

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF HILL, NH  
2019 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

**POLLS OPENED:**

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 12, 2019)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Add the following definitions to Article IV: General Provisions: A. Definitions:

Junk: Any old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous metals, bottles, rags, batteries, paper, trash, food waste, vegetation, rubber, construction debris, two or more unregistered motor vehicles, used parts and materials of motor vehicles, and other secondhand or waste articles.

Junk Yard: A lot, land or structure, or part thereof, used for the collecting, storage or sale of Junk.

Add the following provision to Article IV: General Provisions: Section L:

Junk Yard: No land in any zoning district shall be used for storage or disposal of junk, the accumulation of which is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood or negatively affects the aesthetics of the neighborhood. However, registered automotive repair services may store a maximum of four (4) unregistered or inoperable motor vehicles not located in a permanent structure or behind fencing, screening or natural barrier that prevents visibility from adjoining properties or roadways, at their principal place of business.

**Yes 80      No 25**

**ARTICLE 3:** (To be voted by ballot on March 12, 2019)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Remove the current Article X: Penalty and replace with the following:

**Article X Penalty:**

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed a violation and the violator shall be liable to a fine as authorized by RSA 676:17 and subject to an order to cease and desist as authorized by RSA 676:17-a, injunctive relief as authorized by RSA 676:15, and local land use citation as authorized by RSA 676:17-b.

**Yes 73**      No 29

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: 7:00PM

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

Registered Voters on Checklist: 788

New Voters: 4

Total Registered Voters: 792

Ballots: 118

14.9% of Registered Voters

The meeting will reconvene at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School on Thursday, March 14, 2019 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 12, 2019

**SELECTMEN**

For 3 Years

**J. Michael Brady** 95

Write In: 5 others with 3 votes or fewer each

**TRUST FUND TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Write In: **E. Russ Bailey** 13

8 Others with 2 votes or fewer each

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for Three

**Steve Yannuzzi** 94Write In: **Gerard Desrochers** 23  
**Paula McDonough** 4

9 others with 2 votes or fewer each

**TREASURER**

For 1 Year – Vote for One

**Judith Brady** 109**CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

Write In: **Shaun Bresnahan** 15

7 Others with 1 vote each

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For 2 Years – Vote for One

**George Wilson** 1021 with 6 votes  
1 with 1 vote**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

**Sandra Boyce** 105

2 Others with 1 vote each

**CHECKLIST SUPERVISORS**

For 6 Years – Vote for One

**Anne Ford** 107**Total Ballots Cast = 118****Registered Voters = 792****14.9% of voters voted on 3/12/2019**

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

MEETING OPENED: 7:02pm

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:

Robert Dupuis

ELECTION RESULTS READ:

By: Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

In opening, a motion was made by the Moderator, Gerard Desrochers, to accept the Moderators' Proposed Rules found on Page 3 of the Town Report.

Motion was moved from the floor

Seconded from the floor

**Motion: PASSED**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended budget of \$1,140,453 for the general municipal operations, exclusive of individual and special warrant articles. (The Selectmen Recommend \$1,140,453).

	Approp. 2018	Selectmen 2019	Budget Committee 2019
Executive	\$66,941	\$72,491	\$72,491
Town Clerk	\$55,590	\$58,385	\$58,385
Tax Collector	\$8,270	\$7,970	\$7,970
Reval of Property	\$11,475	\$11,526	\$11,526
Legal Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Personnel Admin.	\$12,970	\$23,337	\$23,337
Planning & Zoning	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$4,100
Gen. Govt. Bldg.	\$18,634	\$18,634	\$18,634
Cemeteries	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Insurance	\$15,811	\$16,092	\$16,092
Police	\$94,282	\$95,858	\$95,858
Ambulance	\$32,389	\$32,740	\$32,740
Fire	\$51,206	\$70,345	\$70,345
Emergency Management	\$1,475	\$1,475	\$1,475
Highways & Streets	\$360,292	\$386,752	\$386,752
Street Lighting	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Recon. of Highways	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$80,659	\$82,338	\$82,338
Water Services	\$130,500	\$138,000	\$138,000
Administration	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Health Agencies	\$5,100	\$5,700	\$5,700
Welfare	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Parks & Recreation	\$12,084	\$12,920	\$12,920

