

**Hill Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018**

Present: Jerry Desrochers (Vice-Chairperson), Kristen Cunningham, Shelly Henry (School Board), Bill Wilson, Denise Robie, Charlie Henry, Tom Seymour (Selectperson), Eric Herr, Paul Meyerhoefer (Secretary)

Absent: Charlie Estes, Joe Mahoney, Paula McDonough, Patrick McDonough

Public: 6 persons

Public Hearing 2018 Town Budget

Jerry opened Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

4130 Executive \$ 71,306.93

Question on why increase over 2017?

Added more hours and wages to Admin. Assistant

Looking to purchase Fire Proof cabinet for Property cards

Purchase new computers

Question on 2 audits

Late billing of for previous audits

Comment that even if budget were level funded revenues are down so tax rate would still increase

4140 Town Clerk \$ 55,590.00

no question

4150 Tax Collection \$ 8,270.00

no question

4152 Reval. of Property \$ 11,475.00

Question on software

Software is from Avitar

4153 Legal \$ 4,000.00

no question

4155 Personal Admin. \$ 12,970.00

no question

4191 Planning & Zoning \$ 4,100.00

Question on increase costs

Legal costs for current items

4194 Gen. Govt. Building \$ 18,634.00

Question on Town Hall needing roofing

Have Capitol Reserve funds available around \$ 30,000.00 if needed.

4195 Cemeteries \$ 5,000.00

no question

4196 Insurance \$ 15,811.00

Question on cost

Changed for better pricing

4210 Police \$ 96,073.00

Question on increase

Wage increase for Chief no increases were given to this position for past 2 years

4215 Ambulance \$ 32,389.00

Bristol sets rate

4220 Fire \$ 51,205.00

Move \$ 5,000.00 to Health Agencies

4290 Emergency Management \$ 1,475.00

no question

4312 Highways \$ 349,427.00

Question on motor replacement

Used funds in budget to make repairs

4316 Lighting \$ 6,000.00

no question

4319 Highway Construction \$ 47,000.00

no question

4324 Solid Waste Disposal \$ 80,659.00

Need to fix entrance road to dump

Railings for Recycling dumpster

\$ 17, 200.00 in Transfer station improvement fund

4332 Water Services \$ 130,500.00

no question

4411 Health Administration \$ 5,000.00

new line for Health Officer

4415 Health Agencies & Hosp. \$ 5,100.00

no question

4440 Welfare \$ 5,000.00

no question

4520 Parks & Rec. \$ 12,084.00

Increase due to sharing costs more evenly among participating communities

4550 Library \$ 19,380.00

Comment on Library budget reduction on hours. New wages based on 32 hrs. for 13 weeks with remainder of weeks at 12 hrs. for 2018. Some concern on current programs and how they would be affected, also question on how state inter library exchange pick-ups would be scheduled. Library tries to be as community friendly as possible.

4483 Patriotic Purposes \$ 400.00

no question

4619 Conservation \$ 175.00

no question

4723 Interest on Tan \$ 500.00

no question

4902 Machine, Vehicle & Equipment \$ 21,213.00

Last of Lease payments

4915 Capitol Reserve Fund \$ 78,500.00

Warrant Articles

Cash in Water Budget for generator

Warrant Articles need to show Planning Board changes

Extra monies going into Capitol Reserve Fund could be spent on current projects. Where \$ 44,000.00 sit know

Closed Public Hearing at 9:22 p.m.

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Comment that overall budget is roughly a 10% increase over last year. Felt most workers won't receive a 10 % raise making it difficult for some to meet town obligations.

4130 Executive \$ 66,941.00

Jerry motion to move number Paul 2nd motion, vote was 5 yes 3 no 1 abstained

4140 Town Clerk \$ 55,590.00

Tom motion to move number Eric 2nd motion, vote was unanimous

4150 Tax Collection \$ 8,270.00

Eric motion to move number Tom 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4152 Reval. of Property \$ 11,475.00

Eric motion to move number Tom 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4153 Legal Expense \$ 4,000.00

Eric motion to move \$ 3,000.00 Denise 2nd motion vote was 2 yes 6 no 1 abstained

Gerry motion to move \$ 4,000.00 Tom 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4155 Personnel Admin. \$ 12,970.00

Shelly motion to move number Kristen 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4191 Planning and Zoning \$ 4,100.00

Jerry motion to move number Shelly 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4194 General Govt. Buildings \$ 18,634.00

Eric made motion to move number Kristen 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4195 Cemeteries \$ 5,000.00

Eric motion to move number Kristen 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4196 Insurance \$ 15,811.00

Eric motion to move number Denise 2nd motion vote was unanimous

4210 Police \$ 94,282.00

Tom motion to move number Bill 2nd motion

Eric motion to change hourly wage from \$ 5.00 to \$ 4.00 Paul 2nd motion vote was 5 yes 4 no

Vote on motion as amended 5 yes 4 no

Eric motion to pull out 4312 Highway vote was unanimous

4312 Highway \$ 340,293.00

Paul motion to level fund budget with 3% wage increase Eric 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Eric motion to accept other budget lines as recommended Tom 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Revenues

Eric motion to accept revenue figures Tom 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Warrant Articles

Article: Town to raise sum of \$ 78,500 to be deposited in capital reserve funds

Tom motion to recommend Shelly 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Article: Town to raise sum of \$ 21,213.35 for purpose of making final payment of a five year non-escape lease for purchase of fire truck

Tom motion to recommend Denise 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Article: Town to transfer \$ 44,427.71 from Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund to Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Tom motion to recommend Kristen 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Article: Town to raise \$ 115,000.00 for Engineering Plans for repair of the Bunker Hill Bridge, \$92,000.00 to be paid from the State of NH Bridge Fund and \$ 23,000.00 from the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Tom motion to recommend Shelly 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Article: Town to raise \$ 11,625.00 for a new Everest MC960-RR85 with power angle plow with hydraulic lines for International Truck

Tom motion to recommend Kristen 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Article: Town to raise \$ 65,000.00 for purchase and installation of back up generator at Hill Water Works pump house, 50% from grant funding, 50% from Hill Water Works funds and Town of Hill in-kind services, no money to come from taxation

Tom motion to recommend Bill 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Article: Town to raise \$ 2,100.00 to replenish Emergency Repair and Replacement Fund to be funded by the unreserved fund balance, no money to be raised by taxation

Tom motion to recommend Bill 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Article: Town to raise \$ 20,000.00 for repairs to grader

Comment on putting money into older machine possibly rent as needed

Tom motion to recommend Bill 2nd motion vote was 5 yes 4 no

Footnote: (upon review of minutes DRA disallowed money going into Bridge Capital Reserve, Selectmen did not need another \$ 2,100.00 article)

Bill discussed beautification project in village of replacing trees and beginning sidewalk work remove and loam Highway Dept. felt they could do work to lower cost

Jerry motion to adjourn Tom 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Next meeting Febuary 21 at 7:00 p.m. at school

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Meyerhoefer