

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 5, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Michael Gormley, Harold Knott, August Merker, Maria Merker, Natali Mills & Matthew Desrochers

Thomas Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

FIRE DEPT:

No report at this time

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Stevenson reported that everything is moving along. Dale has finished the mowing of the brush the paved roads. Dean Stevenson said that we used 42 or 43 hours of on the rented mower. They did have a hydraulic hose blowout but we had everything to repair it. SKR will pick up the brush mower. We are planning on renting this again next year and will do all of the gravel roads.

The Board of Selectmen and Dean Stevenson reviewed the paving quotes for Borough Road. The quote from GMI has 2-1/2" compact surface with a 1-1/2" overlay of new base asphalt and the quote from R&D Paving has 2" compact surface with a 1-1/2" overlay of new base asphalt. Dean Stevenson said in the past they have had a 2" compact surface then pavement. Tom Seymour thought the 2-1/2" compact surface would give us a longer life. Shaun Bresnahan will reach out to R&D Paving because he has some questions.

Shaun Bresnahan asked about the sanders because we were not aware they needed repairs until after the parts were purchased and we received the invoices for approx. \$8,000. Shaun Bresnahan inquired about the 4x4 shifting issue with the new truck and if he contacted Newport? Dean Stevenson stated that it is working fine and they didn't need to take it to Newport. Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean Stevenson if they have a chance to see if the plow will fit to the new truck because we don't want to wait until we have a snowstorm and find it doesn't work. A question was asked about the rest of the equipment. Dean Stevenson stated the Backhoe is running well, the Grader is working, and they are cutting the sides of the roads and sweeping. Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean Stevenson for crushing quotes for next year's budgeting.

POLICE DEPT:

No report at this time.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

No report at this time.

HEALTH OFFICER:

No report at this time

PUBLIC SESSION:

Michael Gormley from 14 Ferrin Street came to the board in regards to an unhealthy odor behind his house. Michael stated that he can't even enjoy his backyard or sit on his deck because of the odor. It is worse on hot humid days. Harold Knott from 12 Ferrin Street is having the same issue. Harold stated that he and Angela can't even enjoy having breakfast or even watch tv with the windows open because of the unhealthy odor. Health Officer Natali Mills will visit the two addresses later this week

with the Deputy Heath Officer Jamie Moulton. They have permission from both Michael Gormley and Harold Knott to walk around the properties to investigate this issue.

August & Maria Merker came to the Board of Selectmen to discuss their property on Bunker Hill Road. They wanted a clarification for a buildable lot.

The Merkers own the property and have owned it for a long time. It is located on Bunker Hill Road (Map 12 Lot 50); the lot is 169 ac with 50 ft of frontage and there is an access road to the interior of the property. They have 3 prospective buyers of the lot, but they all want to build a house on the lot. They are under the impression that this would be allowed because the lot is grandfathered since it existed before zoning was approved. The Merkers were told by the realtor this was the case and that in the past they were told by selectmen this was the case. They were asked if they had anything in writing and they didn't. We checked the property file and there was nothing there. We told them that as the lot stands, it is a non-conforming lot and could not be built on. The Merkers asked repeatedly if this lot is grandfathered and they were told we can't make this call and believe the ZBA is the best option to make this call to be consistent. They then asked about a Special Exception to allow a house to be built. They were told that a Special Exception isn't the right process but a Variance was likely the best option. Again, they had questions on the process and we told them in general terms there would be an application and public hearing and that the ZBA was their best source of information. We also told them the ZBA would not be able to make a judgement they would only be able to help them get the process started.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

The Gerard & Pamela Desrochers Family Trust – Matthew Desrochers 42 Mountain View Drive, Map V Lot 20-3. A building permit application was presented for a new deck around an above ground pool with railings and locked access. The Board of Selectmen denied the permit for the deck because it doesn't meet the side yard setback of 20' requirement of the Village District in the Town of Hill Zoning Ordinance Section D.

"D. Yards: Each lot shall have a front yard of no less than 25 feet in depth, side yards of no less than 20 feet and rear yard of 20 feet in depth. Source: 1988 ZO. Effective 3/15/88. Amended 3/9/93"

Intent To Cut

Intent to Cut – Faith Knowles Brown Road Map R3-43, R-49 & R3-49; Logger Anita Nikles Blakeman, Woodland Care Forest Mgmt. Approved

Intent to Cut – Faith Knowles and Peter Thomson Brown Road Map R3-42; Logger Anita Nikles Blakeman, Woodland Care Forest Mgt. Approved

Town Warrant – Signed

Selectmen Minutes – Signed

Driveway Permits – Brian Williams from Tioga Road has submitted a driveway permit. Currently this a function of the Planning Board. Shaun Bresnahan would like to have the driveway permits changed to the Selectmen's Office because it is part of the permitting process. Francis Razzaboni will take care of the ones that are pending approval as secretary of the Planning Board.

It was brought to the Selectmen's attention (received a noise complaint) that 58 Patten Road was running a machine shop within the residence. The Board will issue a letter regarding the machine shop. Tom Seymour stated when the building permit was issued it was for a garage only as it did not meet the acreage requirements for a residence.

Francis Razzaboni mentioned a resident told him there might be another machine shop at 18 Clough Road.

The library stairs have been repaired and the lock has been fixed. Bob's Lock and Key will provide a quote to replace the crash bar locking system. The book drop has been moved to the entrance to the Town Clerk's Office next to the Mailboxes, we will just need a sign for it. Thank you to the highway crew for repairing and painting the book drop box.

Some of the paving was not completed from the water breaks this passed winter. Shaun Bresnahan will reach out to Danny Woodhams (SKR) for an update.

Shaun Bresnahan said we will be looking to start our budgeting for 2023 soon. The Board discussed the police department and the options. Shaun Bresnahan suggested that we have the Police Department as a warrant article. Tom Seymour stated that we also need to look at the Capital Reserve Accounts because what we are putting in these accounts will never cover a new vehicle whether we purchase or lease. Shaun Bresnahan stated that we should put more than 30K in Road Reconstruction. We are looking at over 100K for paving 3,000 ft and the costs are only going be higher every year.

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a special meeting following the Water Commissioners meeting July 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of selecting the paving contractor this summer's project.

Francis Razzaboni is still working with the State addressing the jersey barriers and safety on the Coca Cola curves on Murray Hill Road. Francis Razzaboni is going to reach out to State Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney for any updates to the repairs for the road.

With no further business to conduct, Francis Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

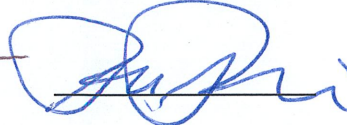
Tom Seymour, Chair

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Shaun Bresnahan

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Francis Razzaboni

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