

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 15, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: David Thomson, Frank Razzaboni, Shelly Henry, Eric Herr, Frank Marsh, Stephen Thomson, Elias Manolis, Michael Brown, Michael Munson, Michele Munson and Charles Estes

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:01 pm seconded by Christopher Gronski. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (a))

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:34 pm seconded by Christopher Gronski. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton reported that the fire panel in the entry way Town Offices has a trouble signal in the "new" area. Chief asked where is the "new" building on the fire panel because the "new" building is showing it's in trouble mode. The library is the original building. Mango Security would need to be called to service this. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Mango Security Systems to come out to review the issue.

Chief Moulton stated that there has not been a lot going on. With the cold weather Engine 4, was delivered to the White Farm in late December, has not been evaluated for the auction because they can't start it. Lieutenant Labonte and Chief Moulton will be going down to repair the issue. The Fire Department helped in preparing the pond for the skating event that was held on February 12th. There were about ninety people at the event. The Fire Dept had a bonfire and Parks and Rec provided hot beverages.

Furnace was serviced by Dead River and said that it would need to be replaced sometime soon. Chief Moulton thought that a forced hot water system would be better than the current hot air. He also thought that propane would be better than the current oil system. His thoughts were that propane is a better fuel when it comes to outside storage. However, the oil is cheaper.

The Fire Chief asked when the Town Meeting was so that he could plan to attend to answer questions from the residents about the budget.

Chief also stated that we lost a firefighter. Samuel Sawyer was in the department for 6 years and was a Fire Engineer. There will be a celebration of life on February 20th at the Elks from 2 pm – 7 pm and Lakes Region Dispatch will do a final call to duty for Samuel Sawyer at the celebration of life.

The Department has responded to 26 calls this year and most of them were from January. This will likely go higher quickly; a town resident requires dialysis 3 times per week and has a hard time getting from their house to their car. He has been called in 3 times to assist and feels this could be a long-term issue or until they get some sort of ramp. Bristol Ambulance has been toned out for this and if available they respond as well.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Stevens had nothing to report at this time

POLICE DEPT:

Donald Sullivan reported that we could probably use the Merrimack Sheriff Department for coverage at the Town Meeting and the School district meeting versus hiring a special detail from a surrounding town. County Sheriffs have jurisdiction in all towns within their county.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Shelly Henry mentioned that we will need more help at both the Election and the Town Meeting. There are two open ballot clerk positions.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Natalie Mills had nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Eric Herr came in to discuss the Election and Town Meeting process. The Election will be held at the school this year in the Auditorium from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. There will be signs stating that the election will be in the school. Shelly said that we can have a voting booth for masks only and will follow the COVID protocols that were in place in 2021. Eric has been on several Zoom calls with other Moderators regarding this year's annual meetings. There has been increasing misbehavior in public meetings in various towns. Eric has looked into several ways to set up the Town Meeting and School Annual District Meetings. Eric has decided the floor will be divided into sections for the residents that want to wear masks, no masks or commingled and they will be socially distanced as well. There will be an opportunity for the residents who are masked to exit by a different door as well. Eric Herr has been in contact with the school and they will be closed or working remote that Tuesday. Eric Herr was concerned about having police protection at the Town Meeting and The School Annual District Meeting. The Selectmen will look into having a special detail from the Sheriff's Department. Lisa Seymour will send Eric the warrant articles for the town meeting. Shelly will work with the Highway Department and the School to arrange the set-up time on Monday before Elections.

Stephen Thomson, chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), stated that Green Acre Woodlands, Inc has filed an appeal with the State of New Hampshire Housing Appeals Board. This was emailed to the Town Clerk and Town Council, however Stephen Thomson asked if we ever received a notification by mail? Because Stephen believes that the mailed notice is the trigger that would determine the 30-days for information requested to be sent to them. Shaun Bresnahan asked if there is anything the Board of Selectmen can do to help with the process?

The question was asked if our legal council will be representing the town in this matter. Selectmen felt we should start with them if we feel that they lack the expertise we could ask for a recommendation on who could better represent the Town. As our legal counsel we need to keep them in the loop. The ZBA will start putting the information together and Charles Estes will put the case together chronologically. Charles Estes would like to have a meeting with the board before submitting the information. The ZBA will meet on February 24th at a time to be determined before posting. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion that the Board of Selectmen support the ZBA in defending their GAW decision. Christopher Gronski seconded the motion. All in favor.

Frank Marsh asked who is responsible for the snow removal of the Town Office Building and the Library. The Highway Department is responsible for the removal of the snow and the sanding of the parking lot and all entrances to the building. Frank asked if anyone saw the book drop box? It has been pushed over and the ice buildup at the base of the stairs is not safe. Dean Stevenson said that he hit the book drop. The Highway Department will be instructed to fix the damage once spring has melted the snow & ice.

Frank Razzaboni wanted to rescind his recusals for the pit now that a decision had been reached. Shaun Bresnahan agreed; at this point the entire ZBA has voted against the proposed gravel pit.

David Thomson asked about assisting residents into their houses. What is the authority of the Fire Chief to make this call? David said these things add up. Christopher Gronski will look into this. If the call comes in as a 911 call, the fire department is dispatched and then the resident is charged.

Stephen Thomson stated that class six roads are a problem. Stephen asked how many class six roads are there in Hill. Approving the rebuild for 109 King Road will set a precedent, said Francis Marsh, because there are three other dwellings on the class six section of King Road.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Elias Manolis – Building Permit on 109 King Road was reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and the ZBA for the location of the house that will replace the house that burned down on August 1, 2021. Stephen Thomson was asked if the ZBA had decided that this property was indeed grandfathered and that a variance was not required for the rebuild of the house? The ZBA felt it wasn't required and that it wasn't tied to the location of the house but the property itself. Selectmen approved the building permit to rebuild the house that was destroyed by a fire resulting from a lightning strike.

Eugene Bailey & Randy Sanborn 222 Murray Hill Road Map R6 Lot 43-01 remodel. Needed a signature page and will go before the board at the next meeting.

Intent To Cut

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber – Patricia Hurley 459 Murray Hill Road Map R7 Lot 21; Logger K&G Logging & Landworks Gary Dulac – Approved

Intent to Cut Wood or Timber – Caroline & Michael Hines 269 NH Route 3 Map R10 Lot 04,13 & 14; Logger Benjamin Hall – Approved

Other Business:

Town Warrant – Signed

Warrant Articles – Signed

Betty Hanks – Volunteered for the office was approved. She will start when Lisa Seymour returns from vacation in April.

Rodney Wood Contract for approval and signatures – Approved

Meeting Mins – Feb 01 and Feb 08. Approved and Signed

Brian Sullivan is still very interested in helping with the water department. However, he will not be in until the March 1st meeting

Christopher Gronski wanted to have a review of the Town Budget and School Budget. Currently everything will be voted on at either Town Meeting on March 10th or at the School Annual District Meeting on March 16th.

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 10:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Christopher Gronski

