

# TOWN OF HILL

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 21, 2024

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

**Selectmen Absent:**

**Public:** Joseph Guerriero, David Thomson, Bruce, Brian Connelly, Nathan Mills, Paula McDonough, John Morrison, Charles Estes, Gregg Paradise, Thomas Scribner, Frank Marsh, JoAnne Irving, Niki Mahoney and Marshall Bennett

Frank Razzaboni brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

John Morrison was sent a letter from the Board of Selectmen regarding the recent activity at the pit on 3A with a concern of it not being safe. John stated that he is taking less than the 1,000 cubic yards and doesn't need to file a Notice of Intent to Excavate. John stated that he will be closing the pit this week Stephen Thomson said understandable. Stephen said that there are stages of excavating step 1 to be completed and submitted for review by the planning board never happened because there is no paperwork for that. Stephen said it's my understanding you called the planning board and told them that you were closing the pit. That is what we need you to do have you go to the Planning Board to discuss closing the pit. Shaun Bresnahan said the Planning Board called you and you didn't come. John said that no more fill will be taking from the pit. Shaun Bresnahan stated you need to work with the Planning Board. Frank Razzaboni stated that the Planning Board has had no quorum. Frank will coordinate an earlier time to meet on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Charles Estes stated that the Planning Board is working on the excavation regulations.

Brian Connelly building concerns:

Stairs going to the ballfield need to be replaced. Frank Grandall from ADA Design Concepts has offered to design a plan but needs to have the elevation grades before starting. Niki asked if this person had a portfolio, credentials and Niki requested a sample of his work. Gregg Paradise said he would be willing to do this for them. Stephen Thomson stated a few years ago Parks & Rec was going to rework the stairs. Stephen wants to know who will incur the costs or maybe find a different way to access the ballfield. Charles Estes doesn't believe the Intergovernmental Agreement covers this and suggested looking into the Ballfield agreement. The safety committee has a concern with the septic tank being pump with the students play area is in the area. Niki Mahoney suggested a solution to make it a plain bank and Paula McDonough agreed and for the elderly have a railing. Stephen Thomson asked Gregg if he could do this? Gregg stated that he personally has the equipment to do this. Stephen Thomson made a motion to have Gregg provide the elevations. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Septic pipes need to be repaired. Stephen Thomson said it was fixed. Brian Connelly said that the stacks were hit by a plow truck breaking them off causing the pipes to be jarred. Baron's Septic quoted \$1,500 to fix it and who will be paying for this? They will need to review the Intergovernmental Agreement to see who is responsible for the repairs. Stephen Thomson our highway department broke it. Frank Razzaboni will take the responsibility in looking into the repairs.

The columns that protect the stair entrances need to be repaired and is this something that the highway department can repair? Frank Razzaboni said we can do it. Again, we will need to review the Intergovernmental Agreement. Shaun Bresnahan asked when does it need to be done by? These are very old and rotten. They are precast bollards and it won't take long to replace them.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:**

No report at this time.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

No report at this time.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Captain Nathan Mills reported that he had a couple of things. The 1A1 Fire Department Testing of the hose is complete. We have 400' to 500' of 4" hose out of service and several feet of 2" hose out of service. Stephen Thomson said so the hose testing went well. We will need to get quotes for new hose. Frank Razzaboni asked who pays for the hose? It will come from the fire department budget. Nathan said that 1A1 Fire Department Testing also does ladder testing and he will get a quote for this.

Nathan talked about ImageTrend reporting software which is a cloud base system and can share information about calls. You can download the information into Nifers and reporting goes a lot quicker. Frank Razzaboni asked if any of this required by the state? No, it is not. Stephen Thomson asked how many calls have you had this year? Calls are down and we have had two mutual aid calls. Niki Mahoney are other departments our size using this program? Nathan is going to look into it. Joanne mentioned that Lakes Region Mutual Aid sends a fax with all of the information anyway. Stephen Thomson asked for supporting numbers before moving forward. Nathan said our biggest call year was 141 calls and that was during COVID. Frank Razzaboni asked Chief Guerriero about what he uses. Joe said the he uses Crimestar and it costs \$300.00 per year and it is very useful. Shaun Bresnahan said that we need to review the hose that we need to purchase before moving into a new software program. Stephen Thomson agreed with Shaun Bresnahan that the hose replacement is more important at this time. Nathan ordered more medications and is working with Bristol for some the medications because his current source only sells in bulk.

Nathan gave an update on staffing at the fire department. We have a new member and a returning member. Russell Horan works on fire sprinkler systems and Caleb Costa is a returning member.

