

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 2, 2024

Selectmen Present: Francis Razzaboni (Chairman), Shaun Bresnahan & Stephen Thomson

Selectmen Absent: None

Absent: Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

Public: Greg Paradise, Shelly Henry, David Thomson, Tony Cartier, Natali Mills, Joann Irving, Mark Labonte, Nancy Reed, Sherborn Ramsay, Tom & Kathy Angeley, Jim Presher, Bruce Blazon

Frank Razzaboni opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

Departments

Highway Department - Greg Paradise gave an update on Highway Department operations:

John Deere Loader needed a hydraulic valve was serviced saving money (\$454 to replace valve).

Peterbilt needed new tail lights and wiring harness which cost more than anticipated (\$430) Greg apologized for not getting approval first but felt this was a safety concern and Board agreed.

Outside building lighting has been fixed and upgraded per the approved quote from December. The lower panels on two of the garage doors were replaced with panels in storage.

Pricing for servicing the Modine heaters in the garage was obtained from Dead River and Foley. Foley was significantly cheaper at \$140/hr. Will need to rent a man lift so service tech can reach units, with delivery man lift will cost \$335 for 1 day including delivery & pickup.

Greg has continued to look at the costs of supplies for operations and has found many places to save money.

Reviewed bid sheet for paving of Bunker Hill Road; date for field review of the paving was changed to 4/25/24. Bid info will be sent to GMI, R&D, Continental, advanced and Busby. Bids will be opened on 5/2/24 and awarded at 5/7/24 Selectmen's meeting.

7:00 Town Clerk - Shelly report she has received a notice for a public hearing in the town of Holderness. It is for a proposed Cell Tower and their zoning requires all towns within 25 miles be notified. Notice will be passed along to the Planning Board.

Public

Concord Regional Waste – Jim Presher came to discuss the confusion regarding the contract for Hill's Waste disposal. He feels there was a communication breakdown; Shaun Bresnahan agreed. When he and Mike Stanley came to the April 5, 2022 meeting to discuss this issue, they never disclosed that Mike Stanley had already signed a contract with CRW. The Selectmen contend he did so without the approval of the Selectmen. Shaun Bresnahan reviewed all of the Selectmen minutes as far back as January 2019 and nobody came to the Selectmen's office to discuss the upcoming

contract negotiations. Stephen Thomson asks about who our contract is with? Frank and Shaun replied we accepted Waste Management's Proposal and we have a signed valid contract with them. Shaun Bresnahan states we are in a predicament since leaving Waste Management will result in significant cost increases that isn't budgeted for. Jim Presher is concerned that the Town of Hill be in some legal jeopardy with Winn Waste, and asks for a final decision on who we will be contracting with for waste disposal.

Frank Razzaboni makes a motion to honor contract with Waste Management; Shaun Bresnahan seconds motion and it passes 3-0.

Selectmen Business

Building Permit:

Lori Hayes Currier Road; reviewed building permit for a 30'x36' ft garage; it meets setbacks. Frank Razzaboni made motion to approve; Stephen Thomas seconds motion and it was approved 3-0.

Nancy Reed, High Ridge Road; reviewed building permit to remove existing single wide mobile home and replace it with a modular home. The new home will use existing driveway and septic system. Frank Razzaboni made motion to approve; Stephen Thomas seconds motion and it was approved 3-0.

Driveway Permits:

Lori Hayes - driveway permit was presented for the paving of primary driveway. The permit was given to road agent he will review and comment so the select board can make a decision.

Intent to Cut:

None

Yield Taxes:

Carol and Mike Hines – Need to review applied % with Lisa to make sure consistent with past jobs on this property.

D. Blakey Hoar Realty Trust - Need to review applied % with Lisa to make sure consistent with past jobs on this property.

Current Use:

LM Platts 2018 Trust Map R4 Lots 17 all set to sign Rod has reviewed and change the property to current use. Selectmen signed Lorna Platts current use application. Since all three lots are contiguous the 5-acre lot can be combined with the other 2 lots for the purpose of current use taxation. Application was signed by selectmen.

Land Use Change Tax:

One of the Land Use Change forms she received from the Selectmen's office had a page without required signatures. The missing signatures were signed by the selectmen.

Other:

Mark Labonte asked the selectmen to approve the proposed quote for pressure testing the Fire Departments hose. This would be contracted at a cost of \$2,402.40. Mark has no idea when the hose was tested. This is a safety issue and feels that we need to be sure we aren't putting firemen at risk. Going forward the department can test a % of hose every year. Shaun

Bresnahan made the motion to approve PO for Hose Testing at \$2,402.40; Frank seconded the motion and approved 3-0.

Bruce Blazon inquired about the ongoing legal battle regarding 25 Snow Road and ask's that the Selectmen require town attorney to Vigorously represent the tax payers of Hill and resolve this issue quickly. Selectmen will talk with attorney and get an update on situation.

Tony Cartier – Inquired about proposed pay raises and made his case that he deserves more than a 3% pay raise because his mechanical skills have saved the town money. Selectmen agreed his mechanical skills are appreciated and support discussing more than 3% raise.

Joann Irving – asked what Fire Department equipment needs testing? Mark Labonte replied that Ladders, Pumps and SCBA's need annual testing.

Mark Labonte – Informed the board that Mi-Box has delivered a storage unit for free use by the department. They will give 6 mos. notice when they need it back; the Police Department is all so welcome to use it.

Bruce Blazon – Inquired about the lack of recent minutes on the town web page. There have been no minutes posted since November. Shaun acknowledged the issue and said we are working to resolve this issue. The hand written minutes can be requested as well as audio recordings. Request would need to be made using Right To Know request form.

Greg Paradise – Brian Connelly contacted him that the school is having issues with septic system. He feels the issues resulted from the highway department plowing over the system vents during the winter of 2022-23. Tony Cartier said that Rowell's Septic inspected system after the vent pipes were replaced and said the system was working and in good shape. Shaun said the selectmen should handle this.

Natali Mills - Updated the selectmen on the on-going septic issue on Shop Road. General discussion on the condition of the failed system. She as Health Officer has issued a notice to vacate property which they haven't complied with. Town attorney needs to know if the selectmen want him to file a motion to enforce the Health Officers order to vacate.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to instruct town counsel to file motion to enforce order to vacate 20 Shop Road. Shaun Bresnahan seconds motion and it passes 3-0.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to ask Collin Brown for a quote for a septic system design for 20 Shop Road. Frank Razzaboni seconds motion and it passes 3-0.

Bruce Blazon – asked if there was a property that someone knew had a leaking fuel tank that is polluting the ground and possibly the ground of an abutter who would investigate this? Natali Mills she would as Health Officer, that a complaint form outside the Selectmen's office needs to be completed. Then she can investigate.

Joann Irving asked about the damaged pavement in front of the Post Office and what is the plan for fixing it. Shaun asked Greg if this was the result of town plowing or the contractor plowing the post office. Greg said the town doesn't plow that close to the post office and he feels the damage to side walk and post office driveway was the result of the contractor plowing. Shaun said we will need to contact to contractor to have this issue repaired.

8:20 PM Stephen Thomson made a motion to adjourn; Shaun Bresnahan seconds the motion.
Motion passes 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

Shaun Bresnahan

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