

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Present: Pam Marsh, Keith Hall, Lowell Nottingham, Roger Boise, Pat Paquette and Pam Kingman

Visitors: Betty Bell, Wayne Marcelle, Barb Torian, Jeff Everest and Beverly Landon

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. Pam Kingman received a **resignation letter from Sandy Kemp** on February 9, 2009. He is resigning from doing the mowing / maintenance for the **Riverside Cemetery**. Pam Marsh made a motion to accept the letter with regret. Seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no (one member was not present at the time of this motion)
2. **Betty Bell** – Submitted a bid for the mowing / maintenance at Riverside Cemetery. The Selectboard felt there may be other parties interested in bidding on the job as well. Pam Kingman will put it in the March newsletter. Mrs. Bells bid will be held until others have been submitted and opened on March 17, 2009.
Betty Bell would like to **finish painting the fence at Riverside Cemetery**. She still has some paint leftover from last year. She would like to get paid the same amount @ \$12.00. Keith Hall made a motion for Betty Bell to continue painting the fence at Riverside Cemetery at the rate or \$12.00 per hour. Seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
3. **Wayne Marcelle** – Years ago he was hired as the Animal Control Officer with the agreement he would also become the **Constable with full authority**. Now that it is going before the voters he is unsure of the outcome if voters take away full authority. Mr. Marcelle feels that it takes away from the job; there have been instances when it is better to have protection. (Wayne Marcelle had approached the Board back in December in regards to not having to go thru the course at Pittsford, he felt someone younger than he should take that on. That is why it is on the Warning for Town Meeting.) Discussion about Constable Duties; there is a course that will be held at the Pittsford Academy that is required in order to be a Constable with full authority. Discussed using the Sheriffs Dept. when a call may require back-up. Mr. Marcelle does not feel that the Sheriffs Dept. is always available. Pam Kingman will call VLCT to get more information on the Constable course being held at the Pittsford Academy. Pam Marsh asked Wayne Marcelle if he would resign as Constable if he had no authority ? Mr. Marcelle replied he probably would and he would resign as Dog Warden too.
Wayne Marcelle – Dog Warden business: He has had several

complaints about the same dogs running loose. He has come to the Board to get feedback about fining the owners for repeat offenses. The board agreed that Wayne Marcelle should start writing tickets to remind owners to keep their dogs at home.

4. **Beverly Landon** – Came to discuss some of the articles on the Warning for Town Meeting. **Article #3** – is in regards to the Town switching from a calendar year to a fiscal year. To her the Town should “stick with what you know”, by staying with a calendar year. Mrs. Landon said between her and Barb Torian’s years of experience as Treasurer, the calendar year has been successful. She also said the Board had decided this article was supposed to be a straw vote, but it does not read that way on the Warning. This will be amended at Town Meeting. **Article #4** – is in regards to the Clerk and Treasurer’s salary. In May 2005, The Road and General Fund budget were voted to be voted on by Australian ballot, so this point may be moot at Town Meeting.
5. **Lowell Nottingham – Generator hook up for the new Town Office:** In the event of a disaster / emergency, the new building would become a command center. Therefore a generator hook up is a necessity. Prices for generators capable of running the geothermal pumps would be very costly, so the other option is to find a generator that would operate just the lights and computers. The building is very air tight, and should hold the heat; and by placing a portable backup heater in the bathrooms so the pipes would not freeze.
6. **Pam Kingman** - Asked at the meeting between Naylor & Breen, Peter Morris and Lowell Nottingham if the outside color of the building could be changed? The answer was that it was up to the Selectboard. The outside color was scheduled to be white; Pam Kingman asked on behalf of all the office staff if the color could match the beige primer color. The Selectboard agreed to change the color to match the primer.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll. Seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pay Orders – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders. Seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 5 yes / 0 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Suggestions on Town Hall rental usage – Hold until Suzy Roorda has completed the fee schedule.
2. Addison County Humane Society Contract – Lowell Nottingham made a motion to have Keith Hall sign this yearly contract, selecting option #2. Seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Certificate of Highway Mileage – Pat Paquette made a motion to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

4. Tobacco & Liquor License for Coco Mart – Pam Marsh made a motion to sign the Tobacco & Liquor License for Coco Mart. Seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Letter from Jim Ouimette RE: John Madden – Pam Marsh made a motion to have Ouimette & Runcie continue to follow the Madden case. Seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Peck Data Communications RE: Phone system for the new Town Office and Library. Paul Roche could not make tonight's meeting, he left a packet for the Selectboard to look over. Pam Kingman will invite Paul Roche to the March 17, 2009 Selectboard meeting to learn more about the phone system.
7. Pioneer Elevator Inspection Services – According to Vermont Elevator Safety Rules the elevator in the Town Hall is due for an inspection. Pam Kingman will get quotes from inspectors.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approve minutes from January 27th and February 3rd, 2009. Keith Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from January 27, 2009 and February 3, 2009. Seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 5 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

2. Dept. of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers – Regulations for waterways/wetlands and Corps of Engineers role in natural disasters
3. Kleinschmidt Energy and Water Resource Consultants RE: Initial Study Report for Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project
4. UVM Rural Emergency Medical Services – Conference held @ the Sheraton in Burlington.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Keith Hall made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a contract issue at 8:15pm. Seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

Lowell Nottingham made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:25pm. Seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
No action taken.

Adjourn: 8:35pm
Respectfully submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:

Keith Hall, Chair

Roger Boise

Pam Marsh

Lowell Nottingham

Pat Paquette