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**SLOW & STEADY** Construction on the right lane of the Veterans Memorial Bridge is complete, leaving the left lane to be finished up. The completion of the project is expected to happen before the end of the year. Workers will move to the Taylor Falls Bridge in April of 2025. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Article Approved by BOS

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen reviewed different warrant articles during the most recent meeting, including for the Fire Capital Reserve Funding.

The warrant article states: “Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 of which \$50,000

will be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 14, 2000, \$150,000 will be added to the Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 11, 2008 and \$25,000 will be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 18, 2011? The appropri-

ation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget.”

Town Administrator Steve Malizia said they essentially combined three different capital reserve fund requests into one warrant article.

The estimated tax rate impact is four cents.

For the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund it was **continued on page 4**

## Selectmen Discuss Warrant Article For Four Additional Firefighters

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen sent forward a warrant article that would hire four firefighters/AEMT’s during the most recent meeting.

If approved the estimated tax rate impact would be 10 cents.

“The purpose of this warrant article is to increase the number of trained front line Fire and Emergency Responders in the Emergency Services Division of the Hudson Fire Department.

The Hudson Fire Department is looking to fund \$527,686 consisting of \$244,621 in salary, \$254,913 in benefits, and \$28,152 for uniforms and personal protective equipment for the

purpose of hiring four full-time Firefighter/AEMT’s.

With our continued growth in population and call volume, we still do not meet the minimum staffing level of NFPA 1710,” Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo. “This additional staffing will be the first step in implementing our long-term staffing plan that will coincide with our strategic plan that is in development.

Our most recent staffing increase in 2020 brought our shift staffing to 11 and was grant funded. At this time we are looking to increase shift staffing to 12 per shift.”

Tice explained that it’s primarily needed due to the increase in population, which is expected to lead to

an increase in calls.

“As Hudson and the region continue to increase in population, it stands to reason our call volume will also increase,” Tice wrote. “We already know our current staffing level is not adequate for our current call volume. We have seen several instances where our response to fire incidents was reduced due to companies being committed to other calls. We have been fortunate that these incidents did not present any life hazards and appropriate and aggressive fire tactics by responding personnel were able to control these incidents.”

Tice explained that they have been looking at differ- **continued on page 7**

## Police Look to Include New In-Car Cameras and Tasers

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on Nov. 7 to hear a presentation from the Hudson Police Department’s spending request for the next fiscal year. Police Chief Tad Dionne was at the meeting with Captain of Special Investigations David Cayot to make their budget presentation.

“We concentrated on recruitment and retention, again training, safety equipment and police facility contracts in order to keep our nice renovated building operating properly,” he outlined. “There’s still a shortage of police officers right now. After the epidemic, we’re literally competing

with every other agency around us for the same short pool of candidates.”

The Department hired five officers in 2024 and had four retirements, leaving four open spots. There were questions surrounding Police Department requests for new equipment, including new tasers, body cameras, and vehicle cameras. Dionne mentioned that ongoing contract negotiations over benefits could have a small impact on final numbers.

“In your cover letter, you talked about in-car cameras. It’s my recollection that we’ve had in-car cameras for decades,” said Committee member Shawn Jasper.

Dionne claimed there had not been cameras in police cars since around 2005, mainly due to intractable issues related to what is now outdated video storage equipment.

“The maintenance for the in-car cameras was very expensive at the time,” said Dionne. “We were using VCRs then we switched to DVDs. The problem with DVDs was storage and upkeep.”

His expected recording and storage to be cheaper in 2024 with better technology. The cost for in-car cameras over five years will be \$159,354. Body worn cameras will cost \$434,273 over five years. The cost for new **continued on page 5**

# Budget Committee Hears Assessor, Planning Budget

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on Nov. 7 to continue their analysis of the 2025-2026 town budget. Acting Town Administrator Steve Malizia was at the meeting with Town Assessor Jim Michaud to review the Assessing Department. "Overall, the assessing budget has met the Board of Selectmen's directive, we're actually under the 1.5% increase," said Michaud. "The department is made up of three full-time employees, that's the majority of our cost. We also use some

external, labor for the valuation of public utilities, as well as cell towers, as well as defense of significant commercial and industrial properties."

The Assessor noted they were not in a reevaluation year. According to state law, towns must revalue all properties within their boundaries, at most, every five years. Hudson's last revaluation was in 2022, another is expected in 2027. There was extensive and ongoing off-year work to appraise the Green Meadow Target Logistics Center.

"Do you have a break-

down of what you're expecting for the Logistics Center?" asked Committee member Kevin Walsh.

According to Michaud, the town had a multi-year contract with George E Sansoucy PE, LLC. That same company also oversees the valuation of public utilities. While there was an expected warrant article related to the Assessing Department, the Budget Committee was set to address all warrant articles at a later meeting.

Malizia outlined the budget for the land use departments, mainly the

Planning Board and the Zoning Board, along with town employees specializing in land use.

"We currently do not have a Town Planner. We are still looking for one, it's a very tight market, we'll get somebody, we'll maybe interview them, and they'll suddenly take another job," said Malizia, who emphasized the need to find someone to fill the position permanently. "Given that we don't have a Target-sized project, we've been able to keep up with what we need to keep up with. Had we had Target come in now it

would be a challenge, it would be a real challenge."

The town also has an Associate Planner who splits time between planning and code enforcement. Benefits and full salaries were included in the budget. "I think we kept the Planning Board budget fairly flat, in fact we declined the operating budget by a couple of percentage points," said Malizia. "It's predominately salaries, which are driven by labor contracts and benefits, and the operating budget is about 2.3% lower."

Walsh wanted to know

if there had been any proposal to increase the salary for the Town Planner to help fill the position.

"Do you think it's a reasonable target?" asked Walsh.

Malizia responded by saying the salary range was negotiated as a union contract, meaning there were limits on what Hudson could offer for the position.

Most other Planning Board expenses were covered by separate fees.

The Budget Committee is to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

# Public Works Proposes Warrant Article For Dump Trucks

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen debated what option to move forward with for a warrant article to replace 10-wheel dump trucks during its most recent meeting.

It was explained by Town Administrator Steve Malizia that during the budget discussions they were asked to prepare different options for warrant articles to replace the Department of Public Works dump trucks.

"In your packet you have four options," Malizia

said.

One of the options was to buy one truck outright, for a cost of \$326,000. The second option would cost \$652,000, to buy two, the third option to replace one truck through a lease purchase would be \$72,803 in year one, and to lease purchase two would cost \$145,399.

"Trucks are not cheap," Malizia said during the meeting.

Public Works Director Jay Twardosky explained that they have four trucks that need to be replaced, however, he said one of

them could last another year or two.

