# TOWN OF HILL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 18, 2025

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

# Selectmen Absent:

**Public:** Harold Knott, Joann Irving, Tom Seymour Thomas Scribner, Shelly Henry, Mary Anne Moses, Stephen Arruda, Paul Guild, Frank Marsh, Matthew Desrochers, Joseph Sullivan, Jamie Moulton, Cathy Angeley, Thomas Angeley, Bill Machado, Paula McDonough, Mark Labonte, Linda Smith, Richele Ward, Bob Schultz, Tiffany Perkins, Mike Wallace and Bruce Blazon.

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

# Election of positions – Selectmen

Selectmen Chairman – Stephen Thomson requested a vote for this position.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to make Stephen Thomson the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Rick Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call: Shaun Bresnahan (yes), Rick Vincent (yes) and Stephen Thomson (no).

Stephen Thomson will be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Shaun Bresnahan will be on the Budget Committee Rick Vincent will be on the Planning Board

Review and accept 03-04-2025 mins

Rick Vincent made a motion to accept the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as written. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in Favor

# **Departments:**

**Police**: Tiffany Perkins reported that the Shred-it has been accepted and we just need a date that will work for the board to bring the stuff upstairs.

Tiffany asked when the walls will be painted and the status on the mini-split? Shaun said that we need to deal with the mold issue first and will keep you updated.

Tiffany will still be working in the office completing reports and processing pistol permits.

Rick Vincent made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:45 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed (RSA 91-A:3, II (I))

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session at 6:56 pm seconded by Stephen Thomson. Motion passed. Motion made to seal the minutes passed.

#### Interim Fire Chief Moulton:

Jamie stated that they had 28 calls to date. They will be doing ladder testing with Bristol when the date has been released. The pumps will be tested soon as well as the hose testing will be done.

Question about the doors they will be replacing these with 150lb doors and the cost would be \$150 each. The manpower to install the doors will \$300.

Jamie said that he needs to purchase medical supplies from Bound Tree and we don't have an account with them. Lisa Seymour stated that we do have an account with them.

Jamie is working on getting the fire permits issued and will have two other members of the department helping him.

Jamie asked for a copy the 2025 budget and would like that emailed to him. Joann asked how many firemen on the current roster? Jamie replied 8 and 6 of them are medical certified, Jamie is the only advanced EMT. Matt has Fire II and not his EMT however Matt has started his training for EMS. Shaun Bresnahan said we received the invoice for the class with no approvals. Shaun all so stated that he's not arguing about the training but you need to follow the purchasing order policy.

Jamie wasn't going to have officers but has found that he needs them to help take up some of the slack. He has promoted Matthew Desrochers and Joseph Sullivan to lieutenant.

Joann Irving asked if we have a policy that if they miss so many meetings or trainings they would be dismissed? Jamie said that there are 2 members that he hasn't seen in a couple of years. Joann said that rumor has it that 3 of the members were asked to resign.

The question was asked if the fire detection system was installed. Shaun Bresnahan said we had a quote from Mango Security for the systems to be installed in the Highway and Fire Department. It was determined that we already had a system at the Highway department and just need to be repaired. The Fire Station has not been forgotten. Shaun explained that the \$28,231 taking from the Building Improvement Capital Reserve was for the painting of Town Hall.

Joann Irving had questions regarding the MS-737 from 2023 expenditures to the apportions in 2024? Stephen Thomson asked for extra time to review her questions.

Shaun Bresnahan pointed out to Jamie that we have two situations where you have not responded after being contacted. Shaun asked when are you planning on addressing these issues? Jamie responded I will do it right away.

#### **Primary Health Officer Moulton**

Jamie reported that he is currently dealing with a mobile home that needs to be removed. This is located at Brookside and appears that people have been occupying it. Jamie said that he is also dealing with a hoarding situation.

## <u>Public</u>

Linda Smith from 20 Shop Road came in to address a building permit for a shed. Linda Smith's neighbor Richele Ward provided a notarized letter granting her an easement because Linda doesn't meet the required setbacks per the town ordinances. Stephen Thomson said you would need to fill out an application for a variance and present it to the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA). The ZBA meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the library. The next meeting will be on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Stephen Thomson stated that this is the next step in the process. Stephen gave Linda the paperwork and said you can drop it off at the office and we will make sure the ZBA receives it. Rick Vincent asked who owns the shed in question? Linda Smith said that she owns it.

