TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 1, 2021

Selectmen Present: Tom Seymour, Shaun Bresnahan, Christopher Gronski & Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: David Thomson, Robert Blouin, Nathan Mills, Jamie Moulton, Marshall Bennett, Lee Herterich, Donald Reese, Andrew Williamson, Dean Stevenson, Thomas Angeley, John Geronaitis, Mark Labonte, Corey Corliss, Rebecca Corliss, Niki Mahoney and Steven LaRoche

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Fire Dept: Chief Moulton advised that Nathan Mills was appointed as Captain, and Marshall Bennett was appointed as Lieutenant. Chief Moulton is working on getting the software quotes for the Nifer reporting system. When we have this and the reports are being filed, the fire department will be eligible to apply for more grants. They are looking to obtain two fire proof file cabinets for calls that are confidential and require state retention. Chief Moulton asked if we could have someone service the computer and printer in the office. Fire permits will need to be inspected because some of the ones that have been issued are not signed or dated. Former Chief Ford issued a permit for Snow Road, but HFD needs a copy of the permit to see if it's for a brush fire or a campfire. Chief Moulton is working on an emergency contacts list of the fire fighters for Paul Steele at Lakes Region Mutual Aid. The locks on the Fire Station have been changed, HFD Captain Nathan Mills is working on replenishing the medical supplies. Beckett School has volunteers under the supervision of Mark Labonte (HFD Fireman) helping with cleaning, painting and washing trucks. The Board of Selectmen received an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) application for the purchase of four portable radios for the Fire Department from Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Lisa Seymour will look into getting a cell phone through Verizon at a government rate.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to make Jamie Moulton the Fire Warden. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor. Shaun Bresnahan will complete the paperwork.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion that Chief Jamie Moulton represent the town of Hill on the Lakes Region Mutual Aid Board of Directors. Christopher Gronski seconded the motion. All in favor.

Christopher Gronski asked if any training is needed to be on the Fire Auxiliary.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the Bristol Ambulance contract and what services that we received from them. After reading and discussing the contract, the Board of Selectmen signed the paperwork.

Engine 4 has great tires and metal but it is out of service because it leaks. Chief Moulton plans on pulling the hose and supplies and put it on the Utility Truck.

Chief Jamie Moulton is looking into getting red 911 address signs for the town to help locate calls.

Highway Dept: Dean Stevenson reported that they have been working on the Grader because when they were working on Addison Road, they discovered that the brakes failed. They are doing the repairs and currently they have spent \$800.00 to fix the brakes. The brakes on the grader are the original brakes. Christopher Gronski asked if it was on a maintenance schedule. Shaun Bresnahan stated it's not easy to schedule maintenance for the grader. The water has rescinded where the beavers have been playing. Dean Stevenson asked if he can start working on the sidewalks. Thomas Seymour told Christopher Gronski that the sidewalks are in bad shape and unsafe. Christopher Gronski asked if we had a quote on the repairs for the sidewalks. The sidewalks to be removed are the side roads in the village and when the work is going to be done a notice will sent out to the property owners that will be affected. Christopher Gronski asked for a tour of the Highway building.

Police Dept: Gordon Dagnall mentioned that the cruiser battery needs to be replaced. Gordon asked if he could take the cruiser to his garage to have the oil changed and the tires changed from winter tires to summer tires, which was approved. He will be off until Saturday so the work can be completed before he returns. Corporal Andrew Williamson came to the meeting as requested by the Board of Selectmen. Chief Stevens has resigned from the department which leaves just Gordon Dagnall, who is very new to the department, and Corporal Williamson. The question is how to support Officer Dagnall. Andrew Williamson said he would be available to help. When Tilton lost their Police Chief, they used an Interim Administrative Director. Town of New Hampton also did the same thing when they had no Chief. Christopher Gronski asked if the town received revenue from the traffic stops on Rte. 3A. Part of the funds goes to the Police Academy stated Andrew Williamson. When doing routine traffic stops for speeding often leads to other traffic violations, inspections and other infractions stated Andrew Williamson. Any money seized related to drugs is used for drug activities. The number one of complaint in town are the burnouts. Christopher Gronski asked what is the relationship with the Sheriff Department. Andrew stated that they do transports and deliver warrants and other paperwork. State Police will come in to protect. However, some towns that are further out don't get service. In order keep the thefts and other activities down you must be visible. We currently have three officers on the roster with one is out on medical leave. Corporal Williamson was going to pass in his paperwork and gear, but has decided to stay on to help us out until we find a new Chief. The Board of Selectmen will be placing an ad for a part-time 32 hour a week Police Chief. Thomas Angeley asked how do we apply for gun permits. Corporal Williamson said to just submit them to the Hill Police Department and they will be processed.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Shelly Henry not present.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Parks & Rec came in to ask about the plaque for J. Michael Brady. The Selectmen stated that they will have this to them this week. Saturday, June 5th, the committee will be having a cleanup day starting at 8:00 am and will work until completed. Mark Labonte offered the Becketts kids where he works to help. Parks & Rec will just need to let him know when.

