

**TOWN OF HILL**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
November 2, 2021

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

**Selectmen Absent:** None

**Public:** Thomas Angeley, Lee Herterich, Joann Irving, Donald Reese, Paula McDonough, Francis Razzaboni, Robert Schulte, Michelle Schulte, David Thomson, Stephen Thomson, Bruce Blazon, Brian Connelly, Oliva Bell, Paxon Bell and Jessie Bell.

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 5:54pm.

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

Christopher Gronski made a motion to leave Nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:22 pm and was seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session at 6:27 pm and was 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 6:37 pm and was seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT:**

Nothing to report at this time

**HIGHWAY DEPT:**

Dean Stevenson presented his budget for the Highway Department and Transfer Station.

David Thomson asked if we were done with the sidewalks for the year? David Thomson also asked about the stumps and the water lines. Dean Stevenson stated that they had no issues and everything went great. Yes, Shaun Bresnahan stated, we will be continuing these next summer. We will be doing the South end of Mountain View Drive. The Town may be repairing and fixing some of the sidewalks. The issue will be taking care of them during the winter months. Questions were asked about the cost to do the North End of Mountain View Drive? Lisa Seymour will pull this information for our next Board Meeting. Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean Stevenson if he was planning on doing anymore cold patching before winter. Dean Stevenson he was, weather permitting. Right now, they are working on the Borough Road to make repairs before winter.

Shaun Bresnahan asked about the condition of the equipment. Dean Stevenson said the tires are good, sanders are in pretty good shape, though the little sander needs help. The International will last another year.

Lisa Seymour stated after the heavy rains, she cleared several catch basins of leaves and other debris. There are some that are very tender and need repair. Dean Stevenson stated that they need to be repaired and there are between 10 – 12 per street. Shaun Bresnahan asked when the last time they were cleaned out. Dean Stevenson didn't have a defined time and he was waiting for a bid to have them cleaned out.

Shaun Bresnahan asked who takes care of the trash compactor at the Transfer Station. Dean Stevenson said that we take care of it. Shaun Bresnahan asked if we can weld some plates of steel to repair it because looks tender in spots.

Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean Stevenson to look into a road project for next year. It was suggested to look at the repair from the Bunker Hill Bridge to the last box out and road repair.

Christopher Gronski asked about the increases in the Highway Budget.

**POLICE DEPT:**

Corporal Williamson came in to work on a back log of pistol permits and asked Thomas Seymour, Chairman of the Board, to sign them.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**HEALTH OFFICER:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Brian Connelly came to the Board of Selectmen for a building permit for an outside learning space. This is a project that the students will be doing as a learning lesson for the students. They will learn the process and steps in planning and coordinating the 25' x 30' outside classroom that will be covered for year around learning. This would be on the side that playground is located. This will be paid for through a grant that was awarded to the school from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER 2) grant which is federal. Thomas Seymour asked what types of classes are you planning to teach? The area would have picnic tables and monies for this is from the Newfound grant. Joanne Irving that it would have great access to the school. Oliva Bell and her schoolmates will stake out the area to be sure that it meets the setbacks of the town for a building permit. Paula McDonough suggested moving the slide and balance beam to a new space to make room. Shaun Bresnahan asked what they are planning on doing in the winter with the picnic tables? Brian Connelly said that they are movable and will be stored appropriately. Shaun Bresnahan asked to let the board know and they come to see the area.

Francis Razzaboni came to the Selectmen seeking an appointment to the Planning Board. Thomas Seymour asked the board if they had any questions for Francis Razzaboni about being on the planning board. Everyone was pleased that Francis Razzaboni was interested and wished him the best. Thomas Seymour made a motion to appoint Francis Razzaboni to the planning board. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Thomas Seymour administered the oath of office.

