

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Offices**  
**Tuesday, October 26, 2010**

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

Visitors: Cindy Hill, Steve Dupoise, Sr., Suzy Roorda, Harvey Smith, Rick Shappy, Angie Dunbar, Jim Walsh, Francie Caccavo and Spence Putnam

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Cindy Hill – Palmer ROW:** John and Carmen Palmer were mailed copies of the deeds and Property Transfer Tax Returns on October 18, 2010. This has been in the works since 2004 when the Town sought a variance to erect the sand and salt shed, the deeds were drawn up between the Town and the Palmers, allowing access over each other's property. It is basically a swap of easements. The deeds were never signed in 2004. Cindy Hill will contact the Palmers by phone.
2. **Cindy Hill –** has been working on a draft model **Memorandum of Understanding** between the New Haven Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Selectboard. She included issues that she thought needed to be addressed; this agreement is a starting point for discussion with the Fire Dept. Several additions / changes to the Memorandum were discussed. Cindy will edit the document, and forward a copy to the Fire Dept. and Selectboard. The Fire Dept. will be invited to the November 30, 2010 meeting to go over the Memorandum.
3. **Cindy Hill – Cross Pollination Solar Farm:** Ms. Hill has filed the Town's derogatories with the Public Service Board. She is still waiting for more information from Cross Pollination and their plan to decommission the Solar Farm, what their agricultural plan is and their aesthetic plan. According to Adam Lougee at ACRPC, they also have concerns about the decommission plan. Cross Pollinations attorney, Mark Hill has filed an updated Landscape plan that ACRPC resident Landscape architect will look over and comment on. Harvey Smith attended a meeting between Cross Pollination and the neighbors living near the solar farm, all of them will be greatly affected; landscaping was a large part of their discussion. Harvey Smith said when it is time to decommission the farm; it needs to be restored to its original condition. The Agency of Agriculture is concerned the stanchions that hold the panels may break down or oxidize over time and possibly compact the soil. Discuss that the Planning Commission and Selectboard are in agreement with the expectations from Cross Pollination concerning decommission, agricultural plan and landscaping. Kathy Barrett called Ferrisburgh, Hinesburg and Property

Valuation to get an idea as to how to value and tax this kind of property, but no one she spoke to has done this. Discuss different ways this parcel could be taxed. Cindy Hill said the timeline for this is moving swiftly, she will email the Selectboard and Planning Commission all the information she receives, and Pam Marsh will sign off on any paperwork.

Kathy Barrett made a motion to move into executive session at 8:10pm to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Pam marsh. 4 yes / 0 no

Kathleen Ready made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:25 pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no No action taken

4. **Health Officer, Steve Dupoise, Sr – Private Burials:** A New Haven resident called the Town Office inquiring about being buried on his property. According to 18 V.S.A. § 5319 it is allowed, but there are stipulations within the statute that must be followed. Mr. Dupoise forwarded the information to the resident so he may read up on it. The Planning Commission may want to consider adding private burials into the Town Plan; in turn the PC can recommend a zoning regulation.

#### TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Applications: 1) New Haven Twilight Tales (Equine) 4H** would like to hold their monthly meetings in the cafeteria on the second Wednesday of every month. Fee is waived; deposit received with application. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the usage of the cafeteria by the 4H group Twilight Tales, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
  - 2) **Jim Condon would like to hold Swing Dance** lessons in the Town Hall gym on Sunday, holding two sessions a night. The first from 5:30 - 7pm / second from 7 – 8:30 pm. Discussion about how much to charge when holding two classes per night. Kathleen Ready emphasized it should be consistent for all. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the swing dance application, charging Mr. Condon \$25.00 per class; along with the deposit. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 1 no
  - 3) **Zumba Dance** will finally be taking place on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the gym. (This application was previously approved)
2. **Suzy Roorda – Crime Watch:** She would like to continue with the forums and get more townspeople involved. She wanted to have input for the budget about Crime Watch signs; cost is \$20 each. Roger Boise pointed out the Crime Watch signs that are up on Munger St. will have to be relocated as the State no longer allow additional signage on street signs. Pam Kingman will write a letter to Glenn Lower who is the Munger St. Crime Watch coordinator.
3. **Suzy Roorda & Pam Kingman** – Suzy Roorda received a local newspaper and was intrigued by the “help wanted” section. She and Pam

Kingman thought about adding a section in our Newsletter called "Neighbor to Neighbor". This would allow NH residents who need a hand with chores, a ride or other misc. things to advertise for extra help. After some discussion, it was agreed it would be a better fit on the website.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Pay Orders – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/26/10, in the amount of \$1,492,886.75, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Payroll – Roger Boise made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 10/16/10, in the amount of \$3,339.46, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Payroll – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 10/23/10, in the amount of \$4,930.98, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Pay Orders – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/13/10, in the amount of \$1,544,758.78 with the understanding that \$233.45 was previously paid, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
5. Barb Torian – The Selectboard approved all of the weekly payroll taxes along with the signing of payroll and pay orders. Pam Marsh made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to pay related payroll taxes, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

1. **Roads Update** – Road crew has installed 7 culverts around town. They were able to use a hot mix due to the warmer weather. New signs are up on Hallock Road, next will be North St. the State will reimburse the town for the cost of the signs.
2. **Equipment Update:** One of the trucks is in need of a tire, and the hinges on the 2002 truck have worn out, cost will be roughly \$2,500 – \$3,000. Gasoline has been stored in plastic containers; that is now illegal. New regulation cans and cabinet have been ordered to store them in.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Elevator in Town Hall** – is out of order; Accessibility Systems came and looked at it and found the rubber "tire" that surrounds the wheel had cracked and fallen off. According to them there are no longer replacement parts of this type for this elevator. Pam Kingman has called Bay State Elevator for a second opinion.
2. **RFP for Town Garage / Fire Station** – Pam Kingman will contact ACRPC about the ad that will go into the local paper ASAP. Dates were changed on the RFP moving them up one month.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/12/10, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes/ 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:****MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. John Madden – Appeal concerning used car sales lot at McGrath's on route 7. Mr. Madden said he never saw a permit sign for the new business. Town attorney Cindy Hill instructed the DRB to advise Mr. Madden to go to Environmental Court. The DRB has instituted a new guideline for the Zoning Administrator or the Assistant. That is once the permit is issued, make a copy and then drive by the property to make sure the sign is up and visible and to make note of it.
2. Land Use Permit for the Heffernan Pit in Bristol off of Plank Road.

Adjourn: 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:



Chair, Pam Marsh



Vice Chair, Roger Boise



Kathy Barrett



Kathleen Ready