

Town Of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Present: Pam Marsh, Kathleen Ready, Kathy Barrett, Roger Boise and Pam Kingman, Clerk

Absent: Pat Paquette and Treasurer, Barb Torian

Visitors: Keith Hall, Earl Bessette, Suzy Roorda and Cindy Hill

AGENDA RESULTS:

Pam Kingman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Reorganization of the Selectboard

Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve Pam Marsh as the Chair of the Selectboard, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no

Kathleen Ready took and signed the Oath of Office for Selectboard; 2 year term.
Kathy Barrett took and signed the Oath of Office for Selectboard; 3 year term.

Pam Marsh made a motion to appoint Pam Kingman as the Selectboard Clerk, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

Kathleen Ready made a motion to appoint Roger Boise and Pat Paquette as Co – Road Commissioners, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Keith Hall – Selectboard Pay:** A couple of weeks ago he received his check for serving on the Selectboard for the better part of 2009, but he thought the amount of the check looked a little off. He spoke to Treasurer, Barb Torian, she told him the Selectboard had reduced the amount of pay the Board would receive for 2010. Ms. Torian explained to him that the pay for 2009 comes out of the 2010 budget, but he didn't quite understand why. He has come to the Board to ask them to adjust the percentage back to the 2009 pay, and that the Selectboard has no authority to adjust their own pay; that is up to the Auditors. Mr. Hall said the Town has voted to stick with a calendar year. The Board needs to start to comply with that by showing Selectboard pay as a balance due at the end of the year and not a surplus. This is done by figuring out how much money is paid out, need to make it payable to calendar year. He feels now the budget is not accurate. The Selectboard pay should show as a payable. The Auditors set salaries, which they did for 2010, whereas the 2009 Auditors recommended a different amount. There are no statutes giving the Auditors the authority to change an approved budget. Roger Boise agrees with Keith Hall, and that Pam Marsh was the one wanted the decrease in

salary. Pam Marsh said the Board met specifically for this issue and all agreed to make the change. The pay was based on the chair receiving \$2,000 and the others receiving \$1,500. Discussed prior meetings about this issue and how it affects the budget. When Kathy Barrett was an Auditor, she and Robert Rodgers did extensive research on this particular issue and they determined that the Auditors have no authority to reduce salaries retroactively.

Roger Boise made a motion to correct the Selectboard salaries for the whole Board to reflect the 2009 budget, seconded by Kathy Barrett.

3 yes / 1 no

Kathleen Ready asked Pam Marsh why she voted no. Pam Marsh said there was a special meeting to discuss this issue last year. Roger Boise – Confused about the job descriptions, approved by the Board for the Treasurer and Clerk, their job descriptions are in the State Statues, he said Pat Paquette is not happy about it either. He feels the benefit packages should have been discussed. Pam Marsh reminded him that it was discussed at an insurance / budget meeting. At that meeting insurance and salaries for the Clerk and Treasurer where discussed.

Roger Boise said he and Pat Paquette felt the road crew should have gotten a 3% raise, but they went along with the Board's decision to level fund both the Road and General Fund budgets. This item is not on the agenda for discussion; if the issue is going to be discussed it should be on a warned agenda item.

2. **Earl Bessette** – He would like to **donate his arrowhead collection to the town and display them in the Town Office**. Dr. Robert Pitts has offered to make a display case to hang on the wall. Mr. Bessette doesn't want any of them to go missing; he would like to have a locked case. Kathy Barrett made a motion to accept Earl Bessette's donation of his arrowhead collection to be displayed in the Town Offices. Seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

The Selectboard thanked Earl Bessette for the generous donation.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Applications: 1) **Beeman Alumni 50th Class Reunion** has decided to have their party catered and is requesting use of the kitchen. They are aware they will need to increase their deposit. Kathleen Ready approved the use of the kitchen for the 50th class reunion, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no 2) **Addison County Humane Society Ruff Ride**. This is a motorcycle rally / fundraising event for the Humane Society. They use Beeman Elementary's parking lot and hold their gathering on the Village Green, with a BBQ and music. To be held on Saturday, June 27, 2010, from 9 am – 5 pm. They have the security deposit, fee is waived, and they provide a certificate of their insurance. 3) Andrew Johnson's nephew is getting married on Saturday, September 25, 2010 and would like to use the Gazebo on the Village Green from 10 am - 2 pm. The family has donated \$100 towards the use of the park. The

reception is being held at Mr. Johnson's house across the street. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve all the Town Hall applications, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no

Suzy Roorda - has received several calls to rent table space for the upcoming craft fair and flea market on Saturday, March 27th, in the Town Hall from 9 – 3 pm.

Suzy Roorda – has been approached by the **after school program** asking if they can **install hooks in the hallway** outside the old Town Clerks Office, they are willing to furnish all the hardware. Pam Marsh suggested they ask the school. Pam Kingman suggested hauling out the old coat rack from the old Town Clerks office and let them try that first. Pam Marsh said the after school program should still ask for the schools approval.

Suzy Roorda - Has received complaints that the after school program is not cleaning up after themselves. Tables and the floor are being left for Gerhard Meyer to clean. Kathleen Ready suggested Suzy Roorda write a letter to Mary Johnson Day Care and advise them of this issue and cc a copy to Beeman Principal, Steve Flint as this affects Gerhard Meyers work load.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll, week ending 3/6/10 in the amount of \$3,690.81, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Pay Orders – Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay orders, week ending 3/6/10 in the amount of \$17,418.80, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll, week ending 3/11/10 in the amount of \$4,954.55, seconded by Pam Marsh. 3 yes / 1 abstention
4. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay orders, week ending 3/11/10 in the amount of \$24,060.80, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
5. Kathy Barrett asked if the Treasurer could put together a list of what benefits each employee receives, and what the town portion is.
6. Pam Marsh – Suzy Roorda is able to charge for 5 additional events that she coordinates; she asked if she could add the upcoming Craft Sale & Flea Mart. Discussion about staying within the budget. Pam Marsh suggested paying Suzy Roorda if she holds additional events that bring in revenue, possibly use that money to pay her. The rest of the Board disagreed. Kathleen Ready and Kathy Barrett will meet with Suzy Roorda to discuss the priorities of her job, which should focus on the Town Hall.

Pam Marsh made a motion to move into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss a legal matter, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:15 pm, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
No action taken

Because of the late hour, the Selectboard proofread the Town Meeting and School District Minutes.

Kathy Baret made a motion to approve the Town Meeting Minutes, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 1 abstention The Board did not want to take action on the School District Meeting Minutes.

All remaining items on the agenda will be discussed on at the next meeting; Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Adjourn: 10:15 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:

Pam Marsh, Chair

Kathy Barrett

Roger Boise

Kathleen Ready