

SENATOR DAWN HILL - DISTRICT 1

York, South Berwick, Ogunquit, Kittery, Eliot

About Dawn Hill, Esq.

Dawn Hill (D-York) – Senator Hill is serving her first term in the Maine Senate – 125th Legislature. She has been appointed the Ranking Democratic Senate Member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and has also been appointed to the Ethics Committee.

Hill’s prior legislative service includes two terms in the Maine Legislature as Maine State Representative for District 149 (2006 – 2010). In the 124th 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 123rd 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 123rd 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, 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 100 plus year old Maine company doing 135 million dollars in written premiums in five states. In her capacity as a board member she has served on the company’s compensation and governance 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.

At home in York, Hill currently serves on the board of directors for the York Land Trust.