Nathan Mills let other towns know that water tower will have its inspection on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thomas Scribner inquired about having a fundraiser in September after Labor Day to raise money for the Jaws of Life? It would be a bluegrass theme and be held at 91 Bunker Hill Road. Joanne Irving suggested having it at the pond in the gazabo. Frank Marsh asked what kind of permit do you need? It's on private property and it would be his responsibility. Niki Mahoney also stated that it is on private property.

**POLICE DEPT:**

Chief Joe Guerriero reported that he has been very busy with 113 violations this month which included 22 vacant house checks, 33 motor vehicle stops, and 10 arrests this month of which one was a federal arrest which is in custody.

The bike rodeo at the Jennie D. Blake school was a great success. The Fire Department assisted with cooking. Joe had stickers and other items to handout.

Joe stated at the last meeting he provided an updated noise ordnance which includes burnouts, loud revering of vehicles, Tannerite, and other. This will generate revenue for the town instead of sending it to the state.

Joe has two candidates for the part-time admin position and like to move forward with the interviewing process. This position was budget for at town meeting.

The Axon equipment has been ordered and should be within two weeks.

## PUBLIC SESSION:

Tom Hahn from Green Acre Woodlands, Inc. came into have the Notice of Voluntary Merger of Lots accepted. The Planning Board has had three meetings with no quorum. Tom stated under RSA 676:4 Section c1f: If the planning board does not act on the application within that 65-day time period, then the selectmen or city council shall certify on the applicant's application that the plat is approved pursuant to this paragraph of the RSA. The two-part application is to create a 10-acre lot with small cabin and merge two lots.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to accept the Notice of Voluntary Merger by the selectmen due to lack of a quorum at the Planning Board. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tom Hahn asked to have one of the signed mylar and plan. Frank will take the information to Merrimack Registry to record the change.

Ryan McCarthy from 52 Cass Mill Road would like to build a garage with an apartment for a relative. Ryan lot is 7.02 acres of which .56 acres are on the opposite side of the road. Ryan asked if he could put something on that small piece? Shaun Bresnahan the only issue is something should happen you wouldn't be able to sell it. However, you do have enough property to have a second dwelling on the larger lot. The next concern would be the well and septic can it handle an additional unit? Stephen Thomson said per the ordinance we have a few options. If you proceed you will need to fill out a building permit. Ryan asked about the process of building. Shaun Bresnahan stated the first step is getting a septic approval. They other important piece is the energy audit.

Joanne Irving had a couple of questions. Is the town going to be mowed before Memorial Day? Shaun Bresnahan has been in contact with Bob Dupuis. Is there any leftover lawn seed from the sidewalk removal? Gregg has seed leftover and will give some to Joanne. Joanne asked do I own the sidewalk and can I park my motorcycle on it? Stephen Thomson it is okay and you should have something solid in the landing area such as a piece of plywood.

Paula McDonough asked about the removal of the rocks at the upper end of New Chester Road and plant flowers or a tree that would come up every year? How will the fire hydrant be protected? Shaun Bresnahan stated that certain people don't stay off it. Gregg mentioned about a month ago we were picking up brush and there was a motorcycle that drove right straight through so it's still happening. Frank Razzaboni would say no because if they are still driving through that area what would we be gaining. Paula suggested a fence Frank said we don't want a fence there either. David Thomson agreed with Paula why does everyone have to suffer for others. Paula volunteered the garden flowers, supplies and will maintain the area. Stephen Thomson doesn't have a problem with moving the boulders. Nathan Mills asked how are they planning on protecting the fire hydrant. Charles Estes would like to see something there. Paula stated that she has some cement posts donated from the Hill General Store. Chief Guerriero and Gregg Paradise have no opinion on the removal of the boulders. Frank Razzaboni asked who will remove the rocks? This would be done by the highway department.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to remove the boulders and signs from the roundabout located on the upper end of New Chester Road. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. Two yes and one no.

Joanne asked about repainting the stop lines on Mountain View Road because people just blow through there. Her concerns are with the people coming from other towns to use the ballfield and don't stop.

Paula wanted to know about the town right-a-way behind her house because there are trees leaning toward her outbuilding and wants the town to take them down. Shaun Bresnahan will look at the tree to evaluate whether the town is responsible.

