

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Offices**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

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

Visitor's: Barb Torian, Cris Messerle, Jeff Everest

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Zoning Administrator, Cris Messerle** – Came in to discuss the **Zoning Fee Schedule**, particularly the ones that pertain to the DRB. The fees do not seem to be adequate to cover costs of placing the warning in the newspaper or the cost of mailings. Currently the warnings are put into the paper 3 times prior to the meeting at a cost of \$120 for all three. According to state law a warning must be in the newspaper 15 days prior to the hearing. But it does not say how many times it needs to appear in the paper. When you factor in the certified mailings and Cris Messerle's time, it is getting quite costly. Mr. Messerle said if the Town could cut back on how many times the warning is put the paper that would help a lot. All of the abutting homeowners are notified by mail. Also, applicants who request multiple actions by the DRB (such as a variance and a conditional use) are currently only paying one fee. Pam Marsh suggested the applicant be charged the higher fee for one application, then charge half the cost for any additional actions requested in connection with the same application. Additionally, the applicant could pay for the warning to be published (\$50.00) plus the DRB's final decision which must be mailed certified. Cris Messerle agreed that would be fair and would help the Town with expenses. Cris Messerle also said the cost of petitions that come into the Town are costing the Town upwards of \$1,000 - \$1,500 each time, but the Town cannot charge the applicant for those. Pam Marsh suggested Cris Messerle come back to the Selectboard with a revised fee schedule for the Board to approve. No action taken.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll, subject to Cris Messerle's wage increase be put into next week's paycheck. Seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Treasurer, Barb Torian worked on trying to figure out how to pay holiday pay to part time employees who are eligible. She handed out a worksheet showing the breakdown. Keith Hall suggested the board revisit the

Personnel Policy for part time positions. A draft revision will be prepared and discussed at a future meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Town Hall Application – Lanny Smith and his daughter, Lindsey would like to use the gym for pitching practice during the months of January, February and March; 3-4 times a week for about an hour whenever the gym is available. Pat Paquette made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve minutes from December 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Seconded by Lowell Nottingham. 5 yes / 0 no

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

2. **Rattlin' Bridge** – Road Commissioners Pat Paquette and Roger Boise met with Weybridge Selectman, Peter James at the bridge to access the situation. The new planks that were replaced over the summer and this fall are buckling and some have snapped in half. Both Towns feel the safest choice would be to close the bridge, effective immediately. Both the Towns of Weybridge and New Haven have contacted the State about the problem, and both are waiting for a response. Keith Hall said he is going to call the Governors hotline to have Jim Douglas come and look at the bridge.
3. Keith Hall – Wrote up the Selectboard report to submit to the Auditors for the Town Report as well as a dedication to Paul Audy for all his years of service on the Selectboard.
4. Roger Boise – Wrote the Co – Road Commissioner's report to submit to the Auditors for the Town Report.

### **MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

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Keith Hall

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Roger Boise

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Pam Marsh

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Lowell Nottingham

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Pat Paquette

