THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF HILL, NH 2021 WARRANT ARTICLES

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hill in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Public Meeting for the Town of Hill will be as follows, per HB 1129:

April 12th first presentation 5 days for comment ends on April 16th at 5:00 PM April 19th finalizing

You are hereby notified to meet at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School, located at 32 Crescent Street in said Hill on Tuesday, 11th day of May at 11:00 AM to vote, via drive-through.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Selectboard in conjunction with Moderator, Eric Herr, made the decision that our only option for holding our annual Town/School Election, Annual Town Meeting, and Annual School District meeting would be via drive-through voting as we do not have facility large enough that would allow for social distancing. Drive-through voting postponed from March 9, 2021 until May 11, 2021.

Each registered voter was mailed information pertaining to the election and the two virtual sessions held on April 12, 2021 and April 19, 2021. The mailer that was sent can be found at the end of this document.

The April 12, 2021 virtual session began at 7PM Moderator Eric Herr opened the session explaining the process and why decision was made to hold our election/town meeting in this manner. The Selectboard reviewed each warrant article and allowed questions and comments from the public throughout the session. The virtual session concluded at 7:50PM.

The April 19, 2021 virtual session opened at 7:03PM with Moderator Eric Herr explaining the process and read/reviewed comments received throughout the week from the public. The Selectboard reviewed each warrant article below.

Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan explained the implications of not accepting the process and how it could have great impact on this years budget.

Selectman, Robert Dupuis moved the question.

Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan 2nd.

Article 1 passes by roll call vote:

Robert Dupuis – Yes Shaun Bresnahan – Yes Thomas Seymour - Yes

Article 1: To see if the town will vote to approve these optional meeting procedures. If the optional procedures are not approved by a simple majority, all other warrant articles shall be deemed disapproved. However, the election of officers and action on other items on the initial ballot will be effective. If the optional voting procedures are approved, then all other votes on warrant articles shall be deemed the final action of the meeting, provided that if the operating budget warrant article is not approved, the governing body may vote to:

(a) Convene a meeting before September 1 to adopt an operating budget; or

(b) Elect to deem that the meeting has adopted the previous year's operating budget article, not including separate warrant articles.

ARTICLE 2: To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year and the Warrant Articles listed below. See results page.

Selectman Thomas Seymour read Article 3. Selectman Robert Dupuis moved the question. Selectman Thomas Seymour 2nd.

Selectman Robert Dupuis motioned to reduce the Park and Recreation line by \$2,000 from the Budget Committees recommended amount.

Selectman Shaun Bresnahan 2nd.

Roll Call vote on the amendment:

Robert Dupuis - Yes Thomas Seymour - Yes Shaun Bresnahan - Yes

Roll Call vote on Article 3 as amended:

Robert Dupuis – Yes Thomas Seymour – Yes Shaun Bresnahan – Yes

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended budget of \$1,180,044 for the general municipal operations, exclusive of individual and special warrant articles. (The Selectmen Recommend \$1,178,044).

| | Approp. 2020 | Selectmen 2021 | Budget Committee 2021 |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Executive | \$72,491 | \$76,356 | \$76,356 |
| Town Clerk | \$58,385 | \$59,087 | \$59,087 |
| Tax Collector | \$7,970 | \$7,570 | \$7,570 |
| Reval of Property | \$11,526 | \$14,600 | \$14,600 |
| Legal Expenses | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Personnel Admin. | \$23,337 | \$13,120 | \$13,120 |
| Planning & Zoning | \$4,100 | \$4,515 | \$4,515 |
| Gen. Govt. Bldg. | \$18,634 | \$18,914 | \$18,914 |
| Cemeteries | \$5,000 | \$6,450 | \$6,450 |
| Insurance | \$16,092 | \$18,120 | \$18,120 |
| Police | \$95,858 | \$95,858 | \$95,858 |

| Ambulance | \$32,740 | \$37,035 | \$37,035 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fire | \$70,345 | \$60,360 | \$60,360 |
| Emergency Management | \$1,475 | \$1,475 | \$1,475 |
| Highways & Streets | \$386,752 | \$406,930 | \$406,930 |
| Street Lighting | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 |
| Recon. Of Highways | \$47,000 | \$47,000 | 47000 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | \$82,338 | \$101,810 | \$101,810 |
| Water Services | \$138,000 | \$138,000 | \$138,000 |
| Health Other | \$2,500 | \$1,250 | \$1,250 |
| Health Agencies | \$5,700 | \$5,700 | \$5,700 |
| Welfare | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Parks & Recreation | \$12,920 | \$15,079 | \$17,079 |
| Library | \$31,065 | \$32,590 | \$32,590 |
| Patriotic Purpose | \$550 | \$550 | \$550 |
| Conservation | \$175 | \$175 | \$175 |
| Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET: | \$1,140,453 | \$1,178,044 | \$1,180,044 |

