

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting  
7:00 pm Town Offices  
Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

Present: Keith Hall, Pam Marsh, Roger Boise, Lowell Nottingham, Pam Kingman  
Absent: Pat Paquette  
Visitors: Betty Bell, Steve Dupoise, Marcia Dupoise, Barb Torian, Suzy Roorda, Lanny Smith

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Steve Dupoise** – Had spoken with a Selectboard member who told him that in spite of the vote, the Selectboard has the authority to change the Town Plan. Mr. Dupoise wanted to know if he has to get a petition and do the whole process over again to change the zoning on his property or can the Selectboard just change it? Pam Marsh said she thought Mr. Dupoise would have to go through the whole process again, Keith Hall agreed, but said he would look into it.
2. **Suzy Roorda** – Request for funds of \$300 for the Halloween party to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Keith Hall made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no Suzy Roorda said she spoke with Paul Stetson at Mount Abraham Union High School about the Drama Dept. coming to help decorate the stage for the Halloween party, she is waiting to hear back from them.  
**Library fund raiser:** Aaron Gingras and his band “Rush Angel” have offered to do another concert to raise money for the Library. The concert will be held on the same evening as the **Halloween party; Saturday, October 25, 2008**. Suzy Roorda and Town Librarian, Deborah Lundbech will oversee the concert. Pam Marsh made a motion to allow the concert, seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 4 yes / 0 no  
**Friends of the Library:** Would like to hold a **book sale on the Village Green on Saturday, September 27, 2008 between 10 - 2**. Pam Marsh made a motion to allow the library to use the Village Green for their book sale on Sept. 27, 2008, seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 4 yes / 0 no  
**Suzy Roorda** added a provision to the Town Hall applications to include no smoking on any Town Property.  
**Suzy Roorda** spoke with Greg Burdick from **the Superintendents office** in Bristol about adding the Town on their insurance policy to cover the kids going over to the Village Green. Greg Burdick told Suzy Roorda that the School would add the Town in a waiver of liability. We want the Town to be named as an additional insured as we don't believe a liability waiver fully protects us if a school child is injured on the Green while on a school field trip. Keith Hall said he will call Greg Burdick about it and explain exactly what the Town is requesting. Suzy Roorda asked if anyone had

heard from Tony Bosnich about **staining the gazebo**. Pat Paquette had asked Tony Bosnich to relay the message to the Job Corps. in Vergennes who will be doing the staining.

3. **Lowell Nottingham – Beeman** is currently trying to do **background checks on all the coaches**. The School is concerned about the cost of running the background checks. It will be costly if they have to start running them on volunteers who help out at school. The School is encouraging all athletic directors to never be alone with a single child.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Open bids for the Carriage Barn at 7:26 pm:** One (1) bid was received from Liberty Head Post & Beam in the amount of \$550. No action taken at this time, will discuss later in the meeting.
2. **Bond Application** - Treasurer, Barb Torian filled out most of the application, she wanted the Selectboard to look it over as well as Architect, Peter Morris. Keith Hall said he would be into the office to fill out whatever needed his attention after he meets with Peter Morris and potential bidders.
3. Letter to **area Towns** in regards to some problem dogs: Lowell Nottingham made a motion to have Pam Kingman mail out Pam Marsh's version of the letter to surrounding Towns, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Letter to **Roger Farnsworth** was returned as undeliverable. The Bristol post office tried three different times to deliver the certified letter. Pam Marsh made a motion to have the letter delivered by the Sheriffs Dept., seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no \* **Follow up\*** will try the Town Constable first.
5. **Phelps Engineering, Inc.** – Proposal for **Pearson Rd.**(Rattlin' Bridge end) Engineering Services: Roger Boise said he, Pat Paquette and Katie Reilley met with Phelps about the repair. There are concerns that if the Town does a temporary fix we may not be eligible for FEMA money. Pam Marsh made a motion to authorize the Road Commissioners to go ahead with the proposal from Phelps Engineering, Inc. provided the information from the FEMA meeting on Thursday says it is ok to do a temporary fix. Seconded by Lowell Nottingham 4 yes / 0 no
6. **Phelps Engineering, Inc.** – Pearson Rd. – Possible Grant Opportunity. No action taken
7. **FEMA/VEM** Schedules Applicant Briefings for Public Assistance: Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 from 8:30 – 10:30 am @ Ilsley Library, Middlebury. Roger Boise, Pat Paquette and Katie Reilley will all be attending.
8. **Central Vermont Public Service Corp. – Street lights in Town:** There has been a request to add street lights the length of North St. to Jean Smiths house. Pam Kingman met with Terry Rainville-Scott from CVPS to discuss the placement of lights. CVPS provided the locations of current street lights along with a daily cost breakdown. The cost of the lights and

- the ongoing electricity seems like a lot of money. Keith Hall and the Planning Commission suggested calling Efficiency Vermont. Lanny Smith added he is opposed to having additional lighting along North St.
9. **Summit Engineering:** New Haven STP WALK (17): updated invoice just for information
  10. **Several VLCT Training Sessions** available: 1) Managing the Municipal Highway System; 2) Calendar of Training & Events; 3) Unemployment Insurance Trust, Inc; 4) Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. If any Board member is interested in attending, they will let Pam Kingman know.
  11. Lowell Nottingham made a motion to put on the November Ballot a question as to whether the Town wants to continue to vote a decomposed (General Fund, Roads and Outside Agency) budget. Seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no **\*Follow up\*** The Board received an opinion from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns that we do not need to revote this, as the new statute allows towns already voting a decomposed budget to continue to do so.

Keith Hall made a motion to move into executive session at 8:13 pm to discuss the Carriage Barn. Seconded by Pam Marsh 4 yes / 0 no

Pam Marsh made a motion to move out of executive session at 8:25 pm, seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 4 yes / 0 no

Pam Marsh made a motion to have Pam Kingman investigate if Town groups such as the library, athletics and Historical Society may be interested in the Carriage Barn with no expenses to be paid by the Town. Seconded by Keith Hall 4 yes / 0 no

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Approve minutes from September 2, 2008. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

2. Payroll – Lowell Nottingham made a motion to approve payroll, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Pay Orders – Lowell Nottingham made a motion to approve the pay orders, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

#### **MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Vermont Offender Work Program RE: Millwork & Furniture. Possible source of furnishings for the new building.
2. Emergency Management response letters for helping the Town in an emergency
3. VLTC – Election 2008 – Education Funding
4. Addison County Solid Waste Management District – Strategic Planning Retreat

Adjourn: 8:50 pm  
Respectfully Submitted:  
Pam Kingman  
Approved:

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Keith Hall, Chair

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Roger Boise

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Pam Marsh

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Lowell Nottingham