Joann Irving asked about the light on the flag next to the monuments near the pond. Robert Schultz, per a suggestion by the Board of Selectmen, spoke about a granite post to be placed at the monument area which would be put in the ground so it can't be vandalized. On the post would be mounted a LED 75w light which would be programmed to come on at dusk and go off at dawn. This would be controlled with a photo cell. The power would come from the GFI outlet located at the gazabo. The flag is recommended to be lit at night or taken down which is proper etiquette. In the past Ken Magoon would take care of the flag at the monument. It was asked if the children at the school could put the flag up when they come to school and take it down after school. The problem with the school children doing this is that the locked rope is too high for them to reach and it would need to be done even in inclement weather. Robert Schultz suggested that because the flag can't be properly lit and with the strong winds it should be taken down for the winter. David Thomson stated that when he was in school it used to be a great honor to do the flag and his son, Stephen, agreed. At the Old Home Day, they usually have students at the school lower the old flag and put up a new one. This was not the case this past Old Home Day.

Joann Irving asked Robert Schultz is this light as bright as the one that is on his flag? Christopher Gronski asked if there is a way to see how it works? Robert Schultz demonstrated the one he would

use. Joann Irving said that placing the granite post needs to be brought up at the Parks and Recreation meeting because they are responsible for the monument area. Parks and Rec will be meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library. Robert Schultz said there will be no costs to the town. Robert also asked if there have been any new veterans over the past 20 years that might not be listed on the monuments. The question was raised about the original monument eagle and the status on the repairs. Robert Shultz took it to a professional to see if it could be repaired and restored. Robert advised that repairs are ongoing. Thomas Angeley would like to see the flag flown 365 days. Shaun Bresnahan thanked Robert Shultz for the time he has put in restoring the flag pole.

Paula McDonough asked about the boulders around the roundabout on New Chester Road. Paula stated that they look dumb and should be removed. The reason that the boulders are there is because of malicious activity. There is a fire hydrant located at the roundabout and people would drive through and dig up the area. If someone wasn't careful, they could take out the fire hydrant. So to resolve this issue the town put large boulders with caution signs. Paula McDonough and Andrew Williamson was going to do work with Parks and Rec to plant a nice area. However, that never happened. Christopher Gronski suggested that we have volunteers do this. This would be nice to have but who would maintain it? Lee Herterich agreed with Paula McDonough about the issues with vandalism in the town.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

##### **Building Permits:**

None

##### **Intent To Cut**

Robie Stephen - Murray Hill Road Map R6 Lot 12 Logger Wesley Avery  
Robie Thomas – Murray Hill Road Map R6 Lot 17 Logger Wesley Avery

##### **Other Business:**

Vachon Clukay & Company PC letter of engagement – Needed to be signed. Signed

Payroll will need to be completed on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, due the holiday falling on a Thursday and banks are closed.

Ambulance Contract with Bristol for 2022 has increased due to the number of calls and increased expenditures. Over the last few years letters have advised of adding a FT Day position and equipment upgrades. The Town of Hill calls went up over 50% this period and transports increased 40%. The Board of Selectmen has requested a meeting with the Bristol Fire Chief Benjamin LaRoche to review the contract before committing to the increase.

NH DOT contract for diesel for the Fire Department was discussed. Lisa Seymour reached out to Patricia Bailey, at NH Fuel Distribution, for pricing. Currently, they are in a fixed price contract and the pricing at all sites is \$2.20 for diesel, which good until 11/2022. By entering into this contract, we will be able to track the actual usage of the fuel, the NH DOT will have a record of the mileage, and the fire trucks will be exercised. We actual use this program for the police department and it's a tremendous savings to the town.

The Board of Selectmen voted to move the next regular meeting to the Hill Public Library because of the size of the meeting and it will be set up so the board can see who needs to ask a question.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session at 8:58 pm and was 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 9:01 pm and was seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session at 9:02 pm and was 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 9:26 pm and was seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. 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. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 10:19 pm.

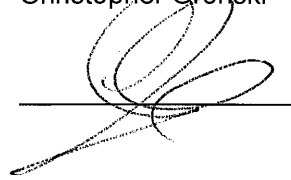
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Christopher Gronski

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