

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 03, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: JoAnn Irving, Gerard Desrochers, Niki Mahoney, Jillian Reise and David Park

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:01pm 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 6:21 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton no report at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Stevenson no show

POLICE DEPT:

Donald Sullivan reported that the fully automatic rifle is now in the possession of the State Police. A question was asked about how long we had the automatic rifle? Donald Sullivan replied approximately 7 years because we were in possession of the weapon when David Kratz was the Chief. The department still has the regular Bushmaster rifle. Shaun Bresnahan asked if there should be a letter from the Board of Selectmen to State Police acknowledging the transfer? Don said there is paperwork on file regarding the transfer. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Chief Moulton to find out who is the contact person at EMD. Going forward the town will need to still budget for dispatch and standard costs. Donald Sullivan stated the Bristol has shown some interest in providing coverage. Franklin has no interest at this time. Shaun Bresnahan asked about Alexandria, Danbury and Tilton/Northfield. Donald said these surrounding towns are also actively looking for a Chief of Police. Harrisville, NH, a town located in the southern part of NH which similar in population, is looking for a Chief as well. There are many towns searching for officers. The part-time police academy enrollment has decreased significantly. The police academy is going to a fulltime certification only. Donald Sullivan has 4 options and scenarios for the Board of Selectmen to review. The board has reviewed the report submitted and made corrections and suggestions. Donald Sullivan will make these changes and resubmit the proposal to the Board of Selectmen. The board asked Donald Sullivan if he could come in monthly to review any information that comes in. He said he would happy to help out the town. The question came up about pistol permits and whether we need to have one at all. NH no longer requires a person to obtain a permit. However, Donald Sullivan stated that it's not a bad idea to have one especially if you are traveling to other states that require them plus it's like liability insurance to cover yourself.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Shelly Henry reported that she didn't have much. Shelly was curious when the 1st tax warrant would be ready because it needs to be to the town clerk/tax collector by May 15th due to her pending vacation schedule. Lisa Seymour stated that we just need a date that works with her office. The board settled on July 11th to be the due date for the 1st tax warrant.

HEALTH OFFICER:

No report at this time

PUBLIC SESSION:

Joann Irving has concerns about the removal of the sidewalks on the south side of Mountain View. Joann stated that there are 5 nice and healthy trees on that end. Some are front of Carlene Eaton's house, Donald Reese's house and Scott Drapeau's house. It would be a shame to destroy them. Joann also thought the north end of Mountain View Drive looks terrible. She said the grass doesn't match and it has settled over the winter and looks awful. NH RSA 231:90 explains the liability of municipalities for the sidewalks. Shaun Bresnahan pointed out that the highway department simply took the pavement out and never prepared the ground before loaming it. On the south side, the board of selectmen would like to have bids for the work instead using the highway department. Joann's other concern was the road sign at the end of Crescent Street is laying on the ground and wanted to know if they are planning on fixing this. The street sign on the corner of Cross Street and Mountain View Drive is also leaning over. Joann wanted to know who is following up on these issues? Joann was told that the Selectmen have been working closer than ever with the Highway Department to address these, and other, issues.

David Park, from 399 Currier Road, came to see the board because he has expressed interest in being involved with the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board. The Board asked David if he had any experience, he said no. The Zoning Board of Adjustments primarily meet to handle appeals, special variances and exceptions. This board meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Library and the Selectmen suggested that he attend to see if this is the board he would like to sit on. The Planning Board is involved with lot line adjustments, the Master Plan, subdivisions, site plan reviews and the writing and adjusting the Zoning Ordinances. The Planning Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the library. It was suggested that after seeing the processes of both boards he should come in and meet with the Selectmen and we will process the paperwork. Joann Irving asked if Stephen Thomson was still the chairman and Charles Estes still the secretary of the ZBA. Shaun Bresnahan said yes, they both are.

Jerry Desrochers wanted to know when the fire hydrant was going to be fixed in front of his house on Mountain View Drive because his family lives in the house. Jerry wanted to know if the previous commissioners knew about these. Thomas Seymour stated the Selectmen were not sure if the previous Commissioners were aware, but that we know about the hydrants not working and as acting water commissioners we have made the hydrant's top priority to repair. We have many issues to address but felt this was the most important. Shaun Bresnahan has offered to call SKR to start the repairs to the hydrants. At next week's commissioners meeting the board will discuss the increase in the monthly flat billing rate. This rate is a 26% increase over the 2018 and 2019 town report from the water commissioners report. The Board of Selectmen asked did the water department lose money last year? It appears there was a billing issue with the bond payment. The January bond payment was paid in December. Therefore, they showed a loss for the year. Jerry pointed out that there are two bond payments. One is for the 2006 loan for the addition to the wellhouse and the second is for the 2009 loan for the installation of the meter water system and the upgrade to the existing system. Jerry pointed out that there is money floating around to help with the lead pipe issue and, yes, we do have some just not sure where. Some of these have been removed but there is no map showing where the lead pipes have been replaced.

We had an ideal candidate for the Water Commission but he decided not to come on board.

