

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:15 pm
Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Pam Marsh, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Charlie Roy, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Suzy Roorda and George Crane

At 7:00 pm The Selectboard held a public hearing on the new lift (elevator) for the Town Hall, this hearing adjourned at 7:10 pm. (See minutes from that meeting.)

The Selectboard decided to move onto Town Office Business at 7:15 – 7:29pm, prior to the Public Hearing on the Myrick dog which started at 7:30 pm. (See Selectboard's Decision on Myrick dog.)

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **John Palmer ROW Deed** – Pam Kingman called John to remind him of tonight's meeting. He called back and said that all the interested parties are not ready to come to the table just yet, and that he would call when everyone is ready.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **250th Birthday Celebration Committee** is seeking permission to erect a large tent on the 3 acre parcel adjacent to the town offices in order to have the "party" close to the center of town. Roger Boise has agreed to make sure it gets brush hogged, as well as laying some stone down to create a nice walkway between the tent and parking lot. Kathleen Ready made a motion to allow the Birthday Celebration Committee to erect a tent on the new town property, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Suzy Roorda** – Request for \$50.00 for Green Up Day. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the request of funds for \$50.00 for Green Up Day, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
3. **Suzy Roorda** – Town Hall Cafeteria door is still not closing properly after the December 1, 2010 wind storm. Roger Boise will ask Harold Tricou to take a look at it.
4. **Suzy Roorda** – Tree on the War Memorial Park, she agrees with Tree Warden, Harold Tricou that the tree needs to be removed. However, she would like to research to find out who donated the tree so there are no hard feelings.
5. **Pam Marsh** – Informed Suzy Rooda (Park Committee member), that all meetings must be properly warned and minutes must be taken. Suzy said

she would pass the information on to Iva Menard (Park Com.) and the Energy Coordinator (Rick Shappy) as well.

6. **Suzy Roorda** – Town Hall curtains will need to come down prior to the ceiling renovation, they can be stored in the old Town Office. Suzy will get a price quote to remove and prepare the curtains for storage and to put them back up after construction.
7. **Suzy Roorda** – Some Town Hall applications have expired, but will need to be renewed; most of which are consistent rollovers. She is seeking permission from the Board to present the original application to save time and paper and have the board initial them. Chair, Kathy Barrett did not see any problems with this process.
8. **Appointments:**
 - Addison County Solid Waste District – Representative: Bill Barnard 1 yr term ending 2012
 - Civil Defense & Emergency Management: Pam Marsh and Barb Torian as Assistant - 1 year terms ending 2012
 - Development Review Board: Tim Bouton 3 year – ending 2014, Steve Dupoise – 3 year ending 2014 and Alternate: Victor Bolduc for a 3 year term ending 2014
 - Tree Warden: Harold Tricou 1 year term ending 2012
 - Town Service Agent: Lynn Goldsmith 1 year term ending 2012
 - Planning Commission: Rod Case 3 year term ending 2014
 - Park Committee: Suzy Roorda 3 year term ending 2014
 - Fence Viewer: Earl Bessette 1 year term ending 2012

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the request from Beeman Elementary School for \$1,500 now, instead of in November to help with the summer program, seconded Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Request from Beeman Elementary School they are seeking permission to paint the back wall of the stage for their upcoming play “Aladdin”. They are hoping to create a desert atmosphere using beige, brown and sky blue. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve of Beeman’s request to paint the back wall on the stage, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
3. **Lawn Maintenance bids - 7 bids were received:**
 - George Crane: Riverside Cemetery only - \$2,000 for 1 yr.
 - Allen Swain: 5 properties excluding Riverside Cemetery - \$5,300 for 1 yr.
 - Judy Marshall: No Cemeteries - \$4,400 for 1 yr.
 - Lawn Cuts for Less: All properties @ \$310 (per mowing) for 1 yr.
 - R & R Lawn Service: All properties @ \$290 (per mowing) for 1 yr.
 - Top Dog Landscaping, Inc.: All properties @ \$13,575 for 1 yr.
 - Scenic Valley Landscaping: All properties \$11,930 for 1 yr.

Pam Marsh made a motion to approve Allen Swain’s bid for 5 properties (excluding Riverside Cemetery) @ \$5,300 for 2011, \$5425 for 2012, and

\$5550 for 2013, making this a 3 year contract, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

The Board asked George Crane if he would be interested in a 3 year contract, he replied in the affirmative asking for \$100 incremental increases for each year.

Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve George Cranes bid for Riverside Cemetery @ \$2,000 for 2011, \$2100 for 2012, and \$2200 for 2013 seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

George Crane – Concerning some of Riverside Cemeteries headstones are in need of work, many of them need to be straightened. He has spoken with his neighbor, Dan Kennelly who is a Probation Officer. Dan has offered to have a work crew assist with the straightening of the headstones at no cost to the Town. George has spoken with Harold Tricou who has created a tripod to help stand the stones up while preparing the foundation. George has asked the Town to provide sand for the foundations of the headstones. Pam Marsh said she will contact Dan Kennelly, and try to have it done prior to Memorial Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/9/11, in the amount of \$3,977.74, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention
2. Payroll – Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/16/11, in the amount of \$3,875.91, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Pay Orders – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Pay Orders for the week ending 4/19/11, in the amount of \$91,613.35 (includes lift for Town Hall and purchase of Backhoe), seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Equipment: New backhoe has arrived, works well. The 1996 truck has an oil leak in a cylinder on the dump box, will cost roughly \$500 - \$600 to repair.
2. Several area towns including Monkton, Ferrisburgh and Starksboro have their road Crew working 10 hours, 4 days a week (Monday – Thursday). Roger has spoken with these towns who say it is more efficient; our Crew is willing to try it for the month of May. Discussion about productivity while working so many hours, and how holidays are paid if they fall on a Monday. ****Holiday will be 8 hours****
3. Cobble Road: Received mileage back from the State. They are not accepting that we want to give it to Middlebury; the State does not want to get involved. They think it is better for the two towns to try and work it out. Roger said the last meeting with Middlebury didn't go very well, they are

not willing to take the Road over. They will however work with New Haven on cutting trees along the road in a couple of weeks.

Pam Marsh made a motion to go into executive session at 9:34 pm to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

Kathleen Ready made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:45 pm, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2011, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Kathleen Ready has been in contact with Nadine Barnicle from ACTR, who are disappointed the Selectboard did not act on their recent petition. Kathleen would like to invite Nadine to the next meeting to discuss the matter again, because she feels ACTR was given the wrong information about the petition. Pam Kingman apologized for the information she gave to Nadine, as she was under the impression the Selectboard had to act on a petition when it was received. Pam Marsh feels this meeting would be unnecessary because they have met with Nadine twice before, and she was told that if another petition should come in requesting a Special Town Meeting and vote, then ACTR would be included in that. ACTR was also told that if the Selectboard found there is a surplus at the end of the year they would consider giving them the requested amount. Kathy Barrett agrees with Pam about meeting with Nadine again, said if none of this happens, ACTR is all set with this petition for next year.
- 2. Barb Torian asked if the Selectboard had heard anything on the Imagistics copier ? Pam Marsh spoke with Cindy Hill about the matter. Barb will call Cindy.
- 3. Barb Torian wanted to remind everyone that it is the time of year to tighten our belts and try not to spend until taxes come in; the school true up may come in before too long. No other State payments until July. May need to borrow money to pay for Pearson Road work.

Adjourn: 10:00 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:

		
Chair, Kathy Barrett	Vice Chair, Pam Marsh	Roger Boise

	
Kathleen Ready	Charlie Roy