

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Present: Keith Hall, Roger Boise, Pam Marsh, Pat Paquette, Kathleen Ready & Pam Kingman

Visitors: Barb Torian, Marcia Dupoise, Steve Dupoise, Kathy Barrett and Betty Bell

Agenda:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Betty Bell** – Cemetery Flags: For years the Roleau family has replaced the worn flags in each cemetery in New Haven. Mrs. Bell said she heard recently that Amos Roleau came into the Town Office to get a check to purchase new flags, but he was told that he would need to go through the selectboard. Mr. Roleau purchased the flags himself. Barb Torian and Pam Kingman both agreed that Mr. Roleau had been in the office recently, but had never mentioned anything about the flags. Treasurer Barb Torian said in the past Amos Roleau has indeed come in with a receipt to be reimbursed for the flags, or asking for a check to purchase them. The process is to ask the Selectboard prior to issuing a check, or reimbursing for the receipt that has been turned in. Discussion about the Cemetery flags, and that they will be placed under cemetery in the Budget. Keith Hall said he will contact Amos Roleau and find out how much the flags cost him.

TOWN OFFICE:

1. Town Hall Application – for The New Haven River Anglers: to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 from 5:30 – 9:00 pm, in the gym. Fee waived. Contact is Kathi Apgar. Keith Hall made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Dog Warden – Dog Census / Warning: Wayne Marcelle would like to conduct a dog survey/census over the summer. There is \$1,000 put aside in the budget for this. Mr. Marcelle would be required to go door to door to get an accurate account of how many dogs live in each household in New Haven. Treasurer, Barb Torian suggested writing up a contract specifying the hourly rate for the Dog Warden and the cost of the fines for each dog found unlicensed. The Board agreed they would like to discuss the matter with Wayne Marcelle. Pam Kingman will invite him to the June 16, 2009 meeting. The Board also agreed it would only be fair to give the townspeople a heads up about the census and the fines, by putting an article in the Town newsletter as well as the local paper.
3. Forte Computer Services – Quote for new computer for Katie Reilly, Road Crew Assistant. She is next in the rotation process for replacement

of the office computer. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the purchase of a new computer from Forte Computer Services at a cost of \$884; money to be used from the Computer Fund, seconded by Keith Hall. 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll, seconded by Keith Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pay Orders – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders, seconded by Keith Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Loan Documents – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$550,000, of which \$250,000 is designated to the River Road paving project and \$100,000 designated to the Pearson Road repair project; both projects in anticipation of receipts from the State. The remaining \$200,000 will be for operating expenses until the collection of taxes in October. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Discussion about better communication surrounding larger bills that come into the office, the Treasurer would like to know in advance of when payment is due.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Addison County Regional Planning Commission – High Hazard Rural Roads Program:** ACRPC has found River Road and Pearson Road to be considered “High Hazard” Roads. This means there is a high accident rate along certain stretches of these roads and it would better serve the public if there was better signage. River Road will already be paid for and installed by the state. Pearson Road will need to have the new signs installed; the cost for signs and labor will be absorbed by the state. Keith Hall made a motion to approve participating in the High Hazard Rural Roads Program, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Town Sign** – The Town Charter sign on the Village Green toppled over in the high winds. It will need a new 12’ pole to reinstall it. Suzy Roorda has picked the sign up and brought it to her house for the time being. The Board has decided to wait to purchase and reinstall the pole and sign until after the sidewalks have been installed.
3. **Beeman Elementary School** – Request for funds for summer programs in the amount of \$1,500. This is in our approved budget. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the request for funds in the amount of \$1,500 for Beeman Elementary Schools summer programs, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
4. **ACRPC** – Tax Map distribution: After consulting with the Listers who felt it would be in the Towns best interest to keep the parcel requests for data distribution local Keith Hall made a motion to rely on ACRPC for data distribution after a requester contacts the Town, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

- 5. Dupoise Petition to change the existing Rural Agricultural to Highway Commercial**– Pam Marsh made a motion to move into deliberative session to discuss the Dupoise petition and the Zoning Amendment at 8:06pm. Seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
Keith Hall made a motion to adjourn from deliberative session at 8:26pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

Pat Paquette made a motion to allow the Towns people vote on the Dupoise petition at Town Meeting in March of 2010, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 2 no

Pam Marsh offered an explanation as to why she voted against this motion sighting the Planning Commission is currently working on the Town Plan. She acknowledges during the planning sessions held by the Planning Commission all the maps showed townspeople in favor of the highway commercial zone being along Route 7 in that portion of Town. But feels the Town Plan would follow a natural course, and townspeople could vote on the Town Plan. Pam Marsh added the P.C. is not required to vote on the Town Plan until 2011, but the Planning Commission is trying to get it done in 2010. She also said the petition had been voted down once before. Kathleen Ready agreed with Pam Marsh. Steve Dupoise said if the Town Plan were to move forward and change that area into highway commercial he would consider pulling his proposal if the P.C. is ready.

Proposed Amendment change to Article X, Section 1005-A – Pam Marsh, seconded by Kathleen Ready, made a motion to not adopt this Amendment. The Selectboard feels the DRB uses their power to currently change applications. 5 yes / 0 no Variances are very difficult to alter.

- 6.** Keith Hall made a motion to move into executive session at 8:40pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
Pat Paquette made a motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:50pm, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Keith Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2009 and May 19, 2009, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. CVPS Street Light Locations
2. Delta Dental – Annual Increase

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Roger Boise – Pearson Road after all the rain we had when Delphia Excavating started digging they hit a spring that was under the road.

Delphia will try digging further up the road to avoid the water. They will put in a pipe with stones in hopes to channel the water.

2. Roger Boise – The Durkee property at the intersection of Leduc Cross Road and Lime Kiln Road has two trees that are causing a visibility problem. The Selectboard and Road Commissioners have heard many complaints in regards to the trees. The Selectboard would like the Durkee's to remove the trees before the end of June 2009. If they do not comply, the Town will remove them. Pam Kingman will write a letter to the Durkee's in regards to the trees.
3. Pat Paquette received a note from Alan Whitney who hosts a Game Supper every year using the kitchen to prepare the meal and the cafeteria for his guests to enjoy the meal. When he held the function this year in February, the dishwasher was not working and he did not have access to any flatware. He paid full price for both rooms and is requesting to be partially reimbursed for the kitchen because he didn't have full use of the facility. Pat Paquette made a motion to refund \$100 back to Alan Whitney, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 9:12pm
Respectfully Submitted:
Pam Kingman

Keith Hall, Chair

Roger Boise

Pam Marsh

Pat Paquette

Kathleen Ready