# TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 17, 2022

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

# Selectmen Absent:

Public: David Park, Mark Labonte, Nathan Mills, Jay Gonzalez, Thomas Angeley & JoAnn Irving

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:05 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (d))

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:25 pm seconded by Francis Razzaboni. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:26 pm 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 6:34 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made not to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

# FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton reported the water was back on around 6:00 pm. Chief Moulton inquired about a plan to upgrade the water system and repair these water lines. Shaun Bresnahan advised that there was two years left on one of two bond payments. Once that was paid off, we could do another round of improvements.

The fire danger remains high. The department has issued several fire permits. The problem they are having is finding fire pits that have been installed incorrectly. Chief Moulton reported that we have had only one forest fire off Snow Road. Captain Nathan Mills has completed paperwork for Engine 4 to be auctioned at the State Auction. Stephen Arruda & Joseph Sullivan are taking EMR and Fire 1 training. Spencer Burbank, who lives in Franklin, has shown interest in joining the fire department.

Chief Moulton has had all of the fire fighters SCBA fit tested. This allows them to wear air packs at the scene of a fire or accident. Chief Moulton stated that he will need to budget for SBCA masks because these will be required at the scene of an emergency of any kind not just fires. Francis Razzaboni asked what is the liability if they are not trained. The liability would fall on the town if they were injured and not properly trained or fitted to the equipment. Chief Moulton, Captain Mills and Lieutenant Labonte are working on sending the old SBCA frames to Ukraine.

Lieutenant Mark Labonte said that the Beckett team have been busy cleaning FD property. Mark also said that they did a great job on the Smokey Bear sign and are planting a flower garden around him. The Beckett team has been growing flowers in the greenhouse to bring down. A big shout out to Aubuchon for donating flowers as well.

Chief Moulton said the feral rabbits are still an issue. He has tried trapping them, but it is not working. The only things they are trapping are racoons, possums and small animals so he has removed the trap for now. W D Perkins will be doing pump testing in Bristol and Hill will be joining them with our trucks. The ladder testing will be done at a later date. Engine 2 will need to have the

pump replaced or rebuilt soon which can be done by W D Perkins on site. Captain Mills has been working on the admin paperwork at the fire station. Captain Mills is currently working on the physical inventory of the department and service logs of the equipment. A copy of this will be placed in the Selectmen's office.

Chief Jamie Moulton has accepted the Fire Chief's position in Hebron. The current fire chief is retiring. Thomas Seymour asked how this is going to affect his position in Hill? Chief Moulton stated that he will be working 20 hours a week in Hebron doing mostly admin work and will be able to bring the knowledge he learns there to our department to make it more efficient. He will still be responding to calls in Hill and having the weekly training and department meetings. Shaun Bresnahan asked about the encumbered funds for the 6 sets of turnout gear, flashlights and pagers. Chief Moulton stated that we have received everything except the portable radios from EMS Grant from OME.

The Fire Department is looking into possible installations of dry hydrants for several locations outside of the village. This will cost approximately \$400.00 per set up for the NH DES Permitting. The Fire Department will set-up a study committee to see how this will benefit Hill.

The Hill Firefighter's Association is planning a kickoff event for June 6th with some fundraising ideas.

#### **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:**

No report at this time

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

David Park has decided that he would like to be on the ZBA, after attending a meeting to see what it is about. The Selectmen unanimously approved his appointment. Thomas Seymour administered the oath of office.

Jay Gonzalez from 26 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Road came to file a complaint about the junk at 31 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Road. Jay stated there are several cars in the yard that are not registered, a wood splitter, household trash and open trailers. Shaun Bresnahan stated that there is a zoning ordinance against having junk in your yard and the number of unregistered vehicles.

Town Zoning Ordinance (Article IV: L Junk Yards, no land in any zoning district shall be used for storage or disposal of junk, the accumulation of which is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood or negatively affects the aesthetics of the neighborhood. However, registered automotive repair services may store a maximum of four (4) unregistered or inoperable motor vehicles not located in a permanent structure or behind fencing, screening or natural barrier that prevents visibility from adjoining properties or roadways, at their principal place of business.) This has been in place since 03/14/19.

The Board of Selectmen will send a letter of notice to the property owner in regards to this matter.

JoAnn Irving wanted to know when the meeting was going to be between the School Board and the Selectmen regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Board of Selectmen will be attending the School Board meeting Wednesday evening to discuss a meeting date.

# **BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Building Permits:** 

None

# **Intent To Cut**

Mark Hargeaves Murray Hill Map R3-31 & R7-9 Logger Hopkinton Forestry & Land Clearing – Signed

Stephen Robie Murray Hill Road Map R6-12 Logger Wesley Avery - Signed

Town Warrant - Signed

Selectmen Minutes - Signed

The Board of Selectmen renewed the Waste Management contract. Francis Razzaboni made a motion to accept the seven-year contract. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor. Lisa Seymour will contact Roy Boyer, from Waste Management, for the agreement for signatures.

Shaun Bresnahan went to the highway garage to remind them that the new truck needs to be at HP Fairfield on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May for installation of the hydraulic harness and plow set-up. Shaun also asked about the grader it was in the Town Shed because the radiator needs to be rebuilt. They have smoothed out the roads but have not crowned them yet this year. Dean Stevenson was going to meet with someone from R&D Paving about paving Borough Road from the bridge to the end of the pavement. Shaun Bresnahan said the road itself looks pretty good he was there around 1:30 pm and no one was there. Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean Stevenson about a road project for this year but we never received one. It was brought up about the Bunker Hill Road from the bridge to the culvert that needs to be replaced. This would require removing the current pavement, boxing it out then replacing the drainage materials, gravel and repaving. Frank Razzaboni asked about Murray Hill Road by Coca Cola curves. Shaun Bresnahan stated that this was a three-phase project and would need to be completed by the State NHDOT as it is state road. Lisa Seymour mentioned that we are part of the Enfield division for the roads in Hill, NH.

The quote for new Computers for the Fire Dept, Water Dept, Highway and Selectmen's office has been signed.

Ortlip Deborah, of 139 Borough Rd, asked about signage to slow down the traffic because her house is very close to the road and the road is very dry and dusty. The town doesn't treat the roads to prevent dust. The Selectmen opted to not post as it was part of rural life on dirt roads. Regardless of speed, dust will be stirred up with any traffic.

## Other Business:

The Water Department billing warrant was signed, and Shelly Henry will prepare the bills. As the Board of Selectmen are reviewing the needs of the water department, the hydrants are their primary concern. When the meters were read on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we identified several meters that are not working and the Selectmen will be sending letters to these residents letting them know we will be fixing or replacing the meters. There is concern on letting the ones with no meters being allowed to slide for the past water usage.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:45 pm seconded by Thomas Seymour. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

Thomas Seymour made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 8:56 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. 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 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Francis Razzaboni