

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 1, 2020

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: Gerry Desrochers, December Fortin, Karen Welch, Stephen LaRoche, Jillian Reese, Niki Mahoney, Dan Boyce, Sandy Boyce, Nathan Pelletier, Andrew Hemingway & Cathy Angeley

Tom Seymour brought the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

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

Robert Dupuis made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:00 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 6:25 pm seconded by Thomas Seymour. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made to seal the meeting minutes. Roll call voted to seal the minutes. All in favor.

Mike Brady left the meeting after the non-public session.

Fire Dept: Chief Deanna Ford called to let the Board of Selectmen know that the generator was looked at on August 28th by Laconia Electric and they are going to supply a quote on the cost to have an automatic switch installed.

Highway Dept: Dean Stevenson no report

Police Dept: Chief Williamson no report

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry no report

PUBLIC SESSION:

Gerry Desrochers provided an update on the primary election process. Dean Stevenson and Dale Wheeler will be setting up the voting booths on Thursday. Masks will be required before entering the voting area. If one cannot wear a mask, there will be an area for the resident to vote. The current plan is to have the Selectmen at the entrance handing out the masks and guiding them to the next station. After they enter the voting area, the direction of flow will be marked. Corporal Andrew Williamson will be covering the election and delivering the voting results to Franklin. Gerry Desrochers mentioned that we would probably be visited by the Attorney General Office to make sure we are following the requirements. Because we will not have access to the kitchen area, there will be no pot luck. Gerry Desrochers suggested ordering from the Hill General Store for lunch. Bob Dupuis suggested Gilly's in Bristol as an option because the owner Jillian Reese lives in Hill.

Park and Recreation came in to discuss the dredging the pond. One of the reasons they are presenting this is because next year the Town of Hill will be having its 80th Old Home Day. They would like to have the pond cleaned up so the residents of Hill will see something positive with the use of their tax dollars and most people use the pond at one time or another. For example, the fishing derby, summer chicken barbeque and skating in the winter. This work will be completed by Parks and Recreation and will take 3 – 4 days to complete. Karen Welch has a person from her work that will be doing the dredging. The highway staff and equipment will be assisting where needed. The material removed from the pond will be transported to a corner of the park to dry out, which can later be used for loam in the park and around the pond. Gerry Desrochers asked about the water ditch coming into the pond and how will it be protected. They stated that they would be careful not disturb the area. This work should be taking place by the end of September or first of October. They will notify the school and check with Dean about the road cones. They are going to have electricity run to the bandstand at this time. In the park area they are looking to brush hog the outside perimeter. It was suggested that they look to see if the State was doing any roadside mowing because they might be able to help. They talked about the current playground equipment. They would like to replace the bleachers with pressure treated lumber, remove the small monkey bars located by the car and dinosaur because it's a tripping hazard. The runabout has been repaired.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to move forward with the Parks and Rec Pond Recovery and use the town highway equipment and staff. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Board of Selectmen will talk to Dean about the project.

Dan and Sandy Boyce, of the Hill Village Bible Church, and other church members came in to discuss the possible expansion of the church. Last year they asked for a variance to expand the front of the church on the horseshoe and were denied by the ZBA. They wanted to see if they can construct a new building to hold 299 people because on any given Sunday, they now have between 132 – 150 people. Sandy Boyce stated since COVID-19 the church has gained 30 people. The current auditorium holds 110 people and the new sanctuary would hold up to 299 people. The new building would have fellowship, classrooms, new kitchen and dining area with handicap access. With a building of this size it would have to go before the Planning Board for site plan review. They expressed that it would need to go in the field and would need a 100 parking spots. They are looking to see what the pulse of the town is. Andrew Hemmingway asked the selectmen how the town would feel about this expansion. Tom stated that they should see what the restrictions are in the Planning and Zoning ordinances before they have an architect compile a plan. Lisa stated that the information is located on the website under forms and ordinances.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Thomas & Kathleen Angeley Murray Hill Road Map R7- Lot 05-09 Construct a log home and Garage House 24' x 32' with breezeway 8' x 12' Garage – Approved

Jane Brown 238 Cass Mill Road Map R3 Lot 18 Three bay fully enclosed carport/garage 34' x 26' – Need more information

Nancy Reed 33 Highridge Road Map R1 Lot 7 Demolition of a mobile home with removal being hauled away via a dumpster – Approved

Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: None

Notice of Intent to Excavate: None

Yield Tax: None

Appointments: Election Staff

Randy J. Sanborn - Asst. Town Clerk – Approved

Eugene R. Bailey - Asst. Moderator – Approved

Anthony M. Cartier - Ballot Clerk – Approved

Wendy L. Rosa - Ballot Clerk – Approved

Shaun M. Bresnahan Jr. – Asst. Moderator – Approved

They will take the oath of office before the primary election on September 08, 2020

Repair and Shingle the Town Hall – SHE Home Improvements of Bristol, NH and Marquis Roofing of Loudon, NH submitted new quote. Umlah's Northeast Exterior of Stewartstown, and Madore Home-Improvement Hill NH had no response. Contract was awarded to Marquis Roofing. Robert Dupuis made a motion to have Marquis Roofing replace and repair the Town Hall and Police Station roof for \$29,700 with 2 sheets of plywood free and if needed addition plywood as needed at \$50.00 per sheet. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

The town cell phone for the Highway Department with Verizon has been disconnected and we will work with Dean Stevenson on a stipend for the use of his personal cell phone.

Selectmen meeting minutes from August 18th – Approved

Ferrin Fund Interest request for signature – Signed

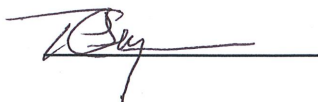
Emergency Repair & Replacement Trust Funds transfer – Signed

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman



Robert Dupuis



Mike Brady
