

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 21, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Mark Labonte, Cassidy Jensen, Jeff Geoft, Dean Stevenson, Donald Reese, David Kirsch & Ronald Trudel

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

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton reported we are currently at 62 calls YTD. The pump testing was completed on Engine 2 and Rescue 1 which included service testing per NFPA standards. The Rescue will need the primer repaired and Chief Moulton has requested quotes for the repairs. The ladder testing will be done during the last week in June at the Bristol Fire Department. Chief Moulton will be borrowing the hose tester from Bristol Fire Department and will start inspecting our hoses at the fire station including the donated hose from Laconia Fire Department. They are adding a shadow box at the fire station with the instructions on requesting fire permits and other communication for the residents. The Fire Department will be assisting Parks & Rec with the chicken barbecue and fireworks on July 30th. Chief Moulton talked about the Haunted Hill in the Old Village coming back and Shaun Bresnahan will work with Chief Moulton to gain permission from the Army Corp of Engineers. Chief Moulton is still working on cleaning the trash behind the fire station and would like the generators moved. Mark Labonte has just received the new training schedule from Gilford Fire Department and Hill Fire Department is invited to join the training drills. Stephen Arruda is taking firefighter 1 at the Bristol Fire Department and Joseph Sullivan is still trying to get accepted in the class. Bristol will be holding another training in the fall for firefighter 1. Fire Permits are still an issue because of the location of the pits. Chief Moulton stated that there are now 4 people that can issue permits.

Shaun Bresnahan said that Danny Woodhams, from SKR Site Services, has fixed the hydrant at the pump house. The issue was the bonnet was covered with heavy water deposits build up from having the gate valves open & closed without draining after. When the flushing of the hydrants this year, the water commissioners will be working with the fire department. Danny Woodhams will be consulted on the proper procedure to minimize the risk of breaks in the water lines. Danny has parts to repair the other two hydrants in the village.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Stevenson reported that he needs to purchase two oil pans. The one for the International truck cost \$900.00 and the other one for the Peterbilt cost \$800.00. The purchase policy for the Town of Hill requires a purchase order be submitted to the Board of Selectmen before ordering. The only exception is if it's an emergency. Dean Stevenson has received a bid from GMI of \$126,137.25 for paving on Borough Road. Shaun Bresnahan was very surprised about the price because all cost are going up. Francis Razzaboni asked if they are going reclaim, grade the south side of the bridge (High Bridge) to reduce the weight? Dean Stevenson wasn't sure, but he would check. Shaun Bresnahan asked about the culvert work on that end of Borough. Dean Stevenson said that there is one more to be replaced and they can get that done pretty quick. Shaun Bresnahan was surprised that R&D Paving didn't place a quote. The Board reviewed the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve and asked Lisa Seymour to look into how much the town would be receiving under the Highway Block Grant.

Shaun Bresnahan asked how the new truck was working. Dean Stevenson stated that they are having difficulty shifting 2-wheel into 4-wheel drive. Dean said it feels like it engages but the light

doesn't indicate it is. Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean to call Newport and have them look at it because it is still under warranty. Shaun Bresnahan asked if they were using the chipper? Dean Stevenson replied no and they are taking the brush to the dump. Dean said they haven't used the chipper in a couple years. Shaun Bresnahan asked if the highway garage on Murray Hill Road was broken into. Dean Stevenson said that someone kicked in the door last winter and they have not fixed it. The Board has asked Dean to replace the door with a steel door because there is equipment being stored there.

When asked how much time is left on the mower Dean thought it would be about 6 days.

Shaun Bresnahan inquired about the old dump truck and fire truck because they have not been inspected for two years. Dean Stevenson said that the dump truck is not worth inspecting and thought we should sell it, but he thought the old firetruck was inspected.

POLICE DEPT:

Donald Sullivan reported on the report regarding the Police Department. Don mentioned that the Police Academy is not planning to offer part-time certification, just full-time. Don thought the town could really could use a full-time Police Chief with part-time officers. However, this carries a high cost to the town. Some of the benefits is that the Chief would have flex hours, take home cruiser if living local and has full authority over the department. Donald Sullivan stated that other towns are having the same hiring issues. Danbury and Tilton are looking for Police Chiefs just to mention a couple. Thomas Seymour asked about the shared police department between Danbury and Alexandria? Donald Sullivan replied that it was rejected by Danbury. Shaun Bresnahan inquired about the officer on medical leave. Don has not heard from him in a while but will check and let the Board know. Francis Razzaboni struggles with having a full-time Police Chief at 40 hours a week. Donald Sullivan said that this could be addressed with flexible hours. Thomas Seymour stated that David Kratz never had a set schedule. Shaun Bresnahan said if we had police officers, we could then have mutual aid help. Donald Reese mentioned that when Donald Sullivan and John Evans were the Chief, they worked about 24 hours a week. Donald Sullivan said that might have worked then but it would not work now with the changes in the town. Cassidy Jensen from the Concord Monitor is doing a feature on small town police departments and the struggles that they are facing. Cassidy has requested the 2000, 2010 and 2020 budgets for the Town of Hill. Lisa Seymour will send the information to her. We discussed issues in the current Police department from rekeying door locks to a fob system which can be tied into the current town hall and a leaking window.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

No report at this time.

