

## **SENATOR DAWN HILL - DISTRICT 35**

**York, South Berwick, Ogunquit, Kittery, Eliot, (a part of) Berwick**

**About Dawn Hill, Esq.**

Dawn Hill (D-York) – Senator Hill is serving in her third term in the Maine Senate 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature. She was elected as Assistant Democratic Leader and is serving on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, the Senate Rules Committee and the Senatorial Votes Committee. In the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature, she was the Senate Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. During her first Maine Senate term, the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature, she served as the Ranking Democratic Senate Member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and on the Ethics Committee.

In 2014 Senator Hill was chosen as one of the *Maine Democratic ‘Women of The Year’* by Emerge Maine.

Hill’s prior legislative service includes two terms in the Maine Legislature as Maine State Representative for District 149 (2006 – 2010). In the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature she served on the Judiciary Committee and as the House chair of the Government Oversight Committee, which directs the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) to conduct independent evaluations and investigations for government effectiveness. Hill served on the Right to Know Advisory Committee which oversees Maine’s freedom of access laws.

During her first term in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Hill served on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, the House Ethics Committee and was House chair of the Commission to Develop Strategies to Increase Postsecondary Access, Retention and Completion for Low-wage, Low-skilled Adults. Hill was also appointed by Chief Justice Leigh Saufley during the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature to serve on the Indigent Legal Services Study Commission. In May 2008, Hill graduated in the Omicron Class “Leadership Maine,” a program of the Maine Development Foundation.

Hill has resided in Cape Neddick, Maine, a part of York, since 1979. She graduated from West Virginia University Law School and practiced corporate and real estate law from 1980 to 1989 at her law firm in York. Hill is a licensed (inactive status) attorney in both Maine and West Virginia. Hill has extensive small and mid-size business experience. She is the senior serving member of the board of directors for MMG Insurance of Presque Isle, Maine – a property and casualty insurer doing business in ME, NH, VT, PA and VA. In her capacity as a board member she has served on the company’s compensation, governance, and investment committees.

In 1998, Hill founded *it's a dog's world*, a large canine training and activity facility in southern Maine with more than 10 employees. She continues to oversee the direction and development of the business.

In the past, Hill has served on and chaired the following: York Planning Board, York Historic District Commission, the Maine State Planning Office Critical Areas Advisory Board and its Rare Plant Technical Advisory Committee. She was also a former board member of Emerge Maine and York Land Trust.