

**TOWN OF HILL, NH  
2024 WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**POLLS OPENED:**

At the Hill Public Library, located at 30 Crescent Street

By: Moderator, Eric Herr

**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, Eric Herr

Registered voters on Checklist: 722

New Voters: 3

Total Registered Voters: 725

Ballots: 196

27% of Registered Voters participated

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

OFFICIAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

For the Town of Hill, NH

By: Shelly J. Henry

March 12, 2024

**SELECTMEN**

For 3 Years

**Shaun Bresnahan Jr.** 149  
Carl Rider 44

**TOWN MODERATOR**

For 2 Years – Vote for One

**Thomas Seymour** 166  
5 others with 1 or 2 votes each

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For 1 Years – Vote for One

**Frank Simeone** 95

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for Three

**Thomas Angeley** 154  
**Marshall Bennett** 30  
**Joan Machado** 17  
13 others with 1 or 2 votes each

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

**Joann Irving** 166  
3 others with 6 or fewer votes each

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

For 2 Years – Vote for One

**Kim Moyer** 82  
Kathleen Angeley 74

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

**Joann Irving** 166  
3 others with 6 or fewer votes each

**TRUST FUND TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

**Donald Moyer** 166

**TREASURER**

For 1 Year – Vote for One

**Judith Brady** 171

**CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years – Vote for One

**Stephen Rosen** 177

**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST**

For 6 Years – Vote for One

**Thomas Angeley** 7  
13 others with 1 vote each

MEETING OPENED: 7:00PM

By: Moderator, Eric Herr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:  
ELECTION RESULTS READ

By: Mike Stanley  
By: Moderator, Eric Herr

VOTERS PRESENT: 68

11% of Registered Voters

Moderator, Eric Herr, called on Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan to motion to allow non-voters to speak during Town Meeting (to allow Town Counsel to respond to legal questions).

MOVED: Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan  
SECONDED: Selectman, Frank Razzaboni

Motion PASSES

**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

TOWN OF HILL, NH

TOWN MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12 & 14, 2024

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
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$1,233,280</b>	<b>\$1,378,597</b>	<b>\$1,388,097</b>

**MOVED:** Tom Seymour, Budget Committee Chair

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**DISCUSSION:** Tom Seymour spoke to the difference between the Selectmen’s proposed budget and the Budget Committee’s budget. The difference being the legal expense line. The Budget Committee felt that due to ongoing legal issues, the proposed amount would not be sufficient.

**ARTICLE 2**

**PASSED**

**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)

**MOVED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**SECONED:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan spoke to why Bunker Hill Road is first and that Murray Hill Road is possibly going to be next.

**ARTICLE 3 PASSED**

**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)

**MOVED:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni  
**SECONDED:** Selectman, Stephen Thomson

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni provides explanation of the question and that gravel will come from and take place in the pit on Clough Road.

**ARTICLE 4 PASSED**

**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 created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and Selectmen)

**MOVED:** Selectman, Stephen Thomson  
**SECONDED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan explained the Selectboard has received only one quote and expects to be able to complete the project of Burglar and Fire Alarms for much less than the amount requested.

**ARTICLE 5: PASSED**

**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)

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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	

**MOVED:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni

**SECONDED:** Selectman Shaun Bresnahan

**AMENDMENT:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$79,500** to be deposited into the following capital reserve funds as indicated below with the exception of the proposed changes - reduction in **Building Improvements, reduced to zero, and Road Improvements, also reduced to zero.**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Archival Preservation	\$500
Building Improvement	\$ <u>  0  </u>
Fire Heavy Equipment	\$30,000
Highway Heavy Equipment	\$35,000
Police Heavy Equipment	\$7,000

Road Improvements	\$ 0__
Gravel Crushing	\$ 0__
Emergency Repair/Replacement	\$5,000
Transfer Station	\$1,000
Wellhead Protection Area	\$ 0__
Park and Recreation Acquisition, Repair, Replacement & Maintenance	\$1,000
Capital Reserve Fund	

**AMENDMENT MOVED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Stephen Thomson

**AMENDMENT DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan explained with the passage of Article 8 the Selectmen feel there is adequate funding in capital reserve appropriations and further tax burden on Hill taxpayers with the passage of Article 6 as originally presented is not necessary this year.

**AMENDMENT: PASSED**

**ARTICLE 6 PASSED as amended**

**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.

**MOVED:** Selectman, Stephen Thomson

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**ARTICLE 7 PASSED**

**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)

**MOVED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan speaks to the meaning of Article 8. Resident, Barb Libby, asked the balance of the Capital Reserve which Shaun Bresnahan answered approximately \$57,000.

**ARTICLE 8** **PASSED** with 93% in favor (68 voters present with 63 voting in favor)

**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)

**MOVED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni

**DISCUSSION:** Shaun Bresnahan explained that this was requested by the Trust Fund Trustees. The balance in this account is approximately \$1,014.00.

**ARTICLE 9** **PASSED**

**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)

**MOVED:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**DISCUSSION:** Shaun Bresnahan spoke to this article explaining the location being on Old Town Road and that this is a win for the town as we are currently out of cemetery plots for our residents. There are currently approximately 100 cemetery plots available in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.



**ARTICLE 10 PASSED**

**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

**MOVED:** Selectman, Stephen Thomson  
**SECONDED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**DISCUSSION:** Shaun Bresnahan spoke to this article explaining that trees were last harvested in 1995. This is a way to generate a little revenue for our town, possibly \$25,000-\$30,000 per year for the five years referenced.

**AMENDMENT 1:** To see if the Town will vote to give permission to the selectmen to hire a licensed forester to mark trees *using Good Forestry in the Granite State Standards* for harvest, market the trees for sale and administer harvesting of timber from town owned properties as specified above. Revenue received shall be deposited into the General Fund to offset General Government Expenses. Permission shall be limited to 5 years (2024 – 2028).

**MOVED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan  
**SECONDED:** Selectman, Stephen Thomson

**AMENDMENT: PASSED**

**AMENDMENT 2:** To see if the Town will vote to give permission to the selectmen to hire a licensed forester to mark trees *using Good Forestry in the Granite State Standards* for harvest, market the trees for sale and administer harvesting of timber *only in the winter months* from town owned properties as

specified above. Revenue received shall be deposited into the General Fund to offset General Government Expenses. Permission shall be limited to 5 years (2024 – 2028).

**MOVED:** Chris Vlitaz

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**AMENDMENT:**           **FAILED**

**ARTICLE 11**           **PASSED as amended (1)**

**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)

**MOVED:** Selectman, Shaun Bresnahan

**SECONDED:** Selectman, Frank Razzaboni

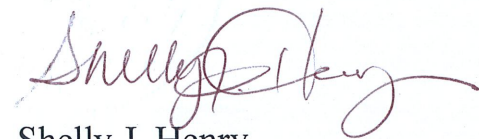
**DISCUSSION:** Shaun Bresnahan explained that these funds have already been received from the State of New Hampshire.

**ARTICLE 12**           **PASSED**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:12PM

By: Moderator, Eric Herr

Given under my hands and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024



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