

TOWN OF HILL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 15, 2025

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

Selectmen Absent:

Public: Harold Knott, Joann Irving, Tom Seymour Thomas Scribner, Mary Anne Moses, Stephen Arruda, Matthew Desrochers, Joseph Sullivan, Jamie Moulton, Paula McDonough, Bob Schultz, Tiffany Perkins, Bruce Blazon, Frank Razzaboni and James Magee

Stephen Thomson brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Review and accept 04-01-2025 mins. Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor

Review and accept 04-04-2025 mins. Stephen Thomson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Rick Vincent seconded the motion. All in favor

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to reappoint Anthony Cartier as Water Commissioner. Stephen Thomson seconded the motion. All in favor

Departments

Highway Department: The selectmen have decided to leave the roads posted until April 21, 2025

Police Department: Tiffany Perkins reported that she has had 20 calls for service. Tiffany is concerned about the mold issue and the heat in the Police Office. She was also concerned about the office being painted. Stephen Thomson will look into getting quotes for the mold removal.

Tiffany has reached out to the shredding company to get a date for them to come. They will take the town shredding as well.

The search for the new police chief is going well and they will start meeting with the candidates tomorrow.

Fire Department: Interim Fire Chief Moulton reported that they have been getting the fire equipment ready for the forest fire season. The sign has been updated to the fire danger as it changes. Jamie also mentioned that they are still maintaining the up keep of the station.

Fire permits were a concern by the residents. Paula McDonough stated she knows people have been waiting over 5 days and still has not received one. Jamie has been issuing permits when he can. The question was asked who else are deputy fire wardens that can issue permits? Matthew Desrochers and Joseph Sullivan as lieutenants are deputy wardens and Jamie has issued the paperwork. Currently the Selectmen's office has not seen any paperwork or updates from the NH Forestry on Fire Warden status.

The Interim Fire Chief position has expired and who was going to tell Jamie. Matthew Desrochers said that he felt the Selectmen should have reached out to tell Jamie his term has expired. Because as a lieutenant he was not comfortable telling Jamie. Technical we have no fire chief currently. Robert Schultz suggested that we keep Jamie as the interim fire chief until we hire someone. Stephen Thomson made a motion to extend the Interim Fire Chief to Jamie Moulton until the next fire chief is hired. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Jamie was very concerned that the fire department budget was level funded to prior year and how are we going to pay the dispatch fees, pump testing, hose testing and maintain the equipment. Bruce Blazon stated that it is a bottom-line budget.

Primary Health Officer: Jamie Moulton reported that there are new updates.

Public

Frank Razzaboni provided an update Tramp House located next to the pump house on Murray Hill Road. Charles Estes said that it needs to be removed by May 15th. Frank mentioned that the timber framer will take it. It was decided to put this out for bid. Frank did state that there are valuables and a lot of asbestos values in there as well. Shaun Bresnahan will draft a bid letter for the selectmen to review.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to put the Tramp House up for bid. Rick Vincent seconded the motion. All in favor.

Robert Schultz wanted to discuss the sidewalks and the condition of them. He is asking the town to fix them. There is money in the capital reserves for this. The solution is not just rip them up because you have people using them when they are cleared. Currently people are walking in road which could cause a huge liability for the town. RSA 231:113 in the Hard Road to Travel explains the duty to repair and maintain sidewalks rest with the Highway agent under the direction of the local governing body. The American with Disabilities Act states that local government service cannot discriminate against persons with disabilities. All roads, including sidewalks, must comply with applicable ADA regulations.

In 2019 warrant article 9 to see if the Town will vote to establish a Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19 – a for the removal, repair and/or replace the sidewalks in the village and raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be put in the fund. There was a lot of discussion as to how are we going to maintain them and what is the liability on the town. During the town meeting it was suggested that some of the sidewalks be removed and loamed over. The article passed.

Tom Seymour stated that this article was to initially to refurbish the sidewalks. However; the equipment to do the winter maintenance was rejected by the town because of the costs to purchase a sidewalk plow.

In 2022 warrant article 5 to see if the town will appropriate \$20,000 to remove approximately 1,500 feet of sidewalks on Mountain View Drive south of New Chester Road and plant grass. The money to come from the Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund which the Selectmen are Agents to expend. This passed with a count of voting cards of 53 to 15.

Joann Irving had a question on the MS-9 regarding the addition of \$10,000 being added to the Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund. Shaun Bresnahan stated that you would need to speak with Don Moyer from the Trustees of Trust Fund.

Robert Schultz would like to form a sidewalk committee to save them. Harold Knott said that no bikes should be on the sidewalks that could cause a liability and do we really need them.

Joann Irving had a question on when the remaining sidewalks would be address on Mountain View Drive currently there is a section that has not been completed. Joann is also concerned about the trees that are still there. Currently there is no plan to when this will be completed. There was a brief discussion as to why we need sidewalks in the village and not on Murray Hill Road. Thomas Scribner said pull them up or leave the them the questions still remains we don't have the means to keep them clear in the winter. The second part of this is that we don't have the money to repair or rebuild them. Shaun Bresnahan stated if you present a warrant article for this it could go either way. This warrant article would need to presented at the next town meeting.

