

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 15, 2022

Selectmen Present: Tom Seymour, Shaun Bresnahan, Frank Razzaboni & Lisa Seymour
(Administrative Assistant)

Selectmen Absent:

Public: David Thomson, Thomas Angeley and Mark Labonte

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

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton will drop off the signed ambulance contract to Bristol. Chief Moulton talked about the ISO fire rating which the town currently doesn't have. A question was asked what it is and how does it help our town? The biggest piece of the ISO fire rating relates to your local fire department. ISO evaluates fire departments based on their equipment, pump capacity, ladder companies, personnel and training. The person that contacted the Chief was requesting a copy of the water department survey. Shaun Bresnahan asked if this a requirement and will it lower or higher the residents insurance? Shaun Bresnahan would like someone from ISO to come in and talk to the board. Lisa Seymour will check with Primex about this program. Rescue 1 was at Harold's and had the oil changed and the brakes checked. Everything is good. Engine 2 will be going to Harold's for the repairs on the air tank. They are doing pump testing and ladder testing which will be done in Bristol. Jamie stated that they kept the ladders from Engine 4 for spares. There are classes for Fire 1 & Fire 2 that will be in Bristol and New Hampton. There is an EMR class in Danbury for \$700.00. However, Lieutenant Labonte is looking at some free classes. Stephen Arruda is ready with Fire 1 and then he will be taking Fire 2, EMR and EMT. Lieutenant Labonte will be coordinating the training. Chief Moulton stated the paperwork for the Association will be sent this week. Chief Moulton would like to hold a rabies clinic in April. However, he will need to coordinate this with Doc Taylor and Shelly Henry. Friday, they tried to burn the brush pile at the Transfer Station with not much success because it is frozen and will need to broke apart to get it to burn. They will try again after April 14th. The oil budget line is close to budget because there are two invoices totaling \$1,379.50 from December 2021. With the sky rocketing price of oil, the selectmen suggest getting a locking cap for the fuel tank. Chief Moulton and Lieutenant Labonte are working on the 911 address signs. Lieutenant Labonte's students from Prospect Academy built a new sign for the fire danger free of charge. These students have been doing a lot of volunteering at the fire station. The plan is to move Smokey Bear to the road and place the new sign beside him. This will happen after the frost is out. The electrician from Mark's work will be there to look at the outside flood lights in front of the building. Currently, they have had 30 calls over the first three months.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Stevenson no report at this time.

POLICE DEPT:

Donald Sullivan no report at this time

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Shelly Henry no report at this time

HEALTH OFFICER:

Nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION:

David Thomson asked if the Elderly Exemption Article passed? Thomas Seymour stated that it did pass. Dave wanted know what the impact would be on the taxpayers? Shaun Bresnahan stated according to the census about 10%, or 40 houses, have residents over the age of 65. They would still need to meet qualification criteria. Thomas Seymour stated that there is a bill going through in Concord to adjust the current elderly credit again.

David Thomson stated he has seen a lot of changes to the town over the years and that a lot of the older Yankee's are not here anymore. David also said he remembers the days when we have had a meeting that got heated and disagreements were had, but by the end of the meeting everyone shook hands and got along. But those days are gone. David Thomson also wanted to meet Frank Razzaboni. David Thomson declined the budget committee vote.

Debi Langlais from 4 Range Road called and stated the last snow storm Range Road was not plowed. Shaun Bresnahan stated that several roads were not plowed because they are too soft. Shaun will ask Tony Cartier to sand Range Road. The rain and warm sunny days have made the mud really bad this year on a lot of the gravel roads. Shaun mentioned that on the opposite side of the road has a large pile of gravel. It was also mentioned that there was no grading last year on several of the graveled roads. With the increase in diesel, we should consider locking the fuel barrel.

BOARD BUSINESS:**Building Permits:****Intent To Cut**

Patricia Hurley 459 Murray Hill Road Map R7 Lot 21. Logger K&L Logging and Landworks – signed

Other Business:

Town Warrant – reviewed and signed

Waste Management Contract to further discuss at the next selectmen's meeting.

Lisa Seymour reached out to Comcast to see if they could help with ever raising costs of services. Lisa was able to reduce the expenses to the 30 Crescent Street account and have faster internet speed. The cost savings over the 3-year contract will be \$3,808.00. At 62 NH Route 3A she was able to have a new upgrade to the internet and the cost savings over the 3-year contract will be \$358.00

MS-232 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted has been signed and returned to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Lakes Region Heating & Air Conditioning sent a revised proposal for the four Mini Split replacements at the Town Office building. The funds to replace these are from the ARPA funding. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion of the acceptance of the ARPA funds that were discussed at the Public Hearing held on October 18th and at the November 16th meeting. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to accept the quote from Lakes Region Heating and Air Conditioning for the replacement of the four mini split AC's at a cost of \$21,000; to be paid from ARPA Funds.

