

TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 6, 2024

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Shelly Henry, Joseph Guerriero, Thomas Scribner, Paul Guild, Ellen Guild, David Thomson, Joanne Irving, Tom Angeley, Cathy Angeley, Natali Mills, Debi Langlais, Lee Herterich, Anson Libby, Robert Schultz, Mark Hargreaves, Charles Estes, Frank Simone, Jane Crichton Brown, Paula McDonough and Bruce Blazon

Frank Razzaboni brought the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:03 pm seconded by Frank Razzaboni. Motion passed (RSA 91-A:3, II (b)) Roll Call Yes (2) No (1)

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:20 pm seconded by Stephen Thomson. Motion passed. Motion made to seal the minutes. All in favor

Frank Razzaboni resumed the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Natali Mills reported that her health officer status has ended in July. In an email Natalia stated that she would be willing to stay on as deputy. Jamie Moulton is currently the deputy and has been very helpful. We currently have two open cases. Natali said that she would highly recommend Jamie to become the primary health officer.

Stephen Thomson said he would like to wait and see what Jamie's decision would be.

The update on Shop Road was provided and Natali will still be in contact with the Guilds.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No report at this time

POLICE DEPT:

Chief Guerriero introduced Tiffany Perkins as the new Police Admin and she will be working 8 hours a week.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Shelly Henry reported that state primary elections classes are still available. The election will be on September 10th and the set-up will need to be done the day before. Meals will be provided for the staff that is working the polls.

Tax payment update we have collected 94% of the first half of the 2024 tax billing.

Deed and leaning letters have been sent. The selectmen's office has the information for their review.

Smith-Weiss Shepard Kanakis Letters were sent certified and we have received the green card stating that they have received the letters.

Public:

Mark Hargreaves came to discuss the Cass Mill Road drainage issue onto his property. Gregg and Shaun met with Mark on the Thursday prior to the Selectmen's meeting on August. Mark stated that when he came to the meeting that he would have liked more than a one-day notice. The selectmen asked Mark to come to the meeting on August 20th to discuss a solution or fix for this issue. Shaun apologized for the one-day notice.

Gregg asked if he could temporarily fix the culvert before the rain to divert any issues going down the driveway. Gregg made it known if more damage is done, he wanted to make it right. Mark said no. Stephen Thomson needs more details. Frank Razzaboni asked if the water could be diverted. Stephen and Frank will review the issue this week. Shaun said if you are going to do this together it will need to be posted because it could constitute a meeting of the Selectmen.

Charles Estes came in to address the issue discussed on July 9th. Charles was concerned that the current fire chief has no certifications that can be produced and years of service is not the same as certifications. The fire department currently has limited staff trained to perform the tasks of a fire call. Charles pointed out that what trained staff was on the department left because of the lack of a certified fire chief. Charles wants a public meeting to discuss these issues. Shaun Bresnahan stated Jamie Moulton made Mark Labonte deputy chief when he was the chief. Jamie had the confidence then in Mark. In a prior meeting with the fire department there were concerns with the leadership under Chief Moulton and several firefighters were ready to resign then. Several other residents shared their concerns regarding qualifications of the officers in the fire department.

Bruce Blazon pointed out the RSA 154:5 section 1,

"The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief who is appointed, rather than elected in any town, village district, precinct, city or area shall be appointed for an indefinite period of time or for a definite term, as determined by the legislative body, and the tenure of office shall depend upon good conduct and efficiency. The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief shall be technically qualified by training or experience and shall have ability to command firefighters and hold their respect and confidence." The question was asked do we have job descriptions? Yes, they just need approvals. Paul Guild asked did the prior Chiefs have the correct qualifications? If so, what were their qualifications? Do we have a viable Fire Department? Shaun Bresnahan the department is on the verge of collapse.

Tom Scribner suggested having a voter survey so residents can express their concerns or suggesting to make things better. Stephen Thomason suggested a study committee like did when we hired the full-time police chief. It was mentioned that Jamie couldn't give these hours to the Town of Hill because he is too busy in Hebron as their Fire Chief.

Frank Razzaboni stated that we need to review the job descriptions prior to the public hearing. Charles Estes stated that you keep saying this. Do you really have them? The board all agreed that they have them.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to have a public hearing to discuss the standards for the Fire Department and the staffing on August 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Amsden Auditorium. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion All in favor. Shaun Bresnahan Yes, Frank Razzaboni Yes & Stephen Thomson Yes.

Anson Libby came to the selectmen to discuss his status of coming back to work after being out. Anson was told that he would need a doctor's note per the Personnel Manual and asked if it could be waived? Stephen Thomson asked if we can just let go back to work?

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to waived the doctors note requirement. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor. Lisa Seymour gave Anson a copy of the Personnel Manual.

Paula McDonough came in to discuss the yellow arrows that are going backup at the upper end of New Chester Road. She presented several pictures that she considers to be hazards in the village and requested that yellow arrow signs be placed at all cult-tur-cuc's in the village. Paula also asked about the sidewalks where there are stumps and cars parking on them.

Bruce Blazon came into follow up on the ongoing issues on Snow Road and the zoning violations. Joe Guerriero stated that there are still some lights on the fence. Mr. Blazon stated this started in July 2023 and has not been resolved and feels that fines need to be imposed per the fines in the zoning ordinance. Shaun Bresnahan will draft a letter with fines and send it to Town Council.

SELECTMEN BUSINESS:

Building Permit:

Richard Hutchinson 152 New Chester Road Map V Lot 106 12' x 10' Woodshed replacing what was there. This doesn't meet the setbacks for the village districts. A letter of Denial will be provided to the ZBA.

Robert & Kris Pelletier 634 Murray Hill Road Map R7 Lot 09-7B 20' x 36' Post & Beam Storage Building. This was built in 2022 with no permit.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to approve the permit. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Robert & Kris Pelletier 634 Murray Hill Road Map R7 Lot 09-7B 24' x 36' 14' high Wood Frame Workshop with floor and metal roof.

Frank Razzaboni made a motion to approve the building permit. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Driveway Permits:

None

Intent to Cut:

John & Elizabeth Carlson 598 Murray Hill Road Map R6 Lot 01 – Signed

Yield Tax:

Dawn Thompson 451 Currier Road 24-25-02 – Signed

Other:

The Board of Selectmen needed review the Concord Regional Solid Waste line in the Transfer Budget. Because we are no longer using the Concord Regional Solid Waste and the charges now go through the Trucking Compactor budget line.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to combine the budget of \$39,400 for Concord Regional Solid Waste to the Waste Disposal budget of \$15,000 making that line \$54,400. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chainsaw training will be offered by Primex in the fall October 10th in Franklin NH.

2023 Audit will be starting soon.

Lisa Seymour has been sending the mapping updates to Avitar before turning on the maps function in assessing.

Wheeler Park is in the process of receiving their 911 number. This will make easier for deliveries and medical emergency's now that Parks and Rec have events in the park.

The Selectmen meeting minutes have been in draft form with no approvals. Can the Board of Selectmen set-up some time to review and approved these draft minutes? It was suggested that the selectmen have a workshop to do these instead of doing them during our regular schedule meetings. The selectmen agreed to having a workshop on August 14th at 5:00 pm.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to have a workshop to approve draft meeting minutes on August 14th at 5:00 pm. Frank Razzaboni seconded the motion. All in favor.

Update on the 5-year revaluation is coming along great the Veteran Credit and Current Use letters were sent out. These are coming in and Rod will be reviewing these in September.

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 9:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Frank Razzaboni, Chair

Stephen Thomson

Shaun Bresnahan

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