

# TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 7, 2022

**Selectmen Present:** Tom Seymour, Frank Razzaboni

**Selectmen Absent:** Shaun Bresnahan, Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

**Public:** Jane Brown, Frank Simone, Patrick McDonough

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### Highway Department

No report presented.

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector

No report presented.

## **BOARD BUSINESS:**

### Notices

The town's annual audit has been rescheduled to August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>. The auditor will be on-site August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

An invitation was extended to all department heads and officials to the Jennie D. Blake School Cookout for field day. It will be held on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Intent to Cut

Larry & Tracie Elder of 562 Currier Road (Map R13 Lot 15-3) submitted an intent to cut and plan to use Logger Cody Currier. Shaun Bresnahan has reviewed for the estimated amount to be cut. The intent was approved.

### Waste Management Contract

The final review of the 7-year contract / pricing was approved.

### Town Warrant

Was approved and signed.

### Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were approved and signed.

### Driveway Permits

The Planning Board is finalizing the transition for driveway permitting review and approval to the Board of Selectmen.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment Legal Representation

The following email from the ZBA sent to Frank Razzaboni who, in turn, forwarded to the entire Board of Selectmen:

"Dear Selectmen,

As you're aware, the members of the zoning board met Tuesday night to discuss the appeal filed by Green Acres Woodlands, Inc.

Members of the board have mutually and unanimously voted to seek legal representation by the attorney who has appeared several time on behalf of Hill residents who hired their own counsel.

Jeremy Eggleton from Orr and Reno possesses an intricate understanding of several of the finer details of this matter. Members of the Zoning Board acknowledge an inherent and fiduciary obligation to do what is in the best interest of the residents of Hill. Board Members believe the best representation available to us, regarding this matter, is through Attorney Eggleton.

He has been consulted about any conflict of interest. After discussion with his Senior partners and with the firms ethics department, it has been determined that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent him from representing the Town of Hill.

It's important to know that the board understands this does not in any way mean a termination of services of Michael Courtney or The Hatfield Firm. The decision is merely to add an alternative counsel for this matter only.

What the Zoning board members want from this message is to know if the Selectmen have any opposition to this decision and if so, the board requests an immediate meeting availability date to discuss whatever points of opposition you may have. As you know this is a time sensitive matter."

Respectfully,  
The Zoning Board  
of Adjustment"

Tom Seymour questioned why the town's attorney, Mike Courtney of Upton-Hatfield, was being rejected. With no one from ZBA attending this meeting, the Selectmen were left to speculate as to why the ZBA wanted to change representation. Tom thought Attorney Courtney did a good job representing the town at the the New Hampshire Housing Board hearing regarding the gravel pit proposed by Green Acre Woodlands, Inc. Tom felt Upton-Hatfield had done a good job in that case, and other cases in the past. The Board of Selectmen had already given Attorney Courtney permission to proceed with court case preparations nearly a month ago. Frank Razzaboni said he had more exposure to Attorney Eggleton and thought he was as capable as well. Frank suggested that perhaps the two attorneys could work in tandem. Tom was also concerned what affect such a change might have on the long-standing relationship between Upton-Hatfield and the town. That said, Tom will reach out to Mike Courtney at Upton-Hatfield for this discussion and report back ASAP.

#### Murray Hill Rd

Frank Razzaboni had reached out to several individuals, including our State Representative, David Testerman, regarding the deteriorating state of the state portion of Murray Hill Road. With the pavement crumbling and guardrails falling apart, there are increased concerns about vehicles going off the road and into the waterway creating a significant environmental hazard. Tom Seymour agreed with Frank to create and submit a letter from the Selectmen's office to as many people as possible to influence decisions to improve the roadway.

#### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS / INQUIRY:**

##### General

Jane Brown and Frank Simone (238 Cass Mill Road) introduced themselves to the Board with the purpose of offering their help with whatever the town deemed necessary. Tom Seymour and Frank Razzaboni thanked them for their generous offer. Tom and Frank went on to detail the various needs of the town and the numerous empty seats on various boards and committees. Tom and Frank suggested they take look at those needs and openings to see if there was anything that they found of interest and would best suit their expertise. It was also suggested, once an interest was identified, to become involved as a guest first, to assure everything was a good fit.

Water Department

Patrick McDonough, Hill Resident, attended to discuss the possibility of taking an appointment as a Water Commissioner. Patrick asked several questions about the tasks and responsibilities of a Water Commissioner. Frank Razzaboni and Tom Seymour answered his questions and invited Patrick to next week's Water Department meeting. The meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tom Seymour seconded Frank's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Seymour adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

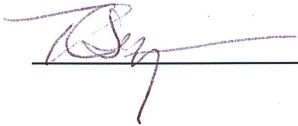
**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:30pm in the Selectmen's Office

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair



Francis Razzaboni

