

# Hill Budget Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2008

**Members Present:** Nancy Chaddock (Chairman), John Lynch (Selectmen), Shaun Bresnahan (Secretary), Shelly Henry (School Board), Rhonda Bucklin, Bob Dupuis, Joseph Mahoney, Paul Meyerhoefer, George Robie and Gary David.

The meeting was opened by Nancy C. at 7:00 PM.

Currently we have one vacancy and an announcement will be posted to see if there is any interest from the public in joining.

Brief discussion regarding the use of a digital recorder to record meetings so secretary can concentrate on meeting.

Next elections were held for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Shaun Bresnahan was nominated as Chairman, seconded by Bob D. and unanimously voted in.

Nancy Chaddock was nominated as Vice-Chair., seconded by Bob D. and unanimously voted in.

Bob Dupuis was nominated as Secretary, seconded by Joe M. unanimously voted in.

Desire Mahurin addressed the committee regarding the use of a recorder and the status of the recordings as records. State RSA allows for their destruction of all supporting documents to the minutes once the minutes are approved by the board or committee.

Discussion turned to the water system bond that was passed at the March 2007 town meeting. Bond counsel interprets the warrant article as passed to authorize the town to enter into a revenue bond when a general obligation bond was what was needed. In order for the Water Commissioners to continue the process of getting a grant through the USDA a special town meeting is needed to approve this change.

Jerry Desrochers addressed the budget committee regarding this issue; this special town meeting would approve a new warrant article would specify the type of bond and state how the bonds are to be repaid for which the original appropriation was approved. Jerry reads to proposed warrant article:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to fund the appropriation made under Article 4 of the Town's 2007 Annual Meeting for water mains, access road improvements, water tank repairs and water meter installation through the issuance of general obligation bonds issued under RSA 33. This funding source would take the place of the revenue bonds that were authorized under that same article. While bonds issued under RSA 33 will be general obligations of the Town, it is still the Town's intention to make payments of principal and interest on such bonds from fees paid by users of the water system. (2/3's ballot vote required)

John Lynch makes a motion to accept the warrant article as written, Gary D. seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

General discussion regarding status of current budget; highway budget is tight after last winter. Highway crew is going to start 6 weeks of reconstruction of highways and payroll will come from that account, creating some relief to the regular payroll. Holding off on painting town office, a water leak has developed in the downstairs and repairs will be needed to prevent further damage. There were significant repairs made to the trash compactor at the transfer station.

Tax receipts for the July billing are at around 80%, and liens on properties are up.

Nancy informed the committee that she attended the County Meeting in March. She was the only town official to attend. The county tax rate will increase from \$2.86 to \$3.27 putting Hill on track for a tax rate of \$23.50 which is a 22% increase from 2007.

Committee agrees to start meeting sooner than usual to come up with strategies for handling the 2009 budget. The next meeting is scheduled for 9/11/08 at 7 PM in the library.

At 8:00 PM Shaun B makes a motion to adjourn; Bob D. seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Shaun Bresnahan  
Secretary

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