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EARLY REQUEST

Sloane Kelly had the opportunity to make some early Christmas requests with Old Saint Nic during the annual Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale at St. Kathryn's Church recently. See more photos pages 8 and 9.

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Rising Call Volume Spurs Warrant Article to Add Four Firefighters

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen recently reviewed several potential warrant articles for the upcoming Town Meeting, including a proposal to hire additional firefighters to address growing service demands.

Hudson Fire Chief

Scott Tice explained that the department applied for a SAFER grant last year to fund eight new firefighters but has yet to receive confirmation. "We were supposed to find out by Sept. 30," Tice said, noting that other departments have received notifications. "We haven't received any noti-

cation one way or another." He added that the Oct. 1 government shutdown has delayed verification.

The department's immediate goal is to add four firefighters/AEMTs, bringing staffing to 14 per shift. "We have a goal of reaching 14 firefighters per

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Police Seek to Fill Vacancies, Add Deputy Chief in Proposed Budget

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Police Department outlined its proposed 2026–2027 fiscal year budget during the Nov. 13 meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee, highlighting plans to address staffing shortages and create a new Deputy Chief position.

"We looked through our budget with our staff, and we ended up adding 2% into the operational portion of the budget, but we did have some outside requests that were added in as well," said Police Chief David Cayot.

One major point of discussion was the administrative restructuring proposal to convert a Captain posi-

tion into a newly created Deputy Chief role. Committee member Shawn Jasper questioned the clarity of the plan.

"That isn't giving us a full picture of the administrative costs," Jasper said. "This seems like a highly unusual way of doing budgeting."

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson confirmed that the costs for the new position were included in the operations section of the police budget.

"The difficulty here is the way the books are set up. You have people here in positions with names. Basically, we would have to take one of the captains and put them into that Deputy Chief

position in advance of them getting that position," explained Sorenson.

Beyond the Deputy Chief proposal, committee members pressed for details on filling existing vacancies.

"Were any of these vacancies present in last year's budget?" asked Committee Chair James Lawrence. "If so, what do you think your likelihood of filling those over the next year would be?"

Cayot reported progress on hiring efforts, noting that three positions have been filled and two more candidates are in the pipeline.

"We're actually at a point where, going into this

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School Cell Phone Ban Faces Challenges at High School

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The School Board received feedback on its new personal electronic devices policy during its latest meeting, following a state law passed earlier this year requiring a "bell-to-bell" ban on cell phones and similar devices in classrooms.

Superintendent Dan Moulis reported that teachers generally feel the policy is working well in classrooms. The biggest challenge, he said, is managing non-classroom time.

"The biggest challenge we face is 'managed time,' which includes things like hallway time and the cafeteria," Moulis explained. "That's when it becomes more challenging."

Despite those issues, Moulis said teacher feedback has been largely positive.

Hudson Memorial School Principal Keith Bowen admitted there were concerns early on about how the policy would be received.

"We're very pleased it hasn't caused much disruption at all," Bowen said, noting that only about a half-dozen warnings have been issued for cell phone use. He added that most students have been respectful of the rules.

Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals offered a different perspective, saying compliance has declined since the start of the school year.

"The first two weeks of

school were good, and then it's gone downhill since," Beals said. He cited inconsistent enforcement as a major issue, which prompted a meeting with SAU and high school administrators.

While Alvirne has seen more infractions than other schools, Beals said most students respond quickly when reminded.

"In many cases, we just have to look at a student and they put their cell phones away," he said, adding that the cafeteria remains the hardest area to manage.

Beals recommended eliminating verbal warnings and moving to immediate consequences: the first offense would require the phone to be placed on a

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Rising Fire Department Costs Concerns Raised by Budget Committee

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Nov. 12 meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee featured a detailed presentation of the Fire Department's proposed budget, with Fire Chief Scott Tice outlining priorities and responding to questions about increasing costs.

"Some differences you'll see in the 2026-2027 budget is that '26 will be the final lease payment on one of our vehicles, and we had some one-time projects," Tice explained. "There are new

projects that the Board allowed us to move forward with, like maintaining our mental wellness check-up program that we started under FY2025-2026 with a firefighters grant."

The proposed budget also includes administrative changes, such as switching to a new hazmat district to improve regional coordination. Additional costs stem from expanded physical exams for firefighters.

Salaries and overtime were central concerns for the committee. "I know that in

last year's budget discussion we had quite a bit of back and forth on the discussions over how your department projected overtime. Do we see any drastic changes this year over what we projected last year?" asked Committee Chair James Lawrence. "If so, what changes have happened?"

Tice said there were no major changes and that calculations remain consistent with prior years. However, some members expressed concern about long-term spending trends. "We're

looking at, in three years, a 20% increase in the cost of the Fire Department," said Committee member Shawn Jasper. "We're told we have all this overtime with all of these vacancies, because we keep adding people, and now we're crossing the \$1.2 million line."

Jasper urged the Board of Selectmen to consider strategies to manage costs. "It's not to criticize the Fire Department, it's just that this is not a sustainable way to go," he said. "We can't afford to do this forever."

Committee members also noted two open positions listed in the budget. "On page 17, you've got two open positions," said Kevin Walsh. "I was just curious as to why you've got one listed at \$65 thousand and one at \$62 thousand." Business Manager Erika LaRiviere explained the difference was due to scheduling, with the higher-paid position expected to work holidays.