Tom Seymour post-election and town meeting. Tom asked if there was any feedback on how everything went? Shaun Bresnahan said everything was positive.

Tom wanted to address the sound system at the school. The sound system belongs to the town and not the school. Tom asked if he could start looking into upgrading the sound system? The board has

no issue with looking into this. Paul Guild asked if the speaker system could be used in the selectmen meetings? The board will consider it.

Shelly Henry presented an update on appointed/elected officials.

The Conservation Commission has 4 vacant positions

The Planning Board has 2 vacant positions and Planning Board alternates 3 vacant positions.

Zoning Board 1 vacant position, Zoning Board Alternates 2 vacant positions.

Water Commissioners 1 position vacant.

#### Intent to Cut:

Carol Asher-Snow Cass Mill Road Lot R3 Lot 41-03 Logger Michael Corliss - Signed

## Yield Tax:

Carol Asher-Snow 257 Cass Mill Road - Signed

# Selectmen Business

#### Other:

Cost update on the replacement of Shop Road Bridge. Based on the 2023 NHDOT estimated the cost to rehabilitate or replace this bridge was \$1,350,000.00. However, over the past two years NHDOT has tracked project cost increases across all State projects, the most significant are the bridge construction projects. The estimated cost to replace the bridge is now \$1,989,000.00 in current day dollars. The NHDOT is still committed to funding this project. NHDOT is asking if Hill is still interested in participating in the project?

The Shop Road Bridge closed in 2020 by the state. Shaun Bresnahan said that we should stay on the list. There was discussion about the abutments and what do they look like would they need to be replaced? Bill Machado suggested that maybe Beck & Bellucci from Franklin could assess the abutments and let us know the status. Paul Guild asked what bridge are you talking about? Shaun replied at the end of Shop Road.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion that Hill is still interested in participating in the NHDOT Bridge Funding Opportunity. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor.

To control attorney usage maybe we should look into having a policy and a permission form to contact them. Stephen Thomson thinks this is a good idea. Lisa Seymour will look into this when she gets back.

The Safety Committee needs to be readdressed because we are required to have one. Three of the committee members have left. Shaun Bresnahan said that we need work on getting this started.

Heat in the offices and bleeding of the system. The offices are not heating like they should and the pipes are making gurgling sounds. The new hot water tank is working great.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to call Andy & Sons to review the system. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

2023 Audit review sent email 03-18-2025

Stephen Thomson made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Rick Vincent seconded the motion. All in favor.

Town Warrant - Accounts Payables Only - Signed

Harold Knott inquired about the cruiser and its maintenance. Shaun Bresnahan said that the cruiser is at the town garage on Clough Road and is being exercised. Tiffany ran it last week and will continue until we have someone.

Harold Knott would like to start an Infrastructure Committee to identify and prioritize projects. He will coordinate this with the school.

Shelly Henry would like to work on the record retention committee. Paula asked what does this committee do? It reviews the RSA's for keeping documents. This usually has the Town Clerk, Assessor and Town Treasurer. Rick Vincent and Shelly Henry will work on this.

Mary Anne Moses asked where the cruiser is being stored? Shaun Bresnahan stated at the town garage on Clough Road.

Joann Irving has questions regarding the capital reserves. Shaun Bresnahan said you will need to talk with Don Moyer.

Bruce Blazon inquired about a letter being sent regarding the lights on Snow Road. Shaun Bresnahan said there is a lot of lights up there. Bruce invited the selectmen to come up and review his lights. Stephen Thomson will go up after the meeting to review the lights. Bruce asked about building permits for fabric buildings. The fabric buildings are considered temporary structures. We will need to clarify this the assessor.

Shelly Henry ask Tom Seymour to announce if you have been elected to any positions, please see Shelly to be sworn in.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to approve Matthew Desrochers training for \$1,750. Rick Vincent seconded the motion. All in favor.

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 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Shaun Bresnahan, Ghair

Stephen Thomson Chair

Richard Vincent