

# TOWN OF HILL

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 17, 2023

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

**Selectmen Absent:** None

**Public:** Jamie Moulton, Mark Labonte, Natali Mills, Ellen Guild, Paul Guild

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

### FIRE DEPT:

Chief Moulton asked if the hydrants are usable for a fire. Shaun Bresnahan said the fire hydrants are okay to use, you just need to be mindful on opening and closing the system. If you have empty pipes you need to open with the pressure at a steady rate and then close them using a steady rate. You can't just open and then shut them down because you will create a hammer effect that will cause the water main to break. The hydrant at the pump house has the ductile water line to the first gate valve then we are back to the regular pipe. If Hill is not first on the scene Jamie is concerned that they may cause the hammer back on the system when they hook the truck onto the hydrant. Shaun Bresnahan the next hydrant up from the hookup just open the hydrant and attach a hose and let it run in the woods. The tanker holds 2500 gallons so it can be used on smaller fires without hooking to a fire hydrant.

Impact Fire came on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> to do the inspection of the buildings. They will be back next week because Jamie didn't realize the town office building was open during the holiday. Tom Seymour mentioned that the tag at the school was out of date on the fire extinguisher the last time he was there. Jamie will check it next Tuesday.

The warrant article for the heating system for the Fire Department was discussed. They would like to change to propane because it's more efficient and propane is cheaper than the home heating oil. They would like to use forced hot water versus forced hot air because of the exhaust from the bays. Currently they have 2 quotes and Mark and Jamie are looking for another company so we have three quotes.

Firefighters went to Gilford for training. Joseph Sullivan and Stephen Arruda, after taking Fire 1, have made great contacts with Franklin and Gilford. The training was on heat and smoke. Nathan Mills worked with Joseph and Stephen at the training in Gilford. Capt. Mills has taken the lead on training on the RIT-pak that had a class Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at the fire station and it went really well. Stephen Arruda has been promoted to Lieutenant and most of the department was excited about the promotion.

### HEALTH OFFICER:

Natali Mills reported that all has been quiet. We have a previous issue that has returned from 20 Shop Road for investigation. Natali Mills, Health Officer, and Jamie Moulton, Deputy Health Officer, talked to Paul & Ellen Guild from 40 Shop Road about the open sewerage seeping onto their property from 20 Shop Road. This case did go to court and the owner was required to pay a \$1,000 fine and the septic tank was to be pumped on an as needed basis. Natali Mills has a copy of the court case with the certified letter sent to them. Paul Guild provided a video of the raw sewerage from their property. Paul Guild stated the DES failed the septic system. Natali Mills will contact DES to follow up to see if this system was deemed failed under the previous Health Officer. Jamie Moulton will take pictures as long as it is okay to go on the Guild's property. He will take pictures from 40 Shop Road looking up to 20 Shop Road and then from the side of their other lot. The question was asked again by Paul Guild if we know how many gallons of water are billed for the water service to 20 Shop

Road. Frank Razzaboni replied that EJ Prescott repaired the meter last fall, but is still not recording gallons used. The people living at 20 Shop Road are not the property owners. Natali Mills asked the Guild's to fill out the complaint form on this issue so it will be on file.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:**

No Report at this time

**POLICE DEPT:**

No Report at this time

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

No Report at this time

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Bruce Blazon mentioned in a previous meeting that the individual at 25 Snow Road had installed a bright light that was activated by motion sensor. Frank Razzaboni investigated the allegation on January 10 at approximately 8:45 PM Frank found that a sensor did activate a light at 25 Snow Road. The light activated as Frank's car passed the sensor and illuminated a portion of the road behind him. He then traveled up the road and turned around and again passed 25 Snow Road. It was Frank's observation that the light did not pose a danger to travel on Snow Road. The light was bright enough to light the driveway at 25 Snow Road, but the angle and intensity did not cast much light onto the public road. No comment is being made as to how much light is projected and observable from other residences on Snow Road. Shaun Bresnahan confirmed Frank's finding and commented that he also didn't see any evidence that the property in question was in violation of the Junk Yard standards of the Hill Zoning Ordinance.

**Selectmen Business:**

**Building Permit:**

Adam & Stephanie Loggins Currier Road Map R12 Lot 27 New Timber Frame Home – Approved

**Driveway Permits:**

None

**Intent to Cut:**

None

**Other:**

Selectmen meeting minutes

January 05, 2023 – Signed

Flagger Training at Primex on March 2, 2023 – Highway & Fire Department will be notified of the training.

The Selectmen will have a workshop session to complete the Selectmen's budget to present to the Budget Committee on January 24, 2023 at 6:30

Shaun Bresnahan provided a spreadsheet on the costs to adding a full-time police chief with benefits and a part-time secretary. Lisa Seymour had questions on what this will do to our current health insurance plan with HealthTrust, Property & Liability, Worker's Comp & Unemployment Comp. Lisa will reach out to Stephine Perrin at HealthTrust and Sally Tanner at Primex on this question. She will have the numbers for the January 24, 2023 Selectmen's Workshop.

Ruth Cross needs a letter referencing the camper on her property located on Bunker Hill Road. This property is in current use and cannot have any buildings on the property.

318 Cass Mill Road has 2 tiny houses and a camp on 3.26 acres. This property has no septic approval on file. The two structures are movable so no permit is required however they would need a septic approval.

The ZBA attached to the November 22, 2022 meeting minutes a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the August and Maria Merker property. It's the opinion of the ZBA that this matter very closely resembles the Kathe Higgins matter in 2017. The ZBA feels the Merker situation so closely resembles the Higgins matter that it is reasonable to assume the ZBA would reach the same conclusion and in turn, so too would the Superior Court. Therefore, the ZBA has rescinded its acceptance of an application for a variance and returns the matter to the Selectmen. In the letter the ZBA has stated that if the Selectmen are unchanged in their determination the Merkers require a written Notice of Decision denying their application for a building permit.

The recommended action by the ZBA is for the Selectmen to reconsider the application for the building permit, make a final determination and send the Merkers a written notice of decision. The Merkers request this be done as quickly as possible.

Shaun Bresnahan stated the long and short of it is that there is an approved subdivision plan (assumed to create Lots 50-1 thru 50-6) showing a R.O.W according to the ZBA minutes. What was presented to the Selectboard with the building permit was a proposed sub division for Lot 50 which was prepared for the previous landowner and never followed through by the Merkers.

#### Water Department

Frank Razzaboni wanted a discussion on outsourcing the water system to Lakes Region Water. Mark LaBonte worked with them before and said that they are a reliable company. Frank Razzaboni will reach out to Tom Mason to see if they would be interested. If so, they will prepare a presentation for the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Shaun Bresnahan received an email from DES regrading a water sample is due. Shaun will email John Bednum and Laura from Pump System to provide a sample.

Shaun Bresnahan will also reach out to John about the cost for a newer test unit. He thinks it would be about \$10,000. We also need the current cost for the chemicals to maintain the system.

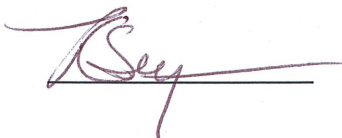
Shaun Bresnahan has set-up an account with Diamond Map so when they are in the field on a water main break, everyone will have all the information digitally.

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:14 pm.

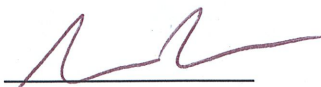
Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

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Shaun Bresnahan

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Frank Razzaboni

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