Selectman Liaison Xen Vurgaropoulos proposed reducing the fire administra-

tion part-time salary line by \$7,330 as a "housekeeping measure," which the committee approved.

Beyond staffing, Tice highlighted equipment maintenance costs. "With emergency management, the only thing we've been budgeting for is the professional services - our contract with the radio vendor for the annual maintenance of our radio system. That system is police, fire, and public works," Tice said, noting the eight-year contract includes a small increase next fiscal year.

Yard Waste, Composting, and Roadside Clean-Up Tackled by Sustainability Committee

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The town's Sustainability Advisory Committee used its Oct. 27 meeting to outline end-of-year services and discuss future environmental initiatives, including yard waste collection, composting expansion, and roadside clean-up events.

Committee members confirmed that Hudson's Curbside Yard Waste Collection will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 7 a.m. Residents can leave bundled yard waste at the curb, provided it meets size requirements and is placed in paper leaf bags. "We actually go around to everyone in the community. If you have yard waste, you

can just leave it out, but you do have to bundle it and size it," explained Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "The leaf bags have to be, as always, the paper leaf bags."

Collected yard waste will be composted, reducing environmental harm. "It's not good to put your leaves or your yard waste into the wetlands," Jakoby added. For those preferring drop-off, the Hudson Transfer Station on West Road remains open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon for leaf and yard waste disposal. No landfill pass is required.

The discussion tied into the committee's long-term goal of expanding composting in Hudson. Committee Chair Karl Huber reported

ongoing talks with Public Works Director Jay Twardosky and Town Engineer Elvis Dhima. "I connected up with Mr. Dhima and Director Twardosky, and I think more discussions need to take place. They're really willing to keep us included in a lot of discussions for this," Huber said. "It's opened up our opportunity to work with DPW and Mr. Dhima's organization. Stay tuned for that."

Huber also noted DPW's support for other sustainability programs, including roadside clean-up events. Town officials suggested holding more than one clean-up next year. "This came up in the BOS budget meetings. What can we suc-

cessfully conduct over the course of a year?" Huber asked. "This committee feels okay with one to two, Director Twardosky was thinking about three to four. They're not one of those events you can leave unmanaged; there's a lot of things to check off the list for a successful event."

Planning additional clean-ups would require volunteers, materials, road selection research, and coordination with town officials to ensure safety. With a level budget expected next year, members expressed concern about costs. "DPW is very interested in discussing things, and the Police De-

partment is on the same page," Huber said. "We will monitor our online requests. If DPW gets a request like 'my neighbors and my neighborhood want to get together and do a roadside clean-up,' they can notify us. We can coordinate to make sure that goes successfully."

Police

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budget, we'll either be at one vacancy or at full staff," he said. "Sixty-eight is the number of slots we have for full-time."

Jasper cautioned that maintaining full staffing could remain a challenge.

"It's something to be aware of," he said.

Committee member Bill Cole raised concerns that the police budget appeared to exceed the 2.5% spending increase recommended by the Board of Selectmen for all town departments. He also flagged additional

costs for items such as new software.

"That was not in a budget line item when the budget came to us the first time," Cole said.

Vehicle replacement was another topic of discussion. Committee member Kevin Walsh asked for specifics on cruiser maintenance and replacement schedules.

"How many vehicles are in the pool now? Do you have a spare? Do you plan to replace three vehicles? Two vehicles? Four?" Walsh asked. "Do you keep one in the pool that's not used?"

Cayot explained that three cruisers are typically replaced annually on a four-year cycle.

"We do have spares, because we have 15 marked cruisers right now and we don't have 15 marked cruisers out on the streets all at one time," said Cayot. "We don't want to be using all the cars at one time, because we won't get them to last the four years, and if one breaks down, we wouldn't have a spare."

A more detailed review of the police budget is expected in the coming weeks.



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Selectmen Weigh In on New Revenue Streams for HCTV

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen discussed proposals aimed at boosting revenue for Hudson Community Television (HCTV) during its Nov. 10 meeting, including an underwriting policy and a potential warrant article to redirect cable franchise fees.

Director of Community Media Michael Johnson explained the concept of underwriting as a way to secure sponsorships without compromising the station's noncommercial status.

"Underwriting in community media is a form of sponsorship where busi-

nesses or organizations provide financial support in exchange for a brief, non-promotional acknowledgment on air," Johnson said. "They are not meant to persuade but to recognize the support of the sponsor while maintaining adherence to the station's noncommercial rules and regulations."

Johnson said the goal is to secure seven underwriters in the first year at \$2,000 each. Sponsors would receive on-screen recognition during live broadcasts, such as sporting events, through graphics featuring their logos.

He noted that the cap of seven sponsors was inten-

tional to avoid cluttering the screen and ensure value for each participant. The \$2,000 figure is a starting point and could be adjusted based on program performance.

"It's something we're going to be revisiting often," Johnson said, adding that tiered sponsorship options may be considered in the future. "We wanted to keep it streamlined for this year."

No formal vote was taken on the underwriting proposal.

The Board also began discussions on a warrant article that would allocate all cable franchise fee rev-

enue to the HCTV Revolving Fund starting in Fiscal Year 2027. Currently, HCTV receives 80 percent of the fees.