John Geronaitis a Utility Arborist from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op came to the meeting to talk about the upcoming spraying in Hill. The NHE CO-OP and its contractor consultant Vegetation Control Service, Inc. (VCS) intends to selectively apply herbicides to undesirable vegetation growing within power line rights of way corridors located in the Town of Hill. Copies of (NHE-CO-OP) door hanger notification of herbicide spraying to be left with each power line right of way abutter along with a copy of the "Herbicide Use Notification". The herbicide that will be using will be Kernite S the chemical name is Ammonium salt of Fosamine. The material safety date sheet is located in the selectmen's office if you want to review it. The Co-Op will be spraying this summer and fall to alter the growth cycle from having to cut and mow every 4 – 5 years. The cost for cutting is between \$20,000 to \$25,000 per mile. The residents in Hill that are

in the spraying zone can call and refuse to have the vegetation sprayed on their property. Well data have been identified with red dots on the spraying maps and they cannot spray near any wells so there will be no water contaminations. Christopher Gronski asked why would they want to contaminate our soil. John said they do not want to contaminate anything and the chemicals being used would cause soil contamination. John also stated that there would be effect on the bee keepers. Christopher Gonski asked if any other towns asked not have the spraying done John stated that Grafton did.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Cory Corliss, 105 Borough Road, is asking for a permit for a 30' x 30' concrete foundation for a barn Map R1 Lot 32 – Denied pending verification of a business permit. Cory Corliss building permit was denied because he has more than a home occupation business. When Cory started his business, it was part-time and now he has a full-time business. This needs to have a site plan review done with the Planning Board. Lisa Seymour reached out to Robert Helmers to have Cory Corliss on the schedule at the next Planning Board meeting. Christopher Gronski gave Cory his information.

Robert Blouin & Martha Blouin, 550 Murray Hill Road is asking for a permit for a 30' x 86' single-family, stick built, three-bedroom, ranch home w/ attached garage 1' x 24' open-sided pole shed Map R6 Lot 3-3 – Approved

James Bean, Currier Road, is asking for a permit for a 12' x 20' Storage Shed Map R12 Lot 31-02 – Approved

Other:

Certificate of Appointment
Karen Welch, Park & Rec – Signed
Stephen Thomson Zoning Board – On hold until June 15th Selectmen's meeting.

Veterans Tax Credit

Carl Passaro, 40 Currier Road Map R11 Lot 03, – Approved

<u>Pistol Permit</u> David Somers – Approved

<u>Bristol Ambulance Contract</u> Updated with Jamie Moulton as Fire Chief – Signed

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the letter from Christopher Swiniarski requesting a travel trailer for Richard Pescinski property. The information presented represents a tiny home, which in the zoning ordinance is in more in line to a mobile home. A letter was sent to Christopher Swiniarski when this information for Richard Pescinski.

Open the sealed bids for the 2000 New Holland Backhoe. Shawn Foden was the highest bidder.

The Board of Selectmen accepted Timothy Stevenson's Letter of Resignation as Police Chief.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 9:13 pm seconded by Thomas Seymour. Motion passed unanimously. RSA 91-A:3, II (c).

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 9:30 pm seconded by Thomas Seymour. Motion passed unanimously.

Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Gronski seconded the motion. All in favor

With no further business to conduct, motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman

Shaun Bresnahan

Christopher Gronski