

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm Town Offices
October 21, 2008**

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

Absent: Pam Marsh

Visitors: Brian Hayes, Jeff Everest, Barb Torian, Suzy Roorda, Rick Shappy, Pam VanDeursen

Agenda Results:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Brian Hayes – Carriage Barn:** Mr. Hayes has concerns with his time frame for removal of the carriage barn, he had been hoping to start already, but the Town needed the time to warn it. He can officially start the removal process tomorrow; October 22, 2008. Mr. Hayes said his work force has dwindled to 4 – 5 guys. He has concerns that the cold weather could damage the structure. He is still very interested in the building and he is asking the Selectboard for a 2-3 week extension to remove the carriage barn. Keith Hall made a motion to allow Brian Hayes a 2-3 week extension to remove the Carriage Barn, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 0 no
2. **Suzy Roorda – Beth Bemis** would like to hold a **playgroup session** for Pre-Schooler's on the second Monday of each month in the gym immediately following B.E.S.T. (Beeman Elementary Sharing Time). Keith Hall said he would approve of the playgroup using the gym, provided they can show proof of insurance so the Town will not be held liable. Suzy Roorda will contact Beth Bemis; one of them will be in touch with the Board. No action taken.

Suzy Roorda – On behalf of the graduating class of 1962, from Beeman Academy, they would like to donate a blue spruce to be used as a **memory tree**. The Alumni would like the tree to be planted on the lawn of the new Town Offices / Library building. The memory tree will serve as a memorial to the deceased members to the class of 1962. Bulbs to light the tree can be purchased to memorialize loved ones. Lowell Nottingham mentioned he thought it would be wise to use solar powered lights. Lowell Nottingham made a motion to allow the memory tree to be placed on the grounds of the new Town Office / Library building, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

Suzy Roorda - The Beeman Healthy School Team is offering after school cooking classes for students every Tuesday until 5:00 pm. They will be using the kitchen during that time and a couple of tables in the cafeteria. This will run thru mid November.

Suzy Roorda – The Mary Johnson After School Program is having trouble making sure the locks on the doors to the cafeteria get locked and

stay locked. The program has never been issued a set of keys to lock the cafeteria doors. In the past the program directors have been able to use the toggle key to lock them, but lately the toggle key hasn't been as reliable as it should be. Pam Kingman will call Dennis Cassidy from Lock-N-Glass who installed the push bars on the doors, and ask him to come and look at them.

Suzy Roorda – Asked if any one had heard from Tony Bosnich about **staining the gazebo**. Pat Paquette said he didn't think the kids from the Job Corps were going to get to it before winter comes. Suzy Roorda asked if Lanny Smith could do it. Roger Boise said the gazebo is pressure treated and it should be fine thru the winter. Pat Paquette made a motion to wait until next spring to stain the gazebo, seconded by Keith Hall. 4 yes / 0 no

Suzy Roorda - She and her son take fencing lessons and would like to use the gym to practice one night a week. She will look at the schedule to see what night the gym is free. Keith Hall said he would like proof of her insurance. Suzy Roorda said she will look into it and get back to the Selectboard. No action taken.

3. **Pam VanDeursen – from Vermont League of Cities & Towns** came to discuss health insurance options for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ancient Roads –The Selectboard** would like to do the **Mass Discontinuance** for the class four roads. Pam Kingman said she thought the roads would still need to be identified. Pam Kingman will call the State about it. *Follow up – the State said we can do the Mass Discontinuance on the roads that are not yet identified. However, if they are identified then the Town needs to go thru the process of “throwing them up.”
2. **Phelps Engineering – Pearson Rd. Evaluation & Recommendations:** This is for the area where the road has sunken from all the rain we had over the summer. Phelps estimate is \$92,437, to blast the ledge and add culverts to direct the water flow. Phelps said they cannot guarantee the bank will be stable where the blasting will take place. With the help from FEMA, the project will cost the Town between 12.5 – 15 % of the \$92,437. No action taken.
3. **Addison County Regional Planning Commission – Central Vermont Public Service proposed upgrade** between Middlebury, Weybridge and New Haven. Keith Hall will contact Adam Lougee at ACRPC.
4. **Updated Dog Ordinance officially took effect on Friday, October 17, 2008. Beeman Elementary Schoolboard adopted the Towns updated dog ordinance at their August 20, 2008 meeting.**
5. **Architect, Peter Morris** – Email RE: Meeting on Friday, October 14, 2008
6. **Addison Co. Regional Planning Commission – RE: Sidewalk Project Update:** The project will start in the spring of 2009.

7. **VLCT – Health Trust, Inc.** – Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2008 in South Burlington. This is the Annual Meeting of the Membership, it will be held at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center.
8. **Appoint a new member to the Planning Commission** – Al Karnatz emailed Pam Kingman indicating Rodney Case is interested in serving on the Planning Commission. Lowell Nottingham made a motion to appoint Rodney Case to the Planning Commission, term ending 2011. Seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
9. **Personnel Policy** – Keith Hall and Pam Marsh redrafted a newer version of the Personnel Policy, this was handed out to all employee's to look over. No action taken.
10. **Roger Boise** – Scott Busier's cell phone is broken; he accidentally leaned on an electric fence and fried the phone. Roger Boise advised Scott Busier he was responsible for replacing the phone himself, because the phone is not under warranty. Scott Busier needs to have the minutes transferred to his new phone.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approve minutes from October 7 & 11, 2008. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the minutes from October 7 & 11, 2008, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. **Payroll** – Lowell Nottingham made a motion to approve the payroll, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 0 no
2. **Pay Orders** – Lowell Nottingham made a motion to approve the pay orders, seconded by Pat Paquette. 4 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **VLCT** – RE: Potential funding cuts in local highway aid programs.
2. **John Madden** – Correspondence

OTHER BUSINESS:

Adjourn: 9:12 pm
 Respectfully submitted:
 Pam Kingman
 Approved:

Keith Hall, Chair

Roger Boise

Pat Paquette

Lowell Nottingham