

TOWN OF HILL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 17, 2026

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

Public: Casey Brennan, Shelly Henry, Tom Seymour, Frank Marsh, Paula McDonough, Scott Richard, Matthew Desrochers, Nathan Mills

Stephen Thomson brought the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Minutes

July 29 2025 minutes was just Stephen and Rick.

Stephen Thomson motion to approve July 29 minutes, Mary Anne Moses second the motion (she was not present at that meeting but Rick is no longer on the Selectboard). Motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Thomson motion to approve February 12 2026 meeting minutes, Harold Knott second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Thomson motion to approve February 5 2026 meeting minutes, Mary Anne Moses second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Thomson motion to approve February 3 2026 meeting minutes with adjustment of spelling and it be fixed on the auditor meeting was requested by water department, Harold Knott second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Department:

The department has initiated Good Morning Hill Program for elderly and others needing daily check-ins via dispatch. Program requires participants to call dispatch before 11:00 AM; or it will trigger welfare check. The town currently 1 recipient.

D.A.R.E. program in week 4 of 10; sessions held every Friday at 11:00 AM at school.

Cruiser lights malfunctioned, repaired after troubleshooting; possible loose wire issue remains.

Grant application submitted for ADDs through state; response expected in 3-5 weeks.

Planned 'Find the Cruiser' activity for kids to find; involves hiding a matchbox cruiser with town patch.

The gentlemen who change the locks payment went missing in mail; new check to be issued and picked up next Thursday or Friday.

Oil change for cruiser discussed; clarification needed on service location, Harold is willing to donate his time for the service and only parts to be charged to the towns account.

Year-to-date: 7 offense reports, 2 motor vehicle accidents (1 resolved, 1 pending), 47 calls for service, 3 signed arrest warrants and motor vehicle stops expected to decline due to removal of inspection sticker requirement (previously 90% of stops).

Looking to do a quarterly 'Coffee with a Cop' meetings scheduled; possible increase in summer maybe a pizza party.

Fire Department:

The fire department has responded to 15 calls to date. Scott is meeting scheduled with state to implement new reporting platform. This will make them up to date with reporting issues prevented eligibility for state and federal grants.

Transition to new dispatch/notification platform ('I Am Responding') completed on February 1st. There have been only minor issues with new platform addressed; mostly administrative.

One member obtained ice rescue tech certification with a thanks to Bristol Fire provided equipment.

For the Warrant Article so far Scott has two bids received for standby generator: \$11,200 (including gas hookup) and \$8,200 (plus ~\$1,500 for gas hookup).

New department slogan adopted: 'Ever ready come hill or high water'.

Majority of calls are medical; one motor vehicle accident reported.

Fire Hydrant was hit and is broken. Police are investigating.

Joe is having Spencer Burbank Appointed as a Deputy for the town for Forest and Lands

Clerks Office:

Election set up Monday the 9th at 10am. Still looking for a ballot clerk. Mary and Harold said they would be willing to go get food.

122 Bunker that the current use needed to be released three years ago. R11-25-24 was never release and they people can't refinance until they are released.

Their Residence who are emailing because they cannot get to a zoning board and when it says they are scheduled no one is showing up.

Jamie was appointed last meeting and Shelly is just asking that the board takes in to consideration because that position was open for candidacy filling. No one signed up so there is no conflict this time. Charlie Estes being appointed should have typically happened after the town elections, and the new board would be the ones who filled those positions. 1:43:11

The selectmen double checked on the times they have to be present for election day with Shelly.

Public:

Frank Marsh questioning the Zoning Board hours and how people get on the agenda. It is a situation that needs to be figured out.

Thomas Seymour also wanted to make sure the selectmen were ready for election, Shelly covered all he had.

Michael Brown who lives on Currier Road near the old town sand pit want to know if anything can be done about the shooting. There are no rules and he feels there is a big safety issue with this. He went through some rules he found at other shooting ranges he feels the Selectmen should look into maybe creating for the old pit. To save the town from liability they question is should a no shooting sign be posted at sight. There was a lot of discussion on what would be the best way to deal with the situation. No decision was made, the selectmen are

Paula had a lady reach out asking for help with question about the cemetery. She gave the information to Stephen. The Selectmen are handling cemetery questions right now so people need to come to the board. Paula also wants to know if the selectmen are still working

on the lights for the office. It is something that is still being worked on. Paula is also going to be cleaning out and inventorying the Parks and Rec closet downstairs.

Shelly wanted to point out that the Dry hydrants don't look like they have been dug out.

Primex does not reassess the values of what it is worth. This office is in charge of changing that information for Primex. Amanda is trying to get as much updated info to get it to Primex it needs to be in by March 3. There will be a department head meeting on Thursday the 19th to go over them doing their own inventory of items.

Gravel Tax Levy:

CJ Seufert needs his 2025 Gravel tax signed so he can move forward with 2026. Their permit expires in 2029 and they want to have the pit closed when it expires

Stephen Thomson motion to sign the 2025 Gravel tax, Mary Anne Moses second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectmen Business

Town Report just needs the MS-737 signed so it can be sent to the printers

All Ways Clean has notified us that they are done cleaning at the end of March. The Selectmen are going to look at possibly changing up the list and time that the cleaning happens.

The Church talked to Harold the February 14 and they said there was no actual permit to fill out in the envelope and the Pastor was unsure what his next step should be. Harold informed them that he would not be discussing selectmen business he was there to attend a funeral. Casey will bring a blank building permit to them to make sure the church gets it.

Mary Anne Moses motion to have the Police Chief bring a building permit to the church, Harold Knott second the motion. Motion passed unanimously

DOT still could not make it tonight. He is still looking for the paperwork he needs to bring.

Administrative Update

One right to know came through for tax office so it was sent to Shelly.

Need to make Tony the solid waste contact.

Department of Treasury sent a letter saying we owe money back unless we can prove we used more of our ARPA funds. Selectmen need to do research on the letter.

Fizz took his class to get certified for another year with the NHDES

Tony disability claim was approved and we are waiting for him to get his money.

There is a new law about websites being ADA compliant. It is something we may have to look in to.

The window behind Amanda is leaking water we think from the ice buildup on the roof.

Amanda's main focus is the office clean up to find missing property jackets and other information the town needs.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary Anne Moses seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda Curtis



Mary Arne Moses, Chairman



Harold Knott

(Note all meetings are recorded and are available upon request to the Selectmen's Office)