

TOWN OF HILL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 20, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
Selectmen's Office

Selectmen Present: Stephen Thomson Chairman, Mary Anne Moses, Harold Knott & Amanda Curtis(Administrative Assistant)

Public: Frank Marsh, Scott Richards, Casey Brennan, Bob Schulte, Matt Desrochers, Marshall Bennett, Chris Seufert Sr, Chris Seufert Jr, Tom Seymour

Stephen Thomson brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Selectmen meeting minutes from meetings on January 6, 2026 and January 13, 2026 were reviewed. Selectmen were given the minutes from July 2025 thru October 7, 2025 to review for next meeting. It was announced that AI is a tool being used to help generate minute for meetings.

Stephen Thomson motion to approve the minutes for January 6 minutes with modification to spelling, Mary Anne Moses second the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Stephen Thomson motion to approve the minutes for January 13 minutes, Mary Anne Moses second the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Harold Knott was sworn in as the third selectmen seat by Stephen Thomson. This motion was approved in January 13, 2026 meeting.

Police Department:

Casey update since the new year is 15 car stops, 11 calls to service, two warrants were completed, with an additional planned for tomorrow. The victim from the sexual assault from the end of last year is not talking. A suspect did confess to the vehicle incident on Murray hill road. He also has received 1 criminal threatening and an increase in vehicle complaints.

D.A.R.E. program starts this coming Friday January 23, 2026 and will run for 10 weeks. Coffee with the cop event went well, and hoping to have future events like it.

Casey did training with the Franklin police this past week in the elks in Franklin.

Fire Department:

Last year total call was 152 calls and broke the record, that record was set during covid time and was 149 calls. To date we are currently at 7 calls.

The Deposit was given to the roofer and was planning on coming out and we had a snow storm. At this point in time, we are going to delay with a projected time is when ever we can get the roof fully cleaned off.

Scott submitted a list of 2023 warrant article for alarm system would like to do it.

Scott brought up and started a discussing consolidation of cell phone and broadband services under a single provider. Currently using multiple vendors across departments: Comcast (Xfinity), Consolidated, and Verizon. Multiple providers have resulted in numerous bills

and separate startup fees, increasing costs and complexity. Experienced significant billing issues with Comcast, including misallocated payments for the Highway Department. Market competition noted between Xfinity and New Hampshire Broadband (Fidium), with Xfinity offering lower prices on fiber. The town is going to price out package deals from providers.

The Selectmen notified Scott that the town will not be proceeding with the buying of the Chief's car. In future proper steps need to be followed.

AED battery was on back order in Norway, we are looking into a different one.

Scott suffered a shoulder injury and will have to surgery, more info to come how that will affect work.

The department is transitioning from the 'Active 9-1-1' app to a new platform, 'I Am Responding' (IAR). The new IAR platform allows for improved communication, mapping, resource tracking (hydrants, apparatus), and can include the Hill Police department.

Selectmen Business

The Budget committee and Selectmen are requesting department head to attend town meeting. This will help if residents have any direct questions for them.

Mary Anne Moses motion to have department heads at town meeting, Harold Knott second the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Gravel Tax Levy:

Christopher Seufert Jr addresses a missing signed gravel permit for Bootjack Pit (Bootjack Road LLC). The planning board's file for the project is missing. The applicant submitted the permit request, possibly twice, but the board cannot locate the final signed copy, they agreed to send a new. Two critical deadlines are approaching: a state report due March 30th and a new excavation permit for 2026 due April 1st. The board agrees to search its archives to locate the missing documents and move the process forward.

Land Use Change Tax:

Selectmen Business

A formal meeting etiquette policy for the selectmen is proposed to address previous issues. A draft of the policy exists and will be distributed to the full board for review and modification. The primary issue addressed is side conversations, which disrupt the meeting flow, and make it difficult to accurately record meeting minutes.

We are having ongoing issues with a bank regarding debit card setup. Franklin Savings Bank is repeatedly rejects submitted letters, citing new parameter issues each time, specifically regarding restricting access to bank inquiries. The bank's core problem is the inability to issue debit cards without providing online banking access. The primary bank contact, John, is on vacation, causing delays. Citizens Bank an alternative provider was mentioned for its payback program. Stephen proposed an action item was set to arrange a group conference call with the bank the next day to resolve the issue.

Town Report: Amanda is compiling the report for the first time and seeks clarity on process and deadlines. The report must be published one week before the town election. For a March 10th election, Amanda must be published by March 2nd. All departments are required

to submit a statement for the report. The list of town-owned properties from 2025 must be included and can find in avitar. Charlie submitted waterworks data.

91A request about payout and how much we pay for liability came in, Amanda filled the section on how much we pay for liability, wondering if any cases against the town follow under the section of the 91A

Keys were not located for Stephen Gibbs wondering if the Selectmen know of location of keys. No one knows where they are but the selectmen said a duplicate can be made. Pump house key found can be discarded locks were changed.

Mary Anne asked the Fire Chief what can be done it was observed the church is suspected of potentially operating an unregistered school. Mary Anne herself has seen 12 children and 3 adults were observed in the yard during 'recess' time, prompting concerns about undeclared operations. The town lacks a formal policy for handling such violations, leading to an undefined escalation process. The first notification was sent and ignored; a second certified letter was sent, with a signed receipt now pending. The Pastor involved had previously claimed on October 7th to be willing to file a building permit but is now uncooperative.

Stephen Thomson motion to send a third certified letter, Harold Knott second the motion. Motion passed unanimously

The board is considering contacting the state to clarify requirements and request a potential inspection. The recent letter also stipulated those two trailers on the property must have 9-1-1 addresses.

Marshall Bennett is going to bring state policy for plowing (What happens if mailbox is hit) and someone from the DOT will be here to go over agreement next meeting.

Public:

Tom Seymour wanted to know about the selectmen seat that went to attorney and was informed that it has been dropped.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Stephen Thomson, seconded by Mary Anne Moses motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.)

Motion to enter Nonpublic at 8:00PM

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Stephen Thomson, seconded by Harold Knott. All were in favor.

Public session reconvened at 9:15PM

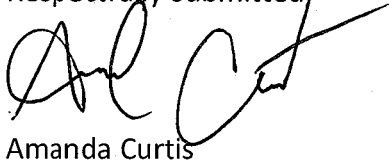
Discussion was had about road plowing and that the new person needs to continue to adjust.

Jamie Moulton will be sworn in to the Trustees of the Trust Fund. It was also clarified that he is still Health Officer.

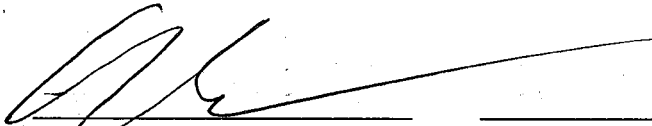
Harold would like the trailer park board to come in and give their five-year plan for the park. He feels it needs to be clarified.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Harold Knott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:46 pm.

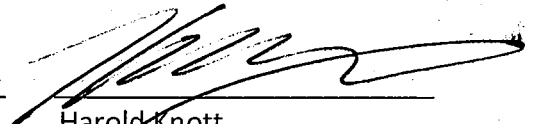
Respectfully Submitted



Amanda Curtis


Stephen Thomson, Chairman

Mary Anne Moses


Harold Knott

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