Selectman Robert Dupuis moved the question Shaun Bresnahan 2nd.

Discussion was held among the Selectboard regarding the Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to amend reduce the Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund to \$5,000.

Robert Dupuis 2nd for discussion purposes.

Amendment fails.

Robert Dupuis - No

Thomas Seymour - No

Shaun Bresnahan – No

Robert Dupuis proposed amending the Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund to \$15,000 and increase Road Improvements to \$30,000.

Thomas Seymour 2nd.

Amendment passes.

Thomas Seymour – Yes Robert Dupuis – Yes

Shaun Bresnahan - No

Article 4 as amended passes:

Thomas Seymour – Yes Robert Dupuis – Yes Shaun Bresnahan - No

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,500 to be deposited into the following capital reserve funds as indicated: (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

| 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 |
| Park and Recreation Acquisition, | |
| Repair, Replacement & Maintenar | ice |
| Capital Reserve Fund | \$1,000 |
| | |

A comment from the public questioned whether the name of the trust fund in Article 5 was correct. Trust Fund should read: Edwin W. Ferrin Memorial Trust.

Selectman Robert Dupuis moved the question.

Selectman Shaun Bresnahan 2nd.

Article 5 passes by roll call vote:

Robert Dupuis – Yes Shaun Bresnahan – Yes Thomas Seymour - Yes

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$33,360.70 from the Edwin F. Ferrin Memorial Trust as per the trust document to be deposited in the General Fund to offset General Government Expenses.

Selectman Thomas Seymour spoke about the proposal of the revolving fund for police special detail.

Robert Dupuis moved the question.

Shaun Bresnahan 2nd.

Article 6 passes by roll call vote:

Robert Dupuis – Yes Shaun Bresnahan – Yes Thomas Seymour - Yes **ARTICLE 6:** To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues (or designate a portion thereof) received for the police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year. And shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose of wages, equipment related to details, and/or vehicle and vehicle equipment replacement. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

Articles approved by the Selectboard above will appear on the official ballot for drive-through voting on May 11, 2021.

May 11, 2021

DRIVE-THROUGH VOTING OPENED: 11:00AM

The semi-circle next to the Hill Public Library, located at 30 Crescent Street

By: Moderator, Eric Herr

Total Registered Voters: 804

Ballots: 223

28% of Registered Voters

A recount was requested following the drive-through voting held on May 11, 2021 by Selectperson candidate Michele Munson. The results did not change as a result of the recount held on May 19, 2021 in the Hill Public Library at 11:00AM.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

For the Town of Hill

By: Shelly J. Henry

May 11, 2021 & recount of May 19, 2021

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YES 115

NO 103

ARTICLE 2: To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year and the Warrant Articles listed below.

Selectperson Fam. 2 Wasser

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 3 Years

Shaun Bresnahan

186

| Write | In: | |
|-------|-----|--|
| | | |

6 others with 3 or fewer votes

| Selectperson For 1 Year | (VOTE FOR ONE) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Christopher Gronski | 82 |
| Michele Munson | 80 |
| Robert Dupuis | 51 |

Budget Committee

(VOTE FOR THREE)

For 3 Years

Don Moyer 167

Write In:

Chris Vlitas 2

12 others with 1 vote each – Christopher Gronski was drawn

Budget Committee

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 1 Years

Write In:

Thomas Pavelka

11

7 others with 1 vote each

Library Trustee

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 3 Years

Write In:

Dawn Reynolds

4

9 others with 1 or 2 votes each

Library Trustee

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 1 Year

Write In:

Frank Marsh

2

4 persons received 2 votes each - candidate selected by drawn name

Cemetery Trustee

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 3 Years

Stephen Rosen

153

Town Treasurer

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 1 Year

Judith Brady

145

Town Trust Funds Trustee

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 3 Years

Don Moyer

169

Town Moderator

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For 1 Years

Eric Herr

175

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen recommended budget of \$1,178,044 for the general municipal operations, exclusive of individual and special warrant articles. (The Budget Committee Recommend \$1,180,044).

