TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 2, 2021

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

Selectmen Absent: Tom Seymour

Public: Danny Woodhams (SKR)

Robert Dupuis 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: Jeffery Ford reported that they have had 15 calls year to date. Jeff asked when can we start spending the 2021 budget? Robert Dupuis stated that it will not be approved until May 11th. Jeff asked if the Fire Department could purchase batteries for their flashlights the cost would be \$200.00. He was told to go ahead and purchase the batteries. Shaun Bresnahan asked about the medical supplies and the equipment. Jeff stated that everything was okay.

Highway Dept: Dean Stevenson discussed with the Board of Selectmen his concerns about the sand shed that would have a nylon woven cover with a 15 warranty. His main concern is with it toppling over. Currently we don't have the wood to build one the only materials that we have are rough cut pine for siding. They discussed that having the highway shed located at the 62 NH Route 3A was preferable because there is a sprinkler system and other protection at this location.

Dean Stevenson and the Board of Selectmen discussed the current condition of the roads in the Village and Rural Districts. Dean stated that if we did 2 miles now and continued this every year it would take 10 years to reconstruct all of the paved roads. A number of past re-construction projects were discussed as was the difference between "boxing-out" vs re-claiming with a grinder prior to paving. Dean would like to do from the New Bunker Hill Bridge to the Quimby Farm House first. R&D Paving would like to help us out by doing the paving. The Budget Committee had come up with a Warrant Article to establish a Roads and Highway Feasibility Committee however the Board of Selectmen decided not to go with it because they have already had a Highway study committee in prior years. The Road Agent and the Board of Selectmen would like to spec out road projects and the develop a plan to implement the road project. The culvert on Needle Shop Brook by the Quimby Farm needs to be replaced when that section of Bunker Hill Road is reconstructed. Robert Dupuis stated that we have enough funds to do some of Bunker Hill. Maybe from the Wythe property to the Bunker Hill Cemetery or the section by the Quimby Farm which would include the culvert.

Shaun Bresnahan asked how the equipment was running. Dean stated that we had work done on the Peterbilt and International dump trucks this winter. The grader is running good just using to do the winging of snow banks. The loader is having an issue with a small fuel leak; Anthony Cartier is a good diesel mechanic and is trouble shooting issue. The new backhoe is good. The 550 truck is slowly falling apart.

With warmer weather coming we might not need to order anymore salt this year. The Board of Selectmen discussed the mailbox complaints. The Highway Department will be replacing these in the spring.

James Rose 41 Borough Road called to state that his mailbox has been taken out for the past three years and would like it replaced.

John Gaudette emailed that his mailbox has been hit twice in the month of February. He has asked the town to provide him a new pressure treated mailbox post in the spring and he will install it himself.

James Boyd 23 Tioga Road called to state that when the highway crew was winging back the road, they hit his stone wall and a pole. He also has an issue with a culvert that diverts water onto his property and destroyed his fruit trees a few years back this is at the intersection of Patten Road and Tioga.

Sharon Denningham also has an issue with the high winging that was done last week; they but all of the snow is on her lawn and the blade hit the stonewall again.

We have had several complaints of mailboxes being taken out on Bunker Hill, Borough and Murray Hill Roads.

Shaun Bresnahan asked about the 75 acres that the Town owns on Poverty Pond Road and adjacent to the proposed gravel pit as a possible gravel source for the town in the future.

Police Dept: Chief Stevens not present

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry asked if we would need the town attorney for the zoom meetings. Shaun Bresnahan said that he didn't think we would need him.

Shelly Henry asked to change the language on the ballot from Selectmen to Selectperson because we have a woman running for the one-year position this year.

Shelly wanted to also discuss the upcoming mailers that will be sent to all registered voters on the election process in April and the voting on May 11th. Robert Dupuis stated that this has to be mailed to all residents in the Town of Hill because they can register the same day as voting.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Dan Woodhams from SKR site services came in to discuss the recent water main repairs.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Other:

The Budget Committee Public Hearing for the Town Budget has been set for March 3rd at 7PM.

The Budget Committee Public Hearing for the School Budget has been set for March 10th at 7PM.

Approval of the 2021 Town of Hill Warrant Articles – Need slight modification

Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 2, 2021 - Approved

Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 4, 2021 – Approved

Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 9, 2021 – Approved

Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021 - Approved

NH Office of Strategic Initiatives – Planning Division are having 2021 Planning & Zoning Training Opportunities on Saturday May 15, 2021. Robert Dupuis and Shaun Bresnahan will be attending.

Eversource A111 line rebuild project Nicole Martin had questions on the Hill's Ordinances as far as special permits for the project.

For our next meeting, Lisa Seymour will look into the options for internet services in order to move to a central phone system. Currently we are looking at RingCentral which will provide us the capability of transferring calls and phone conferencing with a zoom option.

Lisa Seymour asked if she could close the office at 12:00 on March 10th. The Board approved the time off. Notices will be placed at the Town Office, Post Office, Town bulletin board next to the Hill General Store.

Robert Dupuis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman

Robert Dupuis

Shaun Bresnahan

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