"We can make that last to the next budget," he said.

One of the trucks will be replaced if approved by voters as part of the operating budget.

Twardosky said that if they don't replace them they will likely have to spend about \$110,000 in the short-term to make repairs, which would likely come out of the town wide paving fund.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Dillon Dumont asked what the difference in price would be to lease purchase them, versus buying them outright.

Twardosky said it

would be about \$70,000.

Malizia, explained that he would recommend doing the lease option, so it would have a better chance of being approved.

"What are voters going to vote for," he said.

Dumont also asked about potentially having it split up where they would purchase one vehicle outright as part of the warrant article, and the other one would be to lease-purchase the truck.

Malizia said he thought that it could become confusing to voters having it split up into two separate warrant articles.

Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Guessferd said he thought it made sense to

go with the lease purchase option as it would help with the tax impact.

The Board of Selectmen voted to move forward with the fourth warrant article

option which is to lease-purchase two vehicles.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Diana Gayle LaMothe



Diana Gayle LaMothe, 55, of Hudson, NH passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, while surrounded by her loving family. She was born Oct. 20, 1969 in Malden, MA daughter of Doris Smith of Londonderry, NH and the late Craig Smith. She was also predeceased by her brother, Craig Smith as well as by her brother in law, John McNeill.

Diana was the beloved wife of Dean LaMothe of Hudson, NH with whom she shared 29 years of marriage.

Diana was a self-employed CPA for over 20 years and met her husband, Dean, at Coopers & Lybrand in 1991. Diana enjoyed volunteering at the schools her children attended, was a previous member of the Hudson School Board, and championed many fundraisers and capital campaigns. Diana was involved in many activities, programs and committees at St Kathryn's Church in Hudson, NH and St Mark's Church in Londonderry, NH.

Diana enjoyed spending time with family, especially her children, with whom she enjoyed a great friendship. She loved spending time at their Camp on Lake Winnepesaukee and entertaining family and friends on their boat throughout the summer months. She enjoyed family vacations, especially weekend trips to Boston or New York City. She loved playing volleyball and could be found dancing whenever or wherever possible. Diana also enjoyed running, playing pickleball, and cooking, especially homemade pasta. She was a loving and caring woman that will be missed by all who knew her.

Besides her husband and mother, Diana is survived by; a son; DJ LaMothe of Hudson, NH and his significant other Megan O'Brien, of Needham, MA, a daughter; Sadie LaMothe of Hudson, NH, a sister; Doreen McNeill of Goffstown, NH, a sister in law; Tina Smith of Derry, NH. Diana also enjoyed any time she could spend with her 15 nieces and nephews.

A time of visitation was held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m., in St. Mark's Church, 1 South Rd., Londonderry, NH. All are asked to please meet at church. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Diana's loving memory to Amedisys Hospice Care, 8 Commerce Dr., Suite 101, Bedford, NH 03110.

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# Hudson Man Arrested on Sex Trafficking of a Minor

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A man from Hudson, NH and four men from Massachusetts were charged and arrested for attempting to sex traffic a child at a Manchester hotel.

According to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice sent out over the weekend, on Saturday morning, Nov. 16, charging documents were unsealed alleging five men were arrested in the same proactive federal and local law enforcement action on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 14 and 15.

The announcement by U.S. Attorney Jane E. Young read, "On Nov. 14 and Nov. 15, 2024, in a proactive law enforcement operation, agents posted and monitored an advertisement on a website commonly used to advertise commercial sex acts. The advertisement contained images of what appeared to be two minor females, and a contact phone number. Law

enforcement agents used it to communicate with potential sex buyers. Each defendant responded to the advertisement. Once at the hotel, each defendant met with an undercover agent and attempted to sex traffic one of the two fictitious children."

Young announced that the following defendants have been charged by criminal complaint with attempted sex trafficking of a minor:

Stacey Ray Lancaster, 46, of Hudson, was arrested on Thursday, Nov. 14, and is in federal custody. He appeared in federal court, Monday, Nov. 18, to answer charges.

Lancaster is employed at Manchester West High School, where he oversees the Naval Junior Reserve Training Corps (NJROTC) program and served as the liaison between the school district and the U.S. Navy, according to a letter Manchester School District Superintendent Jennifer

Chmiel sent parents this weekend. Right now, there's no indication that Lancaster was attempting to sex traffic a Manchester student, Chmiel wrote.

"Mr. Lancaster has been placed on administrative leave, and the District is working closely with law enforcement agencies assigned to this case. Unfortunately, we do not have further information to provide at this time," Chmiel wrote.

Others arrested on Thursday and Friday of last week were: Arthur Picanco, 42, of Bradford, MA; Ozeias Luiz Guilherme, 38, of Haverhill, MA.; Sharath Chandra Bollu, 23, of Chelmsford, MA; and Koteswara Raju Jonnagodda, 24, of Chelmsford and Lowell, MA. All the men were scheduled to appear in federal court on Monday, Nov. 18.

According to court documents Lancaster was negotiating through texts while at work to have sex

with a 12-year-old girl.

He and the five other men were convinced they would be meeting underage girls at a hotel in Manchester, where police were waiting to make an arrest.

Homeland Security Investigations agents had a fake service set up on-line, where they drew in men seeking to have sex with young girls.

The release stated, "Homeland Security Investigations led the investigation. Valuable assistance was provided by the Manchester Police Department, the NH Attorney General's Office, and the NH Internet

Crimes Against Children Task Force. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Matthew Vicinanza, Kasey Weiland, Anna Krasinski and Georgiana MacDonald are prosecuting the cases."

"This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and

local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, visit: [www.justice.gov/psc](http://www.justice.gov/psc).

Community questions should be directed to the U.S. Attorney's Public Voicemail Line at 603-230-2563.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



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# Editorial

## Getting in the Spirit of the Season

As many of you read this, you're probably at work filling up your holiday to-do list. After all, it's the most wonderful (and busiest) time of the year.

But what's included on your list? Gifts? Volunteering time to help those less fortunate? Holiday parties and dinners? Maybe even a brief vacation? Sure, that's what we are thinking about as we head into December, but something may be missing from your holiday agenda, something equally as important and yet so easily forgotten.

It's Town and School budgets, not as exciting as deciding what decorations to put up or what cookies to bake, but perhaps just as critical. It's something you can't put off: taxes.

Those pesky budget meetings need public input. After all, it is your money and your quality of life at stake, and you do have a say in how it is spent. From now into the New Year, there's plenty of time to put in your two cents.

Our towns and school are discussing their budgets, whether it's cost-of-living increases, new buildings, or new ways of doing things. One thing is for sure; your tax bill will be going up again if the budget process is left untethered.

