

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S BUDGET WORKSHOP

November 15, 2023

Selectmen Present: Shaun Bresnahan, Frank Razzaboni, Stephen Thomson & Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: Carl Rider

Shaun Bresnahan brought the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Selectmen Workshop:

The selectmen set the tax rate after reviewing several scenarios.

Option #1 Before any adjustments the 2023 tax rate was \$30.59.

Option #2 With using \$200,000 from the fund balance and retaining a current amount of 10.19% the tax rate would be \$28.50.

Option #3 With using \$225,000 from the fund balance and retaining a current amount of 9.46% the tax rate would be \$28.24.

Option # 4 With using \$260,000 from the fund balance and retaining a current amount of 8.44% the tax rate would be \$27.88.

After a discussion between the selectmen, it was agreed upon to go with the option #3.

Frank Razzaboni made the motion to use option #3 which is taking \$225,000 from the fund balance to reduce the tax rate and to set the tax rate at \$28.24. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken Shaun Bresnahan YES, Frank Razzaboni YES & Stephen Thomson NO. The motion passed.

Carl Rider from 58 Patten Road came to the meeting to ask questions regarding the snowmobile trail going over wetlands, not notify abutter's and cutting trees to change the trail. The snowmobile trail is on town property. Carl also expressed his concern about the trail being only 100' to 150' from the boundary line.

The board of selectmen returned the budget workshop. They went through the departments comparing the current budget to the actuals for 2023 this was done to familiarize the board with the process. Currently the 2023 budget has been by approximately 71%.

The sidewalk funding from the capital was discussed and they have decided to just take the material costs from the Capital Reserve account.

All encumbrance's must be in before December 15th.

Warrant Article for the Pleasant Cemetery was mentioned because the town cemeteries are currently full.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to have another budget workshop Wednesday Nov. 22nd from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm/Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor.

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 4:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

Frank Razzaboni

Stephen Thomson

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