Charles Estes asked if the selectmen was done with the agenda because there was an email sent on May 15<sup>th</sup> and wanted this into the record of in the minutes regarding the April 16<sup>th</sup> minutes of the

mischaracterization. When Marshall Bennett spoke to the board about a month ago and read verbatim of everything, he said was his mischaracterization of Charlie at the time and left out a significant amount of detail. Charlie said for the record. First of all, if there is a personal with issue the water department it should be address by them. Charlie wanted know who authorized Marshall to come to the Selectmen's meeting to discuss the issue. Frank Razzaboni stated that the residents have the right to talk to the selectmen. Frank said they can bring up an issue between two neighbors and that point we listen to it and say sorry folks that is between the two neighbors. Charlie said when he requested time on the selectmen's agenda in advance and the topic that Marshall wanted to talk about was dealing with the water department. Charlie stated you should have sent him to the Water Commissioners meeting because it was dealing with the water department. What you didn't do is tell him it's a water issue and you should go to the Water Commissioner meeting. You allowed it to be voiced in the Selectmen's meeting publicly with full knowledge it was going to be a public meeting with a full ripping of Charlie for everybody to hear and put in the minutes call it verbatim and it wasn't every bit of that constitutes a violation of the RSA 91-A.

Shaun asked how does this violate RSA 91-A? Charlie stated that in assent it was a public meeting or public hearing. Shaun stated that it was not a public hearing. Charlie stated because you didn't post it and you didn't send notice out to anybody. Charlie stated that you gave him time on the agenda in advance to discuss the issue about somebody's reputation and berate them. Charlie stated that you let him berate me in the public. Frank said we didn't take a position on it. Frank stated that is correct. In an email with Marshall that we will talk to him. Charlie ask by what authority are you going to talk him about this matter. Shaun asked Charlie did we talked to you about it? Charlie asked did you talk to him about this? Shaun thought we couldn't do anything about it Charlie. So, tell him you're going to talk to somebody and it's not true. Shaun Bresnahan said this is where we are dammed if we do and dammed if you don't. Charlie said the issue is your wrong on both ends. Charlie stated that your dammed because you did stupid stuff and continued to do it stupidly. Charlie said you wrongfully allowed somebody to come here and berate in public and then put in the minutes wrong then kept in the minutes as it was verbatim and its not Charlie sent an email that its not verbatim Charlie provided the verbatim and you didn't put on your agenda to rediscuss it. Charlie asked are you going to just let it go and just let it settle right Shaun and just let it go. Yeah, we don't want to talk about it. Shaun you are saying Marshall is not accurate and yours are 100% accurate. Marshall provided the text messages. Charlie stated that the text messages were not accurate from Marshall. Charlie said what was missing is that he could make arrangements to be there when he could come.

Stephen Thomson said that he missed that meeting and he is very adamant about issues that come up going to the proper boards water commissioner, planning board and zoning boards. Shaun stated correct if the issue is with an official and you go to that official an complain what is that going to get them. It was stated that Shaun Bresnahan has an issue with another board. Charlie started to get into the issue of past due water bills. Frank said now you want to berate them in this meeting. Charlie stated that is exactly what I am going to do. Frank said congratulations Charlie. Shaun stated that he is a citizen and you're a public official Charlie not as a superintendent. Shaun said yes you are because you are appointed by the water commissioners RSA 37 states this. Shaun said you think your hired when fact the water commissioners appointed as superintendent.

Joanne stated that Marshall asked to be on the agenda in advance? Charlie said yes, he did. Shaun and Frank, both said it was the day of the meeting. The other question Joanne had was the appointment of Stephen Thomson and Tony Cartier were for one-year appointments. Is this right or wrong? Frank said he wasn't sure which was for one year and the other for two years. Stephen replied we are commissioners until we are replaced or reappointed. Stephen offered to be reappointed and he has yet to be. Shaun said that Stephen's appointment was for one year. Charlie stated he had dropped off paperwork regarding the reappointment of Stephen Thomson as water commissioner. Shaun Bresnahan the reason that he has not been reappointed is because we had a citizen in town that was very interested and has a lot of experience in working with water systems. He was scheduled to meet with the selectboard however he was unable to attend. Stephen Thomson asked to be reappointed the selectboard filled out the appointment and Stephen Thomson was reappointed.

Joanne asked if it's over a year it would go to a lien? The resident was over two years and had previously been lien by the town and the town would in turn make the water department whole and the past due water would be leaned and paid to the town. Charlie stated the issue is that there were numerous letter that went out in the bills stating the process. Charlie said if he had opened the bills he would have known. Joanne stated that him and a lot of people didn't know. Joann said she has been outside the building many times and people come to pay their bills for years on Tuesday's and Wednesday's and wondering why the town clerk's office is not open. Charlie said again if this person had tried to pay Shelly, he would of know that Shelly is no longer taking water payments. The issue here is he is raised such a concern here because of an issue with him. Joanne said don't get me going and she decided to let it rest. Joanne has lived in this town along time and we never had these issues before. Frank Marsh stated that using the phrase quit be the f-ing victim is not appropriate to swear in the public. Frank Razzaboni addressing with profanity is not appropriate. Frank disagreed with Charlie in treating people with disrespect. Frank Razzaboni said that he does not ever recall addressing Charlie with profanity. Charlie responded with a couple incidents one dealing with the ZBA and when you was going to run for Selectmen.