"Following our Budget Presentation at the October 23, 2025, meeting, HCTV is proposing a Warrant Article to allocate the full Cable Franchise Fee Revenue beginning in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) into the Hudson Community Television Revolving Fund," Johnson wrote in a memo.

Johnson emphasized that the change is critical for financial stability as HCTV faces rising operational costs and aging equipment.

"Allocating the full

franchise fee revenue to the HCTV Revolving Fund will ensure that the department can sustainably fund its operations and equipment directly through the revenues generated by the cable franchise fees for about two years without going into what is available in our Revolving Fund," he explained.

The proposed warrant article reads:

"To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA - to modify the existing Hudson Community Television Revolving Fund established in 2015, to increase the amount of cable franchise fee revenues received from

our Cable Franchise Agreement from (80 percent) to (100 percent).

Beginning July 1, 2026 = 100 percent to the HCTV Revolving Fund, 0 percent to the Town's General Fund."

Funds would accumulate year to year and be used exclusively for community television access, equipment, maintenance, renovations, and related operating costs. The Town Treasurer would manage the fund, with expenditures authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

No formal decision was made on the warrant article. The next Board of Select-

Hudson Selectmen Approve Interview Committee for New HR Position

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen voted to move forward with creating a Human Resources Generalist position and approved members for the interview committee during its latest meeting.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson explained that the HR role will replace plans for an Assistant Town Administrator. "As you know, we discussed creating a Human Resources Generalist position in lieu of proceeding with the Assistant Town Administrator position," Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board.

Sorenson presented a proposed job description and outlined the hiring

process, which will mirror recent searches for the Town Planner and Finance Director. "Further, I am recommending that the Board form an interview committee consisting of two Selectmen, myself, and two Department Heads to be determined, for conducting interviews of the candidates,"

Sorenson stated.

The initial plan is to seek qualified internal candidates before opening the position to the public. "Upon conclusion of this process, and if applicable, posting to the public could be convened," Sorenson explained. "Either way, a final interview before the full

Board could be scheduled for confirmation of selection of the best candidate. This process will follow in practice by which we conducted for the Finance Director and Town Planner."

Sorenson said the committee will use a mix of standard and hypothetical questions to gauge candi-

dates' experience. When asked about administrative support for the role, Sorenson confirmed the position will be housed in the Town Administrator's office. "It will definitely have administrative help within the Town Administrator office," he said.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby noted the position will involve significant record-keeping, emphasizing the need for support. Sorenson added that municipal experience will be a key qualification, though all applicants

will be considered. Jakoby praised the proposed job description, saying, "I appreciate those skills that you have listed."

The Board unanimously approved moving forward with the position and appointed Jakoby and Vice Chair Bob Guessferd as the Selectmen representatives on the interview committee. "I think that would be a fine pair," said Board Chair Dillon Dumont.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

Cell Phone

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teacher's desk or in a holder, with repeat offenses escalating to the assistant principal.

He noted that tracking verbal warnings is difficult, as students can receive multiple warnings in a single

day without accountability.

Beals also stressed the importance of parental involvement and suggested student-led campaigns to reinforce the message.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said the Board has received feedback from parents, students, and faculty and will contin-

ue to review the policy.

"We appreciate the feedback and could bring this back to the Policy Committee for review before presenting any proposed changes to the Board," Dionne said.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

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Editorial

Live, Shop, and Give Local This Holiday Season

The holidays have a way of sneaking up on us. Thanksgiving is upon us, with Hanukkah and Christmas just around the corner. Some folks have their shopping wrapped up before the turkey hits the table, but many are still staring at the Advent calendar, wondering where to find those perfect gifts.

Here's a suggestion that benefits everyone: shop local. And no, we don't mean online, we mean right here in your own community.

Local shops may not boast the flashy "doorbuster" deals of big-box chains, but they offer something far more valuable - personal service and convenience. When you buy from a neighborhood store, you're not just checking off a gift list; you're investing in your town's future. Every dollar spent locally helps keep businesses open, strengthens the tax base, and supports jobs for your neighbors. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Shopping local also means finding unique, meaningful presents. Our communities are full of talented artists, crafters, and makers whose work ranges from pottery and jewelry to paintings and handmade ornaments. These gifts carry a story - a connection to the place you call home. There's a special joy in giving something created with care, not mass-produced in a distant factory.

And let's not forget the role local businesses play in sustaining other

community staples, like your hometown newspaper. We rely on advertising from these businesses to bring you the news that matters most - school events, town meetings, and stories about your neighbors. Without their support, truly local journalism disappears. So when you shop local, you're helping preserve more than just a business; you're helping preserve community voices.

Dining out? Skip the chains and celebrate at a local restaurant or order a platter to-go for your holiday gathering. These mom-and-pop eateries are part of what makes our towns special. Imagine losing those favorite spots because we chose convenience over community. Supporting them now ensures they'll be here for years to come.

Beyond the economic benefits, shopping local brings something big-box stores can't: a genuine human connection. Instead of hurried transactions and scripted greetings, you'll find real conversations - about holiday plans, favorite recipes, and shared traditions. That's the kind of warmth we all crave during this season.

So this year, let's make a choice that matters. Live local. Shop local. Give local. Whether it's a handcrafted gift, a meal from a neighborhood restaurant, or simply encouraging businesses to advertise in your local paper, your support is the greatest gift you can give to your community and to yourself.

