

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF HILL, NH
2017 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

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.

ARTICLE 2: (To be voted by ballot on March 14, 2017)

Are you in favor of the following additions to the existing Town of Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board necessary to bring requirements pertaining to Accessory Dwellings into compliance with Senate Bill 146 as adopted and effective 6/1/17:

Article VI General Provisions

Section A: Definitions

Accessory Dwelling Unit – A residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies.

Article V Zoning District Regulations

Village District (Zone V)

Section B: Special Exceptions

4) One (1) Accessory Dwelling Unit per dwelling limited to a maximum size of 750 sq. ft. Property owner must occupy either the principal or the accessory dwelling unit. An interior door shall be provided between the principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit

YES or NO

ARTICLE 2 PASSED Yes 102 No 35

POLLS CLOSED: 7:00 pm

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

Registered Voters on Checklist:	790
New Voters:	1
Total Registered Voters:	791

Ballots Cast:	142	18% of Registered Voters
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The meeting will reconvene at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School on Thursday, March 16th, 2017 at 7:00PM to act on the remaining articles of this warrant.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

For the Town of Hill

By: Shelly J. Henry

March 14, 2017

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years

Thomas Seymour 117

Write In: 9 others with 1 or 2 votes each

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years – Vote for Four

Paul Meyerhoefer 102

George Robie 116

Write In: **Vickie Plante** 2

11 others with 1 vote each

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 2 Years – Vote for Two

Write In: Joe Mahoney 4

Vickie Plante 2

11 Others with 1 vote each

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year – Vote for One

Write In: Pat McDonough 2

11 Others with 1 vote each

TOWN CLERK

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Shelly Henry 85

Niki Mahoney 56

CHECKLIST SUPERVISORS

For 6 Years – Vote for One

Marie Stanley 125

Write In: Doris Elliott 1

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Write In: **Lisa Seymour** ** 4

6 Others with 1 vote each

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE

For 2 Years – Vote for One

Write In: Lisa Seymour** 3

4 Others with 1 vote each

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE

For 1 Year – Vote for One

Brenda Dupuis 115

Write In: Kathy Kelley 1

TREASURER

For 1 Year – Vote for One

Judith Brady 112

Write In: Kathy Kelley 1

Toni Dooley 1

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Lisa Seymour 114

Write In: Michael Hildreth 2

Kathy Kelley 1

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Write In: **Kathy Kelley** 15

10 Others with 1 or 2 votes each

Total Ballots Cast = 142

Registered Voters = 791

18% of registered voters voted 3/14/2017

**Candidate to decide which position to accept;
remaining position becomes vacant until appointment
made by Selectmen

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

MODERATORS RULES OF MEETING READ By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

MOVED TO ACCEPT: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECOND TO ACCEPT: Selectman, Robert Dupuis

VOTED TO ACCEPT RULES FOR TOWN MEETING as presented by Moderator

VOTERS PRESENT:

63

7% of Registered Voters

ARTICLE 3: 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. 2016	Selectmen 2017	Budget Committee 2017
Executive	\$50,665	\$47,740	\$47,740
Election, Reg & Stats.	\$55,551	\$54,369	\$54,369
Tax Collector	\$ 7,370	\$ 9,170	\$ 9,170
Reval of Property	\$11,100	\$11,400	\$11,400
Legal Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Personnel Admin	\$10,400	\$13,588	\$13,588
Planning & Zoning	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
Gen. Govt. Bldg.	\$18,634	\$18,634	\$18,634
Cemeteries	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Insurance	\$ 9,080	\$18,125	\$18,125
Police	\$77,285	\$77,285	\$77,285
Ambulance	\$28,802	\$23,727	\$23,727
Fire	\$50,000	\$50,861	\$50,861
Emergency Management	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,475
Highway & Streets	\$329,754	\$337,726	\$335,226
Street Lighting	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Recon. of Highways	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$79,011	\$79,457	\$79,457
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	\$10,117	\$10,117
Library	\$27,365	\$27,365	\$27,365
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750
Conservation	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175
Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$972,410	\$992,200	\$988,916

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Mike Brady

DISCUSSION: Brief discussion from the floor regarding wages for the Highway Department wages, funding for the Library, Insurance cost increase, and unreserved fund balance from 2016.

AMENDMENT #1: Increase the Library budget by \$3,700.00 to maintain current level of services.

AMENDMENT MOVED: Barbara Libby

AMENDMENT SECONDED: Kathy Kelley

AMENDMENT DISCUSSION: Without the additional funding the library will need to reduce services, i.e. reduction in hours, programs, and books.

AMENDMENT PASSED

ARTICLE 3 PASSED as AMENDED \$992,616

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,500 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	\$5,000
Road Improvements	\$20,000
Gravel Crushing	\$20,000
Transfer Station	\$1,000
Wellhead Protection Area	\$1,000

(Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Voter and Budget Committee Member, Paul Meyerhoefer stood and requested Article 4 tabled until consideration of upcoming articles and their associated costs.

ARTICLE 4 TABLED \$98,500

ARTICLE 4

MOVED for RECONSIDERATION: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

RECONSIDERATION PASSED

DISCUSSION: Brief discussion surrounding Building Improvement capital reserve fund and its intended use. Lisa Seymour, Budget Committee Chairperson, spoke to perhaps reducing the Gravel Crushing from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

AMENDMENT #1: Reduce Gravel Crushing Capital Reserve amount to \$10,000, reducing capital reserve appropriations to \$88,500.

AMENDMENT MOVED: Lisa Seymour

AMENDMENT SECONDED: Selectman, Mike Brady

AMENDMENT DISCUSSION: Discussion from the floor and questions asked of Road Agent, Dean Stevenson, regarding when crushing is needed, what current level of gravel is, and what levels should be maintained at.

