

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Present: Roger Boise, Pat Paquette, Lowell Nottingham, Pam Kingman

Absent: Pam Marsh & Keith Hall

Visitors: Claire Van Buren, Barb Torian, Jill DeVoe, Michelle Litch, Iva Menard, Matt Ford, Jon Ashley, Al Karnatz, Terry Evarts, Betty Bell, Julie Tillson and Suzy Roorda

Agenda Results:

Visitors Business:

1. **Town Clerk, Claire Van Buren** – Just a reminder that she needs the warning for Town Meeting signed so that she can get the ballots printed. She has also asked to have 4 Selectboard members available to count the School and Hannaford Career Center ballots on March 3rd.
2. **Al Karnatz from Vermont Land Trust and property owner Terry Evarts** – The Evarts/Tucker – Hindleys are currently working with the Vermont Land Trust to permanently protect their land from future development. Terry Evarts said after Bob Tucker passed away, the Tucker – Hindleys liquidated the property and he has been managing it ever since. The parcel of land is roughly 240 acres and is located off of Green St. in Waltham. A portion of the land is in New Haven but does not have any road frontage. Currently it is being farmed by Terry Evarts and Andy Dykstra. All the parties involved feel it is a win-win situation. Al Karnatz said if the Selectboard approves of conserving the land, the Vermont Land Trust will need a letter of support from the Selectboard. Roger Boise made a motion to support the Evarts / Tucker – Hindley land conservation; and will write a letter of support to the Vermont Land Trust. Seconded by Pat Paquette. 3 yes / 0 no
3. **Jon Ashley from Phelps Engineering – Pearson Road bid award recommendations:** Jon Ashley said Phelps Engineering received bids to repair Pearson Road (by the Rattlin' Bridge) from the following contractors: LaPete's bid \$115,200.00; Markowski's bid \$126,912.84 and Delphia's \$94,241.61. Phelps Engineering recommends the Town go with Delphia's. Two alternates were added to the projected cost: 1) Using 4" of asphalt instead of 6". 2) Removing extra clay from the east side of the road, add blasted stone. Number 2 was added because Phelps feels strongly the contractors will find unsuitable material under the road on the east side. They will need to add extra material and will probably have to blast a section of ledge. Mr. Ashley said FEMA'S share will be 75%, the State share is 15% and the Town share is 10%. Delphia is estimating it will take them roughly 4 weeks to complete the job. They would like to

begin as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The end date for the project is August 31, 2009. Roger Boise made a motion to accept Delphia's bid at \$94,421.61 for the Pearson Road project. Seconded by Pat Paquette. 3 yes / 0 no

4. **Planning Commission Chair, Al Karnatz** – The P.C. held their Public Hearing on January 15, 2009. The Hearing was warned for 1) The Dupoise Petition to amend the zoning map for their property at the corner of Route 7 and Beldon Falls Road. 2) All non residential conditional uses shall have a minimum 100 ft. setback for residential districts. 3) All currently enacted New Haven Subdivision regulations shall be integrated into the Zoning Regulations and shall be equally applicable for all site plan requirements. Mr. Karnatz said the meeting went well. He said now it is up to the Selectboard to hold their Public Hearing on all three issues. Due to Pam Marsh and Keith Hall not being present at tonight's meeting, it will be put on the agenda for February 3, 2009. Al Karnatz was pleased to announce that the Planning Commission was awarded a grant of \$6,600 from the state. He also stated he has relinquished the Planning Commissions check book to Treasurer, Barb Torian.
5. **Lister, Michelle Litch** – For the past several years, South Mountain Survey has done the Towns tax maps. The Lister's are feeling frustrated, because the past few years South Mountain Survey has been delayed in getting the maps to the town in a timely manner. The Lister's would like permission from the Selectboard to "shop around" to see who else may be able to provide digitized tax maps. The Selectboard encouraged the Lister's to shop around, put the job out to bid, with a deadline. Discussion about the Town wide reappraisal.
6. **Auditors, Jill DeVoe and Iva Menard** – The Auditors would like to get some training on checks and balances. The Selectboard agreed to pay for the training once the Auditors had a dollar amount. Jill DeVoe has since spoken with Telling & Assoc. who would come to the Town Office for training and would charge \$95.00 per hour per person. The Selectboard approved the training for the Auditors. Iva Menard asked the Board when changes occur in the budget after it has already been approved is it their responsibility? Jill DeVoe said as long as they follow the Selectboards plan, and know if they have followed the plan appropriately. The Board agreed that they are not responsible for the changes. Jill DeVoe mentioned that many folks don't realize the time constraint in getting the town report to the printer. She said they have repeatedly asked for folks to submit their reports by mid January at the latest, but there are still some reports that were never received. The auditors must have the town report in the mail 10 days prior to Town Meeting.
7. **Roger Boise said the New Haven Fire Dept.** needs a new front door. He wondered which account that would come out of. Treasurer, Barb Torian said the Town owns the building; the money for the door could come out of garage repairs.

8. **Suzy Roorda** – Town Hall Applications: 1) Girls soccer coach for the 5/6 grade girls, Chris Wilson would like to hold indoor soccer practice every Sunday for the month of March in the gym from 2 – 4pm. Fee waived
2) Cub Scout leader, James Bachand would like to host the Pinewood Derby in the Gym on Saturday, February 28th from 9am – 3pm. Fee waived.
3) The Census Bureau looking for residents to help with an upcoming Census. There will be another training session on Friday, February 13, in the Cafeteria.
4) Crime Watch – hold a second session on Friday, February 27th from 5-6pm in the Cafeteria. Suzy Roorda asked if the Town might be willing to purchase the crime watch signs, she said the prices vary. Lowell Nottingham said it would depend on the cost. Barb Torian suggested using money from community projects to purchase the signs. Pat Paquette made a motion to approve all of the Town Hall Applications. Seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
9. **Lowell Nottingham** – New Office building sign: he was asked about a number would go on the sign as and emergency contact number. After talking to several people it was decide to leave an emergency number off.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll, seconded by Pat Paquette. 3 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Pat Paquette made a motion to approve minutes from January 6th, 8th and 15th, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. VLCT – Town Meeting Tune Up

OTHER BUSINESS:

Adjourn: 9:00 pm
Respectfully Submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:

Lowell Nottingham

Roger Boise

Pat Paquette