

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 3, 2023

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

Selectmen Absent: Shaun Bresnahan Chairman,

Public: William O'Connor, Robert Dupuis, David Thomson, Donald Reese, Thomas Angeley and Joann Irving

Frank Razzaboni brought the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

FIRE DEPT:

No report at this time

HEALTH OFFICER:

No report at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Dean Reported that the Chevy Silverado is at Key Chevrolet in Newport because after they changed the oil it has an issue with the exhaust regent. The current oil change has only 200 miles. They did the brakes. Stephen asked if it is still under warranty? Dean didn't know but the truck is only a year old.

Merrill crushing said that it will be \$53,000 and might be able to do it next year. Currently there is \$40,000 available for crushing. Dean asked if SKR would have their gravel crusher ready soon. Stephen said probably not until next year. We will need to fund more to the capital reserve account next year. Stephen Thomson asked do we have a need for gravel? Dean said we are okay right now.

Stephen received a call from Jeff from GMI asking about the paving? Dean called GMI and told them we are using R&D. Dean Stevenson said the Shaun Bresnahan needs to get out of the highway department business. Do we have a tentative date when they will be starting? Stephen Thomson asked Dean to call them to see when they are starting. Tom Angeley asked about the winter because of the cold it might change the way the pavement will react.

Dale has been mowing the sides of the roads there has been a complaint about the roadside mowing at 139 Borough Road. They said that the roadsides are looking horrible and Shelly as a resident stated that it rips and tears up. Dean Stevenson stated that they are using a brush hog and that the town has a 10-foot boundary and Dale is doing the mowing. Dale stays within the stone walls. It will all disappear when the snow comes. Shelly said in mid-October.

Dean stated that they have been working at the transfer station clearing trees around the burn pile so it can be burned.

Stephen Thomson asked about the sidewalks currently they only been half done and the approved warrant article ends this year. Dean said he doesn't think it will happen winter is coming. David Thomson said maybe it would be easier when it's frozen. The trees on the circle by Carlene Eaton, Donald Reese are still alive and it would be a shame to cut them also the tree in front of Julie Hunter is still healthy. Dean Stevenson that maybe they could this done after they finish ditching the roads for winter.

POLICE DEPT:

No report at this time.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Shelly Henry reported that the July taxes paid on time are currently 96% collected. Shelly is concerned that the land that is in current use and a building has been constructed that the Land Use Change Tax paperwork is not filed.

Delinquent taxes and tax agreement are not being followed up on because we currently still have one that is not current.

Shelly asked about purchasing more dump stickers she currently has approximately 36 left. Lisa has a quote for these from RC Brayshaw for these and will look into see if they cost the same.

Tax Rate forms have not been done as of today. This would be the MS 535 audit, MS-61 which is completed by the assessor and he is currently waiting for the utility rates from the New Hampshire Department of Revenues and the MS 434 revised revenues which is completed by Lisa and upload to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue for approval.

It's budget season and the Town Office Building needs repairs and painting there are several areas of the building that rotting. Shelly feels that building should be repaired and shine because it is representing the Town. The parking lot is a mess and hasn't been swept at all, it needs to be seal coated and the lines need to be repainted. Shelly said when it rains the water comes into the lobby. Frank Razzaboni stated that he tried to get approved for the LChip grant and the moose plate funds it was not successful. Shelly said that school shines Stephen Thomson he would need to review the intergovernmental agreement.

Shelly stated that she had encumbered funds to have camera's to be installed in the building and parking lot. But it never happened we have issues in this town with the people living in the encampment traveling to back road.

Safety issue at the town office building in the winter when it rains or the weather warms up the roof drips on the entryway and creates icy situation maybe there could but in a simply diverter.

Shoveling of the building Robert Dupuis is willing to shovel again this year. He is requesting that when they plow, they don't leave a mound of snow in front of the stairs entering into the library. Vinny Fortin from the school has complained about this also. David Thomson asked why isn't the shoveling done after the highway department plows. The highway department hasn't been doing this for a while. Frank Razzaboni this has not been done. Stephen Thomson stated that they have no job description.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Robert Dupuis mowing contract is for three years which includes just spring cleanup.

Stephen Thomson asked about the purchase of the mower. In the contract with R&B Property Maintenance & Landscaping is a exchange for service: The Town of Hill agrees to exchange a 2013 Ferris K 800 X zero turn mower purchased in 2015; for the sum of \$4,808 which would be the trade in value to be credited towards mowing provided. Stephen asked to have the contract and the payments made to R&B Property Maintenance & Landscaping for verification. Stephen also concerned with the town mower being sold without having a public notice of the sale.

Stephen Thomson asked how much overtime has the town highway crew had this summer. Lisa responded they have been working 40 hours a week.

The police chief will be sworn in at 5:30 pm before the selectmen's meeting on October 17, 2023 in front of the monument. They will be a meet and greet at a later date.

Selectmen Business

Building Permit:

Theodore & Susan Koberski 547 Currier Road Map R13 Lot 32-2 Install 10' x 16 Reeds Ferry shed.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to approve the 10' x 16' Reeds Ferry Shed. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Driveway Permits:

None

Intent to Cut:

None

Gravel Intent:

Yield Tax:

Joel Bean & James Bean 23-215-06-T Map R13 Lot 32-01 was signed. David Thomson asked about removing the driveway permit because it would be a temporary access. The issue in the follow up is because we don't have an inspector.

Other:

Meeting Minutes approval September 19th and September 28th. David Thomson asked if we could look into dictation software. Lisa Seymour will look into pricing for the next meeting.

There was letter from Mr. Estes regarding payroll. Frank Razzaboni feels they need to be paid. Stephen Thomson will research this matter as a commissioner because there should be no comingling of funds. Stephen Thomson employees are paid differently then officials. Business is exempt. This discussion is tabled until October 17, 2023.

Emergency purchases can be done with approval from the selectmen without a PO signed. With the repairs to the foundation leaks and the need to use JP Pest Control which was an emergency and a safety concern is why this was brought to the selectmen's attention.

JP Pest Control – will be dusting and spraying and will take between 24 to 36 hours before we see results and they will recheck to make sure they have vacated the premises. I notified the library trustees of this. I also called the school because of the chemicals being used.

Shaun O' Conner will be repairing the foundation between October 6th and October 9th weather permitting. The school will be closed so it will be easier and safer to perform the work.

Ross Wood from the NHDOT recently sent a letter to V-124 in reference to stormwater runoff, depositing water and silt onto the state highway. The resident called Mr. Wood and stated that his driveway is a town road and that he wasn't responsible for its maintenance. This request is being made in accordance with RSA 236:13 Driveways and Other Accesses to the Public Way. Stephen Thomson would like to talk with Ross Wood from the NHDOT about this issue. David Thomson let it grow up and then it will not be an issue.

The Town will be applying for a Wex FlexCard for the police department to purchase gas. This will have a \$0.03 per gallon rebate and no annual fees. With this card the chief will be able to purchase from a number a gas station instead of just the State locations.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to move forward with the set-up of the Wex FlexCard. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Cleaning of the library and police department after wasp are gone. Frank Razzaboni will clean the police department and All Ways Clean will do the normal weekly cleaning of the library.

Stephen Thomson asked for a brief recess before starting the Non-Public session.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 8:04 pm seconded by Stephen Thomson. Motion passed (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 8:27 pm seconded by Stephen Thomson. Motion passed. Motion made not to seal the minutes passed.

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

Frank Razzaboni

Stephen Thomson
