

**Town of Hill
Budget Committee
2025 Budget**

2/12/25 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Blazon (Chair), Betty Hanks, Frank Simeone, Tom Angeley, Joann Irving, Shaun Bresnahan (Sec/Ex-Officio), Wendy Rosa-Fuller (Ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Marshall Bennett (V. Chair), Bill Machado

Public: None

At 9:00 PM Bruce called the Public Meeting to discuss and vote on town budget, revenues and warrant articles to order.

Bruce makes a motion to Recommend Warrant Articles 3,4,5,6,7 & 8; Frank seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously 7-0.

The Selectmen's proposed revenues are reviewed; Bruce makes a motion to increase 3501 Sale of Municipal Property to \$15,000; Wendy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously 7-0.

Shaun makes a motion on the Budget Committees total revenue of \$736,952.7; Frank seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously 7-0.

The Selectmen's proposed town budget is reviewed;

4130 Executive – Joann makes a motion to approve \$109548.94; Shaun seconds.
Unanimous 7-0

4140 Town Clerk – Joann makes a motion to approve \$74,659.96; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0

4150 Tax Collector – Tom makes a motion to approve \$8,370; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0

4152 Revaluation of Property – Frank makes a motion to approve \$22,084; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0

4153 Legal Expense – Bruce is concerned that the level of funding is too low. The budgeted amount was questioned by the audience tonight. Bruce makes a motion to increase to \$15,000; Frank seconds. Motion passes 3-2 with (2) abstaining.

4155 Personnel Admin – Joann makes a motion to approve \$16,672; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0

4191 Planning & Zoning - Bruce makes a motion to approve \$5,395; Joann seconds.
Unanimous 7-0

4194 General Gov't Building - Bruce makes a motion to approve \$23,297; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0

- 4195 Cemeteries - Bruce makes a motion to approve \$11,400; Joann seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4210 Police – Discussion on whether we should reduce the current amount because of a vacancy which will likely last a matter of months. Shaun is concerned that we don't know if the new hire will require health insurance which isn't budgeted. Bruce makes a motion to level fund to 2024 level of 136,511.65; Tom seconds. Motion passes 6-1.
- 4215 Ambulance – Bruce makes a motion to approve \$142,468.46; Betty seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4220 Fire – Joann speaks to the amount that was unspent (\$21,087) in 2024 combined with the approximately \$10,000 in last minute purchases. She feels that the FD is over funded and they aren't using what they were given to do testing and other necessities. Tom is concerned that a \$32,000 cut would be crippling and make the FD. Tom makes a motion to level fund to 2024 level of \$76,567; Wendy seconds. Passes 5-2.
- 4290 Emergency Mgt. - Frank makes a motion to approve \$2,325; Joann seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4312 Highway – Shaun makes a motion to approve \$422,073.61; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4316 Street Lights - Bruce makes a motion to approve \$5,844; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4319 Reconstruction of Highways - Shaun makes a motion to approve \$14,000; Frank seconds. Unanimous 7-0
- 4324 Solid Waste Disposal - Shaun makes a motion to approve \$124,340.45; Frank seconds. Unanimous 7-0
- 4332 Water Service - Bruce makes a motion to approve \$138,450; Betty seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4415 – Health Agencies - Bruce makes a motion to approve \$7,450; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4440 Welfare - Bruce makes a motion to approve \$5,500; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4520 Parks & Recreation – Frank makes a motion to approve \$23,475; Shaun seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4550 Library – Shaun makes a motion to approve \$37,157; Betty seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4583 Patriotic Purposes - Shaun makes a motion to approve \$650; Betty seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4619 Conservation - Shaun makes a motion to approve \$300; Bruce seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- 4723 TAN – Bruce makes a motion to approve \$300; Frank seconds.
Unanimous 7-0
- Bruce makes a motion that the budget committee recommend Warrant Article for a total of \$1,453,189; Joann seconds. Unanimous 7-0.

At 10:00 PM Wendy makes a motion to adjourn; Joann seconds. Unanimous 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Shaun Bresnahan; Secretary

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