Citizens have the right, no, the duty, to tell their elected officials what they consider important for their money to be spent on and what can wait, especially considering the difficulty most people have in finding the money to pay their own ever-increasing taxes. Are

you satisfied with how it's being spent?

You may be waiting with baited breath for your December tax bill. We hear a lot about making sure employees are paid well and have strong benefit packages so they don't move to better-paying jobs. Things that need to be considered is whether every school or town job is vital, whether it should be changed from full-time to part-time, do the positive have an impact, could some jobs be combined, eliminated, or maybe even outsourced to a local business. At the end of the day, officials should do what is best for all the residents in town, not just the ones who can afford it.

It's up to the residents to advocate for budgets that maintain the "needs" and cut the "wants." Those better days haven't arrived yet. It is up to the citizens to question and ask for backup documents to the department heads, to include statements as to why they need more money.

If you don't let your elected officials know now what you think, you'll miss the opportunity. Most budgets have lots of fluff built into them, some more than others. Once again, we encourage you to get involved and have your say now, when change remains possible.

December brings more than the sound of Santa's reindeer and pricy lights on two trees. Democracy is calling. Make your voices heard, or keep silent and just write the check.

## Fire Fund

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explained by Fire Chief Scott Tice that the "funding for this capital reserve fund was established through a Town of Hudson warrant on March 14, 2000."

"The intention of this capital reserve fund was 10 fund the purchasing and replacing fire apparatus," Tice wrote. "In total, this accounts for the purchase and replacement of numerous pieces of fire apparatus including our pumpers, tanker, ladder truck, and forestry units."

It was explained that the "expected lifespan of a piece of large tire apparatus can be as many as twenty years, but it may also be shorter. When this account was established, the intention was for the units to be replaced on a regular cycle."

"For informational purposes, a replacement pumper will exceed \$825,000, a ladder truck is close to \$2,000,000," Tice wrote. "The consistent funding of this Capital Reserve Fund will assist the Town by providing a mechanism allowing replacements to the fleet. This fund allows saving to take place over several years, to assist keeping the tax rate stable and not require the emergency raising of funds in one fiscal year."

For the Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund it was explained that the "funding for this capital reserve fund was established through a Town of Hudson warrant on March 11, 2008. The intention of this capital reserve fund was to fund the refurbishment and repair of the fire department's fire apparatus. In total, this accounts for the maintenance and repair of numerous fire apparatus of our fleet."

"The expected lifespan of a piece of large fire apparatus can be as much as 20 years," Tice explained. "When this account was established, the intention was for the units to receive an updating and repair of all of the major components of the specific piece of fire apparatus. This is slated to take place at the ten year mark, roughly half way through its lifecycle. This mark was selected after a review of several pieces of apparatus struggled to remain operational to the end of their serviceable life."

Tice explained that it will "allow for the savings to take place over several years, to assist keeping the tax rate stable and not require the raising of funds in one fiscal year."

In addition it was explained that funding for the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was estab-

lished in 2011.

"The intention of this capital reserve fund was to fund the purchasing of specialized fire and EMS equipment including, but not limited to, Firefighter Protective Clothing, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Defibrillators," Tice explained. "Currently our EMS Revolving fund is utilized for all EMS equipment, and specialized fire equipment is purchased through the operating budget when funding is available."

It was explained by Tice that "Items that are slated for replacement in the coming years includes extrication equipment, hose, marine equipment, water rescue equipment, rescue task force protective clothing, SCBA and any and all fire suppression equipment removed from service."

"The consistent funding of this Capital Reserve Fund will assist the Town with providing a mechanism allowing purchases of specialized fire equipment when funding is not available within the operating budget," Tice wrote. "This fund allows saving to take place over several years, to assist keeping the tax rate stable and not require the emergency raising of funds in one fiscal year."

The Board of Selectmen approved moving the warrant article forward.

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# School Board's Student Members Policy Discussed by Members

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had a first reading for an update policy related to student members of the School Board, during its Nov. 4 meeting.

The policy was last updated in July, 2023, after

first being adopted in Oct., 2019.

“The School Board will have one student School Board member from Alvirne High School. Student School Board members (“student members”) will not have the right to vote and will be excluded from

all non-public sessions the School Board enters,” the proposed policy states.

Under election and term of student school board members the policy states that “Student members will serve one-year terms, beginning in June of each year. A student is eligible

for re-election, if applicable.”

“Student members will be chosen by a majority vote of the high school student body under procedures for nomination and election established by the student government of the high school,” the proposed policy states.

Under responsibilities of student government the proposed policy states that The student government of the high school shall establish procedures for:

- The nomination and election of student-member candidates; Any public high school student in the school district to petition the student member to present proposals and opinions to the School Board; Filling any vacancy that may occur in the student-member position from that school.

The proposed policy

also outlines the student member expectations.

Under RSA 194:23-f, IV, student members are expected to:

- Attends School Board meetings until approximately 8 p.m., excluding discussions and procedures involving subjects which are confidential under RSA 91-A (i.e., non public sessions held in accordance with 91-A:2 and 3); Represent all students within the district

- Present to the School Board specific proposals and ideas from the high school student body, and when appropriate, place proposals on the School Board agenda in accordance with Board procedures;

- Serve as a liaison between students and the principal, other faculty, student government advisors, appropriate outside agencies, and the School Board;

- Keep the student body informed of School Board business and actions

- Comply with all School Board policies relative to students and School Board members, when applicable.

It also explains as part of the proposed policy, under oversight, that the superintendent shall assure the principal coordinates with student council advisors to ensure the student council is aware of the requirements of Section C, above.”

The School Board unanimously approved sending the proposed policy to a final policy reading during the meeting, without any proposed changes.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Police

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tasers was around \$152,830 over five years and is a fixed cost part of an existing contract. Adding small equipment to the standard Police Department budget was part of a push to move the funding of such items away from warrant articles.

“Based on what you’ve said, we can count on similar budget requests compared to what we see this year to the next five years at

least,” said Committee Chair James Lawrence.

Member Kevin Walsh had a question on what funding sources might be used for the purchase of ammunition, bringing up possible use of the exaction fees obtained from the recent deal around the purchase of the Target Logistics Center.

“We had a meeting with you as part of this Logistics Center exaction, police say it’ll contribute to public safety,” said Walsh. “You

hinted that you might be looking at a new weapon system. Would that have any impact on being able to accommodate the ammunition line item for the Department?”

Dionne said that the exaction would not work for what he described as a routine purchase of ammunition. Most expenses were reoccurring, including the vehicle fleet, training, and recruitment/retention concerns.

