru funds](#) that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following Arts, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the [Selectmen to spend any revenues, gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass thru funds](#) that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups or other organizations which have not been listed in any previous or following Art.s, if the Selectmen determine that the purpose(s) of the revenues, gifts, donations, or pass through funds are in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will [accept cemetery trust funds](#) to be used for the upkeep of the Town Cemeteries.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will authorize the tax collector or treasurer to [accept prepayments of taxes](#) not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will fix the [date when property taxes shall be due.](#)  
(Suggested date: the mailing date of the property tax bill)

Art. 52. To see if the Town will [fix a rate of interest to be charged on property taxes unpaid](#) after their due date pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §505(4)  
(Suggested: interest rate of 7.00% annually)

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to set the [interest rate to be paid by the town on prepaid abated taxes](#) pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A  
(Suggested: interest rate of 3% annually)

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to appropriate [overlay to cover any 2014 abatement](#) requests expenses approved by the selectmen.

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said Town at the Town Hall at 9:30 A.M. of the day of Friday, March 21, 2014.

Dated: Monday, 3 March, 2014

Kirby Ellis \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald G. Grant \_\_\_\_\_  
Milissa Smart \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna M. Thurston \_\_\_\_\_  
Norman Veazie \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

A true copy of the warrant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of: Hudson

#### RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Hudson, Maine, March 7, 2014

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the door of Town Hall, on the Post Office bulletin board, at the Transfer Station, and at Roger's Market, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 7th of March 2014, being at least seven days before the meeting.

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Signature of Charlee Edgy  
Constable of Hudson