

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 1, 2020

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: James Ward, Gordon Dagnall, Robert Walsh and David Testerman

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.

Chief Stevens presented Gordon Dagnall to join the Hill Police Department.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to hire Gordon Dagnall as a part-time officer for the Hill PD. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Certificate of Appointment – Gordon Dagnall as a new police officer – signed

Thomas Seymour administered the oath of office to Officer Gordon Dagnall.

Certificate of Appointment – David Moyer as Trustee of Trust Funds – signed

Fire Dept: Chief Ford no report

Highway Dept: Dean Stevenson wanted me to let you know that the 550 windshield is being repaired this Thursday and it's under 350.00 Granite State Glass will be doing the work.

Police Dept: Chief Stevens mentioned that they have been very busy. Shaun Bresnahan asked about riding ATV's on town roads. Chief said that the Fishing Game would address these situations. Lisa Seymour provided the ATV Ordinance for review. Thomas Seymour mentioned that the Board of Selectmen closed the ATV trails because they were destroying the connector roads. Robert Dupuis asked about the old cruiser that is currently located at the highway garage. They would like it to go to auction.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry reviewed her budget with the Board of Selectmen. Thomas Seymour asked about the envelope folding machine in the Town Clerks Office. Shelly stated that she doesn't use it because it is difficult to get supplies for it. Robert Dupuis suggested that we sell it and, after a brief discussion, it was decided to sell the equipment. Robert Dupuis made a motion to sell the folding stuffing machine located in the Town Clerks office. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

Shelly Henry would like to see security camera's in the parking lot. She also expressed her wish list for the upgrades on the Town Offices Building. For example, painting the outside and replacing the leaky windows.

Shelly discussed the Election Grant we received and how she would like to allocate the remaining funds.

We discussed the abatement process on interest being waived on pass due taxes. Shelly reminded the board that this is a source of revenue for the town and to adjust interest only is difficult to do in the system. The question came up about the Selectmen not signing the deed waivers what would happen? The Town Clerk would deed the property to the Town of Hill and the Board of Selectmen would sign off them.

PUBLIC SESSION: David Testerman will be sworn into office in an outside meeting and felt that it would probably be a short session. David said that there are a lot of people upset with Governor Sununu about the way he has handled the COVID-19 pandemic. Shaun Bresnahan asked about the revenues for 2021. The ones that are going to have the biggest uncertainty will be the Rooms and Meals, School Funding and the Highway Block Grant. Robert Dupuis asked about changes in gun laws under President Biden? Dave stated that we will need wait and see in January.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Robert Walsh 17 Murray Hill Road Map 10 Lot 10. 1 bedroom, 1-bathroom apartment - Robert Walsh came in to discuss the ongoing issues with obtaining a building permit since September. He has been bounced from the Zoning Board to the Planning Board and still has no resolution to the issues surrounding his building permit. Robert Walsh will be away until May 2021 so this issue has been placed on hold.

Shawn O'Connor 1 Charlie's Lane Map R22 Lot 14-1A 15' x 47' shed – Thomas Seymour made a motion to reject the building permit because it doesn't show all of the buildings on the lot. Robert Dupuis seconded the motion. All in favor.

Driveway Permits:

None

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber:

Toby Russell Clough and Range Road Map R12 Lot 02 Swift Corwin Logger – Approved

Other:

Selectmen meeting minutes from November 17 – Approved

HealthTrust health insurance agreement – Signed

Vachon Clukay Letter of Engagement – Signed

SAM Registration – we have paid for one year and would like to sign up for 5-year registration. This will open more grant money. We belonged to this when Linda Henry was here. Lisa Seymour explained that if we go with the 5-year registration it would allow the town to be eligible for other grants that become available. The Board of Selectmen voted to stay with the one-year registration.

Shaun Bresnahan had questions on the safety training on cutting trees by the highway department. Lisa Seymour will ask Dean about the training and if they have the safety equipment and chaps to do this type of work. Shaun was also concerned about the Ash trees on Bunker Hill Road and Murray Hill Road. These trees are infected with the Emerald Ash Borer which weakens the trees and they become a hazard.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to send out a memo to all department heads to update their inventory. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor. They are also requesting an update from Jeff Ford on how many breathing units they currently have.

The Board has also requested that all expenditures over \$350 be approved before purchase unless it is a breakdown that must be repaired immediately.

The Board of Selectmen will be looking at upgrading the heating system and the rezoning of the building for the proper heating efficiencies. They will also be looking to update the windows.

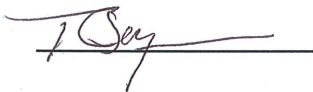
The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Executive budget for 2021 to present on December 9th to the budget committee. Shaun Bresnahan will present the budget.

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

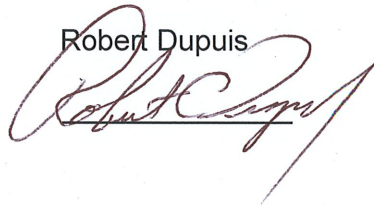
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

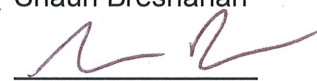
Tom Seymour, Chairman

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Robert Dupuis

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Shaun Bresnahan

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