

# TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 7, 2021

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

**Selectmen Absent:** Shaun Bresnahan

**Public:** Joann Irving, David Thomson, Nikolaos Manolis, Mark Labonte, Jamie Moulton

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

## **FIRE DEPT:**

Fire Chief Jamie Moulton came tonight to let the board that Engine 2 is 22 years old and has 148 hrs on the pump. The pump testing was scheduled for spring. However, the pump reel had no power and the portable generator was not working. Chief Moulton discovered that the breaker was broken and repaired it. Chief Moulton was at the Bristol Fire Department and W.D. Perkins Fire Pump Specialists were there doing their pump testing. At Thursday night training they pulled out Engine 2 to find it had no lights at first, but then they came on. When W.D. Perkins came in for an assessment of Engine 2, he tried the kill switch and then tried the primary which creates the vacuum and he found it was arching. He found that the main pump is leaking and needs to be serviced. The gearbox, which runs the main gear, that runs the PTO which moves the oil has oil in it and this is not good. The bearings are rusted due to the lack of usage. Chief Moulton has a verbal quote of to repair Engine 2.

Mark Labonte is the president of the Hill Fire Association and they meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. The next meeting is on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. At this meeting they will be discussing the needs of the department. All so they will develop fundraising plans. Thomas Seymour offered to share information on fundraising.

## **HIGHWAY DEPT:**

Road Agent Dean Stevenson stated that everything is good. SKR has been hauling winter sand. Dean Stevenson presented two quotes for a new truck. This would be replacing the F550 truck. For a 2021 Silverado Medium Duty 4WD Newport Chevrolet quoted \$69,366 and this doesn't include the plow mount or hydraulic system. HP Fairfield provided a quote for \$105,000 for a 1-1/2 ton International truck and it would need a new wing quoted at an additional \$5,000. Dean Stevenson also presented a future project on Bunker Hill Road. The approximant costs would be \$170,000 to do 4,900 feet of the road.

In regards to purchasing a new truck for the highway department David Thomson suggested looking into a used truck from another municipality. David Thomson asked Dean how many miles was on the F550 and Dean said 130,000 and this is over a ten-year timeframe. David Thomson was curious if he thought of looking into a lease.

Dean Stevenson asked if he could purchase a new jack to use when putting on the chains. Thomas Seymour asked how much this would cost? Dean said between \$750 to \$800. Dean also said this was a "just in case" situation and the jacks a readily available. Thomas Seymour then said he may as well wait there is a need if they are easy to come by.

Joann Irving was wondering why there was large deposit of salt on the roads. Dean Stevenson stated that the sander was not spinning fast enough to spread the salt.

## **POLICE DEPT:**

Nothing to report at this time

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

Shelly Henry nothing to report

**HEALTH OFFICER:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

David Thomson had a question on the sidewalk removal on Mountain View Drive. Davis asked how much have we spent on this so far? Lisa Seymour stated that currently we have spent \$5,757 and this is just for the labor. We are still waiting for the invoice for the gravel and loam purchased from Hiltz.

David Thomson wanted to know about the Joseph Page property. He asked if Chief Moulton had been to the property to see if the water had been turned off. One of the biggest problems with this you are trespassing on the property stated David Thomson and this could be a liability for the town. The town clerk asked Vinnie Corneau to look at the property because Vinnie and his wife used to take care of Mr. Page. Vinnie had been down and reported that it had been broken into. Shelly Henry suggested in a prior meeting that the town start the probate process because we will probably own it in three years. There are no family members known to be interested in the property. Christopher Gronski said it's not up to the town to winterize the property. Joann Irving said that Vinnie would be taking care of this. David Thomson said that it is trespassing and he would not want anyone coming on his property without permission. Jamie Moulton said so if we get a call to your property, we are not suppose enter your property without your permission. Dave replied that is correct.

David Thomson has a concern with putting in a disconnect meter on the outside the building at the Transfer Station. This is a safety issue with the disconnect inside the building, stated Chief Moulton. If the fire is within the building, we can't shut down the power. David Thomson understands what needs to be done but we can't afford this are taxes are high enough.

David Thomson inquired about the elderly tax credit. Lisa Seymour stated that we do have elderly tax credit in Hill and it's a tier structure. David will be in to see Lisa Seymour to discuss the qualifications.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Building Permits:**

Nikolaos Manolis brought his agreement and release regarding the building permit for a Class VI Highway. This agreement would relieve the town for any loss or damage, including those incurred through failure to provide municipal services, including police, fire, and ambulance services. This will be signed by the Board of Selectmen and witness by the Notary and filed with the Merrimack Registry of Deeds if the building permit is approved.

**Intent To Cut**

None

**Other Business:**

Request funds from the capital reserves per a warrant article from 2019 for the Bunker Hill Bridge.  
Approved

Request funds from the capital reserves from the Emergency Repair & Replacement Trust Funds.  
Approved

Merrimack County proposed budget for 2022 for review by the Board of Selectmen.

Lisa Seymour is working on getting a better fuel price. Currently we are paying \$3.449 per gal with the transfer from A.D.G Fuel to Dead River.

Christopher Gronski made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:27 pm seconded by Thomas Seymour. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II(c))

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 8:59 pm seconded by Christopher Gronski. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, Christopher Gronski made the motion to adjourn the meeting Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Christopher Gronski

