

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Present: Chair, Pam Marsh (arrived late), Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Kathy Barrett, Pat Paquette, Kathleen Ready, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman (Roger Boise chaired the meeting due to Pam Marsh's late arrival)
 Visitors: Tim Bouton, Alan Mayer, Dean Gilmore, Mark Livingston and Spencer Putnam

AGENDA RESULTS:
VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Tim Bouton - Emergency Management:** He works for Addison County Regional Planning Commission as the Emergency Management Planning Committee who meet the last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at the Vermont State Police Barracks in New Haven. He is furnishing the Town of New Haven with a box of essentials the Town Emergency Manager will need in the event of an Emergency. Included in the box is another small "go kit". Mr. Bouton said he thought the whole box should stay in the Town Offices, as Selectboard members and Emergency Management Coordinators change. Tim Bouton stressed the importance of having a mitigation plan. In the event of a disaster, this enables the town to be eligible for FEMA money. He would like to get 5 -7 community members together to discuss and form a mitigation plan. Mr. Bouton will type up an article and put in the August newsletter, asking those interested to submit an application to the Selectboard.
2. **New Haven Fire Dept. members: Alan Mayer, Dean Gilmore and Mark Livingston** – Chief, Alan Mayer handed out a truck replacement schedule. ****see attached**** They would like to replace their 1980 Hose Reel truck, with a new front mount Hose Reel truck. Total cost \$278,077. Only two companies could offer them the front mount hose reel. The Fire Dept. voted on the purchase at their last meeting; it was agreed they would like to purchase from KME. The following quotes are only locked in for the next 30 days.
 - Pierce - \$354, 538
 - KME - \$274,512

Because the quotes are only guaranteed for a short time, the Fire Dept. would like to order the truck as soon as possible. It would take KME 6 months to manufacture the truck, which puts delivery in February. They have come to ask the Selectboard to release the money in the Truck Replacement Fund in order to purchase the new fire truck. (They would not need the money until February) Chief, Alan Mayer acknowledged that truck purchases have been voted on in the past, they didn't think they had enough time to ask for a town vote. He also mentioned the \$25,000 the Town puts into the truck replacement fund could be level funded for quite

awhile.

Alan Mayer asked the Selectboard if the Town would be willing to borrow the remaining \$19,949 for the Fire Dept. because the Town would get a better interest rate. The Selectboard agreed that the Fire Dept. should go to the bank themselves and borrow the remainder of the money.

Discussion about what the Fire Dept. will do with the old hose reel truck, any outstanding loans, what they will do with the Haz Mat trailer to make room for this new truck, and whether it should go to a town vote. Barb Torian expressed her concern that the voters would not have a chance to vote on this if the Selectboard were to just release the funds. In the past the Town has always voted on the Fire Departments truck purchases. She indicated there is sufficient time to warn a meeting and have a vote at the August Primary. Kathleen Ready agreed, stating this isn't an emergency situation. She too feels the voters should have a say. Kathy Barrett disagreed, stating the Fire Dept. only has a small window in which to order the truck. Roger Boise said there should be input from the townspeople; but acknowledges they are very close monetarily. He feels at this point if the Fire Dept. has the money, they should be allowed to do what they want. Barb Torian questioned why the Town even has a fund for the Fire Dept? She said the Town might as well just give the Fire Dept. their money every year and let them do what they want. She explained there was an agreement with the Fire Dept. that when they wanted to expend their money they would come to the Town for voter approval. Tim Bouton agreed with Barb Torian. Pat Paquette made a motion to release the Fire Department Truck Replacement Funds to the Fire Dept. when the truck is delivered; seconded by Kathy Barrett. 2 yes / 1 no / Vice Chair abstained / Pam Marsh absent

Alan Mayer – Dry Hydrants: The Fire Dept. has signs that identify the dry hydrants. He asked the Co-Road Commissioners if they could work together putting these signs up. The Road Crew will install the signs for the Fire Dept.

Alan Mayer – Is there currently a position of Deputy Fire Warden? Roger Boise explained that Fire Warden, Dave Heisler can appoint whoever he wants to act in his absence. However, that person is not officially appointed by the State. The current Deputy Fire Warden position remains in effect until July 31, 2010. Alan Mayer said he has received complaints that Dave Heisler is sometimes not reachable. Roger Boise asked for a list of names of those who have complained, and he will speak with Mr. Heisler.

[Pam Mash arrived]

Alan Mayer – Fire Department Chicken BBQ: He was a bit dismayed that the Selectboard asked for a deposit for borrowing the chairs from the Town Hall. They have never done so in the past. Kathleen Ready explained they have a new form for everyone to fill out.

