

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 20, 2023

Selectmen Present: Shaun Bresnahan Chairman, Frank Razzaboni, Stephen Thomson & Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: Mark Labonte, Nathan Mills, Natali Mills, Paul Guild, JoAnne Irving, Mark Allen, and Thomas Angeley

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

Shaun opened the seal bid for the 1998 International Dump Truck Model 4900 sold "As-Is." The high bid was from Sean Foden at \$500.00. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to accept Sean Foden's bid for the 1998 International Dump Truck Model 4900 "As-Is." Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor. Lisa Seymour will do a bill of sale and notify Sean Foden.

FIRE DEPT:

Fire Chief Jamie Moulton no report.

Deputy Fire Chief Mark LaBonte reported that the company that was going to do the propane boiler installation has changed its mind. Mark LaBonte has Stafford Oil & Propane from Laconia, Rowell Heating Services from Northfield, and an independent individual to prepare the quotes for the installation of the propane furnace.

Mark LaBonte stated that one of the ATV's in service; the second ATV needs to have the tires changed because they appear to be the wrong size. Stephen Thomson will work with Mark on this. Stephen asked if they were registered and Mark stated yes and they have municipality plates.

Mark Labonte, Nathan Mills and Natalia Mills have been working on the removal of the generators located at the fire station. The Army will be becoming with a low-bed trailer to get them.

Mark LaBonte said the Hill Firefighter Association will be holding the 2nd annual Splish Splash Fun on July 15th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. It will be a fun afternoon with the proceeds going towards the "Jaws of Life". Tickets are \$10.00 for the entire event and \$5.00 for just for the ice cream. Tickets will be available at the Fire Station on Wednesday's and Friday's and JoAnn Irving will be at the Transfer Station selling tickets as well.

William Machado has been working with the attorney on the tax exempt (501(c)3) status for the Hill Firefighter Association.

Update on the fire permitting process: Mark Labonte stated that this has been great having William Machado at the fire station on Fridays in the afternoon and with the mailbox located outside the fire station door. They have received positive feedback.

Shaun Bresnahan asked about the roof repairs. Mark Labonte said the chimney has been removed and the roof has been patched. Tom Black from Franklin did the repairs. JoAnn Irving asked if the painting of the fire station that was on FaceBook still happening? Mark Labonte said that he wasn't sure how the cement cinder blocks would react to paint. Shaun Bresnahan mentioned asking Sherwin-Williams for paint recommendations and they might donate the paint.

Captain Nathan Mills reported that it has been a busy month and currently they have had 46 calls and 2 medical calls and will need to restock the medical supplies. Nathan will get a quote for the restocking and submit a PO before ordering.

The Rescue passed the pump testing and on the return trip from the testing Nathan Mills notice it was making noise. Nathan took the Rescue to Harold's Truck & Auto Repair in Alexandria where they discovered metal shavings in the transmission. This could have happened at the pump testing because the engine was shut off and they restarted it when still performing the test. Harold is working with Dingee Machine to find a solution on the repairs.

Lakes Region Apparatus will look at Engine Two. Nathan talked with them and it doesn't seem to be as bad as W.D. Perkins quoted.

The D.O.T Hydro-static High pressure cylinder re-certification (HYDRO-TEST) units passed and are good for three years. All SBCA were flow tested and meet NFPA with a 1-year warranty. Lakes Region dispatch came and performed fit testing for all of the firefighters and they all passed. This part of our dispatch dues so there will no additional costs to the town. The ladders will be going to Bristol Fire Department for the annual testing.

There are two new firefighters joining the department. Nathan Mills stated that they have fire gear for one which will be expiring in October 2023. Any firemen that are not certified will not need gear. They will need to look at this before ordering the new gear. They will need to purchase more gear for the second one which Bergeron has in stock. These additional firemen will need to fit tested.

Training is going. Last week they joined Danbury NH Fire Department for a mutual aid auto extraction training at Harold's Truck and Auto.

Firefighter Spencer Burbank and FF Joseph Sullivan have passed their CPAT. This is a very tough physical test with many demanding challenges to be eligible for full time employment.

Nathan Mills stated that we need to look at recruitment and retention because turnover is high. They are looking into having an Explorer Program. This program would allow youths the opportunity to explore the fire/rescue field as a possible career choice. Mark LaBonte has his kids from Mount Prospect Academy helping out at the Fire Station.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Natali Mills provided an update on 20 Shop Road. The owner of the property is deceased and the Town is waiting for the certified letter of noncompliance to come back as undeliverable. Natali Mills has updated the original letter and Lisa Seymour will send it to Michael Courtney for his review. Natali said that if the house is in unfavorable condition for the family, then probate would need to be involved. Stephen Thomson said he is okay with what we are doing right now. Shaun Bresnahan asked if we need complaints to start the next process. There are two tenants at the home currently. However, the health officer would need a letter to enter the home if the conditions are bad with a child involved then DCYF would be called in. Stephen Thomson asked if NHDES is involved in this case. Natalia said that NHDES has been to the home and took samples for testing. Stephen Thomson asked if NHDES would be involved again if there is a complete septic failure? They would be contacted because a new septic design would be needed. Stephen Thomson asked if are they tenants or squatters? Natali was not sure.

