

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 19, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Thomas Angeley, Mark Labonte, Marshall Bennett, Jamie Moulton, Nathan Mills, Travis Albee, Jeff Beach, Michael Munson, Sophie Fletcher, JoAnn Irving and Andrew Hemingway

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

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton reported that we are currently at 46 calls to date. Joseph Sullivan has joined the fire department and Caleb Costa has returned. Stephen Arruda and Joseph Sullivan will be going to Firefighter 1 training. Marshall Bennett will be attending First Responder class and when the next First Responder class is available, they will be sending Joseph Sullivan and Stephen Arruda. Mark Labonte was not able to register for the online First Responder class and will try again in the fall.

Harold's Truck & Auto Repair hosted the Danbury and Hill Fire departments in the extrication training of crash victims from auto's supplied by Harold's Truck & Auto Repair. Hill used a Hurst Tool supplied by Fire Matic as a cutting tool to assess if it would meet our needs. The other department used a Holmatro hydraulic tool system. Chief Moulton explained the process for cutting the posts on a vehicle and with the tools available. We are behind Danbury when minutes count in these situations. Harold from Harold's Truck & Auto Repair stopped at weekly fire department meeting at the Fire Station and presented the Fire Department a 60 18V brushless DeWalt sawz-all as a donation. Town of Hill will send a thank you letter for this much appreciated gift.

Gilford Fire Department held a class on March 26th at their training facility on burning buildings, smoke investigation and the use of air packs. Mark Labonte, Nathan Mills and Joseph Sullivan attended. Gilford Fire Department will be offering another class on April 27th on forest firefighting.

Chief Moulton asked if homes using the water system in town had a backflow dual check valves to prevent contaminated water going back into the public water system. This was adopted February 20, 2019. Jamie also pointed out that the hydrant at the well-house is still leaking about 100 gallons of water per day. This was discovered when the fire department was doing hydrant training last winter.

Chief Moulton has appointed William Machado, Mark Labonte and Marshall Bennett as deputy forest fire wardens to issue fire permits after inspections are completed. The Parks and Rec will be having the Annual Fishing Derby this weekend and the Fire Department will have the Fire Trucks there for touch a truck and help with a cookout provided by Parks and Rec.

Mark Labonte and his students cleaned the grounds around the fire station. It was discovered that there is a lot of trash, tv's and furniture behind the storage shed and also several tires from the tenants at 10 Commerce Street. The fire department spoke with Sean Foden about this. Sean has agreed to take care of the tires and make a donation to the association for the cleanup.

The 911 maps are being redone to reflect the changes. Zachary Branscom, from the NH Bureau of Emergency Services and Communications, Chief Jamie Moulton and Lisa Seymour are working on the updates, hydrant placements and driveway placements on the maps for preplanning for firefighting. With these updated maps they will also be able to have signs done to reflect property address for 911 emergencies. The fire department will be doing preplanning for laying hose to the residents that have narrow driveways.

The fire department has looked into the placement of dry hydrants at Bunker Hill, Poverty Pond and Tioga Roads. The permitting fees are \$400.00. This will be a preplan for the future.

The ISO rating for Hill is 5.5. Jamie stated that they are about half way done in reviewing the town. If the rating is higher than we have currently it could have a better rate when insuring your property.

Jamie Moulton asked if they could sell campfire wood? The selectmen stated that the monies would need to go to the association. Jamie said that there is a lot of dead trees between the fire station and JoAnn Irving's property. JoAnn mentioned that the last time this was done Mr. Twitchell cleaned it up.

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:

Deputy Health Officer Moulton asked about the septic system at the Brookside Cooperative. He was curious as to whether they were centralized or individual systems for health reasons.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Sophie Fletcher has been a dog trainer for three years and services the Newfound area. Sophie would like to have her clients come to her house for training. Sophie would also like to have group classes in the Libby Bike Park area of the Ballpark. These classes not exceed more than 5 to 6 dogs per class. These classes would be for obedience and training. Shaun Bresnahan asked if there a certain day that she would want to hold these classes. Sophie stated a Saturday morning and possibly one or two evenings. She added that these are private lessons. Sophie hoped that it could be done using the fenced in area that is already there. Shaun Bresnahan stated that area of the park was in Memory of the Libby Family and would need to contact them for permission. Thomas Seymour stated that you would need to also check with Parks & Rec because they oversee that area. Sophie asked if she could do the training in her yard for now. The Board has no problem with that as long as the dogs are controlled.