The question was raised on how do we fix the meters that are broken or need repairing? Some are not hooked up; some have the wires cut and others are unable to read. E.J Prescott handles the installation of the meter maybe they can assist with this.

Jerry stated the Selectmen will need to check to see if that the quarterly usage report has been filed with DES. The quarterly report follows the calendar year. The reporting opened in April for 1st quarter reporting. This report covers pressure flows, chlorine and usage. Pump Systems takes care of the

pump house, the chemicals and the charts required. They make copies of the recorder charts and leave the originals at the pump house that commissioners can use. Jerry Desrochers said that he gave Shelly Henry a flash drive with the requirements and other water commission information. Thomas Seymour asked if he could review the flash drive and start the requirements necessary for DES. We will need to contact DES to change the login and password so the change of ownership can be done. Granite State Rural Water Association was working with Jerry on mapping the water system but COVID came and this has not been completed. Jerry mentioned that the road to the water tank needs to be upgraded because in 2024 the tank will need to be cleaned and inspected. This tank work would be done by Underwater Solutions. E.J Prescott will be here on Thursday at 10:00 am for training on the meter reading software.

Jillian Reise apologized to Shaun Bresnahan and Lisa Seymour for the outburst and displeasure for the light on the flag at the pond. Jillian is concerned that it doesn't meet electrical codes. She said the code requires 18" minimum depth and needs to have expansion fittings. She stated that she didn't think this was done properly because it's not deep enough. Niki Mahoney said that the work needed to be done by a license electrician. Jillian Reise's husband looked at this and stated it looks okay. Shaun Bresnahan sent an email to Robert Schulte to see who the electrician was that performed the work. Joann Irving asked who authorized this to be done? The Selectmen didn't have an issue with the project but directed Mr. Schulte to Parks & Rec. Robert Schulte met with them late fall to discuss this with them.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

Frank Razzaboni – 271 Murray Hill Road Map R11 Lot 08. Garage 20' x 20' – Approved

Lisa Hyson – 15 Charlies Lane Map R11 Lot 14. 20' X 24' deck off the back of the home – Approved

Intent To Cut

None

Yield Tax – Jeffery LeBlanc Signed

Selectmen Minutes – Signed

The Mowing Contract - We received two bid proposals for the mowing. Copatch Farm & Landscape from Alexandria and R&B Property Maintenance & Landscaping in Hill. The Board is going to award the contract on May 5, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Waste Management contract and the status - The Board if Selectmen asked Lisa Seymour to reach out to have Roy Boyer from Waste Management to provide pricing for 7 years and they will make a decision on the contract terms.

ARPA update on the reporting - Thomas Seymour has the lead on this and reported that the filing requirements have been completed. It was a challenge because they had our town linked to another town, but this has been corrected. Each of the Selectmen have admin rights to enter data. The projects that are planned for the funding are Air Quality, storm water control, and we have two place holders for future projects.

LCHIP grant update - Francis Razzaboni has the lead on this grant. Francis stated that he attended the webinar for the criteria for writing for a grant. Francis stated that the site looks pretty easy for entering data. The Hill Public Library building will be the project as it meets program criteria. Stephen Rosen looked at the library to see what needs to be done. Stephen said that the windows are in good shape. However, the sashes and storm windows need to be replaced. The library will need exterior painting to include the front door. Francis Razzaboni will need a realistic dollar amount to request for the grant. The board discussed their options and all agreed that \$25,000 is reasonable

for this matching grant. Joann Irving asked about the stairs going into the library. The board will look into including that.

The Historical Society recently acquired the Dickerson Hill School located on Murray Hill Road. They were asking if it would possible to have a 911 number associated with the building because they would like to use this for lectures and other events. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Zachary Branscom, at NH Bureau of Emergency Services and Communications, to see if this can be done.

The Board asked for updated quotes on the computers that need to be replaced that was approved at Town Meeting.

Shaun Bresnahan stated the Dean Stevenson used the town's Irving gas card to fill his truck. The Board are all in agreement that Dean Stevenson needs turn a mileage report for reimbursement when he is required to use his personal vehicle for town use rather than fill his gas tank.

Shaun Bresnahan heard from HP Fairfield on the remaining work that needs to be completed to allow for the hydraulics and plows to be attached to the new town truck. It will be going in on May 18th and is expected to be there for a week.

Other Business:

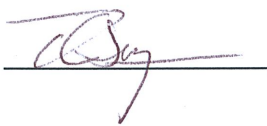
The inter-governmental agreement between the town and the school will be a public meeting and consist of The Board of Selectmen and the School Board. This is planned for May 24th at 6:30 pm in the Selectmen's Office. Charles Estes, school board chair, wants this meeting to include Brian Connelly. He feels that the school board doesn't need to included at this time. The Board Selectmen all agree that this should include all school board members and be made public.

With no further business to conduct, Thomas Seymour made the motion to adjourn the meeting Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:58 pm.

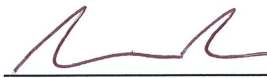
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair



Shaun Bresnahan



Francis Razzaboni

