

TOWN OF HILL  
SELECTMENS MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 30, 2007

Present: Steve Farris, Mark Dow, Linda Henry (Assistant)

Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting did not begin until 7PM.

ROAD AGENT: General highway department work was discussed. Dean submitted his 2008 budget proposal and it was briefly discussed. Dean was asked to have the dept. pick up the trash that is being disposed of around town in various places. The lighting in the highway garage will be replaced to be more energy efficient.

MISC: Mark made a motion to fire John Hayward. The issue was tabled until Mike could be present. Thursday evening's meeting was canceled. Will meet next Thursday night. The MS-5 was signed. Approved the Girl Scouts to use the town hall for an overnight event on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Signed authorization to increase Jon Evans rate of pay to \$13.24 per hour; the 3% increase that was given to all other employees this year.

POLICE CHIEF: Donald submitted his 2008 budget proposal and it was briefly discussed. Discussed general department business including the purchase of a new cruiser next year using the capital reserve funds. Donald suggested keeping the old cruiser as a back up.

HILL CHURCH: Andrew Denton, Chuck Denningham and Steve Whitmore came in to discuss the issue of taxes on the lot they recently purchased behind the church (V- 143). They feel that the use of that lot for religious purposes does cause it to be tax exempt according to RSA (72:23). The assessor has reviewed the issue and does not feel that they meet the requirements to be tax exempt at this time. They asked to be abated the taxes that have been paid since purchasing the lot. The town assessor will be contacted to attend next Tuesday's meeting to discuss his take on this. They also discussed the possibility of trading lots or doing a lot merger. Discussed crafting a warrant article which would allow them to acquire the lot they are leasing from the town.

WATER DEPT: Gerry Desrochers asked about getting an appraisal done on the lot next to the well (R10-8). He would like to make an offer on the lot if it is declared unbuildable and the variance request is not approved. He said the State will contribute 25% of the cost. He also suggested that some money be appropriated next year to hire a consultant due to the adverse opinion of the 2006 audit in terms of not implementing current GSAB guidelines.

Respectively Submitted,  
Linda J. Henry

Steve Farris

Mike Brady

Mark Dow