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# Boy Scouts to Help with Sustainability Holiday Project

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee opened its Oct. 28 meeting with a proposal to renew the Christmas lights recycling program for another year. Kristan Sullivan of 15 Lorraine Street, was there to speak for Scout Troop 20.

“We have a Christmas tree fundraiser that we do every year, it’s usually the last two Saturdays after Christmas and last year, in conjunction with that fundraiser, we picked up some string lights taken off people’s Christmas trees as part of the light recycling program you had,” she

explained. “Also leading up to that, we had opened our meetings as a collection space for people to donate lights.”

Troop 20 offered to continue working with the Sustainability Committee with light recycling for the 2024-2025 holiday season. Sustainability Chair Deb Putnam presented an edited flyer encouraging residents to participate in the upcoming collection season. Several locations in town will have boxes where residents can deposit their broken or unused Christmas lights for recycling.

“Each of the locations that has a box has a phone

number to call telling us ‘It’s full, come empty it,’” said Putnam.

The Boy Scouts wanted to see how else they might collaborate with the Committee.

“The idea of being able to support Troop 20 for a sustainability merit badge program came up,” said Committee member Chris Thatcher. “We’d like to hear a little bit more about what the merit badge is, what it entails, and what would be required for the Committee or the town.”

Sullivan warned there would be some paperwork and a \$130 registration fee with the Boy Scouts of

America to participate in the merit badge. As the badge is an Eagle Scout requirement, it required commitment from a volunteer willing to oversee the sustainability merit badge program for Troop 20.

“If there’s a person here who would help the Scouts earn this badge, it’s a matter of going through the workbook and identifying the requirements,” she said. “Always at the end of every merit badge they have to research careers. So, they’ll do research on different fields of sustainability.”

“Is this something where you’re looking for sponsorship? Or do you

need somebody on the Committee to be a mentor?” asked Putnam.

Sullivan hoped a member would be willing to volunteer to run the sustainability merit badge in Hudson to serve as a consoler for interested Scouts.

“My concern is understanding what the town can obligate themselves to officially,” said Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd. “We should check into it, but I think if anyone’s going to help on the Sustainability Committee, it’s going to be on an informal basis. Somebody would have to do this on their own.”

He was especially wor-

ried about paying to become a sponsor and warned that the town would not be able to cover the registration fee at the very least. Guessferd also suggested avoiding any formal obligations and running any collaboration with the Scouts by the Board of Selectmen.

Informal alternatives included having Committee members act as subject-matter experts to provide resources to individual Scouts.

“We could certainly help, just not in an official capacity,” he clarified. “I say let’s not drop the conversation, but see what we can do to help.”

# School Board Discusses Student Dress Code Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the Nov. 4 Hudson School Board meeting, the Board had a first reading for an optional policy related to student dress code.

“The Board recognizes that student individual dress is primarily a parental responsibility that should reflect concern for the health and safety of students, staff, and others,” the proposed policy states. “When the dress of an individual student constitutes a health problem, is unsuitable for school wear, is a danger to any person, or causes a substantial and material disruption or sub-

stantial disturbances, the principal/or designee shall take appropriate action to correct the situation.”

It also states that “Students who violate this policy will be given an opportunity to correct the situation on the same day.”

Another proposed policy that had a first reading during the meeting was in regards to student rights and responsibilities.

The proposed policy states that “Student rights and responsibilities shall be published annually in the applicable student handbook and will be made available in another language or presented orally

upon request. Student disciplinary procedures will be implemented pursuant to Board Policies JIC and JICD.”

The School Board unanimously approved sending both policies to a final policy reading, without any proposed changes.

In personnel news, the School Board unanimously approved a number of nominations for Alvirne High School.

It includes varsity girls basketball coach Frank Garginis, JV girls basketball coach Jay Thomas, boys varsity basketball coach Mitchell Roy, JV coach Alex Wetmore, Varsity Boys’ Indoor Track coach Phil

Demers, Varsity Girls’ Indoor Track Adam Dufault Assistant Girls’ Indoor Track Danielle Davis, Varsity Cheerleading Winter coach Shyla Francoeur, JV cheerleading coach Jessica Siefert, Unified Basketball coach Jessica Toomey, varsity swim coach Colleen Vurgaropulos, Assistant swim coach Xen Vurgaropulos, Dive coach Derek Peabody, Varsity wrestling Conor Gannon, JV wrestling assistant coach Dana Boudreau and Scott Scardino, and varsity gymnastics coach Terrienne Archer. The School Board also approved Angela Auger as the Varsity Assistant Cheer coach during the meeting.

In other news, the School Board was presented with a budget transfer request.

The budget request was to transfer \$65,000 from the FY 25 special education salary line to the charter

school tuition budget line.

The budget transfer request was unanimously approved.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Cynthia R. (Campbell) Nutting



Cynthia R. (Campbell) Nutting, 73, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family on Nov. 11, 2024 after a period of declining health. Cindi was born and raised in Hudson, NH. She was a 1969 graduate of Alvirne High School.

Cindi married her soulmate, Charles Nutting on June 21, 1969. The two went on to raise their C&C +3 family in Londonderry. Once they were empty nesters, they made their home back in Hudson in 1996.

Cindi was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She will be remembered for her baking, arts & crafts, gardening, inability to take an in-focus photo, a seemingly endless supply of greeting cards for any and all occasions and let us not forget the elaborate decorations that were on display for every holiday.

Cindi is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Charles Nutting as well as her three children. Shawn Nutting and wife Bonnie, Toby Nutting and wife Stacey, and Amber Olson.

Cindi was a Gram, Grammie, “B” and Cin to Ashley Lovell, Steven Roberge, Bailey Nutting, Chloe Abreu, Cora Olson and Conner Olson. Cindi was beyond excited to become a great-grandmother in July to Kane Runge.

Cindi’s siblings include Crystal (Ed) Cauthorn, Candia Campbell, Catherine Sims and Oscar (Shirley) Campbell. Cindi’s brother and sister-in-laws Janice Berry, Sandra Martinson, Phil Parker and Kim Johnson. Cindi also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful team of caregivers from Amedisys that took incredible care to keep her comfortable while at home

Visiting hours were held at The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes, on Tuesday, Nov. 19 with a small service of remembrance.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Cindi’s loving memory to the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, 8 Peabody Rd., Anx, Derry, NH 03038. To share an online message of condolence please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com) The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home In Hudson Is In Charge Of Arrangements.

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# Net Metering on Hold, Will Be Addressed Next Year

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee met on Oct. 28 asking for an update on net metering options with Hydro Group. Committee member Craig Putnam did not have much to say.

“There’s no more information, it’s up to us to make a recommendation to the town to decide what the next steps might be,” said Craig. “I think we’re all of a mind that it was a confusion thing to wrap our heads around.”

