

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF HILL, NH
2018 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

POLLS OPENED: 11am

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.

ARTICLE 2: (To be voted by ballot on March 13, 2018)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Replacing the current definition of Article IV: General Provisions: A. Definitions: Frontage. The term "street" is vague from a legal standpoint. The proposed definition is more specific and intended to clarify the definition of road frontage. The new definition will be:

The length of a lot bordering on a town maintained class V highway, a state-maintained highway (not including limited access highways or class VI roads) or a street within a subdivision shown on a subdivision plan approved by the planning board. Frontage on different streets is not additive for meeting zoning, building or subdivision requirements.

YES 88 or **NO 16**

ARTICLE 3: (To be voted by ballot on March 13, 2018)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Replacing the current definition of Article IV: General Provisions: A. Definitions: Home Occupation and adding to Article IV: General Provisions a Section K Home Occupations which provides guidelines for conduct of home occupations in the town. The proposed amendment seeks to provide a much clearer definition of what was intended in the original zoning ordinance adopted in 1988 and sets clearer limits on home occupation type business activities, mostly applicable to the village and rural residential areas. The amendment states that the home occupation must clearly be incidental and secondary to the use of the property as a residential dwelling and the scope, operation and appearance of the business be confined to the interior of the residence or an accessory building. The business operation may not change the residential or rural character of the neighborhood. Home occupations will be conducted by not more than four persons (one who must be a property owner) and the number of home occupation enterprises on a property is limited to two. Home occupations will not utilize more than 1000 square feet of the residence or accessory building without planning board approval. Signs and business related vehicles (cars, vans and small trucks) are allowed outside. Adverse

effects on neighboring properties from noise, bright light, dust or fumes is not allowed. Outside display or storage of materials or goods is not allowed. A permit, approved by the planning board, must be obtained for any new home occupations. Existing home occupations are "grandfathered".

YES 80 or **NO 24**

ARTICLE 4: (To be voted by ballot on March 13, 2018)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Expanding the commercial district to include all properties bordering the western side of NH Route 3A from Liden Road to Murray Hill Road, but not including the corner lot (R10-10) at the intersection of Route 3A and Murray Hill Road. Two land-locked town owned parcels, which generally encompass the eastern slope of Huses Mountain, will be included. A small lot behind the abandoned gas station will also be included.

YES 71 or **NO 31**

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

POLLS CLOSED: 7:00 PM

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

Registered Voters on Checklist: 773

New Voters: 2

Total Registered Voters: 775

Ballots Cast: 105

13.5% of Registered Voters

The meeting will reconvene at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School on Thursday, March 15, 2018 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 13, 2018

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years

Robert Dupuis 86

Write In: 3 others with 1 vote each

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years – Vote for Three

Patrick McDonough 83Write In: **Charles Henry** 6
Eric Herr 6

9 others with 1 vote each

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 2 Years – Vote for Two

Kristen Cunningham 89
Charles Estes 70

3 Others with 1 vote each

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year – Vote for One

George Wilson 92**CHECKLIST SUPERVISORS**

For 6 Years – Vote for One

Elizabeth Meyerhoefer 92

1 other with 1 vote

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Write In: **Shaun Bresnahan Jr.** 7

4 Others with 1 vote each

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE

For 1 Year – Vote for One

Write In: **Brenda Dupuis** 7
4 Others with 1 vote each**TREASURER**

For 1 Year – Vote for One

Judith Brady 90**CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Stephen Rosen 97

1 Other with 1 vote

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Write In: **Lucy Natkiel** 12

10 Others with 1 or 2 votes each

MODERATOR

For 2 years – Vote for One

Gerard Desrochers 97**Total Ballots Cast = 105****Registered Voters = 775****13.50% of voters voted on 3/13/2018**

Thursday, March 15, 2018

MEETING OPENED: 7:04pm

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE LEB BY: Thomas Seymour

ELECTION RESULTS READ:

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Recognition of George Robie with a moment of silence by Thomas Seymour. The 2017 Town Report was dedicated to George Robie.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the repairs to the Grader. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Thomas Seymour**SECONDED:** Robert Dupuis**DISCUSSION:** Mike Brady motioned to table Article 5. Seconded by Robert Dupuis.**ARTICLE 5 Tabled**

Prior to moving to Article 6, Moderator Jerry Desrocher moved to adopt the Moderators' Proposed Rules located on page 3 of the Town Report.

MOVED: Robert Dupuis**SECONDED:** Mike Brady**MOTION: PASSED**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended budget of \$1,034,233 for the general municipal operations, exclusive of individual and special warrant articles. (The Selectmen Recommend \$1,061,209).

| | Approp. 2017 | Selectmen 2018 | Budget Committee 2018 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Executive | \$47,740 | \$71,307 | \$66,941 |
| Town Clerk | \$54,369 | \$55,590 | \$55,590 |
| Tax Collector | \$9,170 | \$8,270 | \$8,270 |
| Reval of Property | \$11,400 | \$11,475 | \$11,475 |
| Legal Expenses | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Personnel Admin. | \$13,588 | \$12,970 | \$12,970 |
| Planning & Zoning | \$1,250 | \$4,100 | \$4,100 |
| Gen. Govt. Bldg. | \$18,634 | \$18,634 | \$18,634 |
| Cemeteries | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Insurance | \$18,125 | \$15,811 | \$15,811 |
| Police | \$82,444 | \$96,073 | \$94,282 |

