

MINUTES
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION and
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Friday, March 25, 2022 and
Saturday, March 26, 2022

To Kevin Chessa, Citizen 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 Penobscot County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Office and Community Center at 2150 Hudson Road in said Town on Friday, the 25th day of March 2022, 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. J. Williams swore in Darlene Miles, Lisa Nichols and Carol Grant as Ballot Clerks for this part of the Election. J. Williams opened the meeting. M. Kelley made a motion to appoint Don Grant as moderator it was 2nd by N. Veazie. Vote by secret ballot. 7-0. Don Grant winning as Moderator. Don Grant appointed Brenda Willete as Deputy Moderator. J. Williams Swore in D. Grant as Moderator and B. Willete as Deputy Moderator..

For election of officers, the polls will open at 10:00 A.M. on the 25th of March 2025 then and there to act upon Art 2 by secret ballot:

Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot: two (2) Selectmen, to serve a three year term, two (2) member for RSU 64 school board, to serve a three year term. Dean Gray and Michael Kelley were the 2 winners for Select Board. Tonya Wozneak and Michael Anderson were the 2 winners for School Board.

After the polls close at 8:00 P.M. on the same day, the meeting will recess until 10 A.M. on the 26th of March 2022, at which time the following articles will be acted upon: D. Grant opened the meeting at 10:03. He said the Pledge of allegiance at 10:04. D. G. Grant read the results of the Election. Andre Cushing from the County Commissions office spoke briefly about plans on adding to the jails and etc.. N. Veazie made a motion to allow non- residents to speak. R. Gray 2nd the motion all in favor.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will elect a **Budget Committee** to confer with the Selectmen at the end of the 2022 fiscal year and to make recommendations for several appropriations, said appropriations to be printed in the 2022 Annual Town Report.

Elect three (3) members to serve a three (3) year term – N. Veazie made a motion to elect D. Grant, L. Goddard, and T. Moores. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Vote- 24 Discussion- None

Elect three (3) members to serve a two (2) year term- R. Gray made a motion to elect G. Allen, L. Nichols and K. Goddard. N. Veazie 2nd the motion. Vote- 24. discussion- None

Elect three (3) members to serve a one (1) year term -D. Goddard made a motion to elect R. Trench, D. Heathcote, and T. Read. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Vote- 26. Discussion- None

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to increase the **Property Tax Levy Limit** of \$262,674.64 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 on by written ballot). R. Gray made motion to accept as written. D. Goddard 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote Passed by Written Ballot - 26-Yes 2-No

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$108,000 for **Administration Compensation**. (\$108,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$76,474 for the **Administration Account**. (\$76,474 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate \$25,000 as they deem advisable to meet **unanticipated expenses and emergencies** that occur during fiscal year 2022. (\$25,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance, this will be a carry forward account). M. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. N. Veazie 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for **Town Office Upgrades**. (\$10,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- J. Whitehouse asked, What we are doing for upgrades?. R. Gray explained we are upgrading TRIO. N. Veazie added in we are updating Equipment as well. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,672.00 for the **Assessor's Agent**. (\$21,672.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). K. Ellis made a motion to accept as written. N. veazie 2nd the motion. Vote Passed. Opposed- None. Discussion- None

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for **Town Maps**. (This is a carry forward account (\$9,581)) (\$1,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance). R. Gray made motion to accept as is. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- K. Ellis asked, What amount is needed to upgrade maps? R. Gray stated, they would discuss it at the budget Meeting and investigate and get this going. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the **Code Enforcement Officer**. (\$8,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes & \$4,000.00 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance). R. Gray made a motion to approve as written. K. Ellis 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200 for the **Health Officer**. (\$200 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). N. Veazie made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 **Legal Affairs**. (\$4,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes & \$3,500 recommended from Budget Committee from Fund Balance). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. Discussion- None. Vote Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for **Municipal Office and Community Center**. (\$30,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as is. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use up to the sum of \$17,083.21 of funds previously allocated to the **Building Reserve Fund** for improvements to town owned buildings for repairs and upgrades. (This is a carry forward account (\$17,083.21)) (\$17,083.21 recommended by the Budget Committee from the Building Reserve Fund). M. Kelley made a motion to pass as written. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$92,440.25 for the **Fire Department**. (\$70,300 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes, and \$22,140.25 recommended by Budget Committee from Fund Balance). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Fire Department Services	41,150
<i>(The above is a carry forward account (\$0))</i>	
Fire Department Administration	8,150
Fire Station	13,000
Firefighter Reimbursement Fund	8,000
501 Pump Repair (Carried forward account if approved (\$7,000))	7,000
Brush Truck Payment (1 st of 5)	15,140.25