He suggested running the net metering proposal

by the Town Attorney. It was unlikely the proposal would see much progress until next spring.

“Let’s just make sure we keep it on the horizon,” said Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd. “I’d like to make sure we do address it. Need to make sure we understand it first.”

He wanted to see if and how it might impact the Sustainability budget. The Committee agreed the idea was worth exploring. Members also agreed they needed more information before committing to anything, which was not possible dur-

ing budget season.

“We’re going to table that matter until January of 2025,” said Committee Chair Deb Putnam. “That matter is confusing and we want to make sure it’s something worth bringing forward to the Board of Selectmen and the School Board, because it will involve both of them.”

Craig announced there was little change in participation rates in the aggregation program with Hudson Community Power over the past month.

“We’re at 67%,” he said, noting that was con-

sistent with the average community participation rate in Southern NH. “We’ve got 99.7% of CPNH customers in Hudson on Granite Basic, so very little uptake of anything there. That’s actually pretty much the case across the board. Town’s that have Granite Basic as the default, almost every one of them are at 98-99% participation in the Granite Basic program.”

Committee member Kate Messner announced that around 40% of NH now participates in a community power program. She announced an ongoing push

to sign more towns up for energy aggregation plans.

Members needed to decide whether to renew their membership for Clean Energy NH.

“It’s a municipal membership of \$300,” said Deb.

The cost of membership included two tickets to Clean Energy’s annual conference and gives the town access to several online resources related to renewable energy. The Sustainability Committee unanimously agreed to cover the town’s membership fee for the upcoming year, with plans to send two people to

the conference.

The Sustainability Chair offered her support to Rodgers Memorial Library in their upcoming sustainability series set to begin next January.

“Perhaps one of us could field an evening,” she suggested. “I focused on our reduce, reuse, recycle, repurpose chart that we generate every spring.”

Deb recommended deepening the Committee’s relationship with the library and encouraging it to branch out into new programs related to sustainability.

# Fees For Mattress Disposal Goes Up to \$35 in January

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the Nov. 12 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda

items was in regards to a fee for mattress disposals.

“The Director of Public Works is recommending that a fee be established for resi-

dents disposing of mattresses or box springs at the transfer station,” Acting Town Administrator Steve Malizia wrote in a memo

to the Board of Selectmen. “Our contractor Casella, is currently charging the Town a fee of \$27.56 for every mattress or box spring disposed of at the transfer station. The Director of Public Works is recommending that the Town charge a fee of \$35 for every mattress or box spring disposed of by residents at the transfer station in order to cover the cost that the Town is paying.”

It was noted by Malizia that in order to adopt the fee, they had to have a public hearing to amend the fee schedule, which they had during the meeting.

Selectman David Morin said while they were looking at the proposal, he said that he went to Litchfield’s Transfer Station, and that they have 18 different things that they charge for.

Board of Selectmen

Vice Chair Dillon Dumont said he thought it made sense to go with the fee.

“I think the \$35 (fee) is more than fair,” Dumont said.

On a unanimous vote the Board of Selectmen approved the \$35 per mattress fee. It was noted that it would go into effect beginning on Jan. 1.

In other news, the Board of Selectmen received a letter of resignation.

“Attached please find a letter from Sewer Utility Administrative Aide Donna Staffier-Sommers, notifying the town of her intention to retire from the Town of Hudson effective Jan. 24, 2025,” Tax Collector Christine Strout-Lizotte wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “I am requesting permission to advertise and interview potential candidates for the anticipated

opening on Jan. 24, 2025.”

Strout-Lizotte explained that it was her intention “to have someone hired and in place by mid-December for on-the-job training with Donna before she retires.”

“As I know you are aware, the sewer department is a one-person operation and it is imperative we have Donna available to train her replacement and provide the new hire the best opportunity to be successful,” Strout-Lizotte wrote in a memo. “While losing Donna to retirement is a huge loss to the town, as she is well loved by her coworkers and customers alike, having her available to train will help ensure a smooth transition and will be an invaluable training opportunity for her replacement.”

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the posting of the position.

# Four Firefighters

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ent ways to deploy its resources “in the most efficient manner to account for our increased workload.”

It was explained by Tice that they are “recommending that we hire four additional Firefighter/A-EMTs, as this will create a consistent staffing model of 12 members per shift 24/7/365.”

The staffing would consist of a captain, two lieutenants, and nine firefighters.

“This additional member will allow us to staff Engine-2/Ambulance-2 with three personnel,” Tice wrote. “This will increase the effectiveness of the company. It will also reduce the number of medical inci-

dents the Squad will respond to with A-2, leaving it available to respond to additional incidents.”

He said that the plan would be to “reclassify four Firefighter positions to Lieutenant positions in the future.”

“This would give each shift a supervisor to be the hands-on leader of the company and allow the Shift Commanders to more effectively perform their duties,” Tice said.

In addition Tice explained that “adding these positions would be the first of a three step plan to increase staffing to 14 per shift.”

“This would allow us to

dedicate a two-person company to an Ambulance which would be the first EMS unit dispatched to EMS incidents town-wide,” Tice said. “This would allow the Engine Companies to stay in service as Engine Companies for the first medical call. These Engine Companies would cross-staff additional ambulances for simultaneous medical calls providing the Town with better fire coverage and more total resources.”

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Dillon Dumont said that it’s important to put the warrant article forward for voters to decide.

“I think it’s extremely important to put this forward to the voters,” Dumont said.

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# Library, Fire Department Make Modest Spending Requests in 2026 Budget

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Nov. 6 meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee saw its members move forward with future spending requests from town departments, including Rodgers Memorial Library. Library Director Linda Pilla and Library Trustee Karen Bohrer were at the meeting to present their budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

“We’ve prepared a payroll budget with a 2.7% increase on the payroll side, and an operating budget with an increase of 2.8%,” explained Pilla. “The additional payroll increase I know you’ll see is due to anticipated substantial increase in health care costs due to upcoming retirements.”

The cost of hiring new employees also contributed to the higher payroll spending requests.

“You’re assuming the worst case scenario for all your new hires here,” noted Committee member Shawn Jasper, who was concerned over the amount of money budgeted for health insurance for new staff members.

Pilla agreed, saying the library wanted to be prepared.

Many of the operating costs came from an increase in the price of utilities. Outstanding maintenance issues, like the need to replace the older Hill Memorial Library’s outdated boiler, were not included in the 2026 budget requests, although the issue is expected to come up within the next few years.

