

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

Present: Pam Marsh, Pat Paquette, Keith Hall, Kathleen Ready, Roger Boise and Pam Kingman

Visitors: Suzy Roorda, Lowell Nottingham, Barb Torian, Wayne Marcelle, Betty Bell, Polly Darnell, Tamara Boise, Joey Boise and Iva Menard

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Library Trustee, Polly Darnell** - Asking for storage space in the old Town office for the Library. It would mostly consist of 6 bins outreach material, books collected for the yearly book sale and some shelving. The Selectboard recognizes that there is a need for storage space for the Library, Historical Society and the Parks & Recreation Department, but is not sure how much storage space the town office will need to retain. The Selectboard has asked them to be patient until the old office can be cleared out, cleaned up and estimate how much space the town office will need to keep for themselves.
2. **Lowell Nottingham – Final Punch List for Naylor & Breen:** This is their second request to reduce the retainage by 50% so they can pay off their sub-contractors. Lowell Nottingham suggested the Board approve this because there is not \$30,000 worth of work left to do. Discussion on the retainage. Pam Marsh made a motion to reduce the retainage by 50% to Naylor & Breen. No second; motion failed.
Lowell Nottingham - The paving stones on the North & South sides of the building need something planted between them that doesn't require cutting. Green Haven had suggested planting thyme. Keith Hall made a motion to plant the ground cover in between the pavers, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes 0 no
Lowell Nottingham – First Line Security System that monitors the building is now set up to call Keith Hall first; Roger Boise second and Pat Paquette third.
3. **Tamara and Joey Boise** - Thought they were on tonight's agenda for the proposed Amendment change to Article X, Section 1005-A in the zoning regulations. Keith Hall explained they were not put on because one of the Selectboard members was not present at the last meeting. Therefore the Board has not had sufficient time to discuss it with the DRB and PC. The next meeting is on July 21, 2009. Pam Kingman will let them know if they are on the agenda. Pam Marsh felt it would be one sided to discuss it now when so many expressed there concerns at the public hearing.

TOWN OFFICES:

1. **Wayne Marcelle – Sign Dog Warrant** - Needs to be updated and retyped. Pam Kingman will notify the Board tomorrow when it is ready.
Wayne Marcelle – Recently spoke with Jim Coons from the Sheriffs Department. He informed Wayne Marcelle that the contract the Town has with the Sheriffs Dept. has nothing to do with dogs. Pam Marsh made a motion to give the **Constable limited authority** to cite people for violation of the dog ordinance, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
Wayne Marcelle – both pillars on the front porch of the Town Hall are in need of replacing. Straight Up Construction's proposal to repair them with cement composite and make them square to match the new building is \$820. Pat Paquette made a motion to approve of Straight Up Construction's proposal of \$820, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes/ 0 no
Wayne Marcelle – Asked the Selectboard if he will continue to maintain Town Hall? Keith Hall said for Mr. Marcelle to continue maintaining the building over the summer. The Selectboard needs to meet with the Schoolboard to discuss the building maintenance and plowing around Beeman school in the winter. Hopefully this will be accomplished at the Schoolboard's August meeting.
2. **Beeman Alumni Committee / Park Committee: Memory Tree** – No one from the Beeman Alumni Committee was present. Representing the Park Committee were Iva Menard and Suzy Roorda. There has been an ongoing discussion about the placement of the Memory Tree which is being donated and maintained by the Beeman Alumni. Originally the Alumni would have liked the tree planted on the new Town Office property, but the planting "**blueprint**" didn't **offer any space** for it. It was then offered to Beeman School, but because of the lights it is considered a religious symbol. So the next spot was the Village Green, but the location was in question. A tree stump that was removed was thought to be the new home for the memory tree, but on further inspection by the Park Committee realized that location may not be the best. The Park Committee suggested moving the tree to the south end of the Green where some trees had just been removed. However, the Alumni Committee allegedly did not like the lack of visibility. The two boards cannot seem to come to an agreement. Kathleen Ready suggested that the Beeman Alumni Committee and The Park Committee meet and discuss the situation to make things happen. Pam Marsh agreed that if we have a Park Committee, this issue should first be delegated to them to resolve, and there was discussion regarding writing a letter to the Beeman Alumni Committee. Discussion then turned to who will prune the tree so it doesn't get too big. Allen Swain has a contract with the Town now to maintain the Village Green he would be the one to do the pruning. Roger Boise said any monies raised by selling bulbs for the tree will go to the Park Committee. Kathleen Ready questioned who is going to be in charge of selling the bulbs, and who will be responsible for all of it? The Park

Committee did not agree to any of this. Roger Boise made a motion to plant the tree in the original location, with the stipulation that it remains trimmed, seconded by Pat Paquette. 3 yes / 2 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pay Orders – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve pay orders, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Barb Torian – She is holding checks for two Town contractors. One of them is refusing to fill out the required employee hold harmless agreement and their W9 information. The other is in the process of filling it out and said they will return it ASAP.
4. Tax Rate information - Treasurer, Barb Torian reviewed the numbers with the Selectboard. The residential rate went down \$.01 and the non residential rate went up \$.04. Kathleen Ready made a motion to set the municipal tax rate at 0.482, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **First Line Security System – Monitor Fee** – The yearly maintenance fee is \$250. There is an optional weekly test for \$48 per week. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the yearly maintenance fee of \$250, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Addison County Fair and Field Days** – Request the use of the Town generator the week of August 4 – 8, 2009. Pat Paquette made a motion to allow the generator to be moved to Field Days during the week of August 4 – 8, 2009 with the stipulation that Field Days moves it and they will be responsible for any damages incurred while in their possession. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready 5 yes / 0 no
3. **Volunteer to Paint the Cafeteria** – Taina from Mary Johnson After School Program has offered to paint the cafeteria for free. Pam Marsh made a motion to allow Taina to paint the cafeteria as long as Beeman Elementary agrees. Seconded by Kathleen Ready 5 yes / 0 no
4. **Womensafe** – Permission to hang a 12ft. banner in Town for a week. The Selectboard suggested they try to hang it out at Field Days during the week of the Fair. If not the Board thought it could be hung on the fence in the northwest corner of the Village Green, but will check with the Park Committee first. Keith Hall made a motion to allow the banner to be hung out at Field Days, or they will ask the Park Committee. Seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
5. **Carpet Protectors** – Town Office staff would like permission to purchase 8 of them from Costco for \$22 ea. Keith Hall made a motion to purchase 8

- carpet protectors for \$22 ea from Costco. Seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
- 6. **Open House for new Town Offices and Library** – Try to coordinate with the Harvest Festival in September.
- 7. **Jay Jipner, All Star Fuel** – Would like to be considered if the Town puts out a bid for Fuel. The Board will put the fuel out to bid this month.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Approve minutes from June 2, 16 & 24, 2009. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2, 16 & 24, 2009, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
Pam Marsh abstained from voting on the June 16, 2009 minutes as she was not at the meeting.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Adjourn: 8:45 pm
 Respectfully Submitted: Pam Kingman
 Approved:

 Keith Hall, Chair

 Roger Boise

 Pam Marsh

 Pat Paquette

 Kathleen Ready