

TOWN OF HILL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2008

Present: Mike Brady, Mark Dow, John Lynch, Linda Henry (Assistant)

JIM RICE: The town assessor attended the meeting per the Selectmen's request to discuss the 2009 proposal for the town-wide revaluation and general assessing. Jim explained that the state constitution requires that towns do a full update every five years. The State is cracking down on this requirement and if we don't do it, they will petition the BTLA to require us to do it. He also recommended doing the current use update as 2009 is our scheduled DRA review year. A brief discussion ensued regarding the assessment on views and non-conforming lots.

POLICE CHIEF: Dave Kratz briefly went over his 2009 budget proposal. He submitted a letter regarding wages citing that we do not offer adequate pay for officers. In order to attract good people, we need to increase the wages. Selectmen agreed to allow him to hire officers at the increased rate temporarily. Discussed purchasing a new cruiser next year. Dave has requested several quotes which are due Dec. 15th.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Dean and Tim came in to report on general dept. business. Dean expressed concern about a driveway on Currier Rd. He said there are 130,000 miles on the 1998 International which needs repair. Estimates were reviewed and Selectmen said to go with VTR. They discussed the water improvements project as it pertains to road work.

MISC: An abatement was signed for R12-21-1 due to buildings not being removed from the property record card prior to the warrant being printed. A building permit application was approved for 11 Crescent St. (V-7). Selectmen signed the 2008 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Sheets Certificate. Selectmen discussed the current fuel oil consortium price. A letter had been sent to Fuller Oil regarding this, but no response has been received yet. Linda will call to make sure they received it. Selectmen will ask Chief Kratz if he would be willing to fill the vacant Emergency Management Director position.

NON PUBLIC SESSION: Selectmen entered into nps at 8:30pm to discuss an assistance case. Nps ended at 8:40pm.

The November 25th meeting has been cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda J. Henry

Mike Brady

Mark Dow

John Lynch