“It’s inevitable that at some point it’s going to fail one of these biannual inspections,” said Pilla, referring to their 50-year-old boiler. “We had a very hard time finding a vendor who would come out to do a rough estimate, but it’s around \$70,000 for just the boiler.”

The building also needed extensive electrical work which, like the boiler, would likely need to be addressed in the coming years.

“Would you consider mothballing the Hills building?” asked Committee member Kevin Walsh. “Have you thought about asking for more funds to be put into a capital reserve for Rodgers Memorial Library?”

Bohrer stated that closing Hills Memorial for cost

reasons was under consideration.

“It’s a discussion that the Board of Trustees will have among ourselves in the near future, given the conditions of the building and recent problems with the flooding,” she said.

The Budget Committee also heard a presentation from Fire Chief Scott Tice.

“As directed by the Board, we maintained a limited operational increase of 1.5%,” said Tice. “That was used cover increases in electricity, used to the hazmat district, used for the increase in software maintenance, and increases we’re seeing in preventative maintenance and repairs to our apparatus facilities, equipment, and the radio system.”

With the help of a

recently approved revolving fund and by moving money around, the Fire Department kept items like fire alarm maintenance out of their 2026 budget.

“If I’m reading this budget, overall, your year-over-year budget has remained pretty flat,” noted Committee Chair James Lawrence. “But I know there’s been a lot of discussions about additional equipment that may be required for the development in the southern part of town. Will we be expecting further increases to your budget in the future based on that?”

Tice hoped to work with surrounding towns to spread upkeep costs on some new equipment.

“I’m a big believer in regionalization when we

can do it,” he said. “It’s much better off to spread the use and the cost over a wider area.”

A major spending concern came from unfilled positions in the Fire Department which were included in the 2026 budget, including projected overtime and benefits.

“It seems like there’s sort of anticipated overtime that you would have for vacations and the community service versus unanticipated overtime for just the volume of calls being made to the Fire Department, versus unanticipated vacancy related overtime. It is possible to get that sort of breakdown?” asked Committee member Bob Wherry.

Tice promised to send the Committee more details on the matter.



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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Bulldogs Put an End to Broncos Season in Quarters

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School football squad nearly put an end to the Bedford Bulldogs two-year unbeaten streak, but came up 10-points shy in the final minutes of their quarterfinal contest at Bedford High School on Saturday, falling to the home team 24-14.

The Broncos were com-

ing off a very well executed 33-10 victory over the Concord Crimson Tide one week earlier, in the first round of the NHIAA Division I Championship, and for a good part of the quarterfinal match-up against BHS, it looked like they'd be moving on the semi-finals, but Bedford was able to pull out of a 14-14 tie in the final minutes of the

fourth quarter for the win.

The Broncos finished the season with seven wins and four losses and were able to accomplish two very significant achievements. They hosted their very first Division I playoff game and the made it into their first quarterfinal game as a Division I team.

Coming into the game, AHS was seeded in the eighth spot, while Bedford earned the number one spot, by virtue of their second-straight perfect season. The win moved the team to 10-0 for the year.

The Broncos controlled all but the final minutes of the first half, scoring once in each quarter for a seven-point lead.

Junior running back Mike Landmesser finished with 77-yards rushing and a touchdown.

Senior quarterback Charlie Crawford went 13-28 in his final game of the season and finished with 123-yards passing. Crawford had one touchdown pass in the game, to senior Quintin Tetreault.

The Broncos shocked the Bedford fans in the first part of the game, intercepting a pass in the Bulldogs initial drive.

On third-and-six at the

Broncos 26-yard-line, senior Ryan Rocheleau picked off a pass at the AHS 30-yard line to spoil a BHS first-possession drive.

It then took just seven plays for the Broncos to get into the Bedford endzone for a 6-0 lead.

On the first play, Landmesser had a 27-yard run to the BHS 40-yard-line, followed by a 15-yard pass to Rocheleau.

The drive also featured a big 16-yard reception by senior tight-end Garrett Hall.

The drive ended with a four-yard touchdown run by Landmesser.

The extra-point was wide by senior kicker Shawn Boudreau for a 6-0 early lead.

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Junior running back Mike Landmesser had 77-yards rushing and a touchdown in the team's final game of the season. Photos by Chris Paul



Senior Ryan Rocheleau picked off a pass in the first quarter, leading to a touchdown in the first quarter.



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# Ferry Street Lot Gets Subdivision Request Approval

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Nov. 14 to hear a variance request for a proposed two-lot subdivision at 71 Ferry St. “The record shows that the multi-family building was constructed in the 1900s and there’s a second structure, a garage, that was also constructed in the 1900s,” noted Town Admin-

istrator Chris Sullivan. “There was nothing from the Town Engineer and nothing from the building inspector.”

Attorney Chris Drescher was at the meeting on behalf of the applicant to outline a case in favor of the variance request. The request would allow the subdivision to move forward with 70 feet of frontage in a location where

90 feet is required. “The house was built prior to the addition of zoning to the best of my knowledge by the Town of Hudson,” said Drescher. “Given the unique constraints of the property, relief is needed for the frontage. But the new proposed lot would otherwise be entirely zoning compliant with respect to all the setbacks, building area,

square footage, it’s just a little bit of frontage.”

The plan would add a small, second house on the new lot following the subdivision of the Ferry Street property. According to Drescher, it was technically possible to draw the lots with a 90-foot setback, but only by creating new regulatory issues like the need for a shared driveway. “The proposed use is

allowed, and the lot will have town water and sewer, so there’s no concern relative to water quantity or quality,” he said. “There’s nothing in this proposal that would negatively affect the public’s health, safety, and welfare. Since the area allows residential use, it will not alter that residential character of that neighborhood.” Drescher argued one

house would not seriously contribute to traffic and that granting the variance would add value to land that is currently just a grassy field. Members of the Zoning Board only had a few questions.

“Are there under properties around the property with 60-foot setbacks?” asked Board Tim Lanphear, who noticed there did not seem to be much adherence to the 90-foot setback in the area after looking at the tax map.

Sullivan noted that most homes in the area pre-dated setback regulations.

“For due diligence’s sake, do you have an idea of what the house will look like?” asked Board member Tristan Dion. “Just need to make sure it fits in with the neighborhood.”

There was a rough outline for a “regular, run-of-the-mill,” single-family home with two or three bedrooms, although no solid plan was available.

Without much debate, the Zoning Board unanimously voted to approve the variance request.

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Football

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The Broncos defense was able to successfully defend the following Bedford drive, forcing a fourth and six at their 28-yard line where they took over on downs at the 25-yard line.

Alvirne penalties negated a strong start to their second drive, forcing a punt after 10-plays, giving BHS the ball at their 21-yard line.

The Bronco had another strong defensive stand, giving their team the ball back after just three plays.

