

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Town Offices

Present: Pam Marsh, Kathy Barrett, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Treasurer,
Barb Torian, Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Pat Paquette

Visitors: Paul Horn, Linda Horn, Jim Foley, Jr., Suzy Roorda, Dean Gilmore, Alan Mayer and Mike Dunbar

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Paul and Linda Horn** – Here to discuss their property at the corner of River Rd. and Ethan Allen Hwy. Discussion on the best course of action to correct an error to the zoning map; changing the Horns' property from Rural Agricultural back to Highway Commercial. Linda and Paul Horn feel it best to be put to a town vote. Jim Foley weighed in on the issue about how it should be worded on the ballot. Mr. Foley represents Stephen and Marcia Dupoise whose Ethan Allen Highway property that was petitioned (and previously voted down) to change their RA parcel to HC will also be on the Town Meeting ballot. Public hearings on the Horn property were held by both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard, warned as an Amendment to the Zoning Map, not to the Town Plan. Discussion about the Horns potentially needing to petition for the change to be on the ballot. All feel they want to be sure the Horns end up with a clear title to their property. Pam Marsh made a motion to put the Horn property to a town vote as a Town Plan Amendment or Zoning Change per advice to be obtained from the Town attorney, seconded by Kathleen Ready.
4 yes / 0 no
- 2. Alan Mayer and Dean Gilmore Re: NHVFD Insurance** – The Fire Dept. has received a quote from VLCT but it has several gaps in it, leaving the Department without coverage in areas where it is needed. Alan Mayer said he will be contacting VLCT to get more information.
The Selectboard signed a letter and gave it to Fire Chief, Alan Mayer. The Fire Dept. had requested an increase in the Truck Fund to \$30,000. The Selectboard has decided to decline the request, level funding it at \$25,000.
The Fire Dept. wanted the Selectboard to be aware of NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliancy. If the board members do not stay current with the training, the Town could potentially lose FEMA aid. There is a website available through the State to go thru a survey of what is needed to comply. The Board members feel with the board changing every few years it is hard to keep current, and most of the board members have full time jobs. NIMS require achieving certain levels of instruction, resulting in numerous hours of training.

3. **Mike Dunbar** – Concerned the Selectboard is considering hiring a Zoning Clerk to work with the DRB, that the Zoning Administrator is not doing his job. Pam Marsh said this matter has already been addressed. She stated that by adding a clerk at a lower pay is not going to cost the town any more. Roger Boise said the Zoning Administrator is one of the toughest jobs, you can't keep everyone happy. Pam Marsh added that no one had been hired at this point.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Applications**, with the new Applications going out, Mrs. Roorda feels more comfortable presenting them herself until all the ongoing ones are out of the way.
Applications: 1) Scott Reiss – Girls softball pitching practice, two evenings a week in the gym; January – April. Fee waived, \$100 deposit required. 2) Friends of the Library, Chocolate Delight Night in the cafeteria on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 7pm. Fee waived, \$100 deposit required. 3) Bovine 4H – Use cafeteria once a month. Fee waived, \$100 deposit required. 4) New Haven Fire Dept. – Pancake Breakfasts held on the fourth Sunday of each month in the cafeteria and kitchen; starting in January and running thru April. Fee waived, \$150 deposit required. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve all four applications, fees waived. Seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

2. Payroll – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$3,612.63, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Pay Orders – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders in the amount of \$11,911.01, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Barb Torian asked the Board how they wanted to handle the Fire Dept. insurance bill from the Travelers. Pam Marsh made a motion to pay ¼ of the bill, until we can evaluate whether we should switch to VLCT, pending further information that Alan Mayer is attempting to obtain. Seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approve Liquor and Tobacco Licenses:**
 - Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Liquor Licenses for Tourtourelle and RL Vallee, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no.
 - Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Tobacco License for RL Vallee, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
2. **Nash Bridge** – Letter to Transportation Advisory Committee, written by Katie Reilley.
3. **Nash Bridge Scour Analysis and quote** – from Milone & MacBroom. The Letter from the engineers who inspected the bridge, have made suggestions to the Town to help alleviate some of the scour issues. Potential cost would be roughly \$17,635.00. Discuss the wording for

creating a bridge fund to be voted on at Town Meeting. Kathy Barrett made a motion to reduce the amount in line item Bridges from \$30,000 to \$20,000 and request to appropriate \$10,000 to create a Bridge Maintenance Fund as a separate article in the warning, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

4. **Radios:** Trucks / Town Office near future will need to switch to narrow band frequency. Quote from Falcon Communications to convert the Town Office radio so the Town can also communicate with the Fire Dept. in the amount of \$964.50, this will be in the existing line item for Garage Supplies.
5. **MVAA** – Second request for funding. MVAA has stated in their letter that if New Haven doesn't appropriate their request of funds for \$1,210. They may not be able to serve the town.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve minutes from January 5, 2010, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Kathleen Ready said she would like to see Plank Road removed from the budget for repaving in 2010. She feels we could save money by putting it off for another year, this would allow the road budget to be level funded. Kathleen Ready made a motion to take Plank Road out of the budget for 2010. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

3. Letter from Donald Johnston
4. Ouimette & Runcie Re: Madden v. Town of New Haven – dismissal by 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals
5. Cindy Hill – R.L. Vallee Correspondence
6. Cindy Hill – Peter Morris Correspondence
7. VLCT – Town Meeting Tune-Up, Wed. Feb. 17, 2010
8. Brook Field Service – Grant money available

Adjourn: 9:25pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

Pam Marsh, Chair

Kathy Barrett

Roger Boise

Kathleen Ready