Travis Albee and Jeff Beach are interested in purchasing property on Rte. 3A. They would like to have two houses on the property. However, the property has only 290' of road frontage. Travis mentioned that there appears to be a driveway on the property already and asked if it could be used as a shared driveway Shaun Bresnahan stated that the larger lot has no road frontage which deems it a non-buildable lot. Shaun Bresnahan reviewed what is allowed in the Zoning Regulations. They would need to work with the Planning & Zoning Boards for approval but both boards don't like to do consultation with prospective buyers to avoid any liability with if approvals aren't obtained. Travis and Jeff were told that you must see the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. The next meeting for the ZBA is May 12th and the Planning Board May 19th.

Assistant Pastor Andrew Hemingway from the Hill Village Bible Church came in to meet with the Board of Selectmen on beautifying the town by giving barrels of flowers. Andrew opened by stating that the church is giving back quarterly to the town with the first quarter being a food drive that was very successful. Andrew asked if the church could have permission to place wooden barrels around the village. Shaun Bresnahan asked where they were planning on placing them and how many? There would be between 10 – 12 barrels and would like to place a couple by the flag pole, a couple in front of the Selectmen's office. It was suggested that maybe they could place some on New Chester where the rocks are. However, these are just suggested placements. The other question the Board had was who will maintain them? Andrew stated the church would maintain them. These

should start appearing May 14th. The other project would be a community garden in the field behind the church.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Andrew Fortin & Cateline Fortin 17 Mountain View Drive Map V Lot 31. Building a 28' x 26' garage – Approved

Intent To Cut

None

Town Warrant – Signed

Selectmen Minutes – Signed

The Mowing Contract was reviewed and opening of the bids will be May 3rd. The Town will be accepting bids for mowing and trimming of the town greens, recreation area and the Town Cemeteries. The ad will be placed in the Daily Sun, Town Website and on the Town Facebook page.

Mike Munson was appointed to the Planning Board and Thomas Seymour administered the oath of office.

Mike Brady dedication tree that was placed next to the gazebo didn't make it through the winter. Shaun Bresnahan stated that he will replace the tree and then we can move forward with the dedication. Lisa Seymour will let Judy Brady know when this will take place so that her family can attend.

A discussion of the ARPA funds and projects for submittal took place. Thomas Seymour stated the next filing for the ARPA funds needs to be done by the end of the month. Thomas is willing to finish the report and submit it. The Board will need to have list of potential uses of town is allowed to allocate the funding to such projects as storm water control; for example, the catch basins that need to be replaced or repaired. Thomas Seymour, Shaun Bresnahan and Francis Razzaboni all agreed that right now it would be great to have place holder for projects which are allowed by ARPA. Lisa Seymour will set the board members up with admin rights so that they can access the information and receive the emails. These funds are ongoing until 2026.

With the changes to the Elderly Tax Exemption, we had only one that applied.

Current Use Application from Richard Byers will need to be assessed by Rodney Wood, the town assessor, before it can be reviewed and signed by the board.

The Clark Family 2019 Trust - Current Use Application reviewed by Rod Wood – Signed

LM Platts 2018 Trust – Current Use Application Signed

Furie Daniel – Current Use Application Signed

Green Acre Woodlands Inc – Current Use Application Signed

Bootjack Hill Sand & Gravel Notice of Intent to Excavate for April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 – Signed

Other Business:

The inter-governmental agreement between the town and the school will need to be a public meeting and consist of The Board of Selectmen and the School Board. This will be held on May 24th at 6:30 pm in the Selectman's Office.

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting on April 21, 2022 at 6:30 and this meeting will be Non-Public.

With the changes in the Water Department, the Board of Selectmen will be overseeing the department. The Board of Selectmen will have Shelly Henry do a flat rate billing for the month of April. The selectmen will draft a note asking if anyone would be interested in becoming a water commissioner.

Francis Razzaboni attend the LCHIP webinar to learn about the process in writing the grants. Francis learned that there are two basic grants; Historical Preservation and Natural Resources. In protecting what we have, we can apply to these grants. There is a multi-step process in planning before it is reviewed before the Planning Review Committee. The town of Hill could qualify for smaller amounts to start. Francis Razzaboni has written grants before, so he is familiar with the process. We talked about several areas that need work to the town office building. The single one that stood out was the Hill Public Library. It needs new windows, library door, entry deck & stairway, and painting. This building was constructed in in the Old Village and moved to the current location in 1940. The library remains as an active meeting place, so it qualifies for the LCHIP grant funding. Francis is willing to take the lead and move forward. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to continue the work with the LCHIP grant and make Francis Razzaboni the lead. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.


The Highway department is on the summer hours which are Monday – Thursday working 10-hour days to take advantage of the summer daylight. Lisa Seymour has provided the updated Personnel Policy Manual to the Highway Department per their request. The board discussed the catch basins and the bridge on Shop Road. The board addressed a resident's concern about the church changing the front door. The church was simply changing the front door that was rotting. There was no change to the foot print of the building, therefore no building permit was required.

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 9:55 pm.


Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair



Shaun Bresnahan



Francis Razzaboni

