

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 15, 2020

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Karen Sylvestre, Stephen Thomson and Charles Estes

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 and wearing masks orders issued by Governor Sununu.

Fire Dept: Chief Ford no report

Highway Dept: Dean Stevenson wanted to let the Board of Selectmen know that the Peterbilt will be going to the garage to have a new radiator installed. Robert Dupuis wanted to know if the truck would be available to plow for the storm coming on Thursday. Lisa will check with Dean on the status of the truck.

Police Dept: Chief Stevens no report.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry no report.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Karen Sylvestre came to the Board of Selectmen with a concern about living units. She wanted to know if you could have more than one living unit on property less than 6 acres in the Rural District. Karen asked if the landscaping was ever approved. This would have to be approved by the planning board. Lisa Seymour will check the planning board minutes in the Town Clerk's office. The sign on the property would have to be approved by the State of NH because the business is on the portion of Murray Hill Road that is owned by the State of NH. Karen said that since a neighbor has removed trees that borders her property the noise level is a lot higher and they work late into the night.

Karen Sylvester would like to have a pole barn on her property to hold outdoor weddings. The Board of Selectmen stated that she would need to go to the Planning Board for approvals.

Karen Sylvester asked if you can add buildings on current use property? No. If you build on current use property, it would need to be taken out of current use and pay a land use change tax. There is a piece of property off Dearborn Road that (R11 Lot 12) has a building on the property and they are there in the summer months cutting trees and burning brush.

Shawn O'Connor has asked the town to dump ditching materials on a section of his property.

Stephen Thomson, Chair, and Charles Estes, Secretary, of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) had several concerns. The first concern was that we don't have any updated maps since the adoption of the new Commercial District. This inhibits the ZBA's ability to make accurate decisions. The change to the Commercial Zone was voted in by the Town at Town Meeting. The maps are updated by Planning Board. At issue are the property located on the 4 corners of Route 3A, Murray Hill Road, and Old Town Road (The resident wants to change the stables

area to incorporate one ADU) and a request for a special exception on 9 Borough Road for a dog kennel (see below). Stephen and Charles said it is difficult to make decisions if they don't have updated maps showing the different districts that we have in the town.

Stephen Thomson asked about the new business located at 265 NH Route 3A. He wanted to know who approved the building permit for the sign and how can they open a business in Commercial Rural Residential district without a special exception from the Zoning Board? Per the Zoning Ordinance under Commercial District (zone c) Section A **Uses Permitted** item 8 states light industry and wholesale establishments shall be allowed only by a special exception by the ZBA. Stephen stated that the knew nothing about this business so they could not address the special exception. The sign should have been permitted through the NH State DOT because it's on state highway. The Board of Selectmen requested a letter of cease and desist be sent to the business at 265 NH Route.

There has been some confusion as to when a public hearing should take place for changes that are out of the scope of the Zoning Ordinances. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Legal Counsel for clarification.

The ZBA held a meeting on the request for a kennel on 9 Borough Road. They couldn't accept the application because it was incomplete. The Planning Board had already accepted the request at their Thursday meeting and Robert Helmers requested Brittany and Mason to bring a check to cover the costs for the public hearing. Stephen Thomson said that Robert Helmers can't do that because it would cause them to overpay for the notices for public hearing and Robert Helmers would not return the overpayment causing him to embezzle the funds.

Stephen Thomson stated that Robert Helmers had requested funds exceeding what the Zoning Board had already paid for the publication for the Brittany Stone public hearing. Robert Dupuis said you are accusing another town official of embezzling funds during a public meeting: you should go a see Chief Stevens to file a police report.

Stephen Thomson asked a hypnotical question to the Board as can you as a board interrupt the distinction between commercial and residential site plan review.

The Board of Selectmen will request a meeting with the Planning Board Chair.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Andrew & Kendall Poirier 7 Ferrin Street 60' x 27.6' single family home Map V-104 – on hold missing energy audit paperwork.

Driveway Permits:

None

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber:

Cathy Robie on Snow Road, Map R10 Lot 30: Logger Wes Avery – Approved

Other:

Selectmen meeting minutes from December 1, 2020 – Approved

Hazard Mitigation Planning (HSEM) report – Approved

Charles A. Carr Co. would like the town to purchase the property located on NH Route 3A Map V Lot 120 in the Commercial zone. The Board of Selectmen are not interested in purchasing this property. Robert Dupuis made a motion to contact Charles A. Carr Co. And let them know that

we are not interested in purchasing the property. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

Advance Lock & Alarm provided a quote for security cameras for the Town Office Building – The Board of Selectmen have questions about the cameras that they want to install. Lisa Seymour will reach out to them for clarification.

Supplemental Tax Warrant – Ronald Poitras this was billed to the incorrect person - corrected. Abatement needs to be signed for Shelly – Signed

Brown Engineering delivered the AOT permit application for proposed Gravel Pit located on Poverty Pond Road Tax Map R13 Lot 28

Accufund software upgrade cost – the Board of Selectmen would like more information to determine if this will work for the Town of Hill.

From a functionality standpoint the town would need the following General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Cash Receipts, Bank Reconciliations, Budget reporting and Payroll w/W2's and 1099. This software would meet the State recommended chart of accounts.

The estimated costs are as follows:

Software (one-time) \$5,500

Support (annual) \$1,400

Implementation and training (one-time) \$16,500 to 23,000

RingCentral offers a premium package that has automatic call recording, multi-site admin and management, up to 8-digit extensions with site codes, video meetings with up to 200 participants etc. the Board of Selectmen are interested but would like more information on the costs.

Robert Dupuis followed up on a complaint from Sharon Denningham on the highway department concerning plow damage to her stonewall and, prior to that, knocking down her mailbox. Shaun Bresnahan reminded everyone that this portion of Old Town Road is State Road.

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman

Robert Dupuis

Shaun Bresnahan

