

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, November 9, 2010

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

Visitors: Bev Landon, Suzy Roorda, Polly Darnell, Julie Day, Ruth Penfield, Jim Walsh, Francie Caccavo, Rod Case, Cindy Hill, Paul Lekstutis and Wayne Nelson

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Bev Landon** – Request for the Town to install **barriers** in front of her rental home on **River Road**. A recent car accident resulted in damage to her front lawn and shrubs, narrowly missing the house. She is concerned for her tenants using the front door of the home. Mrs. Landon added that a good portion of her front lawn is the Towns ROW. Discussion about putting up curve warning signs to slow traffic on that section of River Rd. and whether the road is what caused the accident. The Selectboard denied the request for the Town to install the barriers, stating they did not want to set a precedent. Pam Marsh made a motion to allow Bev Landon to install the barriers at her own expense; the location to be approved by the Road Commissioners. Seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Bev Landon** – Suggested Kermit Blaisdell could supply information on how to tax the new solar farm, Cross Pollination.
3. **Planning Commission Chair, Jim Walsh** – The PC has held interviews for the Zoning Administrator position; they are submitting their recommendations to the Selectboard.
4. **Suzy Roorda** for the **Park Committee** – Submitting their Budget request for the upcoming year. Discuss replacing the backstop and fencing at DeMers River Road Park, CVPS may be willing to donate used poles that could be used to anchor the backstop. Pam Marsh said as a budget reminder, money will need to be set aside for the pre-approved fence at DeMers Park.
5. **Suzy Roorda - Parks Fund** that was closed out some years back, she is afraid this money is going to get lost in the General Fund. This money is from donations, fund raisers etc. Because no major projects have come up, this money has been idle in the General Fund for some time; she wanted the Selectboard to acknowledge it is there.
6. **Library Trustee, Polly Darnell** – Submitting their budget request for 2011; the Trustees are asking for level funding. The Trustees asked for a comparative wage increase for the Librarian, equivalent to other town employees; if such increases do happen. Discuss the large number in

patronage over the last year, roughly half the Town's residents are registered with the library. Kathleen Ready asked for a small annual report from the library, something the Selectboard can review.

7. **Cross Pollination Update** – The Cross Pollination application is pending before the PSB and the parties are working on possible stipulations, technically due on November 10, 2010. Paul Lekstutis and Wayne Nelson were present to answer any questions Town Attorney, Cindy Hill, the Selectboard and Planning Commission members may have. Discussion regarding how often the property will be brush hogged. Mr. Lekstutis said they would like to keep with original stipulation of every 2 years. Town Attorney, Selectboard and Planning Commission all agreed they would like to see Cross Pollination work towards keeping their original proposal of keeping the farm used for agricultural purposes and the land open, with no future development. Cross Pollination indicated that they have already made a substantial investment into the agricultural part of their plan, but attorney has advised them not to sign off on a stipulation that prohibits the possibility of future development. The town reserves the right to not support the project if the agricultural component is not part of the project. Cross Pollination is in the process of drafting a new landscaping plan which ACRPC and Cindy Hill need to review. There was further discussion regarding the adequacy of screening for the immediate neighbors of the project, but no resolution was reached. Town Attorney Cindy Hill suggested holding off on submitting a stipulation to see if the Public Service Board will extend the time frame so everyone has a chance to look over all the paperwork. She also suggested the Attorney for CP could write up a Memorandum, to clearly lay out his clients intentions for use of the land.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Application:** Chris Wilson will be running a 3 month soccer league in the gym on Sundays from 1-3pm. Deposit received, awaiting insurance. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the soccer league, fee is waived. Seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Suzy Roorda** - Received a call from Julie Olson who is Beeman Elementary School's Events Coordinator about a soccer program the school will be running in the gym; Mondays from 3 – 4:30pm, for 6 weeks. The Children's self defense class will be moved into the school. Mrs. Roorda said she was told the self defense instructor; Travis Paquette was okay with the change. [Information received after the meeting was that Mr. Paquette had never been contacted regarding this. Issue to be reconsidered at 11/30/10 meeting.]
3. **Sidewalk Maintenance around the Town Offices / Library** – Discussion led to the new sidewalks along Main Street, this will be funded in the Roads budget. Pat Paquette knows a contractor who would like to submit a quote on maintaining the sidewalks over the winter. Lowell Nottingham

has been hired as a maintenance person for the library and town offices, Pam Kingman will ask him to submit a quote on clearing all sidewalks. Sidewalk quotes will be submitted understanding that the sidewalks will need to be cleared prior to school, town offices and library openings, even on weekends, and cleared again later in the day.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Pay Orders – Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 11/9/10, in the amount of \$74,654.77, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Payroll - Pat Paquette made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 11/6/10, in the amount of \$5,503.81, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 1 abstention
3. Payroll – Pat Paquette made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/30/10, in the amount of \$5,097.68. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Sleeper Property – Discussion regarding how much to borrow and over what term in order to pay or the property just purchased. This will be discussed at the November 30, 2010 meeting.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Roads Update – Winter sand has been purchased – cost \$7,000 - \$7,500.
2. Equipment Update – Repair to the 2002 truck - cost \$3,000 - \$3,500. Roger Boise would like to have the newly purchased property from Linda Sleeper brush hogged while we have mild weather – cost \$200 - \$250. All agree. Security camera has been installed at the garage – cost \$300.
3. Fairpoint Communications claims – **1) Lime Kiln Road:** Claim was sent to VLCT, it was found out that Fairpoint does indeed have a ROW on Lime Kiln Road. VLCT suggests settling the claim. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve Insurance settlement claim, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
2) Plank Road: Claim will be forwarded to VLCT Insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RL Vallee – Amendment to Settlement Agreement as Order: Cindy Hill signed this for the Selectboard
2. Crime Watch Update – will be discussed at the Nov. 30. 2010 meeting
3. 5 Town Health Alliance – Their vision is to create a nonprofit health and dental center for Addison County residents. They are asking for a letter of support from the Selectboard to be included in their funding application. Pam Marsh made a motion that Pam Kingman will write a letter of support for the 5 Town Health Alliance, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

Kathleen Ready made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:25 pm, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

Kathleen Ready made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:50 pm, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

4. Set date for interviewing for the Zoning Administrator position – Interviews will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 7 pm and 7:45 pm.
5. December Selectboard meetings will be held on the 7th & 21st, 2010 at 7 pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve minutes from October 26, 2010, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention
2. Minutes from October 5, 2010, need a few more edits. Will be approved at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town / School Agreement
2. Ancient Roads

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State of Vermont Dept. Environmental Conservation Waste Management – Sugarhouse Motel: Ground water monitoring report
2. VLCT – New Scholarship Program and renamed Grant Program

Adjourn: 10:05 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:


Chair, Pam Marsh


Vice Chair, Roger Boise


Kathy Barrett

Pat Paquette


Kathleen Ready