

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF HILL, NH
2024 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 to meet at the Hill Public Library, located at 30 Crescent Street in said Hill on Tuesday, 12th day of March at 11:00 AM to vote on the following subjects:

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.

The meeting will reconvene at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School on Thursday, March 14th 2024 at 7:00 PM to act on the remaining articles of this warrant.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended budget of **\$1,388,097** for the general municipal operations, exclusive of individual and special warrant articles. (The Selectmen Recommend **\$1,378,597**).

	Approp. 2023	Selectmen 2024	Budget Committee 2024
Executive	\$79,207	\$83,784	\$83,784
Town Clerk	\$66,372	\$74,037	\$74,037
Tax Collector	\$7,970	\$8,270	\$8,270
Reval of Property	\$16,908	\$44,228	\$44,228
Legal Expenses	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$15,000
Personnel Admin.	\$14,102	\$15,314	\$15,314
Planning & Zoning	\$6,807	\$6,807	\$6,807
Gen. Govt. Bldg.	\$26,310	\$23,668	\$23,668
Cemeteries	\$6,450	\$6,450	\$6,450

Insurance	\$21,726	\$25,593	\$25,593
Police	\$13,688	\$136,512	\$136,512
Ambulance	\$67,449	\$66,919	\$66,919
Fire	\$79,330	\$76,567	\$76,567
Emergency Management	\$2,175	\$2,325	\$2,325
Highways & Streets	\$437,322	\$455,100	\$455,100
Street Lighting	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600
Recon. Of Highways	\$49,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$110,968	\$116,794	\$116,794
Water Services	\$144,151	\$137,776	\$137,776
Health Other	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Health Agencies	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700
Welfare	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
Parks & Recreation	\$21,079	\$23,428	\$23,428
Library	\$34,641	\$35,900	\$35,900
Patriotic Purpose	\$400	\$400	\$400
Conservation	\$175	\$175	\$175
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$500	\$500	\$500
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	\$1,233,280	\$1,378,597	\$1,388,097

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184,000 to reclaim and pave approximately 5,800 feet of Bunker Hill Road; It is anticipated that \$35,000 will come from the Highway Block Grant, and the remainder from taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$36,000 for the purpose of crushing approximately 6,000 cubic yards of gravel, and authorize the withdrawal of \$31,500 from the Gravel Crushing Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, which the Selectmen are agents to expend from. The balance of \$4,500 to come from taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$23,520 for the installation and monitoring of security and fire detection system in the Hill Fire Station and Hill Highway Garage and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund create for that purpose.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$105,500** to be deposited into the following capital reserve funds as indicated:

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Purpose	Amount
Archival Preservation	\$500
Building Improvement	\$6,000
Fire Heavy Equipment	\$30,000
Highway Heavy Equipment	\$35,000
Police Heavy Equipment	\$7,000
Road Improvements	\$20,000
Gravel Crushing	\$ <u>0</u>
Emergency Repair/Replacement	\$5,000
Transfer Station	\$1,000
Wellhead Protection Area	\$ <u>0</u>
Park and Recreation Acquisition, Repair, Replacement & Maintenance	\$1,000
Capital Reserve Fund	

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$26,274.28 from the Edwin F. Ferrin Memorial Trust as per the trust document to be deposited in the General Fund to offset General Government Expenses.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established in 1995 for Accessibility and Security Measures to now include the Maintenance and Repair of town buildings and to authorize the Selectmen as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (2/3rd vote required)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue The Hill Fundraising Trust established in 1998. Said funds and accumulated interest to be placed in the town's general fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will accept the transfer of ownership of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery from the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association to the Town of Hill. The Pleasant Hill Cemetery will be operated and maintained as a Town Cemetery of the same name. And to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 for the purpose of mowing and general maintenance the cemetery. Said funds to be raised by taxation. Pleasant Hill Cemetery has no interested members that are able to carry out the running of the cemetery. All records and funds to be transferred to care and custody of the Town of Hill and Cemetery Trustees. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to give permission to the selectmen to hire a licensed forester to mark trees for harvest, market the trees for sale and administer harvesting of timber from town owned properties as specified below. Revenue received shall be deposited into the General Fund to offset General Government Expenses. Permission shall be limited to 5 years (2024 – 2028).

Property Location	Map-Lot#	Acreage +/-
Alexandria Town Line	R01-055	27.0
West Dearborn Rd	R06-027	26.0
Transfer Station	R06-040	46.5
South Clough Rd	R12-007	36.0
West Range Rd	R12-008-001	35.0
Jct. Of King/Poverty Pond Rds.	R13-029	75.0
North King Rd	R13-035	31.0
South King Rd	R13-037	31.0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$54,949 to be deposited in the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the Bridge Aid previously received). (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen)

Given under our hands and seal this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

Shaun Bresnahan, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Francis Razzaboni

Stephen Thomson