



Town of Hudson - Select Board

Minutes - Monday, January 12, 2026

Hudson Police Station, 911 Municipal Drive

7:00 PM

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Present: Scott Duplisea, Steven Sharek, Diane Bemis, and Lauren DuBreuil

Staff Present: Amanda Beaudoin, Fernanda Santos, and Thomas Gregory

Absent: Judy Congdon

1. Call to Order

2. Minutes to be Approved

- A. Public Session Minutes - December 15, 2025

[Minutes 12-15-2025](#)

ACTION: The Select Board moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of December 15, 2025.

Moved by: Steven Sharek

Seconded by: Diane Bemis

Motion Carries 4-0

3. Meetings and Public Hearings

4. Licenses

- A. Select Board to consider approving the issuance of a new Common Victualler license to Yunus Karakus for Dominos Pizza, Sunday - Thursday between the hours of 10:30 AM - 11:59 PM and Friday - Saturday between the hours of 10:30 AM - 1:00 AM, located at 136 Main Street.

[SBCV-79 Dominos](#)

ACTION: The Select Board moved to approve the issuance of a new Common Victualler license to Yunus Karakus for Dominos Pizza, Sunday - Thursday between the hours of 10:30 AM - 11:59 PM and Friday - Saturday between the hours of 10:30 AM - 1:00 AM, located at 136 Main Street.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0

B. Select Board to consider approving revised language pertaining to the Home Rule Petition for Hudson Hives LLC/House Bill H4272.

House H4272

Memo - Language Change Home Rule- Hudson Hive LLC

ACTION: The Select Board moved to approve the revised language pertaining to the Home Rule Petition for Hudson Hives LLC/House Bill H4272.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0

5. Personnel

A. Select Board to consider appointing a member of the Board to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust as their designee, with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

SB memo - new AHT member

ACTION: The Select Board moved to appoint Diane Bemis to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust as the Select Board designee, with a term to expire December 31, 2027.

Moved by: Steven Sharek

Seconded by: Lauren DuBreuil

Motion Carries 4-0

B. Select Board to consider confirming the promotion of Amanda Beaudoin from Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant to the Select Board/Town Manager's Office, effective January 13, 2026.

Executive Assistant SB-TM Office Job Description

Memo to SB - Reclassification Admin Assistant to SB & Town Manager_011226

Mr. Gregory summarized the request and noted the performance of Ms. Beaudoin. Mr. Duplisea praised the performance of Ms. Beaudoin.

ACTION: The Select Board moved to confirm the promotion of Amanda Beaudoin from Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant to the Select Board/Town Manager's Office, effective January 13, 2026.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0

C. Select Board to note the resignation of Eric Ryder, effective January 2, 2026.

Mr. Duplisea noted the accomplishments Mr. Ryder obtained during his employment. He thanked Mr. Ryder for his great work and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

ACTION: The Select Board moved to note the resignation of Eric Ryder, effective January 2, 2026.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0

D. Select Board to consider confirming the appointment of Rajitha Purimetla as Interim Public Works Director.

Rajitha-InterimDirector-Signed

Memo to SB - Interim Public Works Director Appointment 011226

Mr. Gregory noted Ms. Purimetla's history with the Town and noted she is well respected and knowledgeable. Ms. Bemis inquired about the hiring process per Town Charter. Mr. Gregory noted the Charter states the Town Manager is responsible for appointing Department Heads with a Select Board confirmatory vote.

ACTION: The Select Board moved to confirm the appointment of Rajitha Purimetla as Interim Public Works Director.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0

6. Contracts

A. Select Board to consider approval and authorization to sign snow plowing and hauling bids for the 2025-2026 winter season, and to authorize the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the Board.

Snow & Plow Mass Landscape

Ms. DuBreuil inquired if this will relieve DPW employees for sidewalk care. Ms. Purimetla noted this does not directly relate to sidewalk care.

ACTION: The Select Board moved to approve snow plowing and hauling bids for the 2025-2026 winter season, and to authorize the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the Board.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0

7. General

A. Select Board to consider approving a donation to the Police Department's Community Policing Program from Jeff Hillis and The Hillis Family Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Hillis Police Donation 01.12.26

Mr. Duplisea thanked The Hillis Family Foundation for their donation. Chief DiPersio noted the Foundation donates annually.

ACTION: The Select Board moved to approve a donation to the Police Department's Community Policing Program from Jeff Hillis and The Hillis Family Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0

B. Select Board to consider authorizing additional counsel to represent the Board of Health in contractual negotiations with B-P Trucking, Inc.

Ms. Bemis confirmed the Board of Health currently has Independent Counsel for the Site Assignment, Town Counsel has no conflict of interest, and the Town is required to be a co-applicant with B-P Trucking as the Town is the landowner.

Health Director Lauren Antonelli summarized the request for additional counsel to look into contractual matters. She noted the application was from B-P Trucking and the DPW.

Mr. Sharek reiterated that the request would be for contractual issues.

Ms. Antonelli briefly described the current additional counsel.

Mr. Duplisea inquired if the Board of Health has requested Town Counsel for contractual review. Ms. Antonelli stated that Town Counsel has not been requested to address specific contractual issues.

Ms. DuBreuil noted the residents' concerns regarding the hiring of special counsel. She noted her favor for hiring additional counsel.

Mr. Sharek echoed Ms. DuBreuil's statements and wants to ensure the residents are protected.

