

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Present: Roger Boise, Pam Marsh, Pat Paquette, Kathleen Ready, Treasurer,
Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Keith Hall

Visitors: Harvey Smith, Betty Bell, Suzy Roorda, Nina Bacon, Iva Menard, Matt
Ford, Eva Doane, Michelle Moye and Tammy LaFlam

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Harvey Smith** – Is interested in becoming the **Energy Coordinator**. He is wondering what the Selectboard is looking for in this position and do they have any projects in mind. Mr. Smith mentioned there is \$22 million dollars worth of grant money available for municipalities. Discussion about what buildings would benefit from this and other projects such as the windmill project. The Selectboard has also asked the Energy Committee to look into programs that would increase the efficiency of the town hall and town garage. It was suggested that a small committee get together to brainstorm ideas, find folks who are good at grant writing that can also assist, and then come back to the Selectboard to present the ideas for approval from the Board.
Pam Marsh made a motion to appoint Harvey Smith as the Energy Coordinator, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
2. **Historical Society member, Betty Bell** – After the Dog Team Tavern fire; Geoff Hesslink donated the shutters from the restaurant as well as a Deacons bench from the Advent Church to the New Haven Historical Society. Mrs. Bell asked the Board if she could store the shutters and bench in the old Town Office space. Pam Kingman said there is a lot of stuff in those rooms from the Library, Events and the storage trailer that need to be gone through to make room. This will hopefully be done by November 1, 2009, and then the bench and shutters can be stored there.
3. **Iva Menard, Matt Ford, Tammy LaFlam and Michelle Moye – Status on River Park:** Roger Boise and Pat Paquette both went to the Park to look at the property lines. It is clear that both the Moye's and LaFlam's have been maintaining a portion of the Town Park, but it is benefiting the Town by allowing them to mow the lawns. Both LaFlams and Moyes recognize it is not their personal property; they have both been mowing the lawns since they have lived there. Both the Moye's and LaFlam's have dry wells on their property that need to be capped or filled in. Town Attorney, Cindy Hill said every property owner that borders that Park should have their deeds looked at because each one could be worded differently. She will

do the research, and make recommendations to: Conants, Moyes, LaFlams and Bachands.

4. **Park Committee members:** (Handout for Selectboard) Suzy Roorda, Iva Menard, Nina Bacon and Eva Doane – Have questions regarding their function, and what the Selectboard see's as their duties. They continue to maintain the following parks: Monument Park, River Park, and Village Green and tend to things as needed. The Park Committee will write up a description of duties and present it to the Selectboard at the next regular meeting October 20, 2009. Pam Marsh said the Selectboard will listen to the Park Committee and follow through and be respectful of the Park Committee .

The sign for the Memory Tree was also discussed. The sign has not been made yet; Roger Boise presented a spec of what the sing will look like. Discussion of how large the sign is and how it will be placed on the Village Green. General feeling the sign is too long, and will need to be placed low and at an angle to be visible. Kathleen Ready made a motion that the sign for the Memory Tree be no longer than 36" and no taller than 13", to be placed low and on an angle in front of the Memory Tree.

Seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no

The Selectboard will discuss item # 1 on the handout privately among the Selectboard.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll and previous payroll, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 1 abstention
2. Pay Orders: include Outside Agencies that were voted on at Town Meeting, March 2009 – Roger Boise made a motion to approve pay orders, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Property Tax refunds – Kathleen Ready made a motion to refund the people who overpaid their taxes; total amount \$7,183.69. Seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 0 no

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer, Barb Torian – In the process of finalizing bills she has found some inconsistencies in Architect, Peter Morris's billing. Barb Torian and Town Attorney, Cindy Hill will meet on Friday to go over the contract between the Town and Peter Morris.
2. Appoint Green up Day Coordinator - Kathleen Ready made a motion to appoint Suzy Roorda s the Green up Coordinator, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Recommendation from Planning Commission to appoint an assistant to the Zoning Administrator. As Cris Messerle has scaled back his hours, the P.C. thought it might be a good idea to have an assistant. Discussed the options, fees are the same as last year; people seem to be doing ok with

- Mr. Messerle's hours. The Selectboard agreed that currently there is no need for and assistant Zoning Administrator.
4. History of New Haven books: Pat Paquette made a motion to approve of two history books getting donated to the Mt. Abraham Union High School Library. Seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
 5. Peter Dominico River Watch presentation will be hosted by the Planning Commission in the Town Offices on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. All are welcome.

Kathleen Ready made a motion to go into executive session with Town Attorney, Cindy Hill to discuss legal and contractual issues at 9:05 pm, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 0 no

Pam Marsh made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:50 pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Pat Paquette made a motion to approve minutes from September 15 & 22, 2009, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Warning from Town of Monkton – Ancient Roads
2. Thank you letter from Beeman Elementary
3. VLCT: Preparing for a Successful Town Meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Roger Boise

Pam Marsh

Pat Paquette

Kathleen Ready