# TOWN OF HILL

# SELECTMEN'S MEETING September 21, 2021

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

Selectmen Absent: None

**Public**: David Thomson, Thomas Angeley, Stephen Thomson, Nathan Mills, Mark Labonte, Robert Dupuis, Lee Herterich, Gerald Desrochers and Bill Wilson.

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

#### FIRE DEPT:

Captain Nathan Mills reported that Dingee Machine Company came to the Fire Station and looked at Engine 4 without getting to the shop a ballpark number to fix it would be between 10K to 20K. Dingee stated that the 4 pistons for the ladders would be \$1,000 each, the engine radiator is leaking a green crustation, the tires that are wearing uneven is an axel problem and the truck is 30 years old. Maybe we should look into sending it to auction. Chief Moulton said we need to maintain the fleet that we have. Nathan Mills stated we need new gear as some of it is out of date. Specifically, boots, pants, and jackets. In the next year's budget, The Fire Department will be looking into the safety of the equipment and see what needs to be replaced. Chief Moulton is going to get quotes for batteries and pagers. Lisa Seymour mentioned that there is more funding under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The furnace is operational but will need to be replaced soon and they will get quotes for next year's budget. The cameras are being installed and will have no sound and the proper signage. Mark Labonte and the kids from Beckett School painted the front doors. They will also hang the new LED lighting in a couple weeks.

#### **HIGHWAY DEPT:**

Nothing to repost at this time

#### POLICE DEPT:

Nothing to repost at this time

# **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

Nothing to report at this time

### **HEALTH OFFICER:**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Thomas Seymour brought the Public Hearing to order at 6:49 pm. Thomas Seymour closed the Public Hearing at 7:19

### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

David Thomson said Mr. Walsh is still building on Murray Hill Road and asked where are the maps? The maps are now on the website. Mr. Walsh's combined lots making one lot which is in the wellhead protection area and cannot be built on or have alterations to the existing building. Mr. Thomson asked if he needed a permit for interior alterations? Mr. Walsh has taking part of his barn and making it into an apartment. Shaun Bresnahan stated that he needs a special exception. Stephen Thomson stated that you cannot have a structure in the wellhead protection area. David Thomson stated that there are too many loopholes in our system. Stephen Thomson said Bob Walsh went to the Planning Board and was told he wasn't in the wellhead protection area and somehow Bob Walsh got to Stephen about the special exception. Stephen Thomson asked Bob Walsh to

come to the meeting and stated it comes from the Planning Board. Shaun stated a meeting with the Planning Board Chair was scheduled. Six times there was non-public scheduled but were postponed. Posting of the board meetings are not being done correctly which is causing a problem. The currently posted meeting for the Planning Board has different dates and will need to clarify before they can hold their meeting.

Shaun Bresnahan asked Stephen and David Thomson to refrain from interrupting as he was trying to respond to their questions.

David Thomson asked one more time what his options were. Charles Estes said the Attorney General. Christopher Gronski said that we do the appointment with the Planning Board Chair and it's difficult to remove a board member. Thomas Seymour asked David Thomson to get back on target. The Jason Avery meeting with the Planning Board has been changed. Christopher Gronski questioned what can be about this and that we need to meet really soon with Bob Helmers. Shaun Bresnahan reached out via email to Bob Helmers to see if he was available to meet on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Selectmen will meet in a non-public session on that date.

Christopher Gronski asked if it would be beneficial to have the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meet with our Legal Counsel to have their roles defined.

Robert Dupuis asked about the guardrail that was damaged during the winter on Bunker Hill Bridge. He wanted to know if our insurance company would cover the repairs. Lisa Seymour stated that our insurance doesn't cover this. Lisa Seymour will contact Marshall Bennett to see what division of NH Department of Transportation covers that section.

### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

## **Building Permits:**

Heather Beaudry – shed barn 908 Murray Hill Road – Need more information for approval Jay & Sue Quimby – 240 Bunker Hill Road Map R11 Lot 28 Open Pole shed addition – Approved Jay & Sue Quimby – 240 Bunker Hill Road Map R11 Lot 28 New deck & replace steps – Approved

### **Intent To Cut**

Faith Knowles Brown Road Map R3 Lots 43, 48 & 49 – Signed

#### Other:

Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 07, 2021 – Approved

Acceptance of the Emergency Management Performance Grant:

"The Select Board, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented in the amount of \$5,874.00 to purchase portable radios for the community's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$11,748.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$5,874.00)."

Christopher Gronski talked to the Merrimack Sheriff Department regrading police coverage and pricing. Here was little desire to assist the town at this time. The Board would like Sheriff Doug Croft to come to a meeting to discuss the options available. It was suggested that we reach out to Bristol to see what the cost would be to contract with them. Shaun Bresnahan spoke with Donald Sullivan after the posting and he said that we should work on what options we have. Upon our review of the candidate that interviewed for the position, it was decided that they would not be a good fit for our community. We are going to place an ad with the Police Academy to see if a retired police officer would be interested. We are also looking into hiring an administrative person to cover the office so that we can better utilize the current staff to perform patrols.

Christopher Gronski is interested in having a crime watch committee meeting. This would be a private citizens effort independent of the Selectmen or Police Department.

With no further business to conduct, Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Gronski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Christopher Gronski