Robinson Pond Warrant Article Revisited with Scaled-Back Proposal

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen recently reviewed potential warrant articles for the upcoming Town Meeting, including a revised proposal for improvements at Robinson Pond. The discussion focused on a scaled-back plan aimed at addressing concerns raised by voters last year.

In 2024, residents rejected a \$1 million warrant article that included upgrades to both the boat launch and beach area, despite unanimous support from the Board of Selectmen and a favorable recommendation from the Budget Committee. This year's proposal reduces the scope and cost, focusing solely on the boat launch.

"This year's warrant article would be \$500,000, which would be for just the boat launch," explained Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima. "We're carving that out this year."

Dhima said feedback from last year's vote indicated strong support for improving the boat launch but less enthusiasm for

beach upgrades. The revised plan would raise the parking area, create an official boat launch, and address runoff issues that currently prevent safe boat access. "There is a lot of runoff that comes from the road to the pond, which is why they can't launch boats right now from there," Dhima noted.

The project would also include mitigation measures to reduce environmental impact and earn credit for watershed improvement efforts. Dhima emphasized that Robinson Pond remains one of the most popular recreation areas in town. "We think this is a great project to put in for," he said, adding that designs and permits from last year are already complete. "This is a shovel-ready project at this time."

Funding would come from a \$250,000 state grant and \$250,000 from taxpayers, cutting the local share in half compared to last year's proposal. Dhima said the grant application will be submitted as part of the process.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont high-

lighted the dual benefits of the project, noting that it improves recreation while addressing stormwater obligations under the town's MS4 permit. "For me this is a no-brainer," Dumont said. "We're going to have to take care of it at some point, and things just get more expensive."

Selectman Heidi Jakoby agreed, calling Robinson Pond "an asset in town that we need to maintain." She added that investing in the boat launch now could prevent higher costs later.

Dhima also pointed out that completing the project would help the town meet environmental compliance requirements while enhancing public access. "It's not just about recreation - it's about protecting water quality and planning for the future," he said.

No final decision was made on whether to move forward with the warrant article, but Selectmen indicated they would revisit the proposal as budget discussions continue.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Nov. 25 at 7 p.m..

Firefighters

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shift," Tice said. This increase is based on rising call volumes and the frequency of simultaneous emergencies.

Tice shared data illustrating the strain on resources. In 2024, the average incident lasted 25 minutes, during which there were 1,113 instances of a second call. When factoring in ambulance time, averaging 55 minutes, there were 2,012 cases of overlapping calls. "So we have a lot of simultaneous calls," Tice explained. "It requires more people and creates situations where there may be less personnel available for other calls coming in."

Even with additional staff, Tice said mutual aid would still be necessary for major incidents such as building fires. "This would beef up our staffing to deal with more calls at the same time," he said.

If approved, the warrant article would allow the department to operate two engines and two ambulances per shift, with all personnel cross-trained to handle either role. "Everyone would be able to either do the ambulance or the engine," Tice explained, emphasizing flexibility in deployment.

The proposed warrant article would total \$590,629, covering salaries and benefits for the new

hires. Tice stressed that the department hopes to learn the status of the SAFER grant before deciding whether to move forward with the article.

"This is about keeping pace with the community's needs," Tice said, noting that Hudson's population growth and increased development have contributed to higher call volumes. "We're trying to make sure we can respond effectively and safely."

No decision was made during the meeting, but Selectmen agreed to revisit the proposal once more information on the grant becomes available.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

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Nottingham West Honors Veterans with a Parade



Nottingham West Elementary School held their second annual parade for veterans on Friday, Nov. 7. The event was a collaboration with the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) organization and there was a Field of Flags in front of the building displaying more than 48 American flags greeting the veterans attending. Second grade teacher, Kara Nadeau, spearheaded the DAV Field of Flags project, which resulted in over \$360 raised for disabled veterans. Paws Pals teachers Mrs. Nadeau and Mr. Eric Crivac, fifth grade teacher, set up the flags along the main entrance. Several veterans from the community came to walk the halls amid students who held American flags, patriotic banners, and cards of gratitude.

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Sustainability Committee Pushes to Replenish Energy Efficiency Fund

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The town's Sustainability Advisory Committee is preparing to ask the Board of Selectmen for approval to place a warrant article on the March 2026 ballot to replenish the depleted Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund. The discussion dominated the committee's October meeting as members stressed the fund's proven value and future importance.

"The Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund has already proven itself, all after residents only voted over two or three different

votes to put a total of \$50,000 in the fund," said Committee member Deb Putnam. "It is well worth it."

The fund has a track record of success. Years ago, it served as seed money to convert Hudson's streetlights to energy-efficient LEDs, saving the town an estimated \$90,000 annually. Despite that success, a proposal to add \$25,000 to the fund last year failed by fewer than 60 votes.

Putnam emphasized the fund's potential role in upcoming projects. "The idea is that these are funds available for town building. I'm

thinking ahead already about what's going to happen with this Town Hall project, what's going to happen in the future, and could these funds help lessen the blow to costs needed to upgrade this building or be used towards highly energy-efficient materials in a new building," she said.

