

# TOWN OF HILL

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 4, 2023

**Selectmen Present:** Shaun Bresnahan Chairman, Frank Razzaboni, Stephen Thomson

**Selectmen Absent:** None

**Public:** Dean Stevenson, Shelly Henry, Austin McClain, Steve Houten (by phone) and JoAnn Irving.

Shaun Bresnahan brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**FIRE DEPT:**

No Report at this time

**HEALTH OFFICER:**

No Report at this time

**HIGHWAY DEPT:**

Backhoe had a flat rear tire; plugged at shop but it failed. Tire was taken to Northeast Tire and patched from the inside and is back in service.

Oil was changed in Tony's Truck and the Loader.

Shaun Bresnahan asked when sander plows would be taken out of truck. Dean said they are anticipating the possibility of some snow tomorrow night. After that they will start the process of converting trucks to summer mode.

Discussed when to lift weight ban on roads; decided to make the call the week of 4/17/23.

Shaun Bresnahan contacted Paula Joe about the broken fence between her property and the Town Hall Parking lot. She would like the fence fixed with a similar stockade fence.

Shaun Bresnahan asked Dean if the FD could use the Clough Road pit for chainsaw training. They could cut tree's where material for gravel crushing is located. Dean is fine with this.

**POLICE DEPT:**

No Report at this time

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

Shelly wanted will be out on Training 4/5 but Karen will be in the office to assist residents.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Austin McClain addressed the Board regarding his activity on 122 Bunker Hill Road. He recently bought the property. He is currently living in his travel trailer. He is remodeling the camp on the property and will be moving into the "camp" which is around 250 sq. ft. He indicated he likes living minimally and he anticipates being in the remodeled "tiny house" by



the end of May. The Board was fine with his plan as stated. If he is still living in his trailer at the end of the summer, we will have to re-visit this issue.

Joann Irving asked a question regarding the Annual School Board meeting and the plan to form a committee to meet with Newfound School District regarding a new agreement to send Hill kids to Middle and High School. Shaun Bresnahan responded that he had been asked during the winter to participate but declined because of time constraints and hasn't heard of anything else since. Joann is concerned because she has heard of a member of the school board meeting with members of the Newfound School District. The Board is un-aware of this and suggest she take this up with the School Board.

Joann reported that Dale showed up with Backhoe on Mountain View and back dragged a small section of shoulder and didn't address any other issues. Dean and Tony spent 2 ½ hours taking limbs off of sugar maple in ROW at 41 Mountain View.

Joann asked if the highway crew had CDL licenses and what category where they? She also asked if they had valid health cards as required by Federal Law. Shaun replied that they had CDL's but he didn't know what category they were. Shaun is doesn't know what the status of health cards is. When Lisa return, she will discuss and determine the status of both these questions.

### **Selectmen Business:**

#### **Building Permit:**

Stephen & April Houten 672 Borough Road. 45' x 20' concrete pad for a camper. At 7:00PM Stephen called in and Board asked questions via conference call regarding his building permit. Stephen informed the board that the property had belonged to his wife's parents. She no owns the property. The recently moved to Pittsfield and they have a large fifth wheel trailer that doesn't fit well on their property. The plan is to build the pad and park the trailer on it. They will use it on weekends when they come to the property. Over time they plan to do more cleanup of the land and plan to build a new house further off the road. They will be plugging the trailer into power and hooking up to the well but not the septic. They will be having the tanks pumped when necessary. Stephen and wife have no intention of living in the trailer. With no further questions call concluded with Shaun Bresnahan telling Stephen a decision will be forth coming and he will call and let him know what the decision is.

Stephen Thomson made a motion for Shaun Bresnahan to be Chairman of Board; Frank seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding Selectmen and ex-officio positions; Stephen indicated he would like to serve on planning board. His experience on the ZBA would be beneficial to the PB and he has many ideas on fixes that are necessary to our zoning ordinance. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion for Stephen to be ex-officio on Planning Board; Frank seconded and motion passed unanimously. Shaun made a motion for Frank to be ex-officio and Budget Committee; Stephen seconded and motion passed unanimously. Shaun will take over the reporting duties that former Selectmen Thomas Seymour.

Board discussed the Houten Building Permit based on earlier conversations with Stephen and Austin. Board is satisfied that since both of these situations are temporary and have to take the property owners word that this is so. We will have to monitor both situations and if they are not temporary in nature we will have to address. Shaun made a motion to approve Houten Building Permit; Stephen seconded the motion and it passes unanimously.

Shaun brought Stephen up to date on permission that was granted to Foden's and Helmholtz regarding hazard tree removal.

Board discussed the lack of leadership in the highway department and how it is leading to worsening road conditions. Shaun will work on Dean's job appraisal and further action will be necessary.



**Driveway Permits:**

None

**Intent to Cut:**

None

**Other:**

Board reviewed Current Use application for Gilman on 237 Borough Road and approved the application.

The Purchase Order Policy was given to the Board for review and further discussion will be held at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Employee Handbook was given to the Board for review and further discussion will be held at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Water Department**

The Water Commissioner's will be meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The meters will be read April 9<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

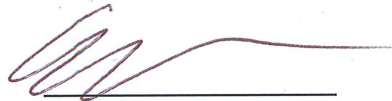
Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

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