AMENDMENT #1: FAILED

AMENDMENT #2: Reduce Road Improvements to \$10,000, reducing capital reserve appropriations to \$88,500.

AMENDMENT MOVED: Pat Lynch

AMENDMENT SECONDED: Grace Hammond

DISCUSSION: Brief discussion regarding planned road improvements and cost.

AMENDMENT #2: FAILED

AMENDMENT #3: Reduce Road Improvements to \$0.00, reducing capital reserve appropriations to \$78,500.

AMENDMENT MOVED: Shaun Bresnahan

AMENDMENT SECONDED: Joe Mahoney

AMENDMENT #3: PASSED

ARTICLE 4 PASSED as AMENDED \$78,500

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$22,400 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, Bob Dupuis

SECONDED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

DISCUSSION: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers, explained that he read Article 5 with the figure of \$22,400 and explained that there had been an error in printing the Town Report; the figure was mistakenly entered in the report as \$39,196.

ARTICLE 5 PASSED as MOVED

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,630 for the purpose of making the fourth 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 Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

ARTICLE 6 PASSED

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to purchase a Police Cruiser and required equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of \$26,000 from the Police Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the remainder of \$9,000 to be funded by the unreserved fund balance. No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Mike Brady

DISCUSSION: Selectman Brady indicates there are insufficient funds for this article due to the tabling of Article 4.

Article 4 Moved for reconsideration: Voter

Reconsideration Seconded: Voter

Reconsideration of Article 4: PASSED

After reconsideration of Article 4,

Article 7 MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

ARTICLE 7 PASSED unanimously

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,100 to replenish the Emergency Repair and Replacement Expendable Trust Fund to be funded by the unreserved fund balance. No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONCED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

ARTICLE 8 PASSED unanimously

Article 9: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services, or is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Hill under RSA 72:28.

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Selectman Brady recognized Anson Libby for bringing this article to the attention of the Selectboard. Brief discussion regarding if there is a known number of veterans that may come forward and what the possible impact would be on remaining tax payers.

ARTICLE 9 PASSED unanimously

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of removing and replacing the sidewalks in the Village District. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by Selectmen)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Selectman Brady explains that is issue was being brought to the voters as sidewalks should be maintained as extensions of our roads. Possible options for the sidewalks were discussed including removal and replacement. Voters felt this was a great expense to take on all in one year. Voter suggested this article be tabled for 2017 and brought back in the future as a capital reserve fund.

Voter, Desiree Mahurin, made the motion to TABLE Article 10

TABLE MOVED: Voter

SECONDED: Voter

TABLE ARTICLE 10: PASSED

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$124,000 to purchase a Backhoe/Loader and to authorize the withdrawal of \$70,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the remainder of \$54,000 to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Mike Brady

DISCUSSION: Voter requested description of Backhoe/Loader to be purchased and what would happen to Backhoe/Loader being replaced. Another voter raised the idea of considering a used piece of equipment. Repair options for the existing Backhoe/Loader were also discussed.

ARTICLE 11 PASSED

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of elected budget committee members-at-large to nine (9) in accordance with the provisions of RSA 32:15 paragraph IV

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Voter briefly mentioned that not enough residents are taking an interest in positions. Budget Committee positions have been increasingly harder to fill.

ARTICLE 12 PASSED unanimously

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1975 vote to reserve Village lots 85 to 95 for the use of the Hill School District for construction of a new school and to reaffirm the 1999 vote to reserve lot R06-027, a 26 acre parcel on Dearborn Road, for the Hill School District to use to build a new school if needed.

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Bob Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Selectman Brady explained that this article was presented as a 'housekeeping' issue that should have been taken care of in 1999 when lot R06-027 was reserved for the Hill School District. There was discussion from various voters regarding whether or not if passed would the village lots be sold and what impact that may have on growth for the town/school.

ARTICLE 13

PASSED

BUDGET SUMMARY:	RECOMMENDED	AMENDMENT	PASSED
ARTICLE 3 Operating Budget	\$988,916	+\$3,700 (Library)	\$992,616
ARTICLE 4 Capital Reserve	\$500 Archives		\$500
	\$6,000 Building		\$6,000
	\$10,000 Fire		\$10,000
	\$35,000 Highway		\$35,000
	\$5,000 Police		\$5,000
	\$20,000 Road	-\$20,000	\$0.00
	\$20,000 Gravel Crushing		\$20,000
	\$1,000 Transfer Station		\$1,000
	\$1,000 Wellhead		\$1,000
ARTICLE 6 Fire Truck Lease	\$21,630		\$21,630
ARTICLE 8 Emergency R & R	\$2,100		\$2,100
ARTICLE 10 Sidewalks	\$100,000 (recommended by Board of Selectmen)		\$0.00
ARTICLE 11 Backhoe/Loader	\$54,000		\$54,000
Total Recommended	\$1,265,146.00		\$1,148,846.00

Prior to adjournment, Road Agent Dean Stevenson raised discussion about a possible logging operation in the Village District. He stated there were many large pine trees that pose possible danger to nearby homes.

There was also a plea from the Selectboard for volunteers for many Town Boards and Committees. It was explained that there is an extreme need in the Town of Hill more residents to become involved.

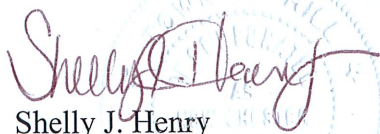
MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:15

MOVED: Voter

SECOND: Voter

Adjourned By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

Given under my hands and seal this 27th day of March, 2017



Shelly J. Henry
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Town of Hill, NH