

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 18, 2023

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

Selectmen Absent: None

Public: Albert Moriarty, Josh Stilwell, JoAnn Irving, Paul Guild, Ellen Guild, Stephen Arruda, Mark LaBonte, Nathan Mills, Natalia Mills, Marshall Bennett, Spenser Burbank, Joseph Sullivan, Jamie Moulton and Bruce Blazon

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

Planning Board appointment: Marshall Bennett accepted and Shaun Bresnahan gave the oath of office.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Stephen Arruda resigned due to the violence and threats from one member to another.

Water Commissioner: Stephen Thomson accepted the one-year term and Shaun Bresnahan gave the oath of office. JoAnn Irving questioned Stephen to why he accepted a position on the Water Commissioner's when he made it very clear he did not want to be a water commissioner? Stephen stated someone needs to do it.

FIRE DEPT:

Fire Chief Jamie Moulton reported that the four generators will be leaving tomorrow morning this has been confirmed with Natalia Mills. Nathan Mills provided an update on engine 2's repair work. Lakes Region Fire Apparatus Inc. came to the Fire Station and will perform the work on the packing for the pump, check the electrical for the scene lights and the air horns. This will be a cost savings over Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc. Stephen Arruda and Chief Moulton was responding to a call with the Rescue when it lost power going up a hill. Harold's Truck & Auto Repair reviewed the issue and thought that might be the regent system. It will throttle high instead of low. Frank Razzaboni asked what the year of purchase was? The Rescue was purchased in 2016. Mark LaBonte mentioned the throttle on the pump and suggested talking with Dingee Machine to see if there a way to make a positive pump.

Jamie Moulton mentioned that they have three new members. We will need to purchase 1 or 2 new sets of gears by the fall currently we are swapping around gear to cover the new people. Shaun Bresnahan stated in the past new employees need to meet with the selectmen. The Fire Department currently have 15 employees. Shaun asked how much does it costs to add a new firefighter and how many are you looking to hire? Stephen Arruda said that they will not need more air packs because they have enough to cover the eleven interior fire fighters. Stephen Thomson asked when did we change from a volunteer fire department to a call department and now, we have employees. Will need to check the laws.

Captain Nathan Mills stated that we have received positive feedback about the Hill Fire Department and are responding to mutual aid fire calls.

Nathan Mills found a compress cascade system that will be donated a new system would cost between \$20,000 to \$30,000. It will cost \$2,500 to have it installed because we need 3-phase electric at the fire station which is located behind the store currently. Stephen Thomson asked if they looked into a phase converted it would probably be least expensive. An electrical panel with a 200 amp with 10-slots has been donated also. The costs for a new one would be \$900.00.

With the new cascade system, we would do more training. Currently we haven't been much because we don't want the bottles empty for a real emergency. Bristol currently charges \$100 for dues to perform the refilling of the bottles.

Deputy Fire Chief Mark LaBonte provided the invoice for the Thomas Michael Blake & Son for the work done on the Fire Station roof. Mark provided a report on the new ATV's they are both running however, one still needs a little more work. A question was asked about the children that help out at the Fire Station from Mount Prospect Academy Inc and who is responsible if one of them get hurt? Mark LaBonte provided the Certificate of Liability Insurance because the children are in a career work program through the academy. They wash the vehicles, perform checks on the trucks, clean hoses, planted the garden and maintain the watering. The students from the academy built the new sign for the fire danger. Mark stated that the kids are not paid by the town.

Fire permits and reimbursement from the state was brought up because the town has not received and money from the issuance of the permits. This should be address by the town fire chief or fire warden. Jamie Moulton stated that he would look into this.

Exciting news on the Hill Firefighters Association has received their tax-exempt section 501(a)(3) so donors can deduct contributions they make to Hill Firefighters Association. Thank you, William Machado, for all of your hard work and dedication in completing this.

The Splish Splash event raised \$2,736.00 this was a huge success from last year where they only made about \$200.00. Shackett's provided 100 ice creams all but 11 sold, Beckett School provided the toppings and the support for the event was amazing. The fire department staff really stepped up to set-up the event pulling ¾" hose and tried just pumping from the old fire truck that is currently being used a water truck by the highway department. They ended up using engine two for the event. The dunking booth was big success and Nathan Mills, other members of the fire department and Selectmen Frank Razzaboni all took a turn in the tank. JoAnn Irving said what a great community event and we are proud of our fire department.

Mark LaBonte has received two quotes for the furnace at the fire station. One from Foley Oil & Propane and one from Thibeault Heating and Cooling. These will be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Mark LaBonte stated that the burn permit for the transfer station failed. They need to clear 50' behind the burn pile before they will issue a permit.

Mark LaBonte also mentioned that there are grants available for the Forestry Department.