There are questions regarding the homeless encampment located above the Water Tower. There has been a lot more vehicles going in and out and this problem appears to be growing. They are coming down to the pond and charging their electronic devices and using the dugouts for unlawful activities. Shaun Bresnahan suggested shutting off the lights at the pavilion and the fountain at night. Nathan Mills mentioned that they found a fuzzy pink pouch with questionable contents outside their home and he called the Franklin Police Department. Nathan said they have small children and there are a lot of children in town that might pick it up and think it's candy.

Natalia Mills asked who was in charge of updating the memorial monuments at the pond because there are names missing that should be added. Lisa Seymour suggested reaching out to Park and Rec because they have been maintaining this area.

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:

Twin States Clean Energy came in to provide a presentation on the future of the Hydropower from Quebec through NH. They would be updating 4.56 miles of the New England Hydro Power Lines that passes through Hill to provide this Hydropower. This is still in the research process so it will happen in the future.

Mark Allen, from 318 Cass Mill Road, came into regarding the small homes on his property. Mark said these small homes in question are actual park model campers and are located on the Borough Road property and is accessible through 318 Cass Mill Road. The campers are not hooked up and they have no intention of doing that. These are designed to be self-contained as if you were going to a campground. Colin Brown is going to do a septic design and Raymond Judd will be doing the site work. Stephen Thomson said we currently don't have a seasonal ordinance. Mark is currently storing them on the property. Shaun Bresnahan asked if he was going to install cement pads. Mark stated that they are blocked with ledge pack right now. Shaun Bresnahan asked if these are truly travel trailers? Mark stated that we don't plan on living in them year-around. Stephen Thomson asked if he had no intentions on renting these out because that would warrant a business. Shaun Bresnahan asked for more time before making a decision.

Selectmen Business:

Building Permit:

Blake Chaplin Wilson 17 Liden Road Map v Lot 119 20' x 16' x 12' carport – Approved.

Matt & Nicole Rea 373 Bunker Hill Road Map R12 Lot 50-04 12' x 24' shed on skids – Approved.

Frank Simeone & Jane Brown 238 Cass Mill Road Map R3 Lot 18 Solar Construction – Approved.

Driveway Permits: None

Intent to Cut: None

Timber Yield Tax:

D. Blakely Hoar Trust Poverty Pond Road Map R14 Lots 4 & 5 – Signed

Gravel Intent: None

Gravel Yield Tax: None

Other:

Selectmen Meeting Mins. – June 06, 2023 Tabled. Francis Razzaboni said to Stephen Thomson that minutes is a reflection of what is said in the meeting. Before these can be approved, they will need to be re-written to reflect what happened at the meeting.

Wage increases are tabled to the next meeting. Lisa Seymour mentioned the next meeting will fall on July 4th. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to move the Tuesday meeting to Wednesday July 5th because of the holiday. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor

John Hayward's brother, Dana Hayward, would like to upgrade the road to the camp. This would be removing brush and filling potholes to make it accessible to the camp. The Board of Selectmen have no issues with this.

Shaun Bresnahan made the motion to proceed replacing the MAAP computer in Shelly's office this was budgeted for this year. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Police entrance post needs to fixing and window in the archive room. Shaun suggested asking Mark LaBonte who fixed the fire station roof and maybe they would be interested in fixing the window and post. The issue with the downstairs bathroom will need to be addressed by a plumber.

Shaun Bresnahan updated the ad for the Police Chief. Shaun asked Lisa Seymour to see how much and when the Daily Sun could run the ad. It was decided to run the ad for one week. We are going to post it on the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council and New Hampshire Municipal Association websites. Shaun Bresnahan will reach out to Bruce Blazon about the Indeed ad posting. David Croft will assist in the hiring process in any way he can.

Carolyn Jenkins of Berry Farm Road has a concern with William O'Connor crossing her property to get to his property and the amount of activity on the property. Shaun Bresnahan said the he will check the property and Stephen Thomson asked Shaun to email him and he will also go.

Kelsey Kearney Licensing Administrator – Soliciting/peddling – Approved

122 Bunker Hill Road has a sale pending and Dee Bark has questions regarding the property and the process for building a conventional home. Until she owns the property we cannot advise or discuss any questions they have.

Issuing building permits – if the resident has any back taxes or any outstanding water payments what is our process moving forward? Tabled

Bootjack Road, LLC update on the review of the RSA 155-5a Incremental Reclamation which covers depletion of commercial earth materials. Stephen Thomson is still researching and will provide and update after meeting with the Planning Board.

Letters to residents in violation will be sent this coming week certified.

Francis Razzaboni will work with the Moriarty's on the Agreement and Release for Keniston Road.

Shaun Bresnahan has two quotes regarding the replacement of pavement on Murray Hill

The Board received a PO for culverts purchased before approval. Dean Stevenson was asked to provide a quote before purchasing. Stephen Thomson asked if we had any in stock.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

Frank Razzaboni

Stephen Thomson