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200 to the **Community Closet**. (\$200 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). M. Kelley made motion to accept as written. G. Randall 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for **G&H Ambulance Service**. (\$10,000 Recommended by the Budget Committee from Excise Tax). N. Veazie made a motion to accept as written. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for **Animal Control**. (This is a carry forward account (\$3,935)) (\$4,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate any animal control fees). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for **Street Lights**. (\$3,500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). M. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. K. Ellis 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for **US Flags** to be flown in the Town of Hudson. (This is a carry forward account. (\$674)) (\$500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes; and to appropriate any donations for flags to the flag account). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,000 for the **Town Maintenance Department**. (\$53,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). N. Veazie made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for **Equipment Maintenance**. (\$10,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Excise Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as is. G. Randall 2nd the motion. Discussion- G. Randall asked , What is this money used for? N. Veazie stated, it's used for lawn mower, maintenance on trucks, loader any equipment town owned. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for **Capitol Equipment Fund**. (This will be a carry forward account (\$10,257)) (\$15,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance.) N. Veazie made motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- N. Veazie stated, we need to replace one of the bigger mowers. It's 15 years old. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 for **Snow Removal**. (\$200,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Excise Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$130,000 for **Town Road Repair**. (This is a carry forward account. (\$15000)) \$50,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Excise Taxes & \$80,000 from Fund Balance). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. N. Veazie 2nd the motion. Discussion- N. Veazie stated, they were going to start working on the roads. Starting with the culverts and Paving on Potter Rd. Then moving onto the Darling Rd, if enough funds are available. Vote- Passed. Opposed-None

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for upkeep of the **Cemeteries**. (This is a carry forward account (\$2,000)) (\$8,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). M. Kelley made motion to accept as written. G. Randall 2nd the motion. Discussion- G. Randall stated, she didn't believe any work was done, why \$8000? B. Willette stated, because of pay increases and the program. They are expensive and need to be upgraded yearly. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 28. To see if the Town will **Accept Cemetery Trust Funds** to be used for the upkeep of the Town Cemeteries. M. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- G. Randall asked, is this for upkeep, is it beyond the \$8,000. B. Willette stated, no one has added to the trust funds and you can only take 20% interest and it's only used for the individuals plot. Vote- Passed. Opposed - None

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for the **Town Garage**. (\$12000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Fund Balance). R. Gray made a motion to approve as written. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Vote- Passed. Opposed-None

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for maintenance and operation of the **Town Transfer Station**. (\$20,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes and to appropriate to this account 2022 fees acquired through bag income, recycling, and demolition). R. Gray made a motion to accept as is. N. Veazie 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed-None

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for **Septic Disposal**. (\$500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. G. Randall 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

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 Fund Balance; and to appropriate/subsidize with state share, if any). A resident aide account has been established by donations (This is a carry forward account (\$1716)). M. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. J. Whitehouse 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

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). B. Willette made a motion to accept as written. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- G. Randall explained what it was and stated, It is a good thing. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the **Lamerou/Pineo Scholarship Fund** for graduating high school seniors from Hudson who have been town residents for one year or more. (This is a carry forward account (\$6,971)) (\$1,500 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes and to appropriate 2022 donations made to the scholarship fund to this account). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. J. Dixon 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,395 for the following **Social Service Agencies**. (\$2,395 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. J. Dixon 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Community Health & Counseling	92
Penquis Community Action Programs	792
Safe Place Food Pantry	500
Good Samaritan Food Pantry	500
United Cerebral Palsy	40
Red Cross	75
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	150
Bangor Area Visiting Nurses	96
Life Flight of Maine	100
Health Equity Alliance	50

