

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 16, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Bruce Blazon, Jamie Moulton, Nathan Mills, Natali Mills, Mark Labonte, Marshall Bennett, Stephen Arruda, Sean Foden, Marsha Foden, Laura Dodge, Mr. Richard Pescinski and Donald Reese

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

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Jamie Moulton gave Lisa Seymour the contact information for the SCBA company where we purchased the Scott Rit-Pak. This unit will allow firefighters to use another's air tank if theirs is low.

Chief Jamie Moulton promoted Mark Labonte to Deputy Fire Chief. Mark Labonte has been doing a lot with the fire department and has taken a great lead on the training of the department.

The Fire Department assisted Parks & Rec at the annual chicken barbecue which was a huge success. The next event will be August 20, 2022 with the Splish Splash Fun Ice Cream Social. This will benefit the Hill Fire Association along with the Johnathan Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit the Jennie D. Blake School. The event is at Victory Pond on Crescent Street and starts at 1:00 pm and runs to 4:00 pm. Make your own sundae, prepare to get wet with the slip and slide and fire truck sprinkler, dunk a firefighter and they will have a Firefighter Muster Competition. There will be live music, face painting, 50/50 raffle and hot dog stand. Dr. Connelly has offered to have the school open for the use of the bathroom facilities and the cafeteria for a cooling area. All other areas of the school will be blocked. Handicap parking will be at the Town Office Building. Mark Labonte stated that Shackett's in Bristol donated 6 gallons of ice cream and Beckett's donated all of the fixings to make a sundae. Alexa White will be doing the 50/05 raffle, music and hot dog stand. Tom Seymour asked if they checked with the Church to see if they had any events going that day. Lisa Seymour reached out to Sandy Boyce; Sandy replied that there is a wedding at the same time. With both events running, Crescent Street will need to remain open to all traffic.

Chief Moulton told the board that Sean Foden walked the Fire Department through the building on 4 Commerce Street. Chief Moulton is concerned about the sprinkler system there. It was suggested that, since we have no building inspector, he contact the State Fire Marshall's Office. Shaun Bresnahan thought if it was four or less apartments it was okay. Chief Moulton stated if there is three or more apartments it needs to be inspected.

Captain Nathan Mills provided an update on the turn out gear. We currently have 2 pair of spare pants and 2 spare jackets that are still suitable for outside work. There are several air packs that are old and cannot be used. Nathan said that there is a company that takes these items as a donation and will distribute these to a 3rd world country. Shaun Bresnahan asked if all active members have adequate turn-out gear now and Nathan said they do. Nathan explained that the turn-out gear was purchased in groups in 2003, 2007 and 2013. Nathan stated the gear needs to be replaced every 10-years and Air packs every 15-years. Tom Seymour suggested spreading these purchases out. The question was asked if they could have a capital reserve account for fire gear. Shaun Bresnahan explained that capital reserve accounts are for large equipment purchases such as a fire truck. Natali Mills suggested that the new people use the older gear before purchasing new just to make sure they are going to stay. The department will have an officer's meeting to discuss the needs of the department.

Mark Labonte wants to look into having an on-call weekend rotation program so the firefighter's don't get burned out and can have time with their families.

Chain of command and duties are as follows: Chief Moulton will oversee the department, Deputy Chief Labonte take care of the building and assist the Chief, Captain Mills will be taking care of gear, medical supplies and inventories, and Lieutenant Marshall Bennett will be taking care of the equipment.

Joseph Sullivan and Stephen Arruda are taking Fire 1 currently. Gilford is still doing classes and Hill is participating in these classes. Chief Moulton would like to look into a pump class he feels this would be beneficial. Chief Moulton is hoping to hold classes for the residents of Hill in CPR, Bike Safety, Wood Stove Safety, and any other items the people are interested in.

Nathan Mills asked about the purchasing freeze. The Selectmen are asking all departments to ask before purchasing unless it is an emergency. Nathan was concerned about the medications that need to be ordered. Medications are essential for life safety. Nathan said they need to order 3 more SCBA masks and they are \$320.00 each and an OB kit that costs \$26.75. Shaun Bresnahan said we are not being nit-picky but think about this as you would your own personal spending.

Mark Labonte asked when the warrant articles are needed for next year; the furnace and roof are in need of replacement. Mark Labonte is currently getting quotes.

Nathan Mills said that they found the septic tank at the Fire Station; it was where Bill Machado thought was and it is great shape.

There were no surprises with the inspections of the fire trucks. We just needed to replace three batteries on 11E2. Shaun Bresnahan asked about the windshield on the rescue truck. Chief Moulton thought it was cracked, but after looking at it more closely it was fine.

Marshall Bennett asked about storms how to address obtaining assistance with these. The last few storms the fire department has been called out when trees were down and thought the highway department should be called. The trees were on Borough Road near Axel Road. Shaun Bresnahan said if it is a 911 call fire department takes the lead, otherwise selectmen can call out the highway crew.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

No report at this time.

POLICE DEPT:

No report at this time.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

No report at this time.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Natali Mills stated that there is still a reported issue with the smell on Ferrin Street and that Jamie and her will investigate. However, we don't have an ordinance addressing this issue. This reported smell might be a septic issue.

Natali Mills mentioned that we need to have an annual meeting to address potentially issues.

Natali had a call regarding a cooling station during the last heat wave. She said that when the library is open they could use this location. It was also noted that during that last heat wave, no residents took advantage of the air conditioned library.

