

**Town of Hill  
Budget Committee  
2026 Budget**

**Meeting Minutes 12/3/25**

Members Present: Bruce Blazon (Chair), Tom Angeley, Harold Knott, Lexie White (Ex-Officio), MaryAnne Moses (Ex-Officio), Bill Machado, Jr., Frank Simeione, Karen Sylvestre

Members Absent: Marshall Bennett (Vice Chair)

Public: Frank Marsh, Debbie Marsh, Shelly Henry and Casey Brennon

First order of business:

Review Minutes: No correction requested. FS motioned to except minutes.

Seconded: BM

All In Favor: Yes

Chair Vote: Affirmative

BB Opened budget with order of department and committee's: Town Clerk, Police Department, Cemetery Committee and Library Committee.

BB Outlined the budget format to follow with explanations to each column.

BB noted to CB's budget reason of large under-ridge is due to his position started late in the year. His budget is not a reflection of the chief; it's just the timing of when he was able to spend money.

BB stated procedural was wise to re-iterate as it allows the presenter to go through the budget, then we ask questions regarding certain line items. It makes the budget flow effectively.

Police Department:

CB started line by line.

Animal control- no change.

Courts – Increased 10%

Dispatch- Increased 10%; Due to call volume.

Dues & Subscriptions – Increased 10%; Due to assoc. fees.

Equipment/Maintenance- Increased 10%; If equipment fails, nothing to replace with.

Gasoline – Increased 10%; To cover fuel price increase.

New Equipment-Increased 10%; To cover (example: Rifle) to replace for backup.

Office Supplies – No change

Payroll Taxes – Based on payroll processing

Postage – No change

Printing – No change

Radar Expense – Flat Fee \$300 per calibration.

Telephone – Increase; Trying to consolidate phone, fax, internet and cell phone.

Training – Increased \$500; Due to number of training hours. Increased from 8 to 24.

Uniforms – Increased due to the type of vest needed and needs a backup vest.

Vehicle Expense-Increased due to maintenance to cruiser and age is a factor for future expenses.

Wages – Increased 3%; Raises based on his current wages paid now.

Health Ins- Current number is off as Health quote is not accurate until Amanda gets it from Primax. Expect approx. 30,000 for budget.

CB Explained that the towns portion for insurance runs about 2,500 per month plus now the dental which is 2,300 per year.

CB Amended Health insurance to 32,300.00

NH Retirement-Based on salary and what the town pays for it.

Special Detail – Open line with no purpose.

BB Proposed new bottom line number for Police Department- \$172,592.09

BB: Questioned, to buy a new cruiser there isn't enough to fund it. You'll need the other half.

MM: Most likely a warrant article for a new cruiser. CB is working on options for leasing vs. outright purchasing a new cruiser.

CB will present accurate number for next meeting budget proposal.

BB Commented to the committee to revisit issue with the Governments budget meeting.

KS Asked did the town go from a part-time Chief to a Full-time Chief?

BB Answered 3 yrs ago.

TS Asked if the cruiser has ever been not suitable for use or not able to travel on town road due to its condition.

CB Answered yes, Twice and they were on Rte. 3A and did not feel comfortable in high speed.

BB Motioned that this budget is moving in the right direction and that the line items of Health insurance be addressed and if there are any lease payments, they need to be added to this budget and addressed at the Government budget meeting.

FS Seconded

All In Favor = Yes

Chair Votes Affirmative

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

SH Started line by line.

Dues – Increased \$20

Election – Increased due to tablet programing

Office Supplies – Increased

Wages – Increased 3% Due to raises

Workshop/Education – Increased due to overnight stay

Tax Collector:

Computer Software – Factored increase

Office Supplies – Increased

BB Motion to except proposed budget

All In Favor – Yes

Chair Votes Affirmative

Library Committee:

DM: Directed to 2<sup>nd</sup> page to forecasted amount. The third quarter is paying librarian.

Books are increasing due to hiring a new vendor.

Total increase is 1,800

BB Motioned to approve

All In Favor- Yes

Chair Votes Affirmative

Call to the public of anyone who wishes to be appointed at meeting or next meeting.

BB asked if there were any new members interested. Tom Scribner replied that he would join the committee.

BB Motioned to appoint Tom Scribner.

HK Seconded

All In Favor: Yes

Chair Votes Affirmative

MM Swore in Tomas Scribner to Budget Committee.

New Business:

SH Requested to receive a copy of the approved minutes to place on the town's website.

Respectfully Submitted

MaryAnne Moses; Secretary

Minutes approved by attending Budget Committee members 12/10/2025