

TOWN OF HILL
THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Work Session
October 26, 2021

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Fire Chief Jamie Moulton

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session at 6:00 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II(c))

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:19 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

Christopher Gronski made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session at 6:20 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II(c))

Christopher Gronski made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:24 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS:

The Beaver Dam:

On October 22nd there was a Facebook post asking which pond let go and washed over Murray Hill Road because it sounded like a sonic boom. Shaun Bresnahan saw the muddy water and followed into the woods off Stone House Road to see that the beaver pond had let go naturally. Christopher Gronski asked if it is normal to have a beaver dam just let go? Shaun Bresnahan stated that when the food source is depleted, beaver will move away and the dams can become weak and let go.

This meeting work session is for the Board of Selectmen to start preparing for the upcoming budget for 2022.

Chief Jamie Moulton came into work on the Fire Department budget with the selectmen. Jamie stated that the Fire Department needs a new furnace and would like to replace this with a forced hot water system because forced hot air just adds to the pollution and germs. He would like to have a two-zone system. The chimney has 13 broken blocks. However, a liner would resolve that issue. Jamie was wondering if some of the COVID monies could be used to fix this.

The Detectors are out of code and no good. Christopher Gronski asked if we could fundraise for some of the items, we need to improve the Fire Department. He suggested using a thermometer to show how much money we have raise on weekly basis.

Chief Moulton has been working with Verizon to get a municipal phone like we got for the Police department. Municipal phone contracts are discounted. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Notch Net and request emails for the Hill Fire Chief and Hill Fire Captain.

Chief Moulton requested quotes for a new computer for the Fire Station because the one that is at Fire Station can't be updated to the new windows software and is out of compliance. Shaun Bresnahan suggested a laptop as long as it is not being used for personal use.

Shaun Bresnahan wanted to discuss the Fire Dept wages. Lisa Seymour will look into the wages for the chief, captain and the lieutenant followed by the fire fighters.

Shaun Bresnahan talked about adding another line under wages to show how much is spent on the Administrative hours.

Christopher Gronski suggested that the Fire Department have a bulletin board to have upcoming events and training sessions posted.

There is concern that they will need traffic control and safety training. They also need to order a traffic control sign.

Under the new equipment/replacement budget line, Shaun Bresnahan suggested prioritizing the needs of the department. They are looking for a Hurst Jaws of Life tool to save people trapped in vehicles. They would also like a new case saw to enter a burning building. They need 6 sets of replacement fire gear which includes Jackets, Boots and Pants. The cost per set of fire gear is \$3,500 through Globe Equipment. The Fire Chief needs a jacket that fits him – he has been using spare jackets and these only have a 10-year life. Helmets need replacing, though the costs were not known at the meeting.

Jamie stated that they need replacement flashlights and batteries. The pagers need replacing and Lisa Seymour suggested getting quotes and apply for grant with the Department of Homeland Security

Lisa Seymour looked into reducing the Comcast services at the Fire Station. Jamie stated that they do not need a TV there, so it has been removed and the bill has dropped by \$80.00 a month.

The Utility Truck needs a backup beeper and running boards. Costs \$200.00

They will need to order new Fire Prevention materials for next year.

The hydrant at the well house on Murray Hill Road is out of service and the hydrant on Crescent Street in front of the school is loose. Christopher Gronski asked about the no parking area near the Bunker Hill Bridge site. Shaun Bresnahan and Chief Moulton stated that is a dry hydrant area and a draft site for trucks to draft water in the event there is a fire in the area.

Jamie Moulton has ordered tee shirts for the department and these funds came from the Hill Fire Association.

Shaun Bresnahan had asked Jeffery Ford about getting a state card for the fuel. This would allow the trucks to be run more often. Lisa Seymour will reach out to see how the program works and if it's something that Fire Department can use.

Christopher Gronski believes that the townspeople will be willing to help if they know what the needs are in the Fire Department and can have a visual of the funds being raised. This is why Christopher would like to have a thermometer with goal to be raised outside of the Fire Station.

The ARPA funds that we received from the state has been tabled until Christopher Gronski can research the stipulations that could have an impact on the town.

With no further business to conduct, Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Gronski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

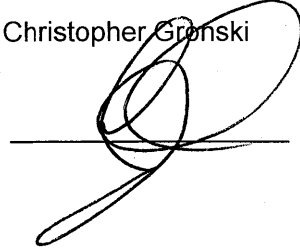
Tom Seymour, Chair

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