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| Ambulance | \$23,727 | \$32,389 | \$32,389 |
| Fire | \$50,861 | \$51,205 | \$51,205 |
| Emergency Management | \$1,475 | \$1,475 | \$1,475 |
| Highways & Streets | \$335,226 | \$349,427 | \$340,293 |
| Street Lighting | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 |
| Recon. of Highways | \$47,000 | \$47,000 | \$47,000 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | \$79,457 | \$80,659 | \$80,659 |
| Water Services | \$130,443 | \$130,500 | \$130,500 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Health Agencies | \$5,100 | \$5,100 | \$5,100 |
| Welfare | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Parks & Recreation | \$10,117 | \$12,084 | \$12,084 |
| Library | \$31,065 | \$31,065 | \$19,380 |
| Patriotic Purposes | \$750 | \$400 | \$400 |
| Conservation | \$175 | \$175 | \$175 |
| Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET: | \$992,616 | \$1,061,209 | \$1,034,233 |

MOVED: Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Robert Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Tom recognized all of the hard work of the Budget Committee and how refreshing it was to work with a full committee.

AMENDMENT: Tom motioned to amend the Highways and Streets line to increase the total to \$360,293 to now include the \$20,000 from Article 5. Reason being the \$20,000 in Article 5 was very limited in use; moving to Highways and Streets will allow for repair or rental of a grader which ever makes the most sense based on the current state of our town grader.

SECONDED: Mike Brady

MOTION: PASSED

AMENDMENT: Jennifer Davis motioned to amend the Library line to increase the Budget Committee recommendation by \$11,685 to restore the Library to the Selectmens' recommendation of \$31,065.

SECONDED: FROM THE FLOOR

There was much discussion about the number of hours, lack of patronage, and future of the Library. Many felt the Library functions as more than a Library and serves as a gathering place for our community.

Ballot vote was requested.

PASSED: 50 Yes 22 No

ARTICLE 6, Total Operation Budget of \$1,065,918, MOVED : Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Mike Brady

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,500 to be deposited into the following capital reserve funds as indicated:

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 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 |
| Transfer Station | \$1,000 |
| Wellhead Protection Area | \$1,000 |

(Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: Mike Brady
SECONDED: Robert Dupuis

DISCUSSION: None

ARTICLE 7: PASSED

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$79,222.34 from the Edwin F. Ferrin Memorial Trust as per the trust document to be deposited in the General Fund to offset General Government Expenses.

MOVED: Thomas Seymour
SECONDED: Robert Dupuis

DISCUSSION: None

ARTICLE 8: PASSED

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,213.35 for the purpose of making the final 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: Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Mike Brady

DISCUSSION: None

ARTICLE 9: PASSED

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$115,000 for the Engineering Plans for the repair of the Bunker Hill Road Bridge, with \$92,000 from the State of NH Bridge Fund and \$23,000 from the Bridge Repair & Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. No money to come from Taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Mike Brady

DISCUSSION: Discussion regarding cost, estimated at approximately \$300,000. Options for possible travel in the meantime were discussed. Selectmen state the estimated repair date may be as early as July, 2019.

ARTICLE 10: PASSED

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to sell to the Hill Village Bible Church that portion of Town Tract #6 V-TT-6 currently leased by the Hill Village Bible Church for the sum of \$10,000.00. All costs for the subdivision, title and transfer fees to be paid by the Church. This to be added to lot V-144 and this lot may not be combined with any other lot. Any construction will be subject to a site plan review by the Hill Planning Board and must ensure to allow for open access to the Jennie D. Blake School parking lot.

MOVED: Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Robert Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Question was raised on how cost was arrived at – an appraiser was used. He compared to similarly sized lots. Property is currently under a 99 year lease to the church. Discussion on how the church will use the property if Article 11 passes. Church is growing and the need to accommodate more is needed. Access road may be moved but there would still be access to the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School parking lot. Ballot vote was requested.

ARTICLE 11: PASSED 52 Yes 25 No

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,625.00 for a new Everest MC960-RR85 with power angle plow with hydraulic lines for the International Truck. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

MOVED: Robert Dupuis

SECONDED: Thomas Seymour

DISCUSSION: Question was asked as to what a 'Everest MC960-RR85' is? Answer: A new plow for International Truck and a question was raised regarding whether or not the funds could have come from Highway Capital Reserve.

ARTICLE 12: PASSED

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 for the purchase and installation of a back-up generator at the Hill Water Works pump house. Fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the project is to come from an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and fifty percent (50%) from Hill Water Works funds and Town of Hill "in-kind" services. No money to come from Taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the generator installation is complete or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner.

MOVED: Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Robert Dupuis

DISCUSSION: Brief discussion on reason for the generator and what "in-kind" services refers to. Jerry Desrochers spoke on behalf of the Water Commissioners. Commissioners were concerned with our recent, frequent power outages. With the last one in October, water levels were very low.

ARTICLE 13: PASSED

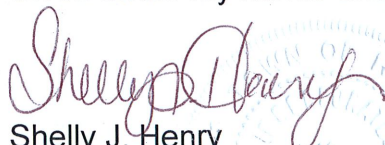
MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:07pm

MOVED: Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Mike Brady

Adjourned By: Moderator, Jerry Desrochers

Given under my hands and seal this 29th day of March, 2018


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

