TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 21, 2020

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Steven LaRoche, Gerry Desrochers, Keven Groesser, Niki Mahoney and Marshall Bennett

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

First order of business was to make sure everyone was respecting the physical distancing orders issued by Governor Sununu.

Fire Dept: Chief Deanna Ford no report

Highway Dept: Dean Stevenson reported Bunker Hill Bridge looks good, but there was an issue with the runoff washing out the side. It has been repaired, but we will need to look at it again after a heavy rain. Bob Dupuis met with Miller Construction and DuBois & King before opening the bridge. In the review, they pointed out two areas of concern on the entrance of Murray Hill. There was a washout that would need repairing and on the left side entering from Murray Hill Roads (as noted above) and the guard rail needs a slight adjustment because of the ledge. After these repairs, the signoff can be completed. The Board wanted to know when the catch basin on New Chester Road would be paved to avoid the road from washing out. Dean stated that with Dale on vacation and AI retired it has been difficult to get many projects done because it requires two people. He will look at scheduling once Dale returns from vacation. The Grader is back running again, but parts are still hard to find. The F550 just came back from having the framework welded. It will need more work on the frame and also need shocks replaced before winter.

Police Dept: Chief Williamson no report

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry reported that the deeding process will be starting and she will work with Lisa on dates. Shelly is still looking for staffing and she is going place an ad for the position. Shelly voiced her concerns over the condition of the town grounds and the state of the town building. Mike Brady stated that we hired a seasonal part-time person, but he has been busy with his own business and hasn't been able to get to the mowing. The highway department has been addressing the mowing after taking care of the roads, which is their top priority. Mike Brady pointed out that Kenny Magoon used to volunteer a lot of time to the town so the mowing and trimming was always in pristine condition.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Gerry Desrochers spoke regarding the September Elections. Gerry pointed out that we talked about moving the elections to the Amsden Auditorium, but never had a motion. J. Michael Brady made a motion to move the September Presidential Primary to Jennie D. Blake in the Amsden Auditorium in order to follow the social distancing per the Governor Sununu orders. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Gerry expressed that we need more people for the election because the supervisors can no longer cover breaks or lunches for the ballot clerks. The process will require people to assist the voters in maintaining the social distancing, issuing ballots and wiping down the booths. The NH Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will provide PPE and other election materials for use in the September and November elections. There was discussion on how the booth and tables would be setup in the Amsden Auditorium as well. Gerry had some other concerns in the town. One being the old cruiser and Randy's Auto on Rte. 3A. The old cruiser was supposed to go the surplus auction last spring but with the COVID-19 we didn't send it. As far as Randy's on Rte. 3A, they are currently working on removing the cars and other materials from the location.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Robert Dupuis made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 7:41 pm seconded by J. Michael Brady. Motion passed unanimously. RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

Robert Dupuis made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 8:22 pm seconded by J. Michael Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made to seal the meeting minutes. Roll call voted to seal the minutes.

Building Permits:

Ryan & Nicole Maynard/Lori Groesser – 81 Old Town Road Map R09-031 One-bedroom in-law addition – Thomas Seymour made a motion that we approve the building permit at 81 Old Town Road. Robert Dupuis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried

Daniel Furie – Tioga Road Map R13-03-02, 03-04 & 03-05 New barn, workshop and small office space 40' x 60' pole barn construction – need more information on which lot they are building on.

Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: None

Notice of Intent to Excavate: None

Yield Tax: None

Appointments:

Thomas Whitman – Planning Board Member – J. Michael Brady will administer the oath of office before the Planning Board meeting.

Steven Laroche – Parks & Recreation Approved – Thomas Seymour administered the oath of office.

Open position for Highway Department -There is one applicant and they will be asked to come in for an interview on August 4, 2020. Lisa Seymour will setup the interview.

The Board of Selectmen will have further discussions on opening the Town Office Building. When the Board of Selectmen open the building, the use of masks however social distancing is a must.

Repair and Shingle the Town Hall – we will have further discussion at our next meeting and a plan to move forward on the shingling and repairs on the town hall.

Rivard, Zachary – Question on land that the town owns off King Road and abuts Tucker Mountain. Seeking permission to hunt and use baiting. Robert Dupuis will reach out to Mr. Rivard.

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman

Robert Dupuis

Mike Brady