If approved for the ballot, the committee expects to propose another \$25,000 contribution. Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby urged clarity on the fund's original purpose. "Do you have the original wording of what this fund was used

for? I just think that's important for this committee and for the public to know. The Board of Selectmen will be looking at all of the capital reserve funds to see if they're still needed, and to make sure their definitions are updated or inclusive of what the intention was," Jakoby said.

Putnam confirmed that the original language is available and straightforward. However, the committee cannot place warrant articles independently; approval from the Board of Selectmen is required. The Board will review the pro-

posal in November.

Committee member Chris Thatcher suggested adding context to the article. "We've already had an inquiry from the Hudson Police Department about the use of these funds. Would it be prudent to at least put a sentence in here to say something to that effect?" he asked. "I think when people read this warrant article, they're not associating it with any particular use at the moment."

Members agreed to clarify the fund's purpose without tying it to specific departments. "Let's put a

little more 'meat on the bone' so residents can see what it can be used for," said member Huber.

Jakoby advised keeping the wording simple. "The town will probably put out an explanation of the warrant articles to help our voters in the future, and I think it's how you publicize it, and the information you pull forward," she said.

The committee ultimately recommended clarifying that the Energy Efficiency funds apply only to town-owned buildings and voted to move the proposal forward for Selectmen review.

Selectmen Review Police Warrant Articles for Staffing & Legal Support

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen recently reviewed several proposed warrant articles from the Police Department, includ-

ing measures to strengthen legal support and supervisory staffing.

One proposal would convert a part-time law clerk position into a full-time role. Police Chief

David Cayot explained that rising call volumes and arrest numbers have increased demands on the department's legal division. "I showed you that our arrest numbers have gone

up and they are the highest they've been since we've come out of COVID," Cayot told Selectmen.

With more arrests come additional court dates and paperwork, including body camera footage and newly added in-car video. "There's a lot of extra work that's going into that," Cayot said, noting that the legal division has not expanded in years.

Cayot also highlighted changes in felony case handling. "Felony First is no longer in effect," he explained. "Instead of the County Attorney's Office handling felony cases, we have to handle the probable cause hearings for felony charges before it's sent to the county level."

The proposed warrant article would fund the full-

time law clerk position at \$72,249. A second article would allocate \$75,442 for a part-time prosecutor to help manage the growing caseload. Cayot warned that without additional support, the department risks delays in achieving justice. "Because of the amount of workload at the station and at the court that's going into these cases," he said, "we're concerned we won't be able to keep up."

The Board also reviewed a third warrant article for an additional sergeant position. Cayot explained that the department currently operates on four six-day rotations, leaving two days without a sergeant on duty. "We have two days where we don't have a sergeant and have to fill the shift with a lieu-

tenant who does both roles," Cayot said.

Adding a sergeant would ensure coverage for every shift and allow lieutenants to focus on administrative tasks. If approved, the department's sworn personnel would increase from 52 to 53. The cost of the warrant article is \$166,416.

Cayot said the new sergeant would be promoted from within, maintaining continuity in leadership. "This would allow us to have one sergeant per shift," he explained, emphasizing the operational benefits.

No decisions were made during the meeting, and Selectmen will revisit the proposals as budget discussions continue.

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Budget Committee Reviews Library and Finance Department Proposals for FY2026-2027

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on Nov. 12 to review proposed budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, focusing on the Rodgers Memorial Library and the Finance Department.

Library Director Linda Pilla outlined the Trustees' payroll plan, which includes a 1% merit increase and a 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). "We reduced our overall budget, some of that is from overall reduced healthcare costs, but there is a decrease of just shy of 1% this year," Pilla said.

She stressed the importance of pay adjustments for staff retention. "Hudson continues, sadly, to be the lowest paid library in the local area," Pilla noted. "As a result, we do have a problem in retaining staff, as they can earn substantially more at close libraries."

Committee members raised questions about salaries and policies. "Have the Trustees changed the education reimbursement amount on their policy?" asked Donna Boucher. Pilla clarified that the Board of Selectmen - not the Trustees - reduced the reimburse-

ment amount.

Kevin Walsh asked about strategic plan items not reflected in the budget, such as installing a glass wall, adding Saturday and evening hours, and expanding adult programming. Pilla said those initiatives would rely on the building fund and community partnerships. "With regards to extra hours, we would relocate ours from existing staff hours and move them around a little bit so as not to reflect an increase on our payroll budget," she explained.

Committee member

Shawn Jasper questioned ongoing costs for the Hills Memorial Library. Pilla assured members that Trustees do not plan to "jump ship" while relinquishing control of the historic building.

The Finance Department also presented its budget. "The Finance Department is responsible for accounting and water billing," said Finance Director Laurie May. "The most important function of the Finance Department is the oversight and protection of the town's funds."

May emphasized train-

ing and succession planning following a year of staff turnover. "That's where the lion's share of the increase in my budget is. I'm trying to take advantage of many low-cost trainings," she said. Jasper asked about a \$10,000 increase in benefits, which Town Administrator Roy Sorenson attributed to personnel changes and training needs.

May also requested funding for new accounting software to replace the outdated system. "When I copy over from one module, the general ledger module, which contains all of the

accounting numbers, and I copy that into the budget package in order to create my reports, it takes 45 minutes to copy those numbers over," she said. "The system is just antiquated and time consuming."

