

**TOWN OF HILL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

February 01, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: David Thomson, Shannon Hall, Frank Razzaboni, Shelly Henry and Dave Testerman

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

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

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 7:10 pm seconded by Christopher Gronski. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton no report at this time

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Stevens nothing to report at this time

POLICE DEPT:

Donald Sullivan no report at this time

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Shelly Henry discussed the upcoming election and town meeting. Eric Herr would like the elections to be held in the school gymnasium. We are currently looking for a ballot clerk for the republican side. Shelly will reach out to Patricia Lovejoy to see if she will be available. Shelly provided the information for the lien and deed dates for 2022. This process will start in March and the deed notices will be mailed May 12th. We have two contested races this year, the selectman position and the school board. The question was asked about having a meet the candidate's night and it was suggested for February 21st. Christopher Gronski announced he will not be running again. The question was raised about the one-year term for the open selectmen's position. Shaun Bresnahan explained that when Michael Brady passed away, he was appointed to fill the Mike's seat until the next election. With Robert Dupuis term being the three term and Shaun Bresnahan a one-year term, Shaun Bresnahan decided to run for the longer term and Robert Dupuis ran for the one-year term. Shaun would then have Thomas Seymour and Robert Dupuis to learn from.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Natalie Mills Nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Shannon Hall is starting a girl scout troop in Hill and looking to either use the library or school for the meetings. Registration will open February 22nd at 5:30pm. The Selectmen thought that the library would be a great location and asked Shannon to reach out to Lynn Christopher for the availability of the room.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Nikolaos Manolis 109 King Road needs to provide more information before it can be approved.

Intent To Cut

None

Other Business:

Discussions with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen have been ongoing regarding driveway permit approval. Driveway permitting starts the building permit process therefore it makes sense to have these approved by the Board of Selectmen. Shaun Bresnahan has been working on updating the driveway permit and requirements. The Planning Board will have to hold a public hearing to finalize the changes.

Dave Testerman explained that the House had an out of the State House session on January 5th and 6th at the Hilton in Manchester as Constitutionally required and at additional taxpayer funding, to start the new year and vote on the 10-year redistricting map. The latter was passed after much debate, but still requires Senate approval and probably the courts. Dave will still represent Franklin but Hill may tie in with Andover. Dave sits on the Criminal Justice Committee and shared some upcoming house bills. HB1392 that levies a stiffer penalty on those bring drugs into New Hampshire to sell. Dave stated that it may not make much difference but it is an attempt to slow the influx from Massachusetts. They also recommended inexpedient to legislate HB1392 which would repeal penalties on nonviolent drug cases and possession of drug paraphernalia. Dave will oppose any bill to legalize drugs in our state. Dave briefly touched on the voting and who qualifies as a resident of New Hampshire. Thomas Seymour gave a thank you to Dave Testerman as he has been the one state representative to routinely come to our Selectmen meetings.

Don Moyer has requested a re-write of the elderly exemption warrant article because he feels that it is too confusing. Suggestion from Shaun Bresnahan:

Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Hill, based upon assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: reduce the residency requirement to 3 years (currently 5 years); increase the maximum income for single person to \$25,000 (currently \$18,400); for married couple to \$35,000 (currently \$26,000); and increase the maximum asset value for married to \$45,000 (currently \$35,000) excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Ballot Vote Required)

Shaun Bresnahan discussed the supplied paperwork for a 2021 Silverado 6500 dump truck (which Dean submitted) to replace the F550 truck that has been deteriorating. Dean Stevenson, Road Agent, explained the F550 has two holes in the front frame and has been at Irwin Motors in Laconia for repairs which cost \$3,000. He also stated that this truck should make it through this year. Shaun Bresnahan went to Benson Auto in Franklin to talk about possibly having them give the town a quote. The Service Manager said if you desire reliability gas engines are the way to go; diesel sensors and parts are hard to get. It was suggested that we look at the possibility of a gas fueled truck. Shaun Bresnahan spoke with Marshall Bennett about what the State uses and he said that the NHDOT uses gas and have had no issues. Dean Stevenson's biggest concern is that gas fueled trucks will not last. Chevy is not currently taking orders; however, Dodge is. With the truck and chassis available, the better option for a dump body would be to use HP Fairfield. The sander we currently have for the F550 is 9ft so the dump body would need to be at least 10 ft. There was discussion on leasing a new truck versus buying. Where the Town is a municipality, we don't have the option to lease from a dealership. The town would need to purchase and then set up a lease with a leasing company similar to what we did with the Fire Department. Shaun Bresnahan gave some MSRP numbers for diesel and gas with the Dodge diesel being \$63K and gas \$53K. The plowing set up would be done through HP Fairfield and this would be done using the current front plow, a new wing and a 10ft dump bed for \$55K. Setting up a new 1-1/2 ton truck the town would be looking at approximately \$105K. David Thomson is concerned about the cost of the new truck and what the impact would be on the Town. Shaun Bresnahan mentioned that we might be able to sell the current truck.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to submit a warrant article to see if the Town will appropriate \$125,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve for the purchase of a new truck. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the return of Officer Ward to the police department. Currently in the 2022 budget we have not budgeted for an officer. It was discussed and the outcome was to add money to the police department budget. The addition will be to add \$6,200 to the police wage line to cover Officer Ward for 36 weeks at 8 hrs per week including the payroll taxes.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to amend the Police Department budget to include \$6,200 for Officer Ward. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerry Desrochers asked if we could include the Twin Rivers Interfaith Pantry to the Town Report. – Approved. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Gerry for information which includes stats.

2022 Letter of Commitment Lakes Region Planning Commission – Household Hazardous Summer July 30, 2022 or August 6, 2022 – Approved

Selectmen Meeting Minutes to be signed – Approved

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:58 pm seconded by Christopher Gronski. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

Christopher Gronski made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 9:19 pm seconded by Thomas Seymour. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 9:20 pm seconded by Christopher Gronski. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (i))

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 9:25 pm 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 9:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Christopher Gronski