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for **Parks and Recreation**. (This is a carry forward account (\$26,840)) (\$15,000 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). M. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. K. Ellis 2nd the motion. Discussion- D. Gray stated he was no longer the Rec Director, he was thinking that Kristin Goddard was taking it over. G. Randall asked, What have we done? D. Gray stated \$4,000 of that money is for playground which leaves \$22,000. so when they are in need of repairs they don't have to come to the town. N. Veazie also stated, the rec pays for its own maintenance, lights, heat, etc.. K. Goddard added that we are also in need of new benches and the fields are in need of work. M. Kelley thanked Dean for everything he has done for the rec. D. Gray stated he would work with K. Goddard. Vote- Passed. Opposed-1

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$750 for the **Hudson Lake Water Quality Fund**. Funds dispersed to Greater Pushaw Lake Association upon receipt and request of Committee. (Up to \$750 recommended by the Budget Committee from Property Taxes). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. J. Dixon 2nd the vote. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed - None

Art. 38. 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 the condition that those trails are open to the public in snow season for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge. (*\$847.36 received for the 2021 State of Maine Snowmobile Refund*). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. J. Whitehouse 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 39. 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. S. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 40. 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 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023 to the 2023 annual Town Meeting. K. Ellis made a motion to accept as is. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Selectmen to accept funds or gifts on behalf of any town-sponsored organization** that may be provided from outside sources if the Selectmen determine the fund or gift is in the best interest of the Town. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Selectmen to, within the confines allowed by statute, spend funds or gifts on behalf of any town-sponsored organization** that may be provided from outside sources if the Selectmen determine the fund or gift is in the best interest of the Town. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 43. 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**. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. K. Ellis 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 44. To see if the Town will authorize the **Selectmen to sell and convey real estate** acquired by the Town under tax liens, with the exception of property tax-acquired from certain senior, low-income taxpayers who qualify for the sale process required pursuant to 36 M. R.S.A. § 943-C. Once a property has become town property due to delinquent taxes, the selectmen shall sell the property back to the previous owner for delinquent taxes plus interest and fees. The repayment schedule to be negotiated on a case by case basis with the town. After all attempts to sell back the property to the previous owners have been exhausted, the selectmen shall advertise the availability of the property in the Town newsletter as well as other publications. K. Ellis made a motion to accept as written. J. Whitehouse 2nd the motion. Discussion- E. Randall asked what the time frame was. R. Gray stated 3 years as far as taxes. N. Veazie added, 3 years to become tax acquired 7 -10 years to be put on market. Vote- passed. Opposed- None

Art. 45. 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) or less. Any property over said amount will only be sold upon the approval vote of the Town. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. K. Ellis 2nd the motion. Discussion- G. Randall said it should be \$5,000 instead of \$10,000. No motion. Vote- Passed as written. Opposed- 1

Art. 46. 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. M. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 47. To see if the Town will **fix the date when property taxes shall be due.** (Suggested date: Taxes are due on the mailing date of the property tax bill, and interest begins to accrue 30 days after that date). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. S. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 48. 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 4.00% annually). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- G. Randall asked, "What the percentage was last year"? J. W stated 4 % there has been no change. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 49. 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). R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. K. Ellis 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Opposed- None

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate \$79,991.18 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government as Revenue Replacement for Infrastructure and Public Service Improvements** as provided by US Treasury Final Rule effective 1 April 2022. R. Gray made a motion to accept as written. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **overlay to cover any 2021 abatement** requests expenses approved by the Selectmen. M. Kelley made a motion to accept as written. J. Whitehouse 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- Passed. Opposed- None

D. Grant swore in D. Gray and M. Kelley as members of the Select Board.

R. Gray made a motion to adjourn at 11:41 am. M. Kelley 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Williams, Town Clerk