



Town of Hudson
78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749

Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting

(Pursuant to G.L. Part I, Title III, Chapter 30A, Section 22)

March 21, 2024 6:00 PM

Town Hall Third Floor Conference Room and
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88310118186?pwd=S1hoZi90b2YzMnVnYkFiTG1mcXVTZz09>
Meeting ID, 883 1011 8186; Passcode, 439705; (305) 224-1968 US; (646) 558-8656 New York

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and outlined the agenda.

Members Present: Guy Beaudette, Sam Calandra (Chair), Robert Clark (remote), Stephen Forti, Jillian Jagling(remote), Joseph McNealy, Eugenia Vineyard

Non-members present: Thomas Gregory (Executive Asst.), Neil Vaidya (Finance Director), Erin Caton (Asst. Finance Director), Lauren Antonelli (Health Department Director), Steven Santos (Recreation Director), Janice Long (Senior Center Director), Charles Corley (Council on Aging Chair), Brian Stearns (Veterans Director), Aileen Sanchez-Himes (Library Director, remote), Lisa Aucoin (Library Assistant Director, remote)

Agenda Items

Minutes Approval

On a motion by Mr. McNealy seconded by Mr. Forti, the Committee voted 7-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes of March 19, 2024.

FY25 Hearings for Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2024

The following Articles in *2024-02-23 Annual Town Meeting Warrant (Draft)* were discussed and voted by the Committee

Article 3, FY2025 Budget

Department	Amount	Motion	Second	Vote
Board of Health	\$245,611	Vineyard	McNealy	7-0-0
Council on Aging	\$349,926	Vineyard	McNealy	7-0-0
Veterans' Services	\$150,422	Vineyard	Calandra	6-0-1
Library	Passed Over			
Recreation	\$471,456	Vineyard	McNealy	7-0-0



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Debt Service	\$4,711,906	Vineyard	McNealy	7-0-0
Pensions	\$7,920,764	Vineyard	McNealy	7-0-0
Group Health Insurance	\$6,336,512	Vineyard	McNealy	7-0-0
General Insurance	\$594,457	Vineyard	McNealy	7-0-0

The Committee reviewed and voted on the following *2024-02-23 Annual Town Meeting Warrant (Draft) Articles*.

Article clarification notes:

- Article 3: Library budget will be voted after the budget summary is corrected
- Article 5, Capital Plan – General Fund (Library, Recreation). Article 5 will be voted when all department Capital Plan reviews are complete
- Article 13: Mr. McNealy recused and was not present for the discussion or vote
- Article 13: Abatements are paid out of the overlay reserve. This article includes all abatement categories. Title will be amended to “Local Option Tax Abatements”
- Article 27 - will be removed from the Town Warrant. A fund has been established

Article	Description	Motion	Second	Vote
13	Local Option Tax Abatement	Vineyard	Beaudette	6-0-0
27	Transfer Funds to Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund	removed from warrant		

Adjournment

On a motion by Sam Calandra, seconded by Mr. McNealy, the Committee voted 7-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting

Visit the Finance Committee Town page for all Finance Committee documents:

<https://www.townofhudson.org/finance-committee/pages/documents>

2024-03-07 EA FY25 Budget Presentation

2024-02-23 Annual Town Meeting Warrant (Draft)



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2024-03-05 FY25 Operating Budget (Draft1R1)