The upgrade, estimated at \$175,000 plus annual licensing fees, would improve efficiency but not reduce tax costs. "Let's just not pretend that the taxpayers are ever going to see a savings from this," Jasper said. "It's an expense, it's a necessary expense, but let's be really upfront about this."

Lease Extension for CDL Training Facility on Industrial Drive Approved

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a three-month extension of the lease agreement with Drive Force CDL Academy for use of town-owned property at 9 Industrial Drive during its most recent meeting.

Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima explained that the town entered into a nine-month

lease with the Manchester-based company earlier this year to provide commercial driver's license (CDL) training. "The Town of Hudson currently has a lease agreement with Drive Force CDL Academy, LLC of Manchester, NH, for use of a Town-owned parking area for commercial driver's license (CDL) training purposes," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board.

The current lease is set to

expire on Nov. 30, 2025, but includes an option for an extension of up to three months, through March 10, 2026. Dhima recommended exercising that option. "I think we should extend it for another three months and see what the voters want to do in March," he said.

Dhima noted that the arrangement has worked well for both parties. "It's been working out really well," he said, adding that

the town has received monthly payments without issue. The extension will allow time for voters to weigh in on a longer-term agreement. "The Town also plans to bring forward a warrant article in March 2026 seeking authorization from Hudson voters to enter into a lease term of up to five years," Dhima wrote.

If approved in March, the new lease would include a 2.5% annual increase after

the first year. "I think it's very fair," Dhima said. He also confirmed that Drive Force will handle its own snow removal, eliminating any responsibility for the town. "They'll take care of their own plowing," he said.

Dhima emphasized that the business has not added any structures to the property and does not plan to. "No buildings and they won't need them either," he said.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby

voiced support for the proposal. "It sounds reasonable to me," she said. Vice Chair Bob Guessferd agreed, noting the benefits of hosting CDL training locally. "I think this is a really good thing for the Town," he said. "We get revenue from it, and it provides training opportunities."

The Board voted unanimously to approve the extension.

Selectmen Approve Police Vehicle Purchases and Emergency Management Appointment

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved the purchase of three new police utility vehicles during its most recent meeting, along with a key emergency management appointment.

"The Police Department is respectfully requesting the Board of Selectmen to allow us to purchase three police Utility Vehicles from McGovern Municipal Group in Framingham, MA. McGovern Municipal Group is

part of the Massachusetts bid system through the Greater Boston Police Council," Hudson Police Chief David Cayot wrote in a memo to the Board. "The purchasing of the vehicles would be from the FY26 Budget."

Cayot explained that the department sought to waive Hudson's bidding requirements as the Greater Boston Police Council already conducts competitive bidding for multiple departments, ensuring better pricing. "It saves us from having to do that

part of the process," Cayot said during the meeting.

The department plans to buy three vehicles at a uniform price from vendors, selecting McGovern because the vehicles are in stock and ready for outfitting. "It is a one-stop shop," Cayot noted, adding that the outfitting will be completed immediately after purchase. Previously, Hudson had to pick up vehicles in Massachusetts, but McGovern now operates a satellite site in Merrimack,

simplifying logistics.

When asked about trade-ins, Cayot said the department will first check if other town departments can use the older vehicles. If not, they will be traded to a wholesaler, with proceeds applied toward administrative car purchases.

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of three vehicles for \$182,013, funded through the automobiles budget line and a

\$24,800 reimbursement for damage to a parked vehicle. Selectmen also voted to waive Hudson's bidding requirements.

In other business, the Board addressed the appointment of Hudson's Deputy Emergency Management Director. "The Chief of Police serves as the Town of Hudson Deputy Emergency Management Director," Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo.

With Chief Dionne's retirement and Cayot's promotion, the position needed updating. "We need to finalize this change with Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the State of New Hampshire," Tice explained.

The Board unanimously approved Cayot as the new Deputy Emergency Management Director.

The next meeting is set for Nov. 25 at 7 p.m..



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Santa Makes Early Stop to Annual Christmas Bazaar



The spirit of Christmas was celebrated early this year at St. Katheryn's Church at the annual Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale on Saturday, Nov. 8. Church members held the 31th annual Bazaar with visits from Santa. Nearly 300 raffle items were on display for possible Christmas gifts as well as a room full of creative themed baskets. There was also a large amount of Bake Sale items. Food, beverages, a scavenger hunt, face painting and games to keep children in the holiday spirit. More photos next page.

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Volunteers Needed for Overnight Warming Stations

United Way of Greater Nashua Urgently Seeks Overnight Volunteers for Winter Warming Station Starting December 1

With the winter season quickly approaching, United Way of Greater Nashua is urgently calling on compassionate volunteers to support the City of Nashua's Winter Warming Station at the former Elm

Street Middle School. This essential program provides a safe, warm place for individuals experiencing homelessness during the coldest months, running nightly from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM, December 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

Volunteers will assist with a variety of important tasks, including monitoring guest belongings, oversee-

ing supplies, preparing refreshments, and facilitating activities for guests. Shifts are two hours long and available every night throughout the winter.

Because this is a long-term commitment, volunteers are expected to be reliable and available for most of their scheduled shifts, though substitutes can be arranged if needed.

Volunteers should be highly empathetic, patient, and willing to follow program rules. The warming station serves a high-need population, and guests may at times exhibit unpredictable behavior. Volunteers must be comfortable with this, knowing that City staff will be on site at all times to provide support.

