

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 05, 2021

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Joann Irving, Robert Helmers, Chief Stevens

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 provided a sketch of a proposed sand shed at highway garage at 62 NH Route 3A. The reason for requesting a sand shed is because that sand is always wet and makes it difficult to load the trucks.

Police Dept: Chief Stevens via phone. Before investigating the dog complaint sent by Thomas Seymour, Chief Stevens reached out to the State of NH for current regulations. On Sunday, Officer James Ward and Officer Gordon Dagnall went to the property to review the conditions. They reported to Chief Stevens that conditions were clean, the dogs have fresh water and food, and the kennels have hay and other media to keep them warm. Chief Stevens would like to add another part-time officer to the department. This person is fulltime certified and is extremely qualified for the position. Bob Dupuis vouched for the individual's credentials.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry no report.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Joann Irving has concerns over the liability of having a grapple of wood on town property when the person that owns the wood doesn't live in town. Joann questioned several lines in the Fire Department budget as a concerned taxpayer, specifically asking why are we spending money on things we don't need. Joann was also concerned with the morale at the Fire department. Joann said that we are trying to attract new members, but with a moral issue it's hard to find people. The Board of Selectmen are aware of the issues and are currently addressing them.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 7:09 pm seconded by Robert Dupuis. Motion passed unanimously. RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 7:35 pm seconded by Robert Dupuis. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made to not seal the meeting minutes. Roll call voted to not seal the minutes.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Andrew & Kendall Poirier 7 Ferrin Street 60' x 27.6' single family home Map V-104 – Approved

Shawn O'Connor 1 Charlie's Lane 15' x 47' shed only. Map R11-14-01A – Approved

Glenn Morrill 348 Bunker Hill Road 12' x 16' shed Map R12-55-03A – Approved

John W. Moses 4 Tioga Road Demolition permit Map R13-11 – Approved

Francis Razzaboni Currier Road 28' x 36 Ranch Home Map R11-09 – Approved with a condition on the approval of the 911 address.

Driveway Permits:

None

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber:

None

Other:

Selectmen meeting minutes from December 15, 2020 – Not Approved because of an amendment

Charles A. Carr Co. would like to give the town the property located on NH Route 3A Map V Lot 120 in the Commercial zone.

Advance Lock & Alarm provided a quote for security cameras for the Town Office Building – Shelly has reached out via email with questions on the cameras.

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.

Annual Assessing Services January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 was approved by DRA and needs to be signed by the Board of Selectmen. The fee for annual pickups, building permits, subdivisions, changes in current use and equalization survey is \$7,500. Additional requests will be charged for differently.

Judy Brady has offered to volunteer in the selectmen's office.

Charles Estes passed on the following information via-email pertaining to the cancelation of hearing in reference to 9 Borough Road.

"Pursuant to our conversation, as I explained, protocols have tightened around non work-related activities handed down from both mine and Alia's employer. We both received notification that employers are requesting employees of the schools, hospitals and such to minimize activities to essential requirements only for the foreseeable future. Requesting audience with the Selectmen to discuss things is preferred but not essential. So given the circumstances, I'll remove myself from the agenda, with their consent.

I emphasize this point for the sake of others....whether others agree with the State's response or not, SHE WITHDREW her application so she is still going to pay the \$88.50 she owes, but once she withdrew, we (The town) no longer had an active application to go ahead with.

The issue of whether or not the planning board was required to hold of a Public Hearing was addressed in the new law change in November of 2019. That left only for the ZBA to determine if an applicant meets zoning compliance for a commercial kennel of 15+ dogs. The confusion arose when she submitted the application for a commercial kennel. She is not operating a commercial kennel housing dogs. (4 months and older)

The State Agriculture Dept. was the one who resolved this by telling the applicant she did not require a commercial kennel license to sell puppies. The law only requires that she obtain a vendor license for the sale of puppies. They scheduled an inspection and if she passes, they will be issuing her a vendor permit to sell puppies. For a vendor permit, she doesn't require a special exception. As long as all her dogs over 4 months of age are licensed by the Town, she meets all that the zoning ordinance and state require of her. So again, she withdrew her application for a special exception."

SKR Site Service Corp – Repair to broken waterline in front of 30 Crescent Street Suite# 2. The Board approved paying this invoice from the General Government Building maintenance line.

Discussed the Selectmen's proposed budget for Wednesday evening. After reviewing the budget, several changes were made. Shaun Bresnahan will present the proposed Selectmen's Budget to the Budget Committee.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to reduce the Fire Department new equipment/replacement line by \$8,125. Robert Dupuis seconded the motion. All in favor.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to increase the Fire Department medical supplies by \$500 making this line \$1,200. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor

Thomas Seymour asked that the changed Fire Department budget be sent to Chief Ford.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to level fund the Police Department to the 2020 budget. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor

Robert Dupuis asked Lisa to reach out to Chief Stevens regarding wage increases for his department.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to increase Executive Professional Services \$750 for a Zoom account and financial audit fee increases. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to increase Executive Travel & Workshop by \$300 due increase in training. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to reduce Highway Diesel by \$1,000. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. 2 in favor 1 not in favor.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to Highway Clothing to make this a stipend of \$1,500 to be divided evenly between the staff. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor

Thomas Seymour made a motion to reduce the Health Officer by \$1,250. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor

Starting in February the Board of Selectmen are requesting that two department heads start attending the Board of Selectmen meetings. On the first Tuesday each month the Fire Department and Police Department will attend. On the third Tuesday each month, the Highway Department and Town Clerk/Tax Collector will attend.

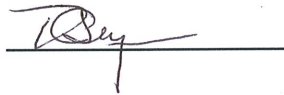
The Board of Selectmen would like the grapple of wood behind the Fire Station removed by January 19, 2021. Robert Dupuis asked that we send Chief Ford an email.

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

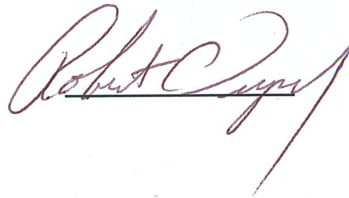
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman

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Robert Dupuis

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Shaun Bresnahan

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