Thomas Seymour had several things to address after the election and town meeting. The first was the appointments:

Thomas Seymour will remain Chairman. They had a discussion on making this a rotation going forward. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion that the Selectman entering their third year of their term would chair the board. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

Planning Board - Thomas Seymour made a motion to appoint Francis Razzaboni as the selectmen to the Planning Board. Shaun Bresnahan seconded. All in Favor

Budget Committee – Thomas Seymour made a motion to appoint Shaun Bresnahan as the selectmen to the Budget Committee. Francis Razzaboni seconded. All in favor

Overseer of Public Welfare this position is currently held by the board as a whole. Shaun Bresnahan offered. Thomas Seymour made a motion to appoint Shaun Bresnahan to be the Overseer of Public Welfare. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Charles Estes was re-appointed to Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

2022 Town Warrant Articles 2 & 3 were to revise the Zoning Ordinance from the ballot vote. Shaun Bresnahan will make the changes. Shaun asked if we have a master copy of the Ordinances. Yes, Lisa Seymour will send it to Shaun.

2022 Town Warrant Article 4 approved wage increases. Approved wages these will take place at the next pay period. These will be based on performance evaluations.

2022 Town Warrant Article 5 regarded the sidewalks to be removed on Mountain View Drive south of New Chester Road. The Board of Selectmen will reach out to SKR for a quote for the removal of the sidewalks. The board feels that the highway crew should be concentrating on the grading and repairing of other roads.

2022 Town Warrant Article 8 pertaining to the Elderly Exemption was approved to increase the income and asset limits and to reduce the residency requirement. Thomas Seymour will work with Lisa Seymour on revising the required forms to be applied.

2022 Town Warrant Article 9 passed authorizing the creation of a Legal Expense Expendable Trust Fund that will be set up by the Trustees of Trust Funds and funded from the unreserved fund balance. This will be requested at the Trustees of Trust Funds next meeting.

2022 Town Warrant Article 10 relating to the purchase of a New Highway Truck was approved. The Board of Selectmen agree this will need to happen quickly because of the shortage of trucks available and they don't know how much longer the Ford F550 will last. Shaun Bresnahan called Key Auto Group Friday to see if the 2021 Chevrolet Silverado was still available. Key Auto Group stated that they still had the truck. Shaun Bresnahan was in the area so he went to see the truck and took it for a test drive. Shaun said it's a nice truck but rides rough, but we don't need anything fancy. Shaun Bresnahan talked with the Joe Henderson about pricing for the truck. The total purchase price before the trade in value is \$83,692.64. After applying the trade-in value of \$6,500.00, the total cost will be \$77,192.64. Danny Woodhams, from SKR, has one just like this one and is very happy with it. Shaun Bresnahan has been looking around for a truck and stated that there is not another one in the state. If this is the truck, we will purchase it and will need to go to HP Fairfield for the set-up for the sander and plow. Shaun Bresnahan will speak to Dean Stevenson about a revised quote from HP Fairfield because we will not need all of the items that were quoted. The Board asked Lisa Seymour to have the title, information on the insurance and the letter ready to move the funds from the Highway Heavy Equipment capital reserve account. The Board will hold a special meeting on March 22nd which is open to the public to further discuss the purchase of the highway truck.

The Board of Selectmen discussed setting plans for the highway department summer activities. Shaun Bresnahan has asked Dean Stevenson for the past two years for a road project and has not received anything. The Borough Road to grind it, crown it and pave it would be in the \$150K bracket based on an old quote that Dean supplied. Thursday night, after the Town Meeting, Shaun Bresnahan

drove the Borough from Axel Road to the end and could only do 5 miles an hour because the road is such poor condition. Shaun Bresnahan will stop in and talk with Dean Stevenson about repairing the road to at least have a travel way.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the mowing in the village. They are going have this contracted out because the town can't hire anyone. Shaun Bresnahan will make a map of the areas that will need mowing and then we will be putting this out to bid. We currently have three companies interested in bidding on the contract.

As a reminder the Board of Selectmen's office will be closed March 30th to April 6th.

The Board of Selectmen will holding their regular meeting on April 5th at 6:30 pm.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 9:31 pm seconded by Francis Razzaboni. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

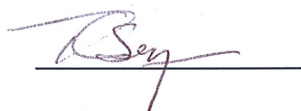
Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 10:01 pm seconded by Francis Razzaboni. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to adjourn the meeting Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 10:29 pm.


Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

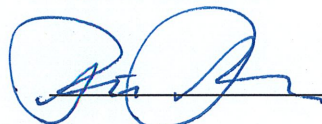
Tom Seymour, Chair

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Shaun Bresnahan

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Francis Razzaboni

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