

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP

January 24, 2023

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: Mark Labonte, Thomas Angeley & Shelly Henry

Tom Seymour brought the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Budget preparation:

Mark Labonte, Deputy Fire Chief, has concerns about the wages and how to answer any questions at either the public hearing or town meeting. Shaun Bresnahan said we took everyone's hours and added them up and then added a 30% increase with a 10% call factor. Shaun Bresnahan explained that the number that has been used in the past has always been low because of lack of participation under the previous Fire Chief. The board has split out the fire fighter's hours from the chief's hours for tracking purposes. Tom Seymour explained there is a huge difference between swinging a shovel and running into a burning building while being paid the lowest wages per hour in town and agrees with the increases for the fire department. Tom Seymour said if the minimum wage bill passes the new minimum wage would be \$13.50 and this would affect the entire town wages for all departments.

Shaun Bresnahan asked about new equipment line which is budgeted for \$10,400. Does the fire department have a plan of what equipment they want to purchase as this will be asked in the town meeting.

During discussion on the warrant article to purchase a new heating system, Mark Labonte said that he has asked the maintenance manager from Beckett to quote the work to move the boiler from its current location to the front bay. Lisa Seymour asked if she could get the final numbers next week because that is when the warrant articles need to be completed.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the budget for the town. Shaun Bresnahan has questions on the electric for the Highway Garages, Transfer Station and Street Lighting. Lisa Seymour will look into the Highway Tools for clarification of spending over the past five years.

The Selectmen worked on the warrant article for the capital reserve funds. Currently they have decided to remove funding the gravel crushing and master plan. Shaun Bresnahan said that there is not enough to crush at the highway garage located off Murray Hill Road and the planning board has not started the review of chapter one. It costs \$5,000 per chapter.

The board of selectmen voted to repeat article 9 approved at Town Meeting in 2022. This article establishes the Legal Expense Expendable Trust Fund which currently has \$5000 that came from the unreserved fund balance.

Frank Razzaboni is working on a warrant article to paint the Town Office building to include the Hill Public Library.

The Board of Selectmen are creating a warrant article for the Police Department related to the hiring of a Police Chief.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to move the \$6,300 from the sale of the 1994 Spartan Five Star 2000 truck to the Fire Heavy Equipment capital reserve account. Thomas Seymour seconded the motion. All in favor.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to move the \$53,221.81 SB 401 one-time Bridge Payment to the Bridge Repair and Replacement capital reserve account. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Water Commissioners reviewed the budget for 2023.

Selectmen Business:

Land Use Change Tax Warrant was signed for the property located on 122 Bunker Hill Road.

Lakes Region Conservation called in reference to 597 Murray Hill Road. They have received a complaint about snow being pushed from Brandon Reynolds driveway across town road to their property. The Town of Hill has an Ordinance that prohibits the snow or ice on public highways. "No person shall plow, shovel or put any snow or ice into or onto any public highway from any place outside thereof, except temporarily in case of necessity, in which the person shall have received permission to do so from the Town Road Agent." The selectmen agreed that a letter and a copy of the Town Ordinance should be sent Brandon Reynolds.

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 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Tom Seymour, Chair

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Shaun Bresnahan

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Frank Razzaboni

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