

**TOWN OF HILL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

November 10, 2020

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Gerry Desrochers, Michael Gauthier, Jillian Reise, Thomas Whitman, Lee Herterich, Robert Walsh and Shaun Bresnahan.

Tom Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Robert Dupuis made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:04 pm seconded by Thomas Seymour. Motion passed unanimously. RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:21 pm seconded by Robert Dupuis. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made to seal the meeting minutes. Roll call voted to seal the minutes. All in favor.

Fire Dept: Chief Deanna Ford no report

Highway Dept: Dean Stevenson no report.

Police Dept: Chief Stevens stated that he is working on his budget and will have it ready next Tuesday. Robert Dupuis reminded Chief Stevenson that any purchases over \$350.00 need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen prior to purchase unless it is an emergency. Chief also stated that the department has been very busy.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry would like to meet with the board next week regarding budgets.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Gerry Desrochers came to submit his resignation as moderator for the Town of Hill.

Lee Herterich had a question about Town government. His questioned if the selectmen have jurisdiction over the school? Tom Seymour responded that the town has two separate governing bodies; one being the school and the other the town. Lee had a presentation on the condition of the sidewalks and the town parks. He pointed out that the sidewalks are unsafe and present a liability to the town if someone got hurt. In the town ball park, he pointed out that the basketball hoops were tattered and torn, the baseball area was not defined in a manner in which you could use it for baseball games, and when he visited the park the grass was 8" tall and would be afraid of walking in the park in fear of getting wood ticks. He stated the parks really need a lot of work. He also stated the that crime rate in the town is high and we need more police coverage. He asked about the State Police coverage for Hill. Bob stated that we are on the far end of Troop D. For them to respond here would take time. After another presentation on the breakdown percentage between the school budget and town budget, he asked if there was some way of having the Annual School District meeting before the Town meeting. The Board of Selectmen will need to research the RSA's.

Parks and Rec Budget presented their 2021 budget to the Board of Selectmen. December Fortin pointed out that the increase in the Tapply-Thompson Community Center would be the last one. They also pointed out that under equipment rental (Porta Potty) has increased because All Seasons Septic sold the business and we will need to find another source. Lisa mentioned that the town uses Best Septic and that they might want to consider using them because we already have a contract with them. The park maintenance line is for mowing the pond area and the ball field which currently being done by the highway department and then wages are transferred.

Robert Walsh came in to discuss the ADU that he is trying to do at the current barn structure. He has been to the Zoning Board and the Planning Board and is still waiting to hear from them. He is located in the Rural District.

Tom Whitman asked if we could look into the broadband grant to extend high-speed internet to Poverty Pond Road including the Cass Mill and Borough Road. Lisa will work with Danbury because they have just completed the process.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

William O'Connor – 16' x 20' Post & Beam with Gambrel Roof. Driveway enters from Alexandria on Berry Farm Road. – Approved

Driveway Permits:

None

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber:

Mary M Thompson Murray Hill Road Map R3 Lot 34. Woodland Care Forest Management – Approved

Other:

Letter to transfer the plates from the 2000 New Holland Backhoe to the 2017 Caterpillar Backhoe. These are permanent plates. Completed and the plates will be transferred.

The 2020 Tax Rate has been preset by the NH Department of Revenue

Vote to accept the OSI GOFERR grant for the town of Hill in the amount of \$26,048.

2020 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate - Signed

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman



Robert Dupuis

