

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 25, 2022

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: Robert Dupuis, Thomas Baumann, Natali Mills, Dean Stevenson, Alvin See, Louise Andrus, Mark Labonte, Jamie Moulton, Bruce Blazon, Thomas Baumann

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

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Jamie Moulton went to exercise Engine 2 at Monday night's training meeting but had equipment failure. It needs two gasket fittings and the cost will be approximately \$1,000. Jamie will get a quote to repack engine 2. They tried drafting from the Bunker Hill Bridge site because it would be easier to turn around the trucks at this location. They found that the drop was far to obtain a good draft. Jamie is going to speak with the State to see how much it would cost to have a dry hydrant at that location and also apply for any grants that might be available. The Rescue has a check engine light keeps coming on. Jamie thinks that it needs to run to clear out the exhaust filler because it's 70% full. If that doesn't work, he will take it to a garage for diagnostic testing.

Jamie is still receiving calls regarding the fire at 4 Commerce Street.

Lisa Seymour asked if Jamie had a chance to call Caterpillar about the generator at the school. Jamie will follow-up and let the Board of Selectmen know what is needed for the repairs.

Jamie reported that the haunted hayride has been cancelled this year. The Fire Department will be doing trunk-a-treat, small haunt at the fire station, and will also offer candy checking for safety.

Deputy Fire Chief Mark Labonte provided an update on training. Stephen Arruda has passed his EMR and Joseph Sullivan has finished his class and is waiting to take his test. Joseph Sullivan is sponsored through Bristol Fire Department. Congratulations to Stephen Arruda!!

Mark Labonte and the students from Mt. Prospect Academy have done a great job cleaning the fire station, painting, cleaning the trucks and repairing the Smokey Bear sign. The students have found all kinds of items for training. Mark has a student that he would like to drop off at the Fire Station to work independently one day a week and asked if is this something we can do. The question was asked who will cover her if she gets hurt. Mark said that Mt. Prospect Academy would be responsible.

Mark Labonte has invited the students to the association meeting on December 5th to say thank you and have a pizza party. Mark asked if the Board of Selectmen if they would be available to come? They said they would be glad to attend.

Lisa Seymour asked Jamie Moulton if he has contacted Brian Connelly regarding the Holiday Giving Tree? He will follow up and let us know so we can get the word out.

Mark Labonte will be attending the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid board meeting for Jamie Moulton. They will be discussing the dispatch rates for 2023.

Jamie Moulton will contact the Bristol Fire Department about the ambulance contract for 2023.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Natalia Mills and Jamie Moulton attended the Fall Workshop for Health Officers. One of the take-aways was licensing junkyards. Natalia asked if the town has any licensed junkyards. Shaun Bresnahan said we don't. Natalia thought we needed to have a zoning ordinance for junkyards. Tom Seymour stated it is in our Zoning Ordinances already and the Board of Selectmen are the enforcers of the ordinance. Natalia and Jamie asked if there was a budget for cleanup if a junkyard had a hazardous leak that contaminated the ground. Shaun Bresnahan replied it covered by property taxes. The other concerns are the hoarding cases and meth labs that should be cleaned up.

Natalia Mills report on cases that they have been working on. Borough Road leaking water into a water way has been address and closed. Ferrin Street is still open regarding the foul smell it was determined that it is from chickens.

Jamie Moulton asked about the RSA that covers Health Officer's. This is covered under RSA 128. Natalia asked if we could order a box of USB data sticks for pictures that have been taken. Shaun Bresnahan asked if they were using the cell phones for the pictures because they be confiscated if a case went to court. Natalia stated that they use a DSL camera.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Stevenson came into see about Quimby Road after the water department repaired the water line at 12 Quimby Road. Shaun Bresnahan asked if they could do the repairs and Dean stated they could but it would take about a week to complete because they don't have an excavator. Shaun talked to Danny Woodhams from SKR and he could do the work for approximately \$12,000. This would consist of repairing 300 feet of road and taking out about a foot of material and packing it with hard pack. Danny thought it would take 3 truckloads. Dean Stevenson thought it might be better if SKR could do the work because he has the equipment and could finish it before snow flies.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to have Danny Woodhams (SKR) to reclaim and repair Quimby Road to 16' wide this would consist of 300' of roadway to be completed before snow. The \$12,000 will come from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

POLICE DEPT:

The Board of Selectmen worked on the required items for the 2023 budget.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

No Report at this time

PUBLIC SESSION:

Robert Dupuis came to the see the Board about a discrepancy in the mowing contract and the bid pricing. When Robert compiled the invoices for mowing, he went by the contract which had a higher amount for the Town Green Area. Robert was concern about how that would affect the budget. Shaun Bresnahan found the mistake resulted in an overpayment of \$1,300. Robert feels that that the price should be what the contract stated. Tom Seymour felt the same way. Tom said that the signed contract is a binding agreement and should honored. That said, Robert spoke with his partner and they agreed to meet the town half way on the overpayment. Tom Seymour told Robert that he was very generous with his offer. Tom then made a motion to accept Robert's proposal for meeting the town halfway on the overpayment and will credit the town \$655.00. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Thomas Baumann is interested in a property located on March Hill Pasture Road and wanted to discuss building on a Class VI Road. The Town of Hill has a policy regarding construction on Class VI roads on the town website. Thomas wants to place a platform for a tent for camping. The question was asked is it seasonal or year around. Thomas said it would be used off and on throughout the year. The platform would be 12' x 12' (144 square feet). Tom Seymour stated under the policy

section 3.1 Structures permitted without residence: It is a policy of the Board of Selectmen that in the usual case of building permits for structures along Class VI roads will only be authorized if such structure: (a) Is not intended to be used in the present or in the future for human habitation, either on a permanent or seasonal basis. The only structures that would typically be permitted under this policy would be a tool shed or a storage shed. Shaun Bresnahan said that you should contact your realtor and have them research the usage. The town land use boards cannot advise you before purchasing the property.

Louise Andrus is a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives she is running for re-election to represent the newly formed Merrimack District 5. She is attending Selectmen meetings and board meetings to become familiar with the issues. She was very impressed with the Board of Selectmen's meeting and how it was conducted.

Alvin See is running for State Representative in Merrimack District 26 which overlaps District 5 serving Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury and Webster. Alvin sees inflation is one of the many concerning issues affecting citizens this year, with huge increases in the prices for both fuel for our cars and for heating our homes, as well as the high costs for food. If elected, he will help small business thrive post-pandemic and work to reduce impediments to bring jobs back to our communities. He was also impressed with the Board of Selectmen's meeting and how it was conducted.

Bruce Blazon came by to see if there were any updates on the town owned property located on Snow Road. The Board of Selectmen has had no changes to the status.

Selectmen Business:

Building Permit:

Brandon & Jane Parker 29 Bunker Hill Road Map R10 Lot 2-1 Breezeway and Wrap Around Porch. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to issue a building permit to Brandon & Jane Parker to add a breezeway and wrap around porch. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor

Driveway Permits:

Adam & Stephanie Loggins Currier Road Map R12 Lot 27.

After reviewing the permit for a horseshoe driveway and consulting town maps, it does not look feasible. Shaun Bresnahan will reach out to Adam Loggins to set up a meeting with him and go over the criteria for a driveway permit.

State of New Hampshire paperwork for the polling station was signed.

HealthTrust provided two options for the health insurance. One is the current plan we have and the other one would make minor increases to the copays while also reducing premiums. The Board of Selectmen decided to have the highway department to review the changes and choose the one that best fit. Shaun Bresnahan will present this tomorrow.

Selectmen Meeting Mins.
September 29, 2022 – Signed
October 04, 2022 – Signed
October 11, 2022 – Signed

Water Commissioner Meeting Mins.
September 29, 2022 – Signed
October 11, 2022 – Signed

Timber Tax:

Larry & Tracie Elder 562 Currier Road Map R13 Lot 15-03 – Signed

Equalization Report needs review and signatures – Signed

ARPA Project Log was reviewed for upcoming projects. Tom Seymour made a motion to use \$8,400 for a one-time stipend for frontline staff having worked through COVID. This is to be paid out Dec 8th and will be allocated by years of service, rank, and certifications. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

The sidewalks on Mountain View Drive will be done before Shaun Bresnahan returns from vacation. In case of an emergency with any of the projects that Shaun has contact Tom Seymour or Francis Razzaboni.

Francis Razzaboni will be out of the office until Monday October 31st.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to offer a two-year extension of the mowing contract to Robert Dupuis with minor adjustments. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

The water department budget is due to the budget committee next month. Shaun is going to ask for an extension to December.

With no further business to conduct, Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:48 pm.

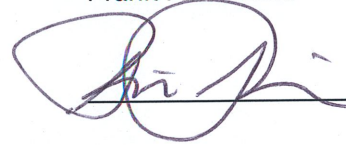
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

Shaun Bresnahan

Frank Razzaboni

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