3. **Spencer Putnam** – Candidate for House of Representatives: Just wanted to touch base with the Selectboard. He gave a brief presentation about his roots and his experiences living in Vermont for most of his adult life. He is looking forward to serving the public, as he feels there is a common link between us and Montpelier.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Bicycles / scooters** on the Town Office sidewalks and parking lot. Pam Kingman has spoken with three teenage boys who persistently ride their bikes and scooters around the building. She said she has spoken with them several times about staying off the sidewalks because she is concerned someone is going to get hurt. They can ride around the parking lot all they want. Her concern is for the patrons on the sidewalks. One boy in particular was quite rude; Pam Kingman will phone his parents.
2. **Review Energy Audit – Town Garage / Fire Station:** The audit showed a need to provide improved mechanical air exchange in the building before it gets tightened up; total cost about \$13,000. Kathleen Ready will contact Cross Pollination, Inc. owner Paul Lekstutis as he may have some ideas on how to get the building up to snuff and he can share his ideas with Energy Coordinator, Harvey Smith. Roger Boise and Pat Paquette will put out an invitation to bid on the air exchange and budget this for 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/10/10, in the amount of \$3,389.86, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/17/10, in the amount of \$4,952.10, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Pay Orders – Pat Paquette made a motion to approve pay orders for the week ending 7/20/10, in the amount of \$39,661.47, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Telling & Associates Audit Information – Letter of understanding asking the Selectboard to sign off a number of questions the Board did not feel comfortable with. Barb Torian mentioned the Board did not sign the same letter last year. Kathy Barrett made a motion to not sign the letter of understanding to Telling & Associates regarding the audit for the period ending 12/31/09, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Paving prices for **North Street and Hallock Road** from D & F and Pikes: Mr. Boise said there is a price difference in the recycled material. **Plank Road** will only be getting a base coat that will be 2.5" thick, and will extend to a half a mile; next year will add a top coat. Discussion about

Heffernan's opening up a quarry off Plank Road. As that is in Act 250 process, we could possibly get some assistance for maintaining the road.

- **North St: Pike - \$187,506 / D & F – \$182,990**
- **Hallock Rd: Pike - \$81,375 / D & F - \$ 80,620**
- **Plank Rd: Pike - \$50,825 / D & F - \$49,648**

Pam Marsh made a motion to **accept the bid from D & F for Hallock Road and North Street**, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
 Pat Paquette made a motion to use \$58,000 allocated to Plank Road, seconded by Roger Boise. 2 yes / 3 no. Roger Boise asked Pam Marsh why she voted no: Pam said she would have voted in favor to put down just the base coat at \$49,648, she does not support the expanding the length of pavement. Pam Marsh made a motion to do a **base coat on Plank Road for \$49,648**, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
 Treasurer, Barb Torian asked to be kept informed of the time frame for road paving.

1. **State of Vt. Re: Nash Bridge** has been determined to be good a candidate and eligible for a development and evaluation project within VTRANS 2011 fiscal year Town Highway Bridge Program. There is a 10% town match. Pam Marsh made a motion to sign the agreement for the Nash Bridge, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no. This is a good opportunity to get state funding for 90% of the cost of this project.
2. **Fairpoint Communications** – The road crew accidentally hit a buried phone line. Roger Boise believes that Dig Safe indicated where the line was before it was hit. Pam Kingman will forward a copy of Fairpoints Notice of Claim to VLCT Insurance.
3. **ACRPC** – Transportation Planning Grant Opportunity – Do approach on River Road to the Nash Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cross Pollination, Inc. Impact Questionnaire – Reviewed the questions concerning the Solar Energy Facility on Route 7. Roger Boise had answered, made a couple of changes. Pam Kingman will mail it back.
2. Cross Pollination, Inc. - Filing for Certificate of Public Good with the Public Service Board to Construct and Operate a 2.2 Megawatt Solar Energy Generation Facility.
3. Addison County Fair & Field Days – Request to use the Towns generator for the duration of the Fair. Pat Paquette made a motion to approve the use of the generator the week of Field Days, with the stipulation that they move it and repair any damages that may occur while in their use. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Application for Special Event Permit: Otter Creek Brewing, LLC during the week of Field Days. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the application for Otter Creek Brewing, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from July 6, 2010, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Kathleen Ready handed in a Town Hall application for the Democratic Caucus on July 27, 2010 at 7 pm, along with a \$50 deposit. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Waste Water permit from Brad Ramsey Re: Sleeper Property – For Review

Adjourn: 10:00 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:

Chair, Pam Marsh

Vice Chair, Roger Boise

Kathy Barrett

Pat Paquette

Kathleen Ready