Ms. Bemis confirmed that Town Counsel could be used, and special counsel could be acquired in the future if necessary.

Ms. Antonelli noted the Board of Health concerns are regarding existing contracts.

Mr. Gregory addressed Ms. DuBreuil's question by noting that the previous Town Counsel drafted the current contracts.

Mr. Sharek requested that the concerns be explored.

ACTION: The Select Board moved to authorize additional counsel to represent the Board of Health in contractual negotiations with B-P Trucking, Inc.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Yea Steven Sharek and Lauren DuBreuil

Nay Scott Duplisea and Diane Bemis

Motion Fails 2-2

C. Select Board to continue discussion on establishing an Audit Committee.

[Hudson Audit Committee Motions 01-06-2026](#)

Mr. Sharek briefly described the proposed motion. He stated the discussion will continue with the full Board present. Mr. Duplisea noted the importance of getting an Audit Committee established and put on the Warrant. Ms. DuBreuil noted possible edits to the motion.

D. Select Board to receive update on Finance Operations Action Plan and Free Cash Certification.

Finance Director Neil Vaidya provided the Board with an update regarding Munis phase two, Hudson Light & Power discussion, FY24 cash reconciliation, and personnel. Mr. Gregory noted the current consultants could assist with future personnel.

Mr. Duplisea offered his condolences to Uxbridge Police Officer Stephen LaPorta's family.

Ms. DuBreuil requested that the digital Action Plan be updated online. She also inquired about the progress made since the previous meeting. Mr. Vaidya noted the progress made with reconciliation and the FY23 Audit. Ms. Ragusa Caton noted the efforts to streamline operations and collaboration within the offices. Mr. Duplisea

requested that the Board be updated with the consultant strategy for the predicted vacancy.

8. FY 27 Budget Hearings

FY27 Budget Book SB ver 01.07.26

	Department	Tab	Amount Requested	Motion	Second	Vote
Select Board	01001220	5	\$17,850	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Town Manager:	01001230	6	\$415,820	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Legal Services	01001235	6	\$250,000	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Town Buildings	01001236	6	\$83,941	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Personnel Expense	01001237	6	\$16,760	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Debt Service	01007100	26	\$4,990,879	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Retirement/Pensions	01009110	27	\$8,449,430	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Group Health Insurance	01009140	28	\$8,816,613	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
General Insurance	01009141	28	\$1,327,653	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Town Clerk:	01001610	10	\$223,334	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Election & Town Meeting	01001231	10	\$73,291	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Moderator	01001960	11	\$110	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Finance Committee	01001961	12	\$100,600	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Board of Assessors	01001962	13	\$187,702	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Municipal Light Board	01001967	14	\$3,900	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Fort Meadow Commission	01001971	15	\$8,200	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Lake Boon Commission	01001974	15	\$3,200	Bemis	Sharek	4-0
Historic District Commission	01001977	16	\$784	Bemis	Sharek	4-0

Mr. Gregory thanked the Department Heads for their effort during the Budget process. He provided the Board with a Budget presentation.

Mr. Gregory provided an overview of the Select Board and Town Manager budgets. Ms. DuBreuil inquired about the impact of the future Town Hall HVAC system. She also inquired about the Personnel Expenses Department. Mr. Gregory noted the impact cannot be predicted in terms of budgeting. He also noted the Personnel Expenses Department is responsible for expenses related to the hiring, onboarding, and education stipend process.

Town Clerk Joan Wordell provided an overview of the proposed budget. She noted that the integration of OpenGov has reduced the use of paper.

Board of Assessor's Chair Brian Bowen provided an overview of the proposed budget. Ms. DuBreuil inquired about the reduction in appraisal service funds. Mr. Bowen noted he believes the work can be completed with the Town Manager's funding recommendation.

Ms. DuBreuil requested an expanded description on certain expenses.

9. Citizens' Issues

A. Alicia Smith - 24 Zina Rd

Alicia Smith stated her concerns regarding transfer station revenue, the Board of Health's independent counsel request, and personnel vacancies.

10. Board Topics

Ms. Bemis thanked Director of Planning and Community Development Kristina Johnson for her work on the 75 Reed Road Public Hearing. She also noted the Planning Board Public hearing will be held on January 21, 2026.

11. Correspondence to be Noted by Clerk

ACTION: The Select Board moved to note the correspondence of its meeting January 12, 2026.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Lauren DuBreuil

Motion Carries 4-0

A. Alicia Smith - 24 Zina Rd - Email regarding Request for Approval of Funds for Independent Counsel 12.24.25

[Alicia Smith - Email regarding Request for Approval of Funds for Independent Counsel 12.24.25](#)

B. Alicia Smith - 24 Zina Rd - Email regarding Request for Public Input and Timeline for Director of Public Works Hiring 12.23.25 & 01.06.26

[Alicia Smith - Re. Email regarding Request for Public Input and Timeline for Director of Public Works Hiring 12.23.25 & 01.06.26.](#)

C. Notice of Public Hearing for Minor Modification to Site Assignment Hudson Board of Health

[Minor Mod Public Health Notice and Schedule](#)

D. Tom Green - Email regarding DPW Director Search 12.23.25

[Tom Green - Email regarding DPW Director Search 12.23.25](#)

12. Executive Session

13. Adjourn

ACTION: The Select Board moved to adjourn its meeting of January 12, 2026, at 9:39 PM.

Moved by: Diane Bemis

Seconded by: Steven Sharek

Motion Carries 4-0