

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
5:30 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

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

AGENDA RESULTS:

- 1. Town Meeting Warning:** Vergennes and Middlebury area rescue squads did not turn in petitions. Bristol turned in a petition, but not with the required amount of signatures. Bristol Rescue is requesting \$3,000, which is the same amount of funds for the last two years. Middlebury is requesting an increase from \$1,210 to \$1,218 and Vergennes is requesting an increase from \$300 to \$600. In Vergennes letter of request, they would like to come before the Board and discuss contracting services. A few years ago Middlebury requested going to contracted services. The Selectboard discussed putting an article on the town meeting warning, asking the voters if they would approve of the Selectboard contracting with the area rescue squads. If the voters approve, then the board can have the conversations with the rescue squads, and decide what is best for the Town. Kathy Barrett made a motion to include such an article (Article 4) on the Town Meeting Warning, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 1 no Kathy Barrett will find out what other towns do with respect to contracts with the rescue squads to discuss at Town Meeting. The Selectboard decided to keep Bristol Rescue at \$3,000, Vergennes at \$300 and Middlebury at \$1,210. The Selectboard acknowledges they made an exception in their previously approved policy today, which would have resulted in all three organizations being excluded from the ballot. However, given the nature of these organizations, which provide emergency services to the Town, the Selectboard felt there should be an exception.

Another outside agency that did not turn in a petition is ACTR. Pam Kingman called them prior to the due date of the petition to remind them that a petition was needed. The Board decided not to place their request on the Warning, because they did not have 5 continuous years of petitioned funds requests. (See Minutes from January 13, 2011) Pam Kingman will write letters to all of these organizations explaining our policies and decision on their budget requests. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Warning for Town Meeting as revised, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
- 2. Cross Pollination** – Town attorney, Cindy Hill would like the Selectboard to give her authority to sign the recent Stipulation; ACRPC has signed it. Kathy Barrett made a motion to allow Cindy Hill to sign Stipulation, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Ready)

3. **PACE Meeting** – Held in Middlebury. Pam Marsh and Barb Torian attended. At this time we do not recommend adding an article to the Warning to create a PACE district. However, there is no obligation involved in joining the Quick Start program. The Quick Start program provides assistance to better understand the PACE program and forms for the program, If we decided to later create a PACE district.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/22/11, in the amount of \$3,917.06, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pay Orders – Roger Boise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 1/25/11, in the amount of \$10,950.85, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Roger Boise called Johnathan Croft at VTRANS about Cobble Road. He asked how to determine the boundary between Middlebury and New Haven along this road; do we go by the map of the original agreement? Mr. Croft said we have until February 10 to certify highway mileage. New Haven owns the least amount of Cobble Road, Middlebury owns the most and Bristol second. Concern if we just remove Cobble Road from our Certificate of Highway Mileage, will Middlebury pick it up? So far, Middlebury has been unresponsive to our efforts to get a discussion going regarding responsibility for this road. This road needs quite a bit of maintenance, and New Haven has been bearing the cost of that maintenance for years. The Road Commissioners believe it is time for Middlebury to take over maintenance of Cobble Road. Pam Kingman will call Middlebury Town Manager, Bill Finger to invite him to the next week's meeting to discuss this further. [Update: Bill Finger is not available to attend the meeting on February 1.]


REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve both the public hearing minutes and budget minutes from 1/11/11, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Paquette)
2. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve minutes from 1/13/11, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Future Selectboard meetings to include:
 - One devoted to Emergency Management
 - Invite the Listers' to explain the reappraisal process

Adjourn: 7:00 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:


Chair, Pam Marsh


Vice Chair, Roger Boise


Kathy Barrett


Pat Paquette


Kathleen Ready