# TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 2, 2022

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

## Selectmen Absent:

Public: Lori Hayes, Stephen Hayes, Nancie Freitas, Tom Angeley, Bruce Blazon and JoAnn Irving

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

### FIRE DEPT:

No report at this time.

## **HIGHWAY DEPT:**

Dean Stevenson reported that the backhoe has a throttle issue. He tried to repair it but it looks like CAT will need to look into the problem. Shaun Bresnahan asked what is the deal with the cut in front of the carriage house located at Jay Quimby's at 240 Bunker Hill. The Quimby's can't even access their property now. Dean Stevenson said that in falls within the right of way and they can ditch as required. Shaun Bresnahan said that Mr. Quimby is concerned because there is a conservation easement on the property and there is a restriction on altering terrain on the property. This is one of the oldest properties in the Town of Hill this location hasn't been an issue, why now? Mr. Quimby is requesting that this be fixed and he is not concerned with the pipe that is showing. Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean Stevenson to fix the shoulder of the road. The heavy cut on the opposite side will be okay where there are no buildings. Mr. Quimby would like loam and grass be replaced as well. Frank Razzaboni suggested ledge pack. Shaun Bresnahan said let's get it graveled. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the 2022 expense to budget and are going to start managing department spending. Shaun Bresnahan told Dean Stevenson that he needs to ask before purchasing anything unless it's an emergency. A GMI update for the paving on Borough Road finds that Dig safe has marked the road and the culverts are done. Shaun Bresnahan asked about the depth of the pavement where they are repaving. Dean said by 105 Borough Road it's about 8" and lesser on the end by the bridge. Shaun Bresnahan asked how the grader is working. Dean said it is working great the only issues are with the CAT backhoe. Shaun Bresnahan stated that if the repairs are over a \$1,000 call the selectmen's office before repairing. The door has been replaced on the Town Garage on Clough Road.

## **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:**

Lori and Stephen Hayes, from 206 Currier Road, came to the meeting because of a driveway permit and they want to take septic documents outside the office for copying. On the driveway permit Dean Stevenson Road Agent will need look at the entrance approach to Currier Road and if a culvert is required. Then the planning board will review at their next meeting in August. Stephen Hayes would like to take the septic plan to Staples to have it copied. He is willing to put a deposit down to take the document. He also stated that he would have it back to the office within 24-hours. Selectmen agreed to allow the plan to be copied, no deposit required. Stephen inquired about the setback requirements

for a building. Shaun Bresnahan stated it's 50' from the road and 25' for each side and back of the property line.

Nancie Freitas (203 Borough Road) had a question about a secondary access to the property. This is for the lower part of the property. With the heavy grading, it is causing a problem accessing the property. This would provide an entrance to the pond and for mowing. Shaun Bresnahan said that the Planning Board will meet on August 18<sup>th</sup> to review the driveway permit. Nancie asked if she could do something temporary for now because they have equipment there right now and will be gone before the approval process is completed. Shaun Bresnahan said there isn't a temporary fix. You could put the driveway in outside of the ROW and next year they could make it the permanent entrance. Shaun Bresnahan said at the end of August the driveway permitting will be the Selectmen's Office because it is part of the building permit process and the Selectmen Office is open more days than the Planning Board meets.

Bruce Blazon came in to inquire about 25 Snow Road and when the public auction might happen. Tom Seymour stated that we are working with our legal counsel. We have the property at 25 Snow Road scheduled on the towns PL Insurance and will not be entering into a tenement's agreement with the residents. Bruce asked about how the process will be when it returns to the market for auction. Shaun Bresnahan stated that the auctioneer would be notifying the abutters.

Bruce Blazon asked if you need a driveway permit if you are changing from gravel to pavement. Shaun Bresnahan said yes because it changes the approach to the town road and the run off.

Bruce Blazon asked if there are a lot of buildings being built without building permits. Tom Seymour stated it is not uncommon and when this is brought to our attention, we send a letter to cease and desist. With this letter they are provided the building permit paperwork.

Joann Irving asked about the tree that fell down in front of 26 Mountain View Drive. She wanted to know who would be cleaning this up and how long do we need to look at the stump. Shaun Bresnahan will talk to Dean Stevenson about cleaning this up. Marshall Bennett said that he would take the wood.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

## **Building Permits:**

Nathan & Natali Mills 17 Crescent Street Map V Lot 06 10' x 12' storage shed

## **Intent To Cut**

Scott & Krystal Wolf 128 Tioga Road Map R13 Lot 03-03

#### Yield Tax

Timothy & Melissa Clark 568 Murray Hill Road - Signed

# Other Business:

Town Warrant - Signed

Certified Computers – Signed agreement for new computers for the fire dept, highway dept, selectmen's office and town clerk office.

2<sup>nd</sup> LFRF payment amount \$57,998.07 has been awarded.

Jessie Ball emailed the Selectmen's Office in reference to a hole in the ballfield that needs to be addressed because it could cause injury. We will have the highway department address this next week.

On Murray Hill a potential trespass issue of cutting grass, brush and trees was reported. This property is vacant. Shaun Bresnahan offered to speak with the property owners.

Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner, NH Department of Transportation, came to the Town of Hill to address various concerns that the selectmen have about the curves on the state portion of Murray Hill Road. The single most important concern she zeroed in on was the undercutting of the road by the brook which in a flood/highwater event could lead to a catastrophic failure of the road. With the deterioration of the road even heavy trucks could compromise the road. Tom Seymour asked Frank Razzaboni to reach out via email confirming the conversation. Frank also wants to speak with DOT about the possibility of year around weight limits. Shaun Bresnahan said generally if a town posts a road you need to ask permission to exceed the weight limit. Shaun Bresnahan is not clear on the State rules. Frank Razzaboni said this section of Murray Hill Road is on the repair list. However, it has an engineering issue. Frank Razzaboni will document the information on the section of Murray Hill Road from Currier Road to the Pump house. Currently, the State is not in a position to repair it.

Michael Brady's tree needs replacement at the pond. Lisa Seymour mentioned that Judy Brady has offered one that Michael had planted at their house. Shaun Bresnahan will touch base with her to see if this tree can be moved. If not, Shaun will look into getting another one. JoAnne Irving asked if it could be planted in a different place. Shaun stated that the intention is when the tree was big enough, we could decorate during the Christmas Season.

Lisa Seymour received a call about people camping on town property at the end of Back Road. She called State Police and they asked if the property was posted and it's not posted. State Police stated that they can just ask them to move along Shaun Bresnahan said where they were camping is actually Federal property. Shaun Bresnahan said that someone was also camping on Poverty Pond Road in the old pit.

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting in a public workshop on August 9, 2022 to review the Employee Handbook and update where needed.

Lisa Seymour asked how we were coming on the review of the travel and welfare policy reviews. Not everyone had completed their review. The board will be reviewing and updating as needed.

Failed building permits reviewed and letters will be sent.

Tom Seymour emailed the draft of the Internal Governmental Agreement for review. Discussion on page 4 regarding the insurance. Who carries the insurance for the school? Joann Irving asked a couple of questions regarding the playground. Who is responsible for the equipment inspection for safety? Do the kids need a permission slip to use the playground like they do for a field trip?

Joann Irving asked about the Budget and Finance workshop for 2022. Wendy Rosa and Joann Irving would like to attend this workshop.

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting Tom Seymour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Frank Razzaboni