

# TOWN OF HILL

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 19, 2024

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

**Selectmen Absent:**

**Public:** David Thomson, Joann Irving, Shelly Henry, Paul Guild, Ellen Guild, Nathan Mills, Natali Mills, Marshall Bennett, David Joyce, David Joyce and Shelby Joyce

Frank Razzaboni sworn in Shaun Bresnahan for selectmen.

Shaun Bresnahan brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:03 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 6:31 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed. Motion made to seal the minutes

Chairman of the Board – Frank Razzaboni - approved  
Budget Committee – Shaun Bresnahan -Tabled until April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Planning Board – Stephen Thomson -Tabled until April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Welfare – Frank Razzaboni - Tabled until April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**HIGHWAY DEPT:**

No Report

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Mark Labonte asked if the selectmen could sign the Transfer Station burn permit? This is on hold because the paperwork was not filled out correctly. The Fire Warden paperwork has completed. Forest Fire Warden Mark Labonte and Deputy Wardens Nathan Mills, William Machado and Marshall Bennett. Frank signed the forms. Stephen Thomson had a question on the reimbursement for the fire permits. Mark stated unfortunately we cannot recoup the fees from last year. Mark said that the reimbursement will be \$2.00 per permit. Stephen stated that we pay a warden \$14.90 per permit and we only receive \$2.00 that doesn't seem right. Mark said maybe we can only charge the \$14.90 if we need to inspect the fire pits of a brush pile. Lisa Seymour asked if this could be done monthly so we don't lose sight of this. Mark said it can only be done quarterly.

Fire Permit Update: The black box is out for fire permits and is checked daily. They can email: [hillfirechief@townofhillnh.org](mailto:hillfirechief@townofhillnh.org) or call 603-934-5350.

Mark said that they have been busy at the station with upgrading the meeting room and getting the UTV and UTI ready for the forest fires. Engine 2 is in good shape and the Rescue is working well and the regent system seems to working better. Mark presented a PO for \$124.00 to rent a U-Haul to move the furniture that was donated the value was \$2,000. Mark said the 3-phase power to the station is coming along.

In May the Fire Department would like to have coffee with the Fire Department on the third Saturday tentative hours would 9:00 to 10:30 am.

Captain Nathan Mills presented a PO for a 4-gas monitoring system for \$1,423.00 and for PFAS hoods for \$580.00 which will replace 4 hoods.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to approve the PO for \$1,423 for a 4-gas metering system. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to approve the PO for \$580 for 4 PFAS hood protection gear. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Nathan stated the AED's need to be replaced we have the 2009 model and the replacement pads are getting hard to find. Nathan stated that a new unit would cost between \$8,000 to \$20,000. Stephen Thomson asked what is the service life? Nathan thought maybe 10 years. He looked toward grants for the replacement but currently there is none available. Shaun Bresnahan provided the state contracts for AED units they range from \$969.00 to \$1,095.00 per unit. The pads range between \$49.80 to \$54.89 for adult and \$89.25 to \$84.17 for pediatric.

Nathan stated that the emergency shelter was open during the power outage and they had residents utilizing it.

#### **POLICE DEPT:**

Chief Joe Guerriero provided the stats for the month of March to date and we currently have 113 calls this includes vacant houses, 46 motor vehicle stops which led to 2 arrests and other issues. He has been working evenings because of the complaints of burn-outs and other activities that happen late at night.

Chief Guerriero will be at the Dewey Coffee on the last Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am to have coffee with a cop. Joe will be working with Brian on Bike Safety. Joe has received bike helmets to disburse at the Bike Rodeo date and time to be determined. Joe attended a grant writing program and learned a lot. There are grants for the highway, police and other projects however, they are between 100% to 75% funding.

In 2021 the town voted to have a revolving fund for the Police Department for the purpose of police special details. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose of wages, equipment related to details, and/or vehicle and vehicle equipment replacement. Joann Irving asked if we always had a detail policy? No, the wages came from the police department.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to accept the Detail Policy as written in the Hill Police Department General Order. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

No report at this time

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Marshall Bennett mentioned that the town owns a piece of property near 897 NH Route 3A where they are logging. The logger had a question to whether or not the town would allow him to drop 6 trees on the property? The logger would need to clean up all brush or damage to the town property. Shaun Bresnahan will draft a letter to the landowner.

Michael Gormley came to the office to file a complaint of chicken smell on his property. At that time Jamie Moulton and Natali Mills reviewed the area in question and found no signs of chicken smell. This issue was addressed last year and resolved. David Joyce, Shelby Joyce and David Joyce came to the meeting to discuss this issue. David Joyce was not excited about hearing this had come back up again this year he stated that after he cleans his chicken coop, he always treats the manure pile. He also mentioned that he is having a load of manure delivered to till into his garden.

The board agreed that we have no ordinance covering offensive odors in the town and should look into writing one. Stephen Thomson stated at this point it is out of the selectmen's hands. David stated that he has brought other issues to the selectmen before and nothing was done. He was told you need to contact State Police. Shaun stated at that time we didn't have a police department.

David pointed when he is walking the dogs, he has seen houses that are selling things inappropriately. Chief Guerriero will reach out to Dave to see if there is anything he can help him.

The Board of Selectmen recessed at 7:45 and resume at 7:55.

### **Selectmen Business**

**Building Permit:** None

**Driveway Permits:** None

**Intent to Cut:**

Philp Seibel 897 Route 3A Logger Garret Gilpatric. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to sign the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Yield Taxes:**

Status on Blakely Hoar Trust all set to bill

Carol Hines all set to bill

**Current Use:**

LM Platts 2018 Trust Map R4 Lots 17 – Tabled

**Land Use Change Tax:**

Brandon Reynolds 514 Murray Hill Road – Signed

**Other:**

John Hayward question on taking property files to the library. The said that he can just take a map of the subdivisions on property to locate the boundary lines.

The PO Policy needs to be updated and Stephen Thomson said that he will work on this with Lisa for the Board to review before adopting the changes.

Employee Handbook needs to be updated to include the fulltime police chief and the NH Retirement program. Chief Guerriero will look into a couple of towns to see what they have written in their employee handbooks. Then the board will have a workshop to update the handbook for approval by the town attorney.

The youth group from the Hill Village Church offered to paint the library. Frank Razzaboni is not in favor of them painting on a town owned building. It's a liability issue. We just passed a warrant article to have funding to have this done.

The informational sign at the end of Crescent Street needs a new sheet of plastic because the current one is hard to see through. Frank Razzaboni will look into the cost to replace it.

Vachon Clukay Rep Letter signed

Lakes Region HHW collection letter signed

Stop the WebEx fuel card the has decided that this program is not working and will discontinue program. Marshall Bennett will work with Gregg to start a gas card with the State. We can look into getting the Fire Department setup as well. The Police Chief is setup with the NH DOT program. Lisa will work Marshall on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Frank reviewed the POs with the board that need approvals.

Highway Summer Hours April 7<sup>th</sup> will be the beginning on a new pay period.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion that the Highway Department starts their summer hours starting on April 7<sup>th</sup> this will be four 10-hour days. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Town warrant to be signed. Shaun Bresnahan took noticed that on the highway water bill has decreased by 10,000 gallons since they replaced the toilet. Marshall pointed out that we have changed to Foley for the diesel at the highway garage and we are saving \$1.35 per gallon.

Marshall Bennett asked if the board if they have any plans on getting people involved in the committees in town currently, we have several openings on several boards. Shelly said she could send out an email blast to see if anyone is interested.

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 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Frank Razzaboni, Chair

Stephen Thomson

Shaun Bresnahan

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