Paula McDonough needs to have her house inspected and doesn't want Jamie Moulton on her property. Paula is not a fan of Jamie because she has incidents where he has never showed up.

For the Fire Permits who is authorized? Jamie Moulton & Spenser Burbank are fire wardens. Jaime stated that Lieutenant Matthew Desrochers & Lieutenant Joseph Sullivan can issue however there is no paperwork in the office. Stephen Arruda asked if we are searching for a Fire Chief? Stephen Thomson we are doing what we can and have it posted and have received applications. Joann Irving asked if the trickle charges for the ATV were ordered and who owns them? The State of NH owns them and can pick them up whenever they are needed. Bob Schultz asked about the large pine tree that is leaning towards the shed are you planning on taking it down. Shaun Bresnahan said he will look at it. There are trees on New Chester that need to come down as well.

Joann Irving asked about appointed positions. When does an appointed position end? Stephen said at the of town meeting. Thomas Scribner expressed interest in being a water commissioner and was told that there is no opening. Stephen Thomson stated that Tony Cartier wants to stay as the water commissioner so there are no openings. Paula expressed that Charlie doesn't have the right to fill the position. Joann stated that the selectmen is a dysfunctional board. Shaun Bresnahan said Joann a year ago you could of did something with the water district. Tom Seymour explained the difference between an elected board and an appointment to a board.

Bob Schultz received an email from Nathan Mills and he would like to be part of the Fire Chief interview board.

Stephen Arruda asked that if we didn't find anyone with the current job description maybe the committee could adjust the criteria.

Building Permit:

Bruce and Leah Blazon 27 Snow Road Map R10 Lot 25 7'x7' Enclosed chicken coop with 16'x24' enclosed run.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to approve the chicken coop and enclosed run. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chase Miller 79 Bootjack Road Map R06 Lot 31 Remove existing deck and replacement of new deck 40'x8'

There was discussion about the setback from the road as it doesn't meet the zoning requirements. Mary Anne Moses stated she thought it was grandfathered. Stephen Thomson asked that this be tabled for further review before approval.

Intent to Excavate:

Bootjack Road LLC 59 Central Street Franklin, NH 03235-1134 25-215-01-E

This will need to be reviewed by the Planning Board before it can be signed.

Gravel Tax Levy:

Bootjack Road LLC, Christopher Seufert Map R6 Lot 08-Gravel – Signed

Yield Tax:

John & Elizabeth Carlson 598 Murray Hill Road 24-215-10-T – Signed

Land Use Change Tax:

Anthony Roberts & Erika Sutherland 86 Currier Road Map R12 Lot 27

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to approve the LUCT. Stephen seconded the motion.
Roll call Shaun Bresnahan (yes), Stephen Thomson (yes) and Rick Vincent (no).

On hold for further discussion with Rod Wood

Moses Family Rev Trust Michael & Mary Anne 85 Clough Road Map R12 Lot 06

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Current use:

Old Man of the Borough Trust 453 Borough Road Map R3 Lot 13 – Signed

Applications for Property Tax Credits:

Chase Miller Veteran Credit PA-29 needs to be signed – Approved

Jason Peterson Veteran Credit PA-29 needs to be signed – Approved

Orrin Hakey Veteran Credit PA-29 needs to be signed – Approved

Ernest & Judith Burdick Veteran Credit PA-29 needs to be signed – Approved

Selectmen Business

Other:

Copier Room Vent – leaking rust water Shaun Bresnahan will look into this on Wednesday morning.

Green Light email compacity – s.thomson and hillfirechief

They board agreed that Stephen Thomson email should be increased at a cost of \$3.00 per quarter.
The Hill Fire Chief will remain as is for now.

Lakes Region Mutual Aid – Director meeting on May 7th and they will be discussing the facility that they are building and will affect Hill financially. On April 15th a letter was signed to appoint Stephen Thomson as its Director representative to the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association Board of Directors. In his absence either Shaun Bresnahan or Rick Vincent will act as his proxy.

Non-Public:

Stephen Thomson made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 9:00 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session 9:08 pm seconded by Stephen Thomson. Motion passed. Stephen Thomson motion made to seal the minutes. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Passed.

Shaun Bresnahan made a motion to enter into Nonpublic Session at 9:09 pm seconded by Stephen Thomson. Motion passed (RSA 91-A:3, II (c))

Stephen Thomson made a motion to leave nonpublic Session and return to public session 9:22 pm seconded by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed. Stephen Thomson motion made to seal the minutes. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Passed.

Stephen Thomson made a motion to approve the abatement for 130 Clough Road. Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. All in favor.

With no further business to conduct, Stephen Thomson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun Bresnahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously motion at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seymour

Stephen Thomson, Chair

Rick Vincent

Shaun Bresnahan