Starting their third drive of the game with seven minutes left in the game, Alvirne marched down field

in 12-plays for their second touchdown of the game.

The drive feature six Landmesser running plays, an 18-yard pass to Rocheleau for a first down and a pass to the wide-open Tetreault for a six-yard touchdown.

The Broncos made it a 14-0 lead with two-point-conversion pass to Tetreault, who was once again left wide-open.

With just over 1:30 left in the half, the Bulldogs were finally able to get into the endzone, scoring with 22-second left on the clock, making it 14-7.

Unfortunately for Broncos fans, the control of the game went away in the sec-

ond half.

Bedford scored at 4:41 in the third for a 14-14 tie.

Alvirne was unable to score in the remainder of the game and Bedford went ahead 21-14 with 4:14 left in the game.

Bedford was able to capitalize on an unsuccessful Alvirne fourth-and-ten on their-own 33-yard line.

The Bulldogs took over on downs and made it a one-score game with a 25-yard field goal with just over two-minutes on the clock.

With the 24-14 win, the Bulldogs are scheduled to play Pinkerton Academy (#4) on Friday night, at home in the seni-finals.



Senior Quintin Tetreault had two receptions in the Bulldog’s endzone during the quarterfinals in Bedford on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Shepherd's Hill Condos Granted Two-Year Extension

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Nov. 13 to discuss an extension request for the Shepherd's Hill Map site plan at Shadowbrook Drive. The original site plan was approved on Nov. 30, 2022, with the standard two-year expiration date. Project Engineer Paul C of Keach-Nordstrom Associates was at the meeting to make a presentation on behalf of the property owner.

"The basic reasoning for the extension is that this has been tied up a little bit on the legal end of things,"

explained Chisholm. "There was a dispute between some of the owners within the association. That has been cleaned up, it took awhile to get there, and now they're finishing up the Attorney General approval process."

Such a process is required for such disputes, delaying construction past the initial two-year period.

"On the construction end of things, I think they're lined up and ready to go once the legal stuff gets cleared up and out of the way," said Chisholm. "I wouldn't be surprised if it was a spring start or potentially even before that

depending on how everything shakes out."

Despite his optimism, Chisholm stopped short of committing to any start date for construction. Planning Board members had some questions regarding the delay.

"I think this is what, phase five of the project?" asked Board member James Crowley. I looked at earlier phases, and there wasn't a problem. Why all of a sudden?"

Crowley worried the project was still unresolved. Chisholm noted it was a condominium project, one he described as

"convoluted," with many involved parties. He theorized the disagreement came from a new development, although he was not entirely sure.

"I feel they've had sufficient time to work through everything. If we don't agree to this, it would come back to us and it wouldn't be a problem, but it would be required to follow all the new rules and laws that have been put into place since its last approval," said Board member Victor Oates. "I don't think we should continue to just kick the can down the road, let

them come back when they're ready. That way, with updated regulation, it'd just be a cleaner plan."

He noted that no exact commitment was given to starting construction within the next two years, even with an extension.


"There's two ways to look at this," said Board member Ed Van der Veen. "If they just sat on the property, stockpiled approval, and not done anything it'd be different. But they've obviously been actively trying to get this approved through the legal processes that they need to

get it approved through." Despite the lack of a construction start date, Van der Veen seemed confident the property owner was "on track to build."

"A denial of this would be devastating to the process, because they'd have to start all over again," said Chisholm.

The Board eventually voted to confirm the two-year extension, with Oates and Crowley in opposition.

The Planning Board is set to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



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# Board of Selectmen Approve One Bid Reject Another

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a bid for the Fire Department.

“The Hudson Fire Department has been working on a formal bidding process for our Occupational Physicals and Screenings Program as part of our Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award,” Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Tice explained that they went through the required bid process, however, in the end, they only received one bid.

“The sole bid did not meet all the specifications within the RFP and the total cost was higher than what we had estimated and budgeted for. It is our recommendation to reject the bid and put the RFP out again,”

Tice wrote in a memo.

Tice recommended that they reject the sole bid, and then go out for request proposals again, saying since then, they have had a few companies reach out to them, and that they think they can get a better bid.

“They were missing a few things, and were over budget,” Tice said about the sole bid they received.

The Board approved rejecting the sole bid.

Another agenda item during the meeting was in regards to a proposal by the police Department to sell one of its vehicles.

“The Hudson Police Department currently owns a 2008 Chevrolet Express Van which has been decommissioned due to significant safety issues including a rotted frame and brake lines,” Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Sel-

ectmen. “The safety issues are so significant the vehicle must be moved via a tow truck.”

It was explained by Dionne that the “sale of this vehicle was advertised on the town website, NH Municipal Association website, Facebook, and sent directly to four different vendors.”

“The minimum bid for the vehicles was set at \$500,” Dionne said.

The highest bid Dionne noted was for \$1,571, with another bid coming in at \$921.87.

It was approved by the Board to approve the sale to the highest bidder.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen was presented with a request to apply for grant funds.

“The Police Department requests to meet at the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on

Tuesday, Nov. 12 2024 to request approval to apply for the Operation Underground Railroad Rescue (OUR Rescue) Grant,” Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “OUR Rescue is a 501(c)(3) that works with Law

Enforcement Agencies in the United States by providing tools, training, and technology to enhance their capabilities in enforcing human trafficking and child exploitation laws. This grant would provide up to \$14,784.10 to upgrade the

police department’s current legacy Cellebrite system to the new Cellebrite Inseyets Online Pro.”

It was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to apply for the grant funds for up to \$14,784.10.

# Hudson Dancers Earn Roles in NEDE’s The Nutcracker

Talented young dancers from 15 Southern NH and Massachusetts towns auditioned for roles in the New England Dance Ensemble’s performing company in mid-September. Of the 95 selected dancers, ages 5-17, four were Hudson residents.

These members have each been cast in NEDE’s two upcoming professional performances of ‘The Nutcracker’, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday Dec. 1 at 4 p.m., at the Seifert Performing Arts Center, Salem, NH.

In this full-scale professional holiday production, aspiring dancers will be joined by guest artists from American Ballet Theater. Accompaniment will be provided by The NH Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Mark Latham.



Hudson NEDE dancers who will appear in the upcoming Nutcracker performance are Sarah Johnston, Brielle Ouellete, Nina Vaidya and Mia Ouellete.

Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they battle the Mouse King and embark on a journey through the Land of Sweets to meet the

Sugar Plum Fairy. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.nede.org](http://www.nede.org) or by calling 1-800-595-4TIX. Tickets on sale now!

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## Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, sponsored by the Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent #1 NH. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [Red-CrossBlood.org](http://Red-CrossBlood.org) and enter VFWHudson to schedule an appointment.