Library	\$31,065	\$31,065	\$31,065
Patriotic Purposes	\$400	\$550	\$550
Conservation	\$175	\$175	\$175
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$500	\$500	\$500
 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	 \$1,065,918	 \$1,140,453	 \$1,140,453

**MOVED:** Thomas Seymour

**SECONDED:** Robert Dupuis

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Thomas Seymour, commented on a great job by the Budget Committee. The Committee spent time on and with each department reviewing the budget thoroughly. Shaun Bresnahan, Jr. spoke briefly about an overall increase in the Town budget of about 11%.

**MOTION: PASSED**

**ARTICLE 5:** 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	\$30,000
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:** Thomas Seymour

**SECONDED:** Mike Brady

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Thomas Seymour spoke of this article as planning for future expenses and being able to maintain what we currently have. Anson Libby questioned the increase in the Fire Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Thomas Seymour explained the final payment on the lease of the fire truck has been made and that we now need to start planning for the next fire heavy equipment expense.

**MOTION: PASSED**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$60,082.67 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:** Mike Brady

**SECONDED:** Robert Dupuis

**AMENDMENT:** Shaun Bresnahan, Jr. motioned to amend the figure to \$43,080.73 as there had been an error in the calculation originally.

**SECONDED:** Robert Dupuis

**DISCUSSION:** Joann Irving questioned whether or not we should be using these funds. Should we be letting the account increase? It was explained that the fund was established to allow the town to use a percentage of the interest for this purpose.

**AMENDMENT: PASSED**

**MOTION: PASSED**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500,000.00 for the Final Engineering Plans, Bid Process, Engineering Support and Construction for the repair of the Bunker Hill Road Bridge with \$400,000.00 to come from the State of NH Bridge Fund, \$38,000.00 from the Bridge Repair and Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, and \$62,000.00 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No money to come from Taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the bridge is complete or December 31, 2024. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

**MOVED:** Thomas Seymour

**SECONDED:** Mike Brady

**DISCUSSION:** Shaun Bresnahan, Jr. inquired about the proposed plan. Selectman, Mike Brady explained the abutments look good and gave a description of what would take place in regards to the repair of the bridge. Tom Seymour stated the project should begin in July 2019 and be completed in the Fall.

**MOTION: PASSED**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,341.19 to replenish the Emergency Repair and Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee)

**MOVED:** Thomas Seymour

**SECONDED:** Mike Brady

**DISCUSSION:** Carol Snow-Asher requested an explanation of this article. Selectman, Mike Brady, explained that funds were used to repair the emergency shelter generator located outside the school.

**MOTION: PASSED**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19 – a for the removal, repair, and/or replace the sidewalks in the village and raise and appropriate \$25,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommendations Required. Majority vote required. (Petitioned Warrant Article) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

**MOVED:** Thomas Seymour

**SECONDED:** Mike Brady

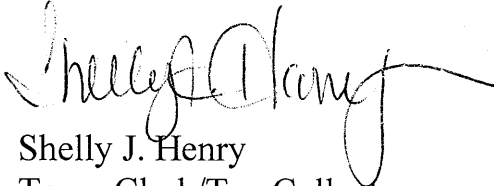
**DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Thomas Seymour, explained that the sidewalks are a liability issue for the town and they need to be addressed. A great deal of discussion surrounded this article from many in the audience. Many questioned what the plan would be; is there a plan? Some suggested the sidewalks be removed and loamed over. Others wanted to see them restored. Restoring the sidewalks would require ongoing funding for maintenance. Mr. Bill Wilson explained that he created this petition warrant article as nothing has been done to the sidewalks since he moved to town over 40 years ago. Jerry Desrochers explained original thought was to start a capital reserve fund to begin the process and the plan would be determined along the way by the selectmen. After lengthy discussion the question was called.

**MOTION: PASSED**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00PM**

**By:** Moderator, Gerard Desrochers

Given under my hands and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelly J. Henry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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