

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF HILL, NH
2020 WARRANT ARTICLES**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

POLLS OPENED: 11:00AM

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 11:00 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: 762

New Voters: 7

Total Registered Voters: 769

Ballots: 153

20% of Registered Voters

The meeting will reconvene at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School on Thursday, March 12th 2020 at 7:00 PM to act on the remaining articles of this warrant.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

For the Town of Hill

By: Shelly J. Henry

March 10, 2020

Selectmen

For 3 years

Thomas Seymour **136**
Write In: Gerard Desrochers 3 votes

Budget Committee

For 1 Year

Lee Herterich **120**
4 others with 2 votes or less each

Budget Committee

For 2 Years

Joann Irving **118**
6 others with 2 votes or less each

Budget Committee

For 3 Years – Vote for Three

Paul Meyerhoefer **121**

Write In: **Marshall Bennett** 9**Betty Hanks** 6

16 others with 1 or 2 votes each

Library Trustee

For 3 Years

Patricia Lovejoy **128**

Cemetery Trustee

For 3 Years

Lisa Seymour **137**

Town Treasurer

For 1 Year

Judith Brady **132**

Town Trust Funds Trustee

For 3 Years

Lisa Seymour **134**
Carol Snow-Asher 1 Vote

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

For 3 Years

Shelly Henry **143**
2 Others with 1 Vote Each

Town Moderator

For 2 Years

Gerard Desrochers **149**

Ballots Cast = 153**Registered Voters = 769****19.9% of registered voters voted on 3/10/2020**

Thursday, March 12, 2020

MEETING OPENED: 7:00PM By: Moderator Pro-Tempore, Eric Herr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Eric Herr

ELECTION RESULTS READ: By: Eric Herr, Moderator Pro-Temp

116 Registered Voters at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended budget of \$1,158,256 for the general municipal operations, exclusive of individual and special warrant articles. (The Selectmen Recommend \$1,158,256).

	Approp. 2019	Selectmen 2020	Budget Committee 2020
Executive	\$72,491	\$73,740	\$73,740
Town Clerk	\$58,385	\$59,995	\$59,995
Tax Collector	\$7,970	\$7,770	\$7,770
Reval of Property	\$11,526	\$11,526	\$11,526
Legal Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Personnel Admin.	\$23,337	\$15,298	\$15,298
Planning & Zoning	\$4,100	\$4,115	\$4,115
Gen. Govt. Bldg.	\$18,634	\$18,850	\$18,850
Cemeteries	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$5,500
Insurance	\$16,092	\$16,800	\$16,800
Police	\$95,858	\$93,084	\$93,084
Ambulance	\$32,740	\$26,956	\$26,956
Fire	\$70,345	\$70,345	\$70,345
Emergency Management	\$1,475	\$1,475	\$1,475
Highways & Streets	\$386,752	\$408,039	\$408,039
Street Lighting	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Recon. of Highways	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$82,338	\$87,055	\$87,055
Water Services	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000
Administration	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Health Agencies	\$5,700	\$6,300	\$6,300
Welfare	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Parks & Recreation	\$12,920	\$14,861	\$14,861
Library	\$31,065	\$33,822	\$33,822
Patriotic Purposes	\$550	\$550	\$550
Conservation	\$175	\$175	\$175
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$500	\$500	\$500

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	\$1,140,453	\$1,158,256	\$1,158,256
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MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, J. Michael Brady

DISCUSSION: Resident Chris Vlitas asked how to establish a ballot vote. The process was explained – requires the signature of at least 5 registered voters. Shaun Bresnahan commented that he would like to see the budget decrease. Janet White asked for clarification confirming this amount is for the operating budget. Various residents offered opinions. Mr. Vlitas made a motion to amend the article to level fund from 2019. A resident asked about funds from Massachusetts for the Old Village another resident commented on the amount for Highways & Streets and inaccurately stated that the amount was entirely wages.

AMENDMENT: Motion was made from C. Vlitas to level fund Article 2 from 2019 reducing figure down to \$1,140,453.

AMENDMENT MOVED: From the floor

AMENDMENT SECONDED: From the floor

AMENDMENT DISCUSSION: Voting body suggested no raises for any town employees. Much discussion about the large increase in 2019 taxes.