## Santa's Arrival

Hudson Lions Club Announces Santa's Arrival

Friday, Nov 29. The festivities will follow the Christmas tree lighting at Library Park, after which 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, and consider donating warm hats and mittens for those in need.

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dun-

geons & Dragons players? Come and grab a donut and play at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, Dec. 2 and 21, at 9:30 a.m.

## Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meet-

inghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

## Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies as we learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Library.

## Hannaford Book Bin

Aye, me mattie! There be a treasure chest of books for the pickin' at Hannaford Grocery Store in November to benefit Friends of the Library. Find this 'book booty' chest near the checkout lines. Donate a book in good condi-

tion, take a book or do both. There be a slot nearby for monetary donations to support Friends of the Library programs. Tell them Captain Jack Sparrow sent ya'.

## Book Donation Cancelled

The Friends of the Library must cancel their Dec. 12 Book Donation Day. Hopefully, donation days can resume in the future. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rogers Memorial Library website for updates.

## Book Sale Cancelled

The Secondhand Prose Booksale, is cancelled for Dec. 8 due to water damage at Hills Memorial Library basement. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rodgers Memorial

Library website for updates.

## Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Party

On Friday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m., at the Rodgers Library celebrate Thanksgiving Snoopy style. Enjoy toast, popcorn, and jelly beans. Play ping pong and complete a craft.

## Pajama Storytime

Come in your pajamas and enjoy songs and stories for the whole family with Miss Tanya on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m., a Rodgers Library.

## Dancing and Karaoke

American Legion Hudson Post 48 is offering Dancing and Karaoke with DJ Mike Friday, Nov. 22, from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole

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Until now, without proof of one or more of those qualifications, potential voters could sign a legal affidavit swearing and affirming the information. That exception no longer

exists. If you do not bring the proof with you, you will be unable to register to vote at that time.

Additionally, there was an opportunity at the polls to get your picture taken and sign an affidavit if you forgot your ID. That exception is also gone and failure to bring an acceptable photo ID will result in you being turned away at the polls.”

The law is HB 1569 – Laws of 2024, Chapter 378 -Relative to Eliminating

Voter Identification Exceptions. The law no longer authorizes an applicant when registering to vote to complete affidavits as an alternative means of proving their qualifications as a voter. If an applicant does not provide acceptable documentary proof of identity, age, United States citizenship, and/or domicile, they are not eligible to be registered to vote.

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Here are some examples of documents that applicants for voter registration can bring to the town

clerk’s office or to the supervisors of the checklist when they wish to Register to vote. A complete list of acceptable forms of ID, citizenship, and domicile can be found at [www.sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote](http://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote):

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- Identity and Age- driver’s license, government-issued photo ID, passport- NH residence - driver’s license, government-issued photo ID, lease agreement or a utility bill listing your primary residence address (Domicile). A vehicle registration if the listed address matches the domicile

address you list on the registration form.

While you can register to vote on election day, we urge and encourage you to register to vote before election day at the town clerk’s office or at a local supervisor of the checklist meeting. If you arrive to register and you do not have the proper documents, we will have to request that you retrieve the documents and return to register to vote. We desire that all eligible voters can register and vote in New Hampshire so please bring all your required documents when registering to vote. For more information, please reach out to the NH Secretary of State’s office, the town clerk’s office, or the supervisors of the checklist.

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located at 1 Fulton St. This event is open to members and Bona fide guests 21+, come listen to music even if you don't sing or dance. For more information call (603) 889-9777 after 11 a.m.

### Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays Dec. 3 and 10, at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Library. This event is for ages 3 - 5.

### Teen Hangout

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., (through Dec. 19) Teens are invited to relax the Rodgers Library teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available.

### Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rodgers library lawn.

### Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers 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.

### Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone

for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website [rodderslibrary.org](http://rodderslibrary.org)

### 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.

### A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., (except De. 24) come to the Rodger Library to Share tips, tricks, and stories while you work on your latest project and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts. Bring your own supplies and stitch the evening away.

### Movers & Shakers

On Wednesda, Dec. 4 and 11, at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler story-time for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities

for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

### PFOA Water Test

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

### BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

### Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers

Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

### Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment email [info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) if you have any questions.

## OBITUARY

### Richard “Ricky” Allen Lavoie



Richard “Ricky” Allen Lavoie, 65 of Hudson, NH passed away peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at the Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH surrounded by his loving wife, Linda (Sennett) Lavoie, sister, Susan (Lavoie) Higgins, son, Javier Navarrete-Rodriguez, and niece, Amanda Murphy.

Richard was born on Dec. 27, 1958 in Brighton, MA, son of the late Sonya (Coleron) Lavoie and Henry Lavoie.

Ricky grew up in Waltham, MA with his four siblings, where he attended local schools and graduated from Waltham Vocational High School in 1978. He had been employed at Pfizer Pharmaceutical in Andover, MA for 20 years until his retirement in 2021. Prior to that, Ricky, worked at Hewlett-Packard in both Andover, MA and Waltham, MA locations. He has been a longtime member of the Elks club Lexington-Waltham, MA No. 2204.

From a young age, Ricky always had a deep love for both playing and watching sports. He had a natural talent, and an impressive swing that won him many a youth baseball game and later in life won him many a golf game. Ricky was competitive in everything he did, and never said no to an adventure. He loved skiing, anything on the water, fishing, playing cribbage, and Ricky never said no to playing a game of Keno a love he developed from his late father-in-law, George Sennett.

Ricky was loved by everyone, and equally loved everyone. Even from a young age his friends and family meant the world to him. He and his wife, Linda just celebrated their 30th anniversary Aug. 27, 2024. When Ricky wasn't on an adventure, you could find him “relaxing”. He and his wife enjoyed hosting cookouts or dinners at home, and spending time with their grandson, Noah.

To know him was an honor.

Survivors include his loving wife, Linda (Sennett) Lavoie of Hudson, NH; son, Javier Navarrete-Rodriguez of Wilton, NH; Grandson, Noah; Sister, Susan (Lavoie) Higgins of Nashua, NH; Sister, Annie Lavoie of Somerville, MA; Nephews, Derek and Brian Higgins; Nieces, Christine Higgins and Amanda Murphy; and many close cousins and great nephews.

A time of visitation were held on Monday, Nov. 18 with a Service of Remembrance after in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be private. Anyone who knows Ricky knows he had a deep love for pets, especially his Benny and Penny aka Ye. In lieu of flowers in Ricky’s name please make a donation to: The Greater Derry Humane Society, Inc., 11 Beaver Lake Rd., Derry, NH 03038.

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