

# TOWN OF HILL

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 18, 2021

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

**Selectmen Absent:** None

**Public:** Robert Reed, Jeffery Ford, Thomas Angeley, Kathleen Angeley, Joanne Irving, Paula McDonough, Marissa Sylvestre, Adam St Jacques, Nathan Mills, William Machado & Jamie Moulton

Thomas 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.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:31 pm seconded by Robert Dupuis. Motion passed unanimously. RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

Robert Dupuis made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:45 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made not to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to accept the resignation of Deanna Ford as Fire Chief seconded by Robert Dupuis. All were in favor

The Hill Fire By-Laws has how the fire department operates. Under the Association and RSA 154:1 there would be an annual meeting to appoint the Fire Chief and the officers. The appointments are brought to the Selectmen for approval and swearing in, if approved. The Board of Selectmen would like this for the next meeting. Currently we have Captain Jeffery Ford and Lieutenant Jamie Moulton. William Machado has been on the Hill Fire Department for 43 years.

Fire permits can be issued by the Fire Warden, Jeffery Ford and William Machado.

**Fire Dept:** Captain Ford reported that they had 5 calls. To repair engine 2 air leaks at Lakes Region Fire Apparatus in West Ossipee would cost an estimated \$2,500 and the engine would be out of services for not more than a week. The fire department needs 6 sets of new gear and they cost \$2,000 per set. To have the trucks pump tested at Dingee Machine in Cornish will cost \$200.00 per truck and to have the ladders tested would be an additional \$100.00 per truck. The budget approved this year was \$60,360. To be paid from the approved budget is \$15,317 for Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association.

**Highway Dept:** Dean Stevenson not present

**Police Dept:** Chief Stevens not present. Gordon Dagnall was asking what will be his direction going forward. Gordon Dagnall reported not much activity. There are pistol permits that need to be signed by Thomas Seymour, Chairperson. The cruiser maintenance needs to be done and Gordon asked where this would be done. Robert Dupuis stated that we like to keep the work done local. Lisa Seymour will look to see where it was serviced last and let Gordon know. We have not received Chief Stevens resignation so he is still the chief.



**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Shelly Henry not present.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Paula McDonough inquired how the recount would be done on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The recount will be for the 1-year Selectmen's seat, Library Trustee and Article 1 for the school. This will be conducted in the Hill Public Library at 10:30 for the town portion by Eric Herr, Town Moderator, Selectmen Thomas Seymour and Shaun Bresnahan and Shelly Henry, Town Clerk. The school recount will be conducted by Eric Herr, Town Moderator, School Board members Charles Estes and Natali Mills.

Lee Herterich came to talk about the park and school equipment. He said that the basketball court needs new nets and the court needs resurfacing, the baseball diamond needs to be refurbished and it needs mowing. Lee Stated that when he was on the budget committee, he proposed an \$2,000 increase Parks and Rec budget but it didn't happen due to a vote by the Selectmen. The Board Selectmen stated that when Parks & Rec came in that they were happy with what they had proposed in their budget. Lee noted that the Bristol town common always looks pretty and wondered out loud why can't we have this? Shaun Bresnahan has offered several times in the past, but will contact Karen Welch about working on the baseball diamond once more.

Paula McDonough asked when we were going to move the boulders at the end of New Chester Road. The Board of Selectmen stated that the highway department placed them there to protect the fire hydrant and also to stop people from tearing on the grass. There are no plans to remove the boulders at his time.

The Board of Selectmen received a request for a public hearing in regards to a parcel of property on Murray Hill Road. The abutters have many questions about this property development and about following town requirements/regulations for development.

JoAnne Irving asked why the police cruiser was parked in front of the fire hydrant on voting day. The response from the officer on duty was it's an emergency vehicle. Robert Dupuis stated that no one should be parking in front a fire hydrant. This will be addressed with the Police Department.

JoAnne Irving asked about the four generators behind the fire station. Robert Dupuis stated that we can't just use them and they can't be sold because they are government surplus that only be used by a government entity. If we don't use them, they will go back. For example, they could be used to power a command center at forest fire because it is for the municipality.

The question was asked why the Old Village only open once a year. Shaun Bresnahan said in 1992 there was an incident where a 36-yard dump truck dropped asbestos materials in the Old Village that need to be cleaned up. Therefore, the Federal Government closed the Old Village and is only opened one weekend a year.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Building Permits:** None



**Timber Tax:**

Mary M. Thompson R3 Lot 34 Operation 20-215-07-T Tax Warrant – Approved

Forrest Hicks R7 Lots 02, 02-08 & 02-09 Operation 20-215-03-T Tax Warrant – Approved

Green Acres Woodlands, Inc. Map R13-28, R14-07,09 &10 Operation 20-215-04-T Tax Warrant – Approved

Cathy Avery Map R10 Lot 30 Operation 20-215-09-T Tax Warrant – Approved

Stephen Robie Map R6 Lot 12 Operation 20-215-06-T Tax Warrant – Approved

Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber – Timothy & Melissa Clark – Approved

**Other:**

Selectmen Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021 – Approved

Ad for the 2009 Backhoe – will be placed in the Laconia Daily Sun with the sealed bids submitted by May 31, 2021 and the sealed bids being opened on June 1, 2021.

Eversource A111 Transmission – Signed

First half tax bills were approved with a due date of 07/01/2021 – Tax warrant signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Robert Dupuis made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:35 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 8:55 pm seconded by Robert Dupuis. Motion passed unanimously.

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 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chairman

Robert Dupuis

Shaun Bresnahan

