

# TOWN OF HILL

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 1, 2019

**Selectmen Present:** Tom Seymour, Bob Dupuis, Mike Brady & Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

**Selectmen Absent:**

**Public:** Paul Guild, George Wilson, Gerry Desrochers, Sally Tanner and Alex White

Tom Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Fire Dept:** Deanna Ford reported that the trucks have been inspected. She has requested permission to purchase the tires for Engine 2 from Northeast Tire. They are preparing to replace the roof on the fire station and the funds will come the Fire Department budget under building maintenance. Chief Ford has asked Lisa Seymour to send an email to the department heads to come to the Hazard Mitigation meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Selectmen's office. Chief Ford also reported the calls this year are down.

**Highway Dept:** Dean Stevenson reported that they are shim paving on Murray Hill Road and after that they will be on Bunker Hill Road. The 550 has required more work to be done on it and this will cost \$2,500.00. The crew has been working on getting ready for winter they have the 550-sander working. Dean stated that R&D has on the schedule to pave this fall however they stop paving after the first snow fall. If that happens Dean will shim pave Shop Road to hold the hill from washing away. Dean inquired if Zach Hemon needed to be at the dump every week training under Anson Libby. The Board of Selectmen would like him there a few days to receive the training necessary to operate the Transfer Station. The only leeway Zach has with the seasonal position is the mowing. Dean said that Hiltz has been hauling a lot of material from the Boot Jack pit. Lisa will contact Rod Wood to review the pit area to make sure they are not harvesting gravel on current use property. Dean Stevenson mentioned adding a fourth person to the highway department would cut down the wait time when they are repairing roads. The Board of Selectmen are currently taking application to add a fourth person to the highway department. With the changes in to the new contract with Waste Management there will be an increase to the Transfer Station's budget of about \$12k. Dean turned in his budget numbers for the Highway budget as well.

**Police Dept:** Chief Williamson reported that since September 12<sup>th</sup> they had 838 calls this has increased over last year. He also reported that we have had 22 arrests this year and prior year there was only 6 arrests. This year only 5% of our calls have been referred to State Police. Mike Brady inquired if Hill has a leach law. Chief said yes, we have a leach law and the dogs are to be under control by their owner. The Reeds have dogs running free and they have been up to Mike's house. The Board of Selectmen would the Noise Ordinance ready for Town Meeting. The Selectmen Office had a request to have the Health Officer do a wellness check at 916 3A. Chief Williamson will also check this out.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Shelly Henry no report

### PUBLIC SESSION:

Paul Guild came in to check on the progress at 20 Shop Road. Lisa Seymour stated that Byron's Septic Services had pumped the tank on September 23<sup>rd</sup> per a conversation with Linda Smith. We will continue to monitor this situation. Paul also asked if Shop Road would be paved

before winter. Dean Stevenson replied if it doesn't get paved, they will shim paved to hold the hill.

Sally Tanner from Primex reviewed the Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) for CY 2020 – CY2022. This will allow the Town of Hill to hold increases that can't exceed 9% for three years. The Board of Selectmen agreed to sign the agreement to hold increases not to exceed 9% for the next three years.

George Wilson, Gerry Desrochers and Lisa Seymour attended the Budget and Finance Workshop at Loon Mountain on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Robert Dupuis attended the Budget and Finance Workshop in Manchester on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was very beneficial in explaining the fundamentals of the processes in creating budgets, warrant articles and budget pitfalls to avoid. The workshop also included an explanation of Property Taxes and State Aid to Municipalities. It included the Property Tax Process in creating a tax rate, the equalization process, the County Tax rates and the State Education taxes.

George Wilson asked questions about the sidewalks. He presented a long-term plan for the sidewalks. He also asked if they would need to have another warrant article to request another \$25k to be put into the capital reserve.

George Wilson inquired about what are we going to do with roof on the Town Municipal building. The Board of Selectmen stated we have received several quotes to have it resingled the roof but it's probably needed a warrant article to raise the funds need to completed the project.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Waste Management contract and agreed to go with a three-year contract instead of a five-year contract and we will continue with the recycling for now. Robert Dupuis made a motion to sign the three-year contract with Waste Management, J. Michael Brady seconded and all were in favor.

## **BOARD BUSINESS:**

### **Building Permits:**

David & Alexa White 3 – bay garage – Approved

Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: James Cunningham Map R6 Lot 14 Logger Tim Dow – Approved

Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Patricia Lynch Map R8 Lot 09 section C, D, and E  
Logger Wesley Avery – Approved

Andover Snowmobile Club seeking permission for snowmobile access on Range Road Map R12 Lot 08-01, Tioga Road Map R13 Lot 09 and Cass Mill Road Map R3 Lot 21-01. Signed a one-year contract.

Bob Dupuis made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:20 pm seconded by Mike J. Brady. Motion passed unanimously. RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

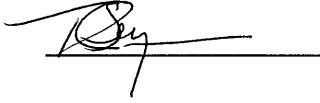
Bob Dupuis made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 8:45 pm seconded by Tom Seymour. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:02 pm.

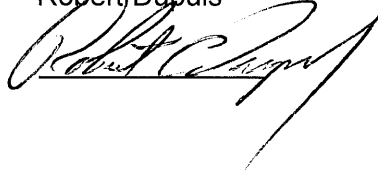
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman

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Robert Dupuis

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Mike Brady

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