

# TOWN OF HILL

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 20, 2024

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

**Selectmen Absent:** None

**Public:** Mark Labonte, Nathan Mills, Riley Mills, Isabelle Mills, David Thomson, Marshall Bennett, David Madore, Michael Stanley and Jim Presher.

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

### **FIRE DEPT:**

Mark Labonte reported that the new gear washer which was donated will be installed Monday. A 2,500-gallon folding tank was donated to the town this will fit on the large trailer and can be used for forestry fires. The tracked ATV is on the trailer which still needs lights and a PO for installing lights on trailer. TIC has been mounted on 11E2 old one on 11R1. The cascade is on the wall Ready (rental) working on load sheet for hook up. We are receiving a lot more LRMA calls. One call was for a structure fire in Andover. We had a fire on Old Town RD 6 men from HFD and Bill did a great job. We will need a new gas meter because the one we have is intermetal reading. Mark said the Jamie had mentioned it last fall and the price was \$1,495.00 we will need to reach out to see if the price is the same, they have about a 10-year lifespan. It takes 90 days to have it recalibrated. The one we have now was purchased in 2016. We have a SCBA out for repair it failed at the last fire. We have received the invoicing from LRFA for the repairs to Engine 2. Marshall Bennett needs new boots and they have been ordered. Joe Sullivan has stepped up and is doing CPR training.

Moving forward we will be using the fire hydrants for emergency use. Mark noted also that the moral is up. Jamie is staying as a fire fighter. Mark Labonte said the association will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month and the fire department meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

Mark Labonte would like to move Nathan Mills pay to Deputy but he will remain as captain. The Board is still waiting for Jamie's resignation paperwork. Shaun Bresnahan mentioned that normally the fireman nominates who they want to be chief. On March 5<sup>th</sup> we will award the position. The walkway to the ballfield was tape off however the tape was taking down. Mark Labonte will put it back up.

Mark asked about the burn brush at the dump if it could be done with the students.

Spencer Burbank passed his EMT training.

The question was asked about the fire permit reimbursement program. Mark Labonte stated that we can not go back to capture 2023 however we will be submitting what we have done in 2024. There was a question was asked about how often to you inspect the fire permit before issuing? Mark replied only if it a new request otherwise we rely on the prior year inspection.

### **HEALTH OFFICER:**

Natali Mills provided an update on the ongoing issue on Shop Road. It was recommended that we contact DES to do another inspection of the septic system. They will be checking the bacteria levels on other properties as well. We will be having a meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for further discussion this will be a non-public meeting.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:**

No Report at this time

**POLICE DEPT:**

Old School Vinyl finished the doors and it looks like a new cruiser. We have the opportunity to have a MI Box storage container for 12 months at no costs their only requirement is that it needs to be in a location where they can advertise the business. It was suggested that maybe on the strip of property near the Town Highway Garage it would be visible for the advertising requirement. The MI Box is a 16' x 16' x 8' container and can be used by other departments as well.

The State Grant program is moving along nicely. This grant will cover a portion of the body camera and the taser the balance of the cost was encumbered from 2023 budget.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

No report at this time. On

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

David Madore presented a building permit to add to the back bedroom of the existing home located on Shop Road. The board had questions on whether the current septic system could handle a third bedroom. In reviewing this issue, it was determined that the current system will support the request.

Concord Regional & Waste Management was represented by Michael Stanley and Jim Presher. The Shaun Bresnahan stated the Town of Hill has an agreement with Waste Management for both the hauling and tipping fees. This agreement is for seven years and resulted in a cost savings for the town. Jim Presher was confused that we have had this contract in place for 39 years. The Town of Hill choose to leave Concord Regional when they negotiate a contract with Waste Management. The Selectmen didn't sign a contract with Concord Regional however Jim didn't agree. Shaun Bresnahan stated that in the April 5, 2022 meeting we signed an agreement with Waste Management that will save that town 3%. Shaun also stated that he has not seen any minutes stating that we were signing a contract with Concord Regional for the eight years. Jim stated that the appointed representative by the selectmen said that we were going to stay for another eight years. Mike Stanley is the representative and voted to continue for 8 more years. Shaun Bresnahan confirmed that winn/waste is receiving the trash and a verbal confirmation to stay with Concord Regional will not stand up in court. The Board will need to make the decision on what action will need to be taken. Shaun asked Jim Presher to provide a copy of the current contract. Frank Razzaboni stated that they have not signed anything to continue forward with the next contract. Stephen Thomson stated we need to review both contracts before we can move forward. Shaun Bresnahan said we will need to resolve this. Frank Razzaboni stated that Mike Stanley cannot act as a signature of approval he is just a representative.

Danielle Gabree from 17 Murray Hill Road had a question about moving two sheds from the back field to the main barn horse area. Shaun said you will need to fill out a building permit. Danielle inquired about the business permit process for a in home business this would be for the riding academy. This permit process is handled through the Planning Board.

Lisa Punderson snow plowing issue. Shaun Bresnahan was talking with Gregg about this issue and Tony was plowing a class six road to the driveway.

**Selectmen Business:****Building Permit:**

Linda Smith 20 Shop Road – denied because she is not the owner of the property.

Apiwat Thongparin 41 Shop Road Map V Lot 136 addition 10' x 15' bedroom – Frank Razzaboni made a motion to accept the building permit and approve it. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Driveway Permits:**

None

**Intent to Cut:**

None

**Other:**

The Town Report has been submitted for a draft and will need to be reviewed to make sure it is accurate before the final print. Shaun said that he will be available for the review.

Flags for the cemeteries need to be ordered before Memorial Day. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to purchase 1 gross of flags. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor  
Mark Labonte said that they will finish the painting this year.

**PO's for Approvals**

Impact Fire for the Fire Station for \$550.00 was approved. Stephen Thomson made a motion to approve the PO for \$550.00 for Impact Fire. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Water Department invoice was discussed however this will need to have a separate meeting to discuss. Stephen Thomson said that the water department could call in to a meeting. Stephen Thomson will take the lead and report to the board a time. This meeting should involve the Selectmen, Water Commissioners and the Town Collector.

With no further business to conduct, Frank Razzaboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

Frank Razzaboni

Stephen Thomson

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