Lisa Seymour asked when are we going to start the safety committee meetings again. Jamie Moulton said it's on his radar.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Laura Dodge, from McLane Middleton Law Firm, and Mr. Richard Pescinski came in to see the Board of Selectmen regarding Tax Map R08 Lot 08. Mr. Pescinski would like to build a modest single-family home on the property. The issue is that this lot is nonconforming to the zoning ordinance requirements of 200 feet of road frontage. Laura Dodge would like to discuss the available options for making the property a buildable lot and what will satisfy the Town given the Town's regulations. Shaun Bresnahan stated that this a Land Use issue and would need to be addressed Planning Board. The Planning Board addresses subdivisions, roads, and streets. The Board of Selectmen had previously denied the building permit for this lot with the previous landowner because it didn't meet the road frontage requirement. The Zoning Board of Adjustment upheld this decision. Chair Tom Seymour stated the Board of Selectmen are the required to administer and enforce the Zoning Ordinances. Shaun Bresnahan earlier went to check out the property; however, it is posted. Laura Dodge asked about joint meetings with the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and the Board of Selectmen. Shaun Bresnahan said this wouldn't be done, each Board has its own responsibilities and authority. Richard Pescinski said he understands the requirement of 200' of road frontage, but wanted to know how can this happen. Shaun Bresnahan suggested they schedule a meeting with the Planning Board. Frank Razzaboni mentioned that the Planning Board was meeting this coming Thursday. Laura Dodge said she couldn't make that meeting and she will reach out to Lisa Seymour and let her know if they will make the next one.

Bruce Blazon came in to inquire about 25 Snow Road and when the public auction might happen. Currently we are on hold until we are notified otherwise. The auctioneer will be sending notices when it is available.

Sean Foden inquired about removing trees that are on town property because they are leaning towards his property. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to work with the Foden's on the trees that are on Town Property. A letter of agreement will be drafted to cover which trees are to be removed and that the town property be properly cleaned. A certificate of liability insurance will be required from the tree service company. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor

BOARD BUSINESS:

Building Permits:

None

Intent To Cut

None

Yield Tax:

Cathy Robie Snow Road Map R10 Lot 30 Operation 21-215-02-T – Signed

Matthew & Shannon DuBreuil Murray Hill Road Map R3 Lot 31-1 Operation 21-215-03-T – Signed

Herr Revocable Trust Borough Road Map R1 Lot 46-1, 47, 48 & 49 Operation 21-215-04-T – Signed

Stephen Robie Murray Hill Road Map R6 Lot 12 Operation 21-215-11-T – Signed

Tom & Gail Robie Murray Hill Road Map 6 Lot 17 Operation 21-215-12-T – Signed

Erik Wight Murray Hill Road Map R11 Lot 13 & 12 Operation 21-215-14 T – Signed

Tom & Terri Whitman Poverty Pond Road Map R8 Lot 2 & 14 Operation 21-215-13-T – Signed

Other Business:

Town Warrant – Signed

Tom Seymour will send the draft of the Internal Governmental Agreement to Shaun Bresnahan, Frank Razzaboni, and the three School Board members.

Personnel Manual is still being reviewed and further changes need to be done.

Bill Karkheck Dead River emailed a fixed price quote for the Town of Hill for heating for \$3.899/Gallon fixed; note this price subject to change with market trends until a fixed agreement is signed. The Board of Selectmen asked if this covered all accounts and what would the propane rates be this coming year. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Bill Karkheck and ask these questions. The board voted to move forward with Dead River after checking on their questions.

Danielle Gadree (Walsh property) is looking to add a second water line to the back of the property or the possibility of having a dug well on the property. The water commissioners would like prefer a second water line to the current town water line.

The Warren Project – Brian Connelly is collecting names and numbers of residents in need of food donations. He already has residents using the program but would like to reach out to all of the residents not just the ones that have children in the school district.

The Town of Hill has received additional funds from the State Highway Block Grant Funding of \$44,241.85 which requires a public meeting to receive the funding. This will be held September 20, 2022.

Frank Razzaboni has a date for repairing the meters that are not working. E J Prescott will be here September 16th and a letter will be sent in advance to the residents.

Frank Razzaboni asked if we could move forward with fixing the library striker so the door shuts tighter? The last quote from Bob's Lock and Key was for \$1,500. Lisa Seymour will reach out to Paul, at Bob's Lock & Key, to see if that quote is still valid.

Shaun Bresnahan talked with Dale Wheeler & Tony Cartier about fixing the chipper and using it to chip the brush. They cut four dead trees at 62 NH Route 3A garage.

Shaun Bresnahan spoke with Dean Stevenson Monday about watching spending and overtime. They will not be working overtime until winter.

Shaun Bresnahan drove Borough Road before the paving was complete and it looks good. The sweeper is working again.

Frank Razzaboni asked about cleaning a culvert on Currier Road. Shaun Bresnahan will let the highway department know. Shaun Bresnahan said in the past when doing the ditch work, Dean has taken good material and placed it in the pit or delivering it to local residents for personnel use. Shaun asked Dean to make habit of reclaiming as much of the ditch material as possible. Where there is not much gravel currently on our gravel roads, they are just digging up big rocks.

Road issues in regards to paving in front of the Fire Station and Mountain View Drive due to water main issues. SKR will be addressing these soon, they are busy finishing school projects before school begins.

Lisa Seymour will be sending out the department budget forms and would like to start scheduling department meetings in September.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to remove Linda Henry from the IEF JP Morrison Construction Inc bond account and add Lisa Seymour as informational only and to remove Michael Brady and add Shaun Bresnahan as a signer. Tom Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting
Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

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Shaun Bresnahan

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Frank Razzaboni

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