"Although the warming

station won't open for several months, we are starting volunteer recruitment early so we can plan ahead and build a strong, well-organized program," said Sara Ceaser, Director of Volunteer and Community Engagement at United Way of Greater Nashua. "Volunteers play a critical role in keeping our neighbors safe, warm, and cared for during

the harsh winter months."

This program offers volunteers a meaningful way to make a direct impact in the community by supporting those experiencing homelessness when they need it most.

Those interested in signing up or to learn more, can visit: <https://tinyurl.com/StayWarmNashua2025>

Residents Demand Action Over Early-Morning Noise

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

According to an anonymous letter to town officials and town departments, residents living near Barretts Hill Road say they are fed up with what they describe as chronic early-morning industrial noise from Brox Industries, an asphalt and aggregate operation located close to residential neighborhoods.

According to these residents, Brox routinely begins heavy operations at or before 6:00 a.m. on weekdays, in apparent violation of Hudson's Chapter 249 Noise Ordinance, which prohibits construction and heavy-equipment activity

during designated quiet hours. Complaints cite loud truck loading, prolonged diesel idling, and mechanical processing sounds that carry across nearby neighborhoods.

In a formal complaint submitted earlier this month, one resident notified the Hudson Police Department, Town Administrator, Planning Department, Code Enforcement, and the Board of Selectmen, urging enforcement of the ordinance. Five days later, the complainant reported receiving no acknowledgment or response from any town official.

"This is no longer just about noise," the letter

states. "It's about accountability. If the Town of Hudson won't enforce its own ordinances, residents will have no choice but to explore other remedies."

The complainant, who requested anonymity due to the small-town nature of the dispute, said the issue affects "all households within roughly one mile of the Brox perimeter" and warned that residents are considering a class-action filing if the situation persists.

The complaint cites multiple sections of Chapter 249, including:

- Nighttime Hours: Defined as 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through

Friday, during which heavy industrial activity is prohibited.

- Construction Activity Limits: Commercial outdoor construction is only permitted between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

- Truck Idling Restrictions: Vehicles over 10,000 pounds may not idle for more than 10 minutes when parked adjacent to residential property.

Residents allege Brox's operations violate all three provisions, with trucks idling far beyond the 10-minute limit and industrial activity starting well before 7:00 a.m.

The letter calls on the town to initiate enforcement measures immediately, conduct sound-level monitoring, and provide a written plan of action. It also warns that multiple residents are now coordinating documen-

tation and are prepared to pursue civil remedies if the town fails to act.

"We expect the Town to uphold and enforce its laws," the complaint concludes.

As of press time, town officials have not publicly responded to the allegations. Residents say they want clearer communication channels for complaints involving industrial operations near residential zones.

Lowell Road Closure Causes Commuting Headaches

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Residents took to social media on Monday night and Tuesday frustrated with the closing of Lowell Road between the Sagamore Bridge and Wason Road due to a utility pole crossing the road.

In an announcement posted to the Hudson Police Departments website Monday night, officials were asking residents to seek alternate routes for Tuesday morning.

Later reports by the School District, on Tuesday, said the closure could last until 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Needless to say, this caused major delays in commuters that use Lowell Road and the Sagamore Bridge to get to work.

Reports said that the traffic issues began between 3 and 4 p.m. on Monday and as of Monday at 11 p.m. the issues were still continuing.

On Tuesday afternoon another notice was released by officials saying, "The

roadway remains closed in both directions due to downed power lines and damaged utility lines caused by yesterday's incident. Utility crews are actively on scene working to safely remove the hazards and make necessary repairs. Because these lines involve both electrical and communication infrastructure, the process is complex and time-consuming."

Lowell Road was reopened at approximately 2 p.m. on Tuesday.



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At the regular meeting of Hudson Grange #11 on November 11th, the Grange presented Hudson resident, and Grange member, Robert Haefner with a "Quilt of Valor" to thank him for his service and sacrifice.

Bob served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1962 – 1967. Many members of Haefner's family were present for the Award. Also present were Arthur & Beth Merrill and Wilbur & Jane Heath.

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Bob's Quilt was made by Rachel Scanzani, also of Hudson Grange.



Pictured with Bob are Wilbur Heath & Rick Bailey. Wilbur received a Quilt of Valor in November 2018 and Rick received a Quilt of Valor in October 2024.

Hudson Dancers Bring Holiday Magic to NEDE's The Nutcracker

A talented group of Hudson youth have earned roles in the New England Dance Ensemble's 2025 production of The Nutcracker.

Under the direction of Artistic Director Barbara Mullen, this season's full-scale professional production of The Nutcracker will once again bring together local talent and world-class guest artists. Appearing in the leading roles are Courtney Shealy (Sugar Plum Fairy), Andrii Ishchuk (Cavalier), and Elijah Geolina (Snow King and Arabian), all members of American

Ballet Theatre. General McArthur Hambrick, a Broadway veteran, will appear as Drosselmeyer, with live accompaniment by the NH Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Mark Latham.

Renowned for its professional caliber, NEDE offers an exceptional performance experience for serious young dancers, combining classical and contemporary training with the chance to collaborate with artists from major companies across the country.

Company members will

perform in NEDE's two upcoming productions of The Nutcracker on Saturday, Nov. 29, and Sunday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem, NH. Rehearsals are already underway at NEDE's home studio, Londonderry Dance Academy.