YES 133

NO 79

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| Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund | \$15,000 |
| Park and Recreation Acquisition, | |
| Repair, Replacement & Maintenance | |
| Capital Reserve Fund | \$1,000 |

YES 154

NO 64

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YES 169

NO 47

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues (or designate a portion thereof) received for the police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year. And shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose of wages, equipment related to details, and/or vehicle and vehicle equipment replacement. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

YES 132

NO 74

Drive-Through Voting closed at: 7:00PM

By: Moderator, Eric Herr

Given under my hands and seal this 27th day of May, 2021

Shelly J. Henry

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town of Hill, NH

2021 Town of Hill, NH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

In accordance with NH HB 1129, please be advised the Annual Town Meeting will take place in two virtual ZOOM sessions:

- 1) Virtual Information Session on April 12th at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Virtual Annual Meeting on April 19th at 7:00 pm.

<u>The virtual TOWN Information Session</u> will take place <u>Monday</u>, <u>April 12th at 7:00 pm</u>. During this first session the Governing Body (Board of Selectmen) will present the matters on which the town will vote.

Access to the virtual TOWN Information Session can be made by:

<u>Computer</u> – Copy the link below and paste into your web browser or click the link found on the town website:

https://zoom.us/j/98380522131?pwd=YWJaRzMrYkpRYWMvamNORUJ5TTJqUT09 Passcode: 0192837465

<u>Or One tap mobile</u>: US: +13017158592, 98380522131#,,,,*0192837465# or +13126266799,,98380522131#,,,,*0192837465#

<u>Or Telephone</u>: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 9128

Webinar ID: 983 8052 2131 Passcode: 0192837465

Questions will be taken during the virtual Town Information Session. If joining by computer, use the "Q&A" tab on the bottom of your screen. If joining by phone, press *9 and will be recognized to speak.

Following the presentation of the proposed town warrant, registered voters can provide comments and recommendations for <u>5 days concluding on April 16th at 5:00 pm</u>. Feedback and input may be provided by email to <u>21townmeeting@townofhillnh.org</u> or by telephone to (603) 934-1094. All comments and recommendations will be gathered and compiled by Hill's Town Moderator.

<u>Comments and recommendations</u> should be clear and concise so that the intent is obvious. All feedback will be <u>required to include your name and address</u>. Input from non-registered voters shall not be considered.

<u>The virtual TOWN Annual Meeting</u> will take place on <u>Monday</u>, <u>April 19th at 7:00 pm</u>. During this session the Governing Body (Board of Selectmen) will take into consideration the collected comments and recommendations as presented by Hill's

Town Moderator. The Governing Body (Board of Selectmen) will discuss, debate, and amend the posted warrant, as permitted and deemed necessary.

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Concluding the virtual TOWN Annual Meeting, the Governing Body (Board of Selectmen) will determine, by roll call vote, the content and dollar amounts of the Warrant Articles to be placed on the Official Ballot.

Hill Board of Selectmen

Hill 2021 Town Reports May Be Obtained at The Hill Town Clerk's Office, The Hill Selectmen's Office, The Hill Public Library, and The Hill Village Store

2021 Town of Hill, NH ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

In accordance with NH HB 1129, please be advised the Annual School District Meeting will take place in two virtual ZOOM sessions:

- 1) Virtual Information Session on April 21st at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Virtual Annual Meeting on April 28th at 7:00 pm.

<u>The virtual SCHOOL DISTRICT Information Session</u> will take place <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 21st at 7:00 pm</u>. During this first session the Governing Body (School Board) will present the matters on which the town will vote.

Access to the virtual SCHOOL DISTRICT Information Session can be made by:

<u>Computer</u> – Copy the link below and paste into your web browser or click the link found on the town website:

https://zoom.us/j/94878352716?pwd=Tkx4Vy9QcXY2Q29NL2Q2RmR4Q3ZJdz09 Passcode: 330980

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Webinar ID: 948 7835 2716

Passcode: 330980

Questions will be taken during the webinar. If joining by computer, use the "Q&A" tab on the bottom of your screen. If joining by phone, press *9 and will be recognized to speak.