David Thomson read the draft meeting minutes from the last meeting and stated I have never seen so many F bombs used. Stephen said it's a freedom of speech.

Next issue Charles brought to the attention was the inspection of the water tank. Eversource has installed a new gate and it is locked. Charlie contacted Eversource and the tree crew came and removed the tree so the issue is resolved. The tank tower will be inspected on May 30<sup>th</sup> and the Fire Department has offered to assist with the transport of gear to the tank.

Nathan Mills suggested that we have a joint planning session to work together. Niki stated we need to work together and stop fighting. Paula said we the people of this town voted in the majority of you have forgotten what we are here for. They agreed to have a joint planning meeting with all department heads. It was suggested that we get dates that school is available Frank said tentatively June 25<sup>th</sup>. This will need to be posted. Workshop only

### **Selectmen Business**

#### **Building Permit:**

None

#### **Driveway Permits: None**

#### **Intent to Cut:**

#### **Yield Taxes:**

Michael Sharp Enterprises, LLC – Signed

Stephen & Eden Lefebvre – Signed

#### **Other:**

Town Warrant – Approved and Signed

Purchasing Policy – Signed

Stephen Thomson made a motion to accept the Purchasing Policy as written Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor. Lisa Seymour will make copies and distribute to department heads with a memo that will be signed and place on file that they acknowledged the new Purchasing Policy.

Follow-up on issues from May 16, 2023 R13 Lot 34-1, R12 Lot 44, and Old Town Road under the power lines several items.

R13 Lot 34-1 Ryan and Kimberly Onorato was sent a notice of violation on June 26 2023 stating that you were in violation of the Class VI building ordinance and are hereby ordered to cease and desist all building activity. Ryan and Kimberly Onorato needs to have another letter sent.

R12 Lot 44 John and Cynthia Styles was sent a notice of violation on June 26 2023 stating that you were in violation of the Class VI building ordinance and are hereby ordered to cease and desist all building activity. They were asked present a driveway permit and building permit for the shed on the property which is current use. Cynthia and John Styles attended the August 1, 2023 meeting to discuss the letter and Stephen Thomson addressed the issue with them stating that it has a shed on the current use property and that the property is located on a class VI road. Stephen Thomson also pointed out that you a no driveway permit on file. The resolution was Stephen stated you need to submit for a driveway and building permit to be in compliant. Currently this not been done and will need a follow up letter.

Old Town Road under the powerline there is a camper, a boat and tires it appears to be on the trailer park side. Stephen Thomson will follow up to see it's on Town owned property and if it's not we will issue a letter to the owner to remove the debris per the junk ordinance in the zoning ordinance. Currently there has been no determination to who owns the property however there has been more stuff added to the area.

William O'Connor Berry Farm Road the letter was sent to Alexandria and they have no issues in letting Mr. O'Connor have a building on the property. The Hill Planning Board will need to meet with Mr. O'Connor to see what the process will be to create the required road frontage.

Shaun Bresnahan presented a proposed Building Permit Application that includes what needs a building permit and includes the section on Current Use Property. The proposal includes the change in the fee structures. The question was asked why do we even need a building permit? The Building Permit process alerts the accessor that there has been a change. For example, if you remove a building and don't notify the accessor you will continual be taxed until noticed.

Frank Razzaboni received a message from Erich Petty painting to see if he could schedule the Town Office Building and the Library this year? Stephen asked the about funding? This was approved at Town meeting with the change to building capital reserve account.

Building Maintenance update the sign in front of the Town Hall needs to be cleaned and cannot be done with a pressure washer because it would remove the decals. The library needs to have light bulbs changed. In the past this was done by the Highway Department. Frank Marsh said that he will change the bulbs and Lisa said that we have some downstairs. The copier room needs to be address because the air duct over the copier is pushing hot air and debris onto the new copier.

Building security – The front door of the Town Office was left open which left the building unsecured for several days. When using the building please make sure it is lock and if you have an issue contact the selectmen to assist.

Quote from Certified for Police Dept – Tabled

Tapply – Thompson Community Center approved for payment

Murray Hill R10 Lot 08 Zoning violation of the shed on the current property. This property is in the wellhead protection area and should be sent a letter. Charles asked if the ZBA could look into this before the letter is sent.

Update on Shop Road – Frank Razzaboni that this case went to district court and we are waiting for the resolution.

Snow Road deed was signed.

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 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Frank Razzaboni, Chair

Stephen Thomson

Shaun Bresnahan

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