

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, December 7, 2010

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

Visitors: Al Karnatz, Betty Bell, Steve Flint, Suzy Roorda, Jim Walsh and Rod Case

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Al Karnatz from Vermont Land Trust** has been working with Jim Choiniere to permanently protect a portion of his farm from future development. Mr. Choiniere owns 74 acres in New Haven and an additional 129 acres in Bristol. Al explained they are in the process of doing appraisal work on the property in Bristol and New Haven. Choiniere's currently have an ACT 250 permit for gravel; this area along with a wooded section will be excluded from preservation. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve writing a letter of support to Vermont Land Trust, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no Pam Kingman will write the letter.
2. **Beeman Principal, Steve Flint and Events Coordinator, Suzy Roorda – Town Hall scheduling:** Last month there was a conflict in scheduling for time in the Town Hall. Beeman has secured a 21st Century grant which allows them to offer after school activities; some of which are sports related and would need to be held in the gym. Discussion about making the scheduling easier between Julie Olson and Suzy Roorda, Steve Flint suggested his computer teacher may be able to make a Google calendar that only Suzy and Julie could access, and work on together. Steve Flint offered the use of the school if the Town ever needs a meeting space; he said to call in advance to make sure someone would be there. There was also discussion regarding heat in the building. All parties agreed that both the Town and School have the right to adjust the thermostat. Pam M. asked Steve to look into the School / Town Agreement, it has been stalled for quite some time. Steve said he will call Superintendent, Evelyn Howard tomorrow.
3. **Betty Bell – New Havens' 250th Birthday celebration** – Betty Bell, Nina Bacon and Robert Rogers have been planning a celebration for July 2011. They would like to offer speakers, skits, and are planning to print booklets to hand out. They are requesting \$500 from the Town to help defray costs. They will also be asking for donations; and are looking for volunteers plan and help at the celebration. Discussion about coordinating it with Town Fair and other Addison County Towns that are also celebrating their 250th

birthday. The Board will review the request during the budget meeting on Monday.

- 4. Planning Commission Chair, Jim Walsh and PC member, Rod Case –**
The Planning Commission held their public hearing on the proposed Town Plan last night, it was pretty well attended and most of the attendees responded favorably to the plan. Jim Walsh gave the Selectboard a copy of the new Town Plan along with a letter stating that they had held their public hearing. The Selectboard will now hold their public hearing for the Town Plan on Tuesday, January 11, 2010 @ 7 pm in the Town Hall Cafeteria.

Discussion about having a joint meeting with the PC, DRB and Selectboard after Town Meeting.

Jim Walsh will submit a request for money for the PC to hire Brandy Saxon when they start to go through the zoning regulations and bylaws. Request due by 12/10/10, so it can be considered at our 12/12/10 meeting.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Snow guard quotes for Town Office / Library – five quotes were received:
 - Red Tail Ridge Carpentry - \$2,562.00, including installation
 - Frank Lossman - \$2,600.00, including installation
 - Murphy's Metals - \$3,200.00, materials only – installation by Lowell Nottingham @ 15.00 per hour
 - Alpine Snow Guards - \$1,488.18, materials only – installation by Lowell Nottingham @ \$15.00 per hour

Roger Boise made a motion to accept Red Tail Ridge Carpentry (Chris Day) to install the snow guards with an understanding there will be a 1 year warranty for no leakage or breakage. Chris Day will need to provide copies of his Workers compensation, and liability insurance preferably up to \$1,000,000. Motion seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no

2. Sidewalk snow removal – Town Office / Library – two quotes were received:
 - Linda Sleeper - \$15.00 per hour
 - Lowell Nottingham - \$12.00 per hour / Equipment rental for snow blower \$5.00. Mr. Nottingham indicated he would not be available during daylight hours Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Kathy Barrett made a motion to hire Linda Sleeper at \$15.00 per hour to shovel and salt the sidewalks at the Town Office / Library for the 2010 – 2011 snow season; motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

3. Budget and Health Insurance will be discussed at the budget meeting on Monday, December 13, 2010 @ 4:15 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/4/10, in the amount of \$4,829.95, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 1 abstention
2. Pay Orders – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/7/10, in the amount of \$4,851.77, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Note signed for the acquisition of the Sleeper property – see minutes from 11/30/10.
4. Quote to brush-ho former Sleeper meadow – will have to wait until spring, due to the weather.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Roads update – Tree's were down from last weeks wind storm. The Road crew worked on clearing several roads. They did a good job on cleaning up.
2. Equipment update – Ford F550 is in the shop for an oil leak.
3. Last year a stone that fell from one of our trucks damaged John Meshna's windshield on his 1999 Cadillac. The Town agreed to replace the windshield when the incident happened. Mr. Meshna never had the windshield replaced; he has now come forward to request the town to honor last year's agreement. The replacement cost is \$565.00 for a heated windshield. Kathleen Ready made a motion to purchase the heated windshield for John Meshna at a cost of no more that \$565.00, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 1 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elevator in Town Hall – This will be discussed at Monday, December 13, 2010 budget meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve minutes from November 30, 2010, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town / School Agreement – Steve Flint is looking into.
2. Palmer / Town Agreement – Cindy Hill has tried to contact John & Carmen Palmer, she has not heard back from them. Pam Kingman will call and invite them to the December 21, 2010 Selectboard meeting. If no response she will forward a letter inviting them.
3. Ancient Roads – no action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. John Madden sent correspondence complaining about the DRB's approval of a used care lot on Rte 7. The DRB has discussed this matter, they felt there was no significant increase in traffic. Mr. Madden did not get his

- appeal in on time to affect the outcome of allowing McGrath's to have a used car lot. No action taken.
2. VLCT Re: 2011 Fund Year Renewal Contribution – will be put in the budget.
 3. State of Vermont Re: Reappraisal order – completed tax year 2013 is acceptable.

Adjourn: 9:20 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:

Chair, Pam Marsh

Vice Chair, Roger Boise

Kathy Barrett

Pat Paquette

Kathleen Ready