Captain Nathan Mills presented a Purchase Order masks, helmets and Id shields. – Signed

Shaun Bresnahan asked now that we are at the halfway mark of the current budget what are your plans for equipment needs? Nathan said that they need saws, pipe holders, fitting nozzle tips, protective equipment and on scene lighting towers that are battery operated.

Medical Supplies we were currently ordering from Concord Hospital for the supplies needed but the staff and procedures have change Nathan Mills is working on this. In the meantime, we will need to order AD pads which we can get through Bound Tree.

Hydrant usage: Charles Estes Water Commissioner told Mark LaBonte that hydrants are to be used for emergencies only. Stephen Arruda was asked by Deputy Fire Chief Mark Labonte to set up the hose lines on Friday for the Splish Splash event on Saturday. Stephen asked if they could pump water and live test everything to make sure it worked. Mark was unsure of the commissioner's policy was for testing prior to the event and didn't know if they could use them the day of the event. Stephen reached out to Charles to asked the question but never got an answer. Instead, he got a lengthy story about Mark LaBonte and Jamie Moulton not following his procedure. Stephen was just

asking what he need to do in order to use the hydrant. Charles Estes gave permission on to use the system as long as there is a water commissioner was on site. Charles Estes told Stephen Arruda that the reason for the last two breaks in the water system was due to the fire departments improper use of the hydrants. Stephen took exception to this and explained that this is absolutely not the truth.

Joe Sullivan stated that the water commissioners abandoned the fire department during the Mother's Day hydrant flushing.

Stephen Arruda is making a formal complaint against Charles Estes for his behavior and aggressive behavior. Stephen Thomson made a motion to accept the compliant. Francis Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Natalia Mills updated the 20 Shop Road issue the resident has received the letter and should respond to the office with in 20 days of receipt. Natalia is going to reach out to legal counsel to confirm the date of the 20 days and how we will enforce the penalties.

On July 5th Harold Knott reached out to Natalia regarding the same smell they had last year. She is going to speak with Michael Gormley and David Joyce regarding the odor.

Natalia spoke with David Joyce and he stated that he uses the shaving from the chicken coop as fertilizer they will till in under and then lime it down to help with the odors. Dave said the neighbors can stop by and see him if they want.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

No report at this time

POLICE DEPT:

No report at this time.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Shelly Henry reported

PUBLIC SESSION:

Albert Moriarty came in to discuss the travel way for the upgrade of Keniston Road. His question was about cutting trees on the right-away is this publicly owned and who owns the wood? Range road for example is a class 5 road and the town would own the wood. Keniston Road is off a class 6 road and is owned by the landowners. If you can't reach the land owners leave the wood because it belongs to them.

Josh Stilwell from New Electric Co-op will be doing maintenance clearing on Murray Hill Road the trees are marked with green ribbons. If anyone is looking for wood chips, please contact the town office.

Bruce Blazon asked the selectmen to take a ride up Snow Road after dark to observe the 5 new spot lights that shine on the road and are blinding. The Town does have an ordinance against this. Stephen Thomson said that he would take a ride up after the selectmen's meeting.

Selectmen Business:

Building Permit:

Melissa Fuoco & Richard Hutchinson 12' x 10' wood shed 152 New Chester Road Map V-106 – Denied because it doesn't meet the rear of the property boundary line. The set back per zoning is 20'. Will need to meet with the Zoning Board for a variance.

Driveway Permits:

Marder 964 Murray Hill Road – no permit is needed.

Intent to Cut:

None

Gravel Intent:

None

Yield Tax:

None

Other:

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Berry Farm Road - Zoning issue a letter has been written to address the junk ordinance. Stephen Thomson asked to have the property record pulled to review the building permit that was issued.

Town of Alexandria has been contacted in regards to the issue off Berry Farm Road.

Lakes Region Heating & Air Conditioning inspected the 4 Mini Splits Indoor/Outdoor. They found that two of the units have mold build up and was able to check the Town Clerks/Tax Collectors Office. They will need to set up another appointment to bleach the units and review the Town Clerks/Tax Collectors Office.

Dwight Ellsworth – pistol permit – signed

Patriot Hydro sent a notification of the drawdown of Eastman Falls Hydro FERC. This will be on the Pemigewasset River and will affect Hill they will be lowering water approximately eight feet. On August 25 they will begin lowering the water level and will conclude the work on September 16th.

Selectmen issues

Stephen Thomson is no longer on the Zoning Board leaving only two members. Therefore, we currently have no Zoning Board.

Shaun Bresnahan has received paving quotes from GMI and R&D Paving for Murray Hill Road and Bunker Hill. These will be discussed at the Selectmen's meeting.

Chief of Police update we have received 2 through Indeed. They will have a committee meeting on July 31st to move to the next phase of the hiring process.

JoAnn Irving wanted to know where the by-laws are for the Water Commissioners.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

Frank Razzaboni

Stephen Thomson