HEALTH OFFICER:

No report at this time

PUBLIC SESSION:

Ronald Trudel received a letter from the town regarding the junk in the yard. Ronald stated that he let a friend store stuff at his house and it's been there 20 years. Ron will be moving the old cars he is just waiting for the scrap prices to increase. Ron will have this cleaned up by the end of the summer

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

None

Intent To Cut

Intent to Cut – Larry & Tracie Elder 562 Currier Road Map R13 Lot 15-3 Logger Cody Currier. Shaun Bresnahan has already looked at it for the est. amount to be cut. – Approved

Town Warrant – Signed

Selectmen Minutes – Signed

Driveway Permits – currently this a function of the Planning Board and Francis Razzaboni will take care of the ones that are pending. Shaun Bresnahan would like to have the driveway permits changed to the Selectmen’s Office because it is part of the building permit process.

Legal Representation for Zoning Board – Shaun Bresnahan asked if Michael Courtney was working with Reno & Orr? Thomas Seymour spoke with Michael and said that we can use who we want. We don’t have a binding contract to use solely their firm. Shaun Bresnahan asked what will be the perception when a resident hired Reno & Orr and now, we are using them to represent the town? Thomas Seymour stated that they will be reporting information to the Board of Selectmen. Another question was on arbitration. There will be none. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to have Reno & Orr represent the town in the gravel pit. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in Favor.

A prospective purchaser of land on March Pasture which is a class six road was asking if they can park on the road? They would like to have a camper on the property. This was briefly discussed until Shaun Bresnahan until they own the property, we should be in the consultation business.

58 Patten Road – It was brought to the attention of the Board that this location has a machine shop and is very busy. Permits and business plans were not on file. Shaun Bresnahan will draft a letter to the property owner.

The Board of Selectmen will send 17 Crescent Street a letter letting them know that they need a building permit for the shed they built. Building permits required per Article VII: C. After passage of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful to change the nature or extent of the use of any structure or lot, erect and use any structure, sign or building (except a permitted sign under 6 square feet of surface area), in any District without first obtaining a certificate of compliance from the Board of Selectmen or its appointed agent. Effective 3/15/88 and amended 3/14/96.

Russell Horan discussion on lot size 531 Rt 3A Map R5 Lot 11 has inquired about the property that he purchased. Russell walked his property and came up less than 2 acres. The Board of Selectmen stated that he will need to have surveyor to check the acreage. Because the lot is less than 3-acres they can’t have a garage on the property.

The library stairs are in really bad shape and need repairs. Francis Razzaboni and Shaun Bresnahan will look into the repairs tomorrow.

Donald Reese asked about low water pressure on Quimby Road. Shaun Bresnahan said that it’s because air gets in the line if the hydrant is not used correctly, it causes a hammer effect on the system. Donald Reese felt that the repairs done on Mountain View Drive by Scott Drapeau caused more issues with the water pressure on this road. The Board asked Don if he would interested in being a water commissioner he said maybe when he retires.

The policy for Vacation in the Town of Hill Personnel Policy Manual on page 15 states the length of eligible service is calculated on the basis of a “benefit year.” This is the 12-month period that begins when the employee starts to earn vacation time. The request for a buyout of vacation time was denied. Thomas Seymour made a motion to deny the request in its entirety because the hours asked for had not been earned yet and the policy does not provide for such a buyout. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. 2 were in favor and 1 opposed.

Murray Hill Rd – Frank Razzaboni has been working with the State Representatives on the Murray Hill Coca Cola Curves. He has sent pictures to David Testerman showing the unsafe condition on the curves. Francis Razzaboni is going to reach out District 1 Councilor Joseph Kenney at the NH State House.

Shaun Bresnahan stated the Danny Woodhams suggested that we use lock out bags when we have a hydrant out of service.

Other Business:

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:29 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

Francis Razzaboni made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 8:47 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to seal the minutes did not pass unanimously.

Thomas Seymour made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:48 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously. (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

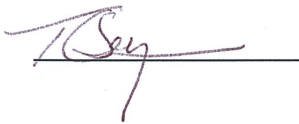
Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 8:54 pm seconded by Francis Razzaboni. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made not to seal the minutes passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, Thomas Seymour made the motion to adjourn the meeting Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

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Shaun Bresnahan

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Francis Razzaboni

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