AMENDMENT passed with a show of cards

ARTICLE 2: PASSED as amended by ballot vote 55/43

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,500 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
Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund	\$25,000

(Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: R. Shulte

SECONDED: G. Wilson

DISCUSSION: Questions from the floor regarding what each fund could be used for.

AMENDMENT MOVED: D. Mahurin moved to reduce the Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund from \$25,000 down to \$1,000.

AMENDMENT SECONDED: From the Floor

AMENDMENT DISCUSSION: Much discussion about the sidewalks and why the fund was created and what it was to be used for. Strong opinions on both sides for replacing the sidewalk vs. removing. The question was asked from the floor about the requirement to maintain the sidewalks and what, if any, liability there may be for the Town if someone should be hurt due to the sidewalks not being properly maintained. The selectmen made it clear they were aware of requirement to maintain the sidewalks and of the potential liability for the town if someone should be hurt.

AMENDMENT passed with a show of cards.

ARTICLE 3 Passed as amended

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw an estimate of \$36,628.86 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: Selectman, Robert Dupuis

SECONDED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

DISCUSSION: None

ARTICLE 4: Passed

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to repair and replace the Town Office Building roof to come from general taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: Selectman, Robert Dupuis

SECONDED: Selectman, J. Michael Brady

DISCUSSION: An amendment was attempted in an effort to take from the Building Improvement Capital Reserve fund. Legal counsel informed the voting body that because the town had not been notified prior to town meeting that it was not allowed.

ARTICLE 5 Passed

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35 to be known as the Park and Recreation Acquisition, Repair, Replacement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquisition, repair, replacement and maintenance of Park and Recreation facilities and equipment and the maintenance, cleaning, dredging and improvement, including the provision of drainage and filling facilities for the Town Pond on Crescent Street and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to fund such Capital Reserve Fund, The Board of Selectmen to be agents to expend from the Park and Recreation Acquisition, Repair, Replacement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, J. Michael Brady

ARTICLE 6 Passed

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters of the Town of Hill will adopt a change and additions to the Unnecessary Noise Town Ordinance XII.

Addition to Section 1B of the adopted Unnecessary Noise Ordinance which was adopted March 16, 1989.

No person while in the Village District shall do the following:

Fire a weapon into a substance called or know as Tannerite.

Tannerite is a brand of binary explosive targets used for Firearms practice. Tannerite is a combination of oxidizers and a fuel, primarily aluminum powder, that is supplied as two separate components that is mixed. The combination is relatively stable when subjected to force less than a high velocity bullet impact.

The Village District is defined in the Hill Zoning Ordinance 1988 Zoning Ordinance Effective March 15, 1988. Amended March 8, 1994.

Changes to section 2.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation. To remove all other language in section 2.

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Robert Dupuis

DISCUSSION: A few questions from the floor as to what area the Village District covers and discussion of second amendment rights.

AMENDMENT: "...Fire a weapon into a substance called or known as Tannerite or any other brand of binary explosive materials..."

AMENDMENT MOVED: From the floor

AMENDMENT SECONDED: From the floor

AMENDMENT: Passed

ARTICLE 7 Passed as amended

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1999 vote and the 2017 reaffirmation to reserve Rural Residential lot R06-27, a 26-acre parcel on Dearborn Road, for the use of the Hill School District for construction of a new school if needed.

MOVED: Selectman, Robert Dupuis

SECONDED: Selectman, J. Michael Brady

DISCUSSION: Discussion from the floor about the original intention for this tract of land to be used as a possible site for a new school, if necessary. Possible use for this land if article passes – future Town of Hill cemetery, and/or could possibly be subdivided and sold.

ARTICLE 8 passed

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the town. The question is placed on the warrant, either by petition or at the election of the board of selectmen. The question may not be amended at the meeting. (A ballot vote is required)

MOVED: Selectman, Thomas Seymour

SECONDED: Selectman, Robert Dupuis


DISCUSSION: Brief discussion about where possible sports book retail locations could be.

ARTICLE 9 failed ballot vote 37/39

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:20PM

By: Moderator Pro-Temp, Eric Herr

Given under my hands and seal this 26th day of March, 2020



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