

TOWN OF HILL
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET WORKSHOP

January 14, 2025

Selectmen Present: Shaun Bresnahan Chairman, Stephen Thomson, Richard Vincent & Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: Charles Estes and Shelly Henry

Shaun Bresnahan brought the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

Budget Workshop

This workshop was to discuss the projected 2025 estimated revenues and warrant articles.

Source of Revenue:

Land Use Change taxes decreased \$40,400 compared to prior year because of the land use change tax and the delinquent taxes.

Licenses, Permits and Fees increased \$25,300 compared to prior year this based on Motor Vehicle the increased registrations.

Charlie asked if the town could produce a report to estimate the coming year's registrations based on the value of vehicles current registrations? Shaun Bresnahan stated there is no such report available.

From the State decreased \$10,698 compared to prior year this is based on the reduced meals & rooms tax distribution.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to only increase the Flood Control Reimbursement to \$35,000 based on prior years. Rick Vincent seconded the motion. Shaun Bresnahan (yes) Rick Vincent (yes) Stephen Thomson (no). Stephen believes that the state owes the Town of Hill a lot more than that based on prior year reimbursements.

Water Department has agreed to have the appropriation and the revenues in the town budget which offset one another. Charlie agreed with this process. Charlie also stated that we are learning as we go.

They have a water commissioner meeting tonight and will further address this. Charles asked about the status of the 2023 audit and has it been completed? This portion of the audit is done water department. Charlie stated that the 2023 files from QuickBooks are missing making it difficult to produce a trial balance and general ledger report for the auditor. The selectmen and the water commission has agreed to a joint meeting with the auditor to close the 2023 audit. In 2023 Shelly was taking payments and in 2024 the payments were changed to the water commission/superintendent receiving and posting payments. Charlie was also concerned that the treasurer has reconciliations and reports because they are not connected to the same QuickBooks. It was explained that she is the treasurer.

In the interim Tony Cartier will be filling out POs for the Highway Department. Mike Corliss is all set to plow. There is an issue with the front end of the backhoe looks like the front bearings and housing needs to be repaired. The board would like to have Charlie Henry to look at the backhoe and provide a quote for the repairs.

On the appropriations the board asked that the admin hours be broken down to reflect, Administrative Assistant, Administrative Bookkeeper and Administrative Clerk for the Selectmen's office.

The Selectmen reviewed the Warrant Articles for the Town Report.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

Stephen Thomson

Richard Vincent

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