

TOWN OF HILL
SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING
January 13 2026

Present: Stephen Thomson MaryAnne Moses, Amanda Curtis (Administrative Assistant)

PUBLIC: Thomas Seymour, Charlie Estes, Shelly Henry, Bob Schultz, Peggy R and Casey Brennan

Stephen Thomson brought the meeting to order at 1:36pm

Appointment of third Selectmen seat.

Selectmen discussed filling the third seat due to strong interest. Both selectmen agreed to revisit their original choice of not filling the position. Harold Knott is the individual interested but he must resign from Trustees of the Trust Funds before appointment due to conflict. Harold also must relinquish service on vehicles, unless he wants to donate labor.

Stephen Thomson motion to offer appointment to Harold Knott; MaryAnne Moses second, all were in favor.

Noted two vacancies would exist upon resignation unless another appointment occurs; Trustees of the Trust Fund and Budget Committee

Reserve Fund

If an overage occurred there is no reserve fund or retainage policy Stephen Thomson motion to draft policy; MaryAnne Moses seconded; all were in favor. A draft will be prepared and discussed.

Vacancy Policy

Discussion was had about RSA 66963 (selecting vacancies) and RSA 66961 (voter election at next annual town meeting), suggesting statutory language is ambiguous; prevailing interpretation from multiple advisors is appointment lasts until the next election. It was stated that there is no state case law addressing this vacancy-appointment issue. The new policy is still being reworked and reevaluated at this time and is not in affect.

A petition to expand the board to five selectmen was submitted; implementation would occur in 2027 if approved by voters. Initial five-member board will use staggered terms (discussed examples: 3, 3, 2 years or 3, 2, 1 years) so seats expire in different years. It needs to be determined if the change must appear on the ballot or will be debated at town meeting, and is decided by majority vote.

Parks and Rec Budget line.

Discussion about an unexplained \$7,000 line labeled 'cultural and recreational' in the proposed budget. It is under the Selectmen's understanding they are requesting that money

for events. The Selectmen decided not to add line because they have a revolving fund and a capital reserve funds with about \$10,000.

Public

Shelly Henry brought up that she received resignations from two cemetery trustees (received July 12 2025). One of the resigning trustees provided a letter showing they were requested to resign. Statements were made that the select board requested resignations without inviting trustees to discuss or correct issues and whether that is fair, also with only two of three trustees requested to resign and now that has effectively removed the cemetery committee.

Tom Seymour asked about his submitted 91A request and was informed of a 60-day timeline for information. Recordings were delivered to recipient; We are expecting written draft minutes within one week. There were no separate written notes that exist, minutes were taken from recordings.

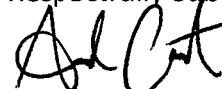
Charlie Estes mentioned meeting post should have an agenda item to let people know what the meeting is about. Public comments at a Board meeting can become part of the public-hearing record.

Fire Chief Vehicle

The Selectmen are not going to be encumbering or using money for the Fire Chief car. It will need to be presented and follow steps more in order. There are cost that are not considered town ownership of an additional vehicle will incur maintenance, depreciation, and storage/location considerations. It is something to look into with responder lacking a town operational vehicle, causing up to 30 minutes delay when swapping personal vehicle and equipment; purchase should be placed on a warrant.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and MaryAnne Moses seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda Curtis



Stephen Thomson, Chairman



MaryAnne Moses

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