

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 15, 2024

Selectmen Present: Shaun Bresnahan Chairman, Richard Vincent & Lisa Seymour (Administrative Assistant)

Selectmen Absent: Stephen Thomson

Public: Harold Knott, Paul Guild, Jamie Moulton, Frank Marsh, Joann Irving, Joe Guerriero, Thomas Seymour, Matthew Desrochers, Joseph Sullivan, Robert Shultz, Natalia Mills, Mark Labonte, Marshall Bennett, Thomas Angeley, Christina Schaefer and Ben LaRoche

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

Highway Department:

No Report at this time

Health Officers:

Deputy Health Officer Natalia Mills looking for an update on the approvals 20 Shop Road. Shaun stated that we need to follow-up with the attorney on who can sign for the authorization for the DES submittal.

The question was raised about the Health Officers budget and how much is budgeted for this. Currently the budget is \$1,250 and covers for wages the training costs comes through the executive budget. Jamie asked why does the payroll get charged to the fire department? Lisa Seymour explained that the Health Officer's budget line doesn't have a payroll option and when the health officers are being paid it will flow through the Fire Department and then allocated to the Health Officers budget. Jamie Moulton and Natalia Mills asked about being paid for going to a court hearing? Shaun Bresnahan proposed what would you want for pay? This would probably be part of the hourly rate as a health officer.

Jamie Moulton Health Officer, had nothing to report at this time.

Paul Guild asked a couple of questions regarding the septic issue on Shop Road. Has the septic designed been filed with DES? Shaun Bresnahan stated that the paperwork has not submitted. Are you aware that on November 4th they have a court hearing in Franklin at 8:30 am. Will the town have anyone representing the town? Shaun will contact the attorney covering the case.

Town Clerk – Moderator:

Shelly Henry and Thomas Seymour wanted to address the upcoming election on November 5th. The library will be set-up by the Board of Selectmen which will posted. Meals for the staff will be provided. Thomas Seymour has extra people for the counting after the polls close.

The State of NH performed the Municipal Registration Agent audit on September 23rd. The audit tested several controls of the process and found everything was in compliance.

Shelly provided information on the tax deeding process and preparing these properties for auctions.

They were questions about a dirt bike race on Currier Road. Joe Guerriero will look into this because in connection with the dirt bike group on Periwig Mountain Road. Harold Knott also knows people who are involved with this.

Mr. Sullivan from Lynch Road has a concern with the road that was to be repaved after there was a water event that removed the pavement. Shaun Bresnahan said he will let Gregg know. Shelly reviewed her 2025 budgets with the selectmen.

Fire Department:

Chief Jamie Moulton reported on his proposed 2025 budget. Dispatch will be increasing in 2025 to \$19,915 over 2024 budget of \$18,324. Shaun asked what we doing in regards of the diesel that is being used from the highway department? Jamie stated that they should have a logbook to keep track of the mileage and usages for reimbursement. They continued to review the budget with questions regarding testing, propane consumption, and the alarm system that was voted on at town meeting. Lisa Seymour requested that all budgets be sent the selectmen's office via-email. Shaun asked where do we stand on the paperwork for all of the rehires this consists of a new application, I'9s, two forms of ID's, W-4, direct deposit, background checks, and all certifications to placed in the HR records. Jamie stated that calls are up by 11 last week and we are at 91 calls for the year.

Shaun Bresnahan asked about the trucks and are they in good condition? Jamie stated everything is good. Jamie is working on an inventory sheet to see who has radios and gear.

Paul Guild asked where are we on the formulation of the committee for the Fire Department? Shaun stated that the budget committee selected Joann Irving from the budget committee to be on the committee and that Stephen Thomson is the organizer.

Thomas Seymour asked the question about the fire fighters that responding to fires currently and don't have their paperwork in are they acting as volunteers until the information has been completed? Jamie Moulton replied yes, they are just volunteering.

Joann Irving asked how many fire fighters and or EMT's? Jamie replied there are eleven on the department 5 of which have medical and the remaining would have either Fire 1 or fire 2.

Police Department:

Chief Joe Guerriero presented his proposed 2025 budget. The budget remained pretty much the same as 2024 with the only changes in the training and wages.

Public:

Ben LaRoche presented the EMS contract which has a significant increase over 2024. The new rate for Hill will be \$142,468. Ben explained the reasons for the increase in the cost. First the number of calls has increased, secondly transportation destinations has changed to further away hospitals and final is the availability of call staff. In order to maintain the services that the Town of Bristol Fire Department EMS offers they will need to add staff and this staffing increase will need to be funded wholly by the contract towns. The contract towns would be charged 1/3 of the cost of the new staffing.

The other part of this is the payer mix from insurance companies.

Frank Marsh was able to find new light bulbs for the library and will be changing them soon.

Christina Schaefer came in to address the Charity Scholarship ride for children. Christina stated that they had 211 dirt bike riders that are licensed participate in the ride. She also said that it's not a requirement to tell the townspeople of the event because it takes place on Class 6 and right of ways. The one thing that was happening is that people were removing the race arrows which could cause a safety issue. Marshall Bennett asked are you sure this was done as a malicious intent. Because if they were taking done on state owned roads I would know about. These arrows were taking down on Stone House Road which is on a class 6 road.

Selectmen Business:

Building Permit:

Dennis & Janey Levesque enclosure of existing back deck on house. 38 Patten Road Map R13 Lot 38-1 No approval needed because they are not changing the footprint of the structure.

Driveway Permits:

None

Intent to Cut:

None

Other:

Update on JP Pest Control Service Agreement – Yellow Jackets completed

Motion Light by the Selectmen's Office – the new motion light has been ordered and will be installed soon.

State warrant for the election – signed

Planning Board – Are you meeting this week on the lot line adjustment for Dwight Ellsworth? Colin Brown wanted to know. They are planning on meeting if they have a quorum.

Budget Workshops are schedule for October 22nd and 23rd and will be starting at 3:30 pm. This will be posted on the bulletin board and on the Town of Hill website.

Update on the Septic Repairs for the school and town office building will be on Nov 11th.

Invoices and POs were approved for payment.

With no further business to conduct, Rick Vincent made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Chair

Stephen Thomson

Richard Vincent
