

**HILL BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**Public Meeting**  
**DATE: February 4, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shaun Bresnahan (Chairman), Robert Dupuis (Vice Chairman & Secretary), Nancy Chaddock, Joseph Mahoney, Vincent Dooley, Marc Coffin, Linda Henry, Paul Meyerhoefer, Vicki Plante, Gerald Weinert, George Robie, John Lynch (Selectmen) & Shelly Henry (School Board).

Shaun Bresnahan re-opened the Public Meeting for the Town's Operating Budget at 7:00 p.m.

George Robie advised that he was at the last meeting and his name did not appear as a member present.

George Robie advised that Other Conservation 4619 does not appear in the last meeting minutes.

John Lynch passed out a new 2010 Proposed Warrant Articles to be reviewed at the Public Meeting. The warrant articles are:

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for general municipal operations excluding individual and special warrant articles.

Total \$921,365.00

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,000 to be deposited into the following capital reserve funds, as indicated.

Fire Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00
Police Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00
Revaluation of Properties Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
Road Improvements	\$20,000.00
Transfer Station	\$1,000.00
Wellhead Protection Area Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,000.00
Building Improvement	\$10,000.00

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,829.00 to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The sum is to come from the unexpended fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raise from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Two corrections were made to the minutes before posting on the web site.  
See pages 3 and 5.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a new Cab & Chassis for the Highway Dept. and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000.00 from the highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Gravel Crushing and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be placed in this fund and further to name the Selectmen as agent to expend.

Article: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to hire an independent consultant to assess the flood control land in the old village.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the Building Improvement Capital Reserve previously established.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Archival Preservation & Storage of Town Documents and Materials; to raise and appropriate \$500 (five hundred dollars) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority Vote Required) (submitted by Petition)

The Budget Committee then received the 2010 Estimated Revenue. They were reviewed by the Budget Committee and asked for public comment.

Shaun Bresnahan asked the public if there were any questions on the 2010 Budget. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion that the Public Hearing be closed, Robert Dupuis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous. At 7:35 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed.

At approximately 7:36 p.m. the Public Meeting was opened.

Minutes for the January 20, 2010, meeting were reviewed. The minutes were amended to show that Shelly Henry was not at the meeting. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, this was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes for the January 28, 2010, meeting were reviewed. The minutes were amended to show that George Robie was at the meeting. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, this was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shaun Bresnahan advised that prior to starting our deliberations he wanted to talk about the pay raise. Vincent Dooley started the comments by suggesting no pay raises for any Town Employee. George Robie and Vickie Plante talked about Hill residents losing their jobs and homes. Shaun Bresnahan advised that the raise for Town employees equals approximately \$6,500.00. Marc Coffin agreed with no pay raises. Shelly Henry wants to give a raise. Nancy Chaddock advised that the cost of living went up 2.7%. Shaun Bresnahan made the following motion:

The Budget Committee supports a maximum of a 3% pay raise as budgeted by the selectmen in the 2010 Budget. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. The vote was 7 in favor, 5 opposed with 1 abstention. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Executive 4130 in the amount of \$41,750.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Dupuis. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for 4140 Election Reg. & VILT (Town Clerk) in the amount of \$45,303.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. A discussion was held. The vote was 4 in favor, 9 opposed. The motion failed. Paul Meyerhoefer made a motion for 4140 to be \$43,708.00. A discussion was held. The vote was 7 in favor and 5 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Financial Administration - Tax Collector 4150 in the amount of ~~\$14,750~~ \$4,758.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. There was not any discussion. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Revaluation of Property 4152 in the amount of \$13,170.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held concerning the mapping portion of 4152 which had not been spent for several budget cycles. The vote was 4 in favor, 9 opposed. The motion failed. A motion was made by Paul Meyerhoefer for 4152 in the amount of \$12,295.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Dupuis. No discussion followed. The vote was 10 in favor, 3 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Legal 4153 in the amount of \$5,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marc Coffin. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Personnel Admin 4155 in the amount of \$18,190.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. Discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Planning and Zoning 4191 in the amount of \$4,450.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. Discussion took place. The vote was 9 in favor, 4 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for General Government Buildings 4194 in the amount of \$26,384.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. Discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Cemeteries 4195 in the amount of \$2,300.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 12 in favor, 0 opposed. 1 abstained. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Insurance 4196 in the amount of \$13,350.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Police 4210 in the amount of \$69,038.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. A discussion took place. The vote was 1 in favor, 11 opposed, 1 abstained. The vote failed. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion in the amount of \$64,568.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Dupuis. Discussion took place. The vote was 11 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Ambulance 4215 in the amount of \$27,430.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Fire 4220 in the amount of \$48,393.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