Follow Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they battle the Mouse King and journey through the Land of Sweets to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy. Tickets go on sale now at www.nede.org or by calling 1-800-595-4TIX.



Pictured front; Nina Vaidya, Mia Ouellette, Sarah Johnston, in Back: Brielle Ouellette.
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Ovation Theatre Brings Freaky Friday to Opera House Stage



Members of the Ovation Theatre Companies performed the musical rendition of Disney's *Freaky Friday* at the Derry Opera House last weekend. The lead roles of Katherine and Ellie were played by Caitlyn Kuhn and Chloe Ferraro. The musical was directed by Meg Gore with musical direction by Ella Burroughs and Kevin Fisher. Ro Gavin was the Choreographer.

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Santa's Arrival

Hudson Lions Club will host Santa's Arrival on Friday, Nov. 28, following the Christmas tree lighting at Library Park at 4 p.m. The Hudson Fire Department will transport Santa to the Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., with free activities for children until 6 p.m. Bring your camera to capture the moment with Santa.

Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 48 will be holding its Next Monthly Membership meeting on Monday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., followed by the Squadron at 6:30 p.m., at the Post located at 37 Central St. For more information on

membership, please call 603-889-9777.

Pearl Harbor Day

American Legion Post 48 is holding its Pearl Harbor Day Service at the post located at 37 Central St., on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. This event will include a live firing by our Honor Guard. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 603-889-9777.

Karaoke and Dancing

American Legion Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, Dec. 19, from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole at 1 Fulton St., for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. For more information, please call 603-889-

Wreaths Across America

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, in Hudson. Wreath Day activities begin at 11 a.m., at Hills House on Derry Road with a solemn ceremony. Following the ceremony, starting at noon, registered volunteers will begin placing wreaths on the graves of nearly 400 veterans' graves in Blodgett, Ford, Sunnyside, Old Center, Senter, Westview, and Hills Farms cemeteries and at the site of the Poor Farm burial ground.

Legion Music

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, The Foxhole will be kicking Thanksgiving off with Kieran

McNally Music from 6 - 9 p.m. This event is open to Legion members and bona fide guests 21+ only. For more information call the Foxhole at 603-889-9777.

Used Toy Donations

St. Thomas Used Toy Sale is looking for donations of new or gently used toys for its upcoming Dec. 6 sale. Toy sale is at St. Thomas Church in Derry, NH, from 9 a.m. - noon. Drop Off locations: 5 Isabella Dr., Londonderry, NH, Drop off on driveway or porch; St. Thomas Church Derry NH, Drop off anytime; St. Matthew Church, Windham, NH, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sundays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Hampstead Jewelers, Hampstead, NH, Drop off anytime; Edward Jones, Chester, NH, Drop off anytime. Proceeds go to charity. The toy sale benefits needy families and the community.

Karaoke

Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, Nov. 21 from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole at 1 Fulton St., for Karaoke and Dancing. This

event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. This month Unit 48 will also be raffling off a turkey every hour from 5 - 9 p.m., you must be present to win. For more information, please call 603-889-9777

Turkey Makerspace

On Saturday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m., Drop in to the Rodgers Library to use the craft supplies provided to create a turkey. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will be hosting this year's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Derry Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, with The Rev. Dr. Marjorie Gerbracht (Rev Margie) offering the sermon.

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Victorian Tea

On Sunday Dec. 7, from 1 - 3 p.m., an "Afternoon Tea" will be served complete with cakes, and pastries at Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. Limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 22. Please email the Hudson Historical Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

Christmas Storytime

Come and listen to "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the Hudson Historical Society at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., on Friday, **continued on page 14**

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Dec. 12 & 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kids will be gifted with a fun "Christmas box". Limited seating. Registration required by Dec. 6. Please email the Society at Hudson-Historical@live.com with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

Old Fashion Ornament Making

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., the Hudson Historical Society will be making traditional ornaments using all natural materials. This event is free and for adults only, materials will be provided, limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 28. Please email the Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees.

Holiday Dinner & Raffle

VFW Post 5791 Holiday Dinner & Raffle will be hold a benefit for the Nashua Children's Home and Marguerite's Place On Nov. 22. Also collecting toys for Toys for Tots, so bring a new unwrapped children's toy for the collection box. At 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact cshay35@gmail.com for tickets or more info. Great raffle prizes, music and fun.

Gingerbread House Contest

Hudson Historical Society will hold a Gingerbread House contest. To participate bring a completed House on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., with a completed registration form at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. If you want to participate but not build a house then come on Dec. 6 from 10 4 p.m. to vote on houses with the winners and their prizes being announced at the end. .

Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

Teen Hangout

On Weekdays at 2:30 p.m., middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rogers Library's teen space after school. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided.

Digital Navigators

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., Rogers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., (except the third week of the month) for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

LEGO Racing

Build a vehicle from LEGO bricks and race it down a track at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. This event is for ages 4+.

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

Adventurers Storytime

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BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards

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Story Safari

On Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages welcome.

Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Memorial Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

Wreaths Across America and Open House

On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14 from noon - 4 p.m., Come see the beautiful Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., decorated in Victorian Christmas style! No registration required. Free admission

A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial Library to Share tips, tricks, and stories while you work on your latest project and connect with fellow fiber

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