

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Offices**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

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

Visitors: Jeff Salvador, Jeff Everest, Alan Mayer, Dean Gilmore, Mark Livingston,  
Steve Dupoise, Marcia Dupoise, Suzy Roorda, Dave Shaw (Middlebury F.D.) ,  
Jim Larrow, Jim Brewer (both from Vergennes F.D.) and Bob Patterson (State  
Fire Marshall),

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Jeff Salvador, Pike Industries Representative:** Mr. Salvador is part of the outreach program at Pike Industries. He is also in charge of aggregate sales. He started with the company a year ago, and noticed that over the last two years aggregate sales to the Town of New Haven have dropped off considerably. Has come to the Selectboard asking if there are any problems with their product that he needs to be aware of. Co-Road Commissioner, Roger Boise said there is nothing wrong with the product, the Town has been trying to save money by using its own product out of the town's pit. He also mentioned there will be bidding opportunities over the summer if Pike Industries is interested.  
Roger Boise asked Mr. Salvador to look into an agreement that was made between the Town of New Haven and the original owners of Pike Industries about Pike being responsible in the maintenance of Campground Road from their entrance to Route 7. Mr. Salvador will look into it.
2. **Jeff Everest and Alan Mayer – Key Lock Box Ordinance:** **Jeff Everest** started a petition for reconsideration of the Ordinance; he acquired 90 signatures. He received information from several different towns that do not have a mandatory ordinance in place. Mr. Everest's main concerns are that it is a mandatory ordinance and the costs involved to owners to install the Knox box.  
**Fire Chief, Alan Mayer** – Feels it is a safety issue to the firefighters as they can be injured by trying to break down a door. Also a benefit to property owners because it costs a lot more than the cost of the key lock box to replace a door or window that is broken down in order to get entry. Alan Mayer invited firemen from Middlebury, and Vergennes. He also invited State Fire Marshall, Bob Patteson. Middlebury and Vergennes both have numerous Knox boxes in place throughout their towns, but it is not mandatory. Although, David Shaw from Middlebury said he wishes it were mandatory in Middlebury; he said it saves the F.D. a lot of time and effort when there is a Knox box on a building. Middlebury has invested in a key

monitoring system that records every single time a key is used; this system ensures that no key is used for other purposes. The City of Vergennes has not invested the money in a key monitoring system; the cost is around \$2,000. However, they have never had a complaint about improper use a key.

Discussion about faster response in entering a building by using a Knox box, that Middlebury and Vergennes have more of a “downtown “ than New Haven, The amount of fire calls New Haven gets, and the liability involved.

**Fire Marshall, Bob Patterson** – There is no liability; the Knox boxes are virtually indestructible. Burlington has roughly 500 boxes and Williston has about 250 of them. In Williston they are required on any public building. The NFA1 Prevention Code mandates any building with a fire alarm or sprinkler system must have a key lock (Knox) box. Even within New Haven, to get a certificate of occupancy form the State Fire Marshall’s office, if you have to have a key lock box if you have a fire alarm or sprinkler system.

**Steve and Marcia Dupoise** – Own a 78 unit storage facility in New Haven. They are concerned that they will have to have a Knox box that can hold all 78 keys. Discussion about storing all those keys in one unit, and having one master key to that unit. The Dupoises were concerned about theft, they would be the ones who are liable. Pam Marsh said the Selectboard had not considered storage units when discussing the Ordinance. Discussion about making the Ordinance voluntary or rescinding it. **Roger Boise made a motion to rescind the Key Lock Box Ordinance, seconded by Pam Marsh. 3 yes / 0 no**

Discussion on how to educate the public, the Board thinks it is a good idea for the Fire Department to send each business owner and landlord an informational sheet, and hold an informational meetings this summer or fall.

## **TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:**

1. **Suzy Roorda** – Town Hall Applications: **1)** New Haven Equine and Dairy 4H and would like to host a fund raiser /guest speaker on June 19, 2010 in the gym from 7 -9 pm. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
- 2)** Soriba “Simbo” Camara – Teach African Drum and Dance in the gym on Wednesdays from 4 -6:30 pm. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
- 3)** Travis Paquette – Teach self defense to children on Mondays after school from 3 -4:30 pm, and continue to teach the adults on the same evening from 6:30 -8:30 pm. Travis Paquette is asking to rent the gym for the entire time slot between 3 - 8:30pm every Monday for a rental fee of \$25.00 per week. Discussion about the after school program using the gym during that time and if the after school program should be using the

gym at all. Roger Boise made a motion to allow Travis Paquette use of the gym on Mondays between 3 – 8:30 pm to teach self defense for \$25.00 per week, seconded by Pam Marsh 3 yes / 0 no \*\* This will be revisited in 6 months to see what enrollment is and whether the fee is fair\*\*

2. **Suzy Roorda** – The New Haven Fire Dept. has decided to move their chicken BBQ to the fire station during Town Fair because they have lost money the last two years due to bad weather. Ms. Roorda has several vendors now backing out of Town Fair because the BBQ is being moved. Ms. Roorda still has not heard from Alan Mayer. In light of the situation, the Selectboard has decided to cancel the Town Fair this year.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. Payroll – Roger Boise made a motion to approve Payroll for the week ending 5/17/10 in the amount of \$5,255.37, seconded by Pam Marsh. 3 yes / 0 no
2. Pay Orders – Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay Orders for the week ending 5/18/10 in the amount of \$14,920.98, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
3. Website is just about done, it will be transferred from the temporary web address to the old web address sometime during the next couple of weeks, at which time the banner with the pictures of New Haven will also be visible.

### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

1. Katie Reilley applied for grant money for a security system for the Town garage and Fire Station. We did receive a total of \$5,000 to install cameras and a security system.
2. Trucks: Ford F250 is currently having new springs and brakes installed, and the 4WD hub failed. It is a 2000, a new dump body was put on it back in the fall. It had 90k miles on it. At budget time \$5,000 was set aside for this vehicle, that amount will be used and perhaps exceeded for these new repairs.
3. No State funding this year for Class 2 Roads.
4. Received \$14,000 from Better Back Roads to do rip rap. This will be used on River Road.
5. Recently replace culvert that failed on Town Hill Road. Will start on North St. in the near future.
6. Someone from Middlebury mentioned to Pam Marsh how different our dirt roads are compared to Middlebury. Roger Boise said Middlebury spends \$4,500 per mile spreading liquid chloride. This helps to keep the dust down and makes it very hard packed. New Haven cannot afford to spend that much on liquid chloride.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. AT&T Cell Tower Upgrade – Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the upgrade, seconded by Roger Boise. Pam Marsh will sign the paperwork on behalf of the Selectboard. 3 yes / 0 no
2. DeMers Park Dedication – Pam Kingman will write something up for the dedication to be held at River Park on Sunday, June 13, 2010 @ noon. All are welcome to attend.
3. Vermont Land Trust – Harvey and Donna Smith are working with VLT to permanently protect their farm from development. A letter of support is required for by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Pam Marsh made a motion to write a letter in support of Harvey & Donna Smith, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
4. DRB Appointment – Steve Dupoise, Jr. returned an application with an interest in serving as an Alternate to the DRB. Pam Marsh made a motion to appoint Steve Dupoise, Jr. as an alternate member of the DRB for a 3 year term, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
5. VLCT 2011 Legislative Policy Development – Looking for Selectboard members to serve on different committees.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from May 4, and May 11, 2010, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no

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

Adjourn: 9:20pm  
 Respectfully submitted:  
 Pam Kingman  
 Approved:

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 Chair, Pam Marsh

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 Vice Chair, Roger Boise

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 Kathleen Ready