

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF HILL, NH
2016 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

POLLS OPENED: 11:00 am
At the Hill Public Library, located at 30 Crescent Street

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

NOTE: By law, the meeting must open before the voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and the polls will be open at 11:00AM for the consideration of Article 1. At noon, the meeting will recess but the polls shall remain open and shall not close until 7:00PM.

4:00 pm Town Clerk, Desiree Mahurin, appointed a Town Clerk Pro Temp to finish the Election Day. Ms. Mahurin excused herself due to illness per doctor orders to visit the emergency room. Anne Ford was appointed Town Clerk Pro Temp after Mrs. Ford recused herself as a Supervisor of the Checklist for the day.

POLLS CLOSED: 7:00 pm By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

Registered Voters on Checklist: 754
New Voters: 1
Total Registered Voters: 755

Ballots Cast: 118 15% of Registered Voters

The meeting will reconvene at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School on Thursday, March 10th, 2016 at 7:00PM to act on the remaining articles of this warrant.

Thursday, March 10, 2016

MEETING OPEND: 7:00 pm By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

ELECTIONS RESULTS READ By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

<p>SELECTMAN (VOTE FOR ONE) for 3 Years</p> <p>Alexander Anukem 46</p> <p>J. Michael Brady 72</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (VOTE FOR ONE) for 3 Years</p> <p>Write In:</p> <p>Sandy Boyce 18</p> <p>6 others w/ 1 vote each</p>
<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE (VOTE FOR FOUR) for 3 Years</p> <p>Denise Robie 107</p> <p>Write Ins:</p> <p>Gerard Desrochers 4</p> <p>Marc Coffin 2</p> <p>Joan Machado 2</p> <p>16 others w/ 1 vote each </p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (VOTE FOR ONE) for 1 year</p> <p>Kathleen Kelley 107</p> <p>Write In:</p> <p>Sandra Boyce 1</p>
<p>TREASURER (VOTE FOR ONE) for 1 year</p> <p>Judith Brady 113</p>	<p>TRUST FUND TRUSTEE (VOTE FOR ONE) for 3 years</p> <p>Write In:</p> <p>Winner to be drawn by lot 3 way tie w/1 vote each </p>
<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE (VOTE FOR ONE) for 3 years</p> <p>Write In:</p> <p>Stephen Rosen** 4</p> <p>9 others w/ 1 or 2 votes </p>	<p>MODERATOR (VOTE FOR ONE) for 2 years</p> <p>Gerard Desrochers 114</p>
<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE (VOTE FOR ONE) for 2 years</p> <p>Write In:</p> <p>Stephen Rosen** 4</p> <p>10 other w/ 1 vote each </p>	<p>Total Ballots cast = 118</p> <p>Registered Voters = 755</p> <p>15% of registered voters voted 3/8/2016</p> <p>**Candidate to decided which position to accept; remaining position becomes vacant until appointment made by Selectmen</p>

MODERATORS RULES OF MEETING READ By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers
 MOVED TO ACCEPT: Selectman, Thomas Seymour
 SECOND TO ACCEPT: Selectman, Mark Dow
 VOTED TO ACCEPT RULES FOR TOWN MEETING as presented by Moderator

VOTERS PRESENT: 73 10% of Registered Voters

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Selectman Thomas Seymour presented the following certificates of recognition:

Mark Dow	Selectman	2007-2016
Michael Stanley	Trust Fund Trustee	2002-2016
Nancy Chaddock	Trust Fund Trustee	2010-2016
Martha Jordan	Ballot Clerk	2007-2016

All of these individuals have served the above positions as well as other positions for the community. Their commitment and dedication to the Town of Hill is very appreciated and admired.

Moderator, Desrochers read an excerpt from the Town Meeting minutes of 1941 to commemorate the 75th year of the relocation of the Town of Hill from the Pemigewasset River due to the Flood Control Project.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the general municipal operations, exclusive of individual and special warrant articles:

	Approp. 2015	Selectmen 2016	Budget Committee 2016
Executive	\$41,100	\$48,821	\$50,665
Election, Reg & Stats.	\$52,622	\$56,051	\$55,551
Tax Collector	\$10,670	\$7,970	\$7,370
Reval of Property	\$11,100	\$11,100	\$11,100
Legal Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Personnel Admin.	\$22,900	\$10,400	\$10,400
Planning & Zoning	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,250
Gen. Govt. Bldg.	\$18,634	\$18,634	\$18,634
Cemeteries	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Insurance	\$15,315	\$9,080	\$9,080
Police	\$75,110	\$77,285	\$77,285
Ambulance	\$18,601	\$28,802	\$28,802
Fire	\$53,163	\$53,154	\$50,000
Emergency Management	\$1,475	\$1,475	\$1,475
Highways & Streets	\$323,190	\$335,894	\$329,754
Street Lighting	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Recon. of Highways	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$80,547	\$80,885	\$79,011
Water Services	\$130,443	\$130,443	\$130,443
Health Agencies	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
Welfare	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