At 9:06 p.m., Shaun Bresnahan advised that we would take a 5 minute break

At 9:11 p.m., the meeting was called back to order.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Emergency Management 4290 in the amount of \$1,475.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Highway & Streets 4312 in the amount of \$286,192.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion took place. The vote was 10 in favor, 3 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Street Lighting 4315 in the amount of \$3,600.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Reconstruction of Highways 4319 in the amount of \$49,062.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Solid Waste Disposal 4324 in the amount of \$82,105.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion took place. The vote was 11 in favor, 2 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Water Service 4332 in the amount of ~~\$129,700.00~~ \$134,700.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Health Agencies & Hospital 4415 in the amount of \$4,038.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Welfare 4440 in the amount of \$5,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Parks & Rec. 4520 in the amount of \$3,588.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion took place. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Library 4550 in the amount of \$30,114.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. Linda Henry passed out a report that she had done research on. The report contained the following  
LIBRARIAN

TOWN	RATE PER HOUR	HRS WEEK
Hill	\$12.50	34
Alexandria		5/6 not paid with town funds
Bridgewater	\$400.00 per year	2
Danbury	\$9.41	10
Grafton	\$9.00	6
Groton	\$7.25	7
Hebron	\$4,500.00	10
Rumney	\$10.00	13
Wentworth	\$13.00	20
Wilmot	\$12.00-\$18.75	19.5
Plymouth	\$18.75-\$26.44	40

Towns in Plymouth Library Area

\* = Hill Population comparable

Hill

- Alexandria \*
- Bridgewater \*
- Campton
- Danbury \*
- Ellsworth
- Groton \*
- Hebron \*
- Holderness
- Lincoln
- Livermore
- New Hampton
- Plymouth
- Sanbornton
- Thornton
- Waterville Valley
- Woodstock

A discussion was held. The vote was 2 in favor, 11 opposed. The vote failed. Paul Meyerhofer made a motion of \$28,000.00. A discussion was held, the vote was 8 in favor and 5 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Patriotic Purposes 4583 in the amount of \$800.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Other Conservation 4619 in the amount of \$175.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 12 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Interest on TAN 4723 in the amount of \$1,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. a discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

We then went onto the 2010 Proposed Warrant Articles. They are:

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for general municipal operations excluding individual and special warrant articles.

Total \$912,311.00

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for \$912,311 for general municipal operations. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,000 to be deposited into the following capital reserve funds, as indicated.

Fire Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00
Police Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00
Revaluation of Properties Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
Road Improvements	\$20,000.00
Transfer Station	\$1,000.00
Wellhead Protection Area Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,000.00
Building Improvement	\$10,000.00

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$84,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Funds. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. A discussion was held, the vote was 12 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriated the sum of \$46,829.00 to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The sum to come from the unexpended fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raise from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$100,000.00 for the following warrant article. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 12 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a new Cab & Chassis for the Highway Dept. and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000.00 from the highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$20,000.00 for the following warrant article. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 9 in favor, 3 opposed. The motion passed.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Gravel Crushing and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be placed in this fund and further to name the Selectmen as agent to expend.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$10,000.00 for the following warrant article. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lynch. A discussion was held, the vote was 1 in favor, 11 opposed with 1 abstaining. The motion failed.

Article: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to hire an independent consultant to assess the flood control land in the old village.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$500.00 for the following warrant article. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion was held, the vote was 11 in favor, 2 opposed. The motion passed.

Article: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Archival Preservation & Storage of Town Documents and Materials; to raise and appropriate \$500 (five hundred dollars) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority Vote Required) (submitted by Petition)

We then went over the Revenues.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$36,500.00 for the revenues under 3100 Taxes. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 2 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$165,000.00 for the revenues under 3200 Town Clerk fees MV Permit Fees. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 1 in favor, 12 opposed. The motion failed. Marc Coffin made a motion for \$150,000.00 for revenues under 3200 Town Clerk fees MV Permit Fees. This was seconded by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion was held, the vote was 11 in favor, 2 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$5,100.00 for the revenues under 3290 Other TC Fees. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$6,000.00 for the revenues under 3300 Misc. Lic. Permits. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$1,000.00 for the revenues under 3400 Misc Fees Collected. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$1,000.00 for the revenues under 3500 Income from Departments. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. No discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 2 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$13,000.00 for the revenues under 3600 Misc Revenue's. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 2 in favor, 11 opposed. The motion failed. Marc Coffin made a motion for \$8,000.00 for the revenues under 3600 Misc. Revenue's. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held. The vote was 12 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$248,205.00 for the revenues under 3700 Operating Transfers in. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$128,862.00 for the revenues under 3820 From State. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. A discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The vote passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to recommend \$46,829.00 for the revenues under 3890 From Unreserved Fund Balance. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Dupuis. No discussion was held, the vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan advised that the total was \$631,496.00. A vote was held and it was 13 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Shaun Bresnahan advised that he would like to have a Budget Committee meeting after the Town Meeting. A discussion took place concerning the meeting.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Mahoney. The vote was 13 in favor and 0 opposed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m..

Submitted by

Robert C. Dupuis Jr.  
Secretary