Following the presentation of the proposed school district warrant, registered voters can provide comments and recommendations for <u>5 days concluding on April 26th at 5:00 pm</u>. Feedback and input may be provided by email to <u>moderator@sau103.org</u> or by telephone to 603-934-2245, extension 221. All comments and recommendations will be gathered and compiled by Hill's School District Moderator.

<u>Comments and recommendations</u> should be clear and concise so that the intent is obvious. All feedback will be <u>required to include your name and address</u>. Input from non-registered voters shall not be considered.

<u>The virtual SCHOOL DISTRICT Annual Meeting</u> will take place on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00pm. During this session the Governing Body (School Board) will take into consideration the collected comments and recommendations as presented by Hill's

Town Moderator. The Governing Body (School Board) will discuss, debate, and amend the posted warrant, as permitted and deemed necessary.

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Concluding the virtual SCHOOL DISTRICT Annual Meeting, the Governing Body (School Board) will determine, by roll call vote, the content and dollar amounts of the Warrant Articles to be placed on the Official Ballot.

Hill School Board

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Voting Instructions-Hill, NH Town and School Elections Town and School Business Meeting/Warrants Hill, New Hampshire May 11, 2021

Drive-Through Voting Procedure Compliant with COVID-19 Alternative Voting Process State Requirements

- 1. On <u>Tuesday, May 11, 2021</u>, voting for the Annual Town and School Elections and Town and School Business Meetings will occur. Voting will be done on a drive-through basis between the hours of 11:00 am and 7:00 pm at the driveway in front of the Jennie Blake Elementary School on Crescent Street in Hill, New Hampshire. Vehicles should enter from the south side of the driveway to the Jennie Blake School, the side by the Library, and proceed to check-in.
 - **NOTE: Staff will be on hand to help guide you through this process.**
- 2. There will be <u>4 ballots</u> for this election: <u>Town Elections ("official ballot")</u>, <u>Town Warrant Articles ("alternative ballot")</u>, <u>School Elections ("official ballot")</u>, <u>and School Warrant Articles ("alternative ballot")</u>. After May 6, 2021, voters can download sample ballots from the Town at townofhillnh.org/departments/town-clerk / tax-collector and from the School at SAU103.org. (**NOTE:** The sample ballots may not be used to vote with on voting day.)
- 3. To vote:
 - a. Registered Voters with photo IDs
 - i. Drive to the Polling Station with your photo IDs. One or more voters may be in a single-vehicle. IDs should be removed from wallets, purses, or other accessories before arriving. IDs are required for each voter.
 - ii. On reaching the check-in station at the Polling Station, roll down the driver-side window, hold out your ID for the Registrar to check you off the voting rolls. Repeat that process for each voter in the vehicle.
 - iii. The correct number of ballots will then be provided for the number of registered voters in each vehicle. You should then pull ahead to the <u>parking area between the school and the church</u> where you can fill out your ballot. You should bring a hard surface on which to fill out your ballots and a pen to fill out your ballot.
 - iv. When you have completed your ballots, drive forward to the checkout area where the voters will be asked to state their names and turn in their ballots. Ballots will then be placed in the ballot box.

- b. Registered voters without photo IDs
 - i. Before executing steps a.i-iv above, registered voters without photo IDs will be asked to go through a simple process to verify identity. This may involve pulling the vehicle up between the library and school to allow other vehicles to pass.
 - ii. After verifying identity, the voters will proceed through steps a.i-iv above.
- c. Unregistered voters
 - Unregistered voters will be directed to complete the voter registration process while remaining in their vehicles. This will involve pulling the vehicle between the library and school to allow other vehicles to pass.
 - ii. On completing the registration process, newly registered voters will proceed through steps a.i-iv above.
 - iii. For more information on voter registration, go to https://sos.nh.gov/elections/information/faqs/how-to register voters.
- 4. After casting your ballots, you will be directed to leave the premises.

For the safety of all involved, it is recommended that all voters sanitize their hands after turning in their ballots, that they remain in their vehicles at all times, that they wear masks during this process, and that they maintain a single line of traffic.

Eric B. Herr Town and School District Moderator Pro Tem