Parks & Recreation	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$10,700
Library	\$27,365	\$27,365	\$27,365
Patriotic Purposes	\$800	\$750	\$750
Conservation	\$175	\$175	\$175
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$500	\$500	\$500
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	\$967,010	\$982,084	\$972,410

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Selectman, Mark Dow

DISCUSSION: None

ARTICLE 2 PASSED as MOVED \$972,410

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,500 to be deposited into the following capital reserve funds as indicated:

Archival Preservation	\$500
Building Improvement	\$6,000
Fire Heavy Equipment	\$10,000
Highway Heavy Equipment	\$35,000
Police Heavy Equipment	\$10,000
Road Improvements	\$12,000
Transfer Station	\$1,000
Wellhead Protection Area	\$1,000

(Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Selectman, Mark Dow

DISCUSSION: Selectman Seymour explained that the Board of Selectmen increased the Police Heavy Equipment account this year and adjusted the other accounts to come to the same total capital reserve funds as last year.

ARTICLE 3 PASSED as MOVED \$75,500

ARTICLE 4: (Submitted by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,750 to provide the Town Clerk/Tax Collector with health insurance coverage as a benefit. The Town will cover 85% of the cost and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be responsible for the remaining 15%. This is an elected part-time position. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Shaun Bresnahan, Jr.
Petitioned to be voted by ballot vote

DISCUSSION: Many comments of concern regarding the fact that this may set a precedent for other part-time positions; Selectman Seymour explained that this is not an employee position, but an elected official position and that there are no specific hours assigned to this position. It is a salary position and the hours depend on the functions and requirements of the job as mandated by the laws. The current Town Clerk/Tax Collector works 24 – 40 + hours a week and is only paid for the 24 hours; no additional wages are paid for excess hours; years of service = 20 years. Suggestion from the public was to set criteria based on years of service years, hours worked and the position; Selectmen Seymour stated that each future case would be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Some positive comments were made and some negative comments were made regarding this article.

VOTED BY BALLOT: YES = 12 NO = 60

ARTICLE 4 FAILED as MOVED

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future Office Equipment Purchases and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund and further to name the Selectmen as Agents to Expend from this Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Selectman, Mark Dow

DISCUSSION: Selectman Seymour explained that the intent of this account was to try to centralize such expenses in one area. Such an account would also help allow the town to recover if a large unanticipated failure of equipment occurs that was not budgeted for. Concerns were expressed about plans for the actual use of this fund.

ARTICLE 5 FAILED as MOVED

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to purchase a dumpster to house the electronics at the Transfer Station and to authorize the withdrawal of \$2,500 from the Transfer Station Improvements Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Selectman, Mark Dow

DISCUSSION: The annual rental of the current container = \$1,000 a year vs. purchase of a new container = \$2,500 once.

Questions were asked regarding the description in the warrant article as a dumpster. Selectman Seymour clarified it is a container. The description as a dumpster is not necessarily describing it way most people would picture a “dumpster.”

ARTICLE 6 PASSED as MOVED \$2,500

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,630 for the purpose of making the third payment of a five year non-escape lease to purchase a fire truck as approved at town meeting 2013, warrant article 4. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Mark Dow

DISCUSSION: NONE

ARTICLE 7 PASSED as MOVED \$21,630

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$39,196 from the Edwin W. Ferrin Memorial Trust as per the trust document to be deposited in the General Fund to offset General Government Expenses.

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Mark Dow

DISCUSSION: NONE

ARTICLE 8 PASSED as MOVED

BUDGET SUMMARY:	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PASSED</u>
ARTICLE 2 Operating Budget	\$972,410		972,410
ARTICLE 3 Capital Reserve	\$ 500	Archives	500
	\$ 6,000	Building	6,000
	\$ 10,000	Fire	10,000
	\$ 35,000	Highway	35,000
	\$ 10,000	Police	10,000
	\$ 12,000	Road	12,000
	\$ 1,000	Xfer St	1,000
	\$ 1,000	Wellhead	1,000
ARTICLE 4 TC/TX Insurance	\$ 6,750		0
ARTICLE 5 Office Equip	\$ 5,000		0
ARTICLE 6 Dumpster	\$ 2,500		2,500
ARTICLE 7 Fire Truck Lease	\$ 21,630		21,630
TOTAL RECOMMENDED	\$1,083,790		1,072,040

(NOTE: Maximum allowable increase to recommended budget (10%) = \$108,379)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:22 pm

MOVED: Michael Brady

SECOND: Steve Rousseau

Adjourned By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

Given under my hands and seal this 11th day of March, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Desiree L. Mahurin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Desiree L. Mahurin

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town of Hill, NH