

**Town of New Haven Special Selectmen's Meeting**  
**11:00 am Town Clerks Office**  
**Thursday April 12, 2007**

Present: Keith Hall, Burt Allen, Paul Audy, Pam Kingman  
Others: Barb Torian, Claire Van Buren, Betty Bell, Raymond Fortier, Scott Driscoll, Nina Bacon

This meeting was called for the Selectboard and Deborah and Raymond Fortier to discuss and sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the King House at 116 North St., New Haven. The Fortier's have agreed to buy the King House for \$1.00 and move it to their property on North St. at their expense. This would happen at a Special Town Meeting to be on May 22, 2007.

Scott Driscoll - came with concerns that the town has spent a lot of money on the King House in the past, feels someone else may now benefit from the Town's investment. He feels that there are many lots in town that the house could be moved to; once it's on wheels it could go anywhere. He expressed that the Selectboard should have put the house out for bid first, and that there may be other interested buyers out there.

Raymond Fortier - said he understands Scott Driscoll's concerns. He wanted to reassure him by stating that he and his wife intend to live in the house once it has been renovated. They understand the stipulations written in the Purchase and Sale Agreement, that the King House would be open to the public four times a year and the Historical Society would have access twice a year. The Town would also have first right of refusal, if the Fortier's ever choose to sell. Mr. Fortier stated he would like to move the house as soon as July or as late as this fall if everything goes well. The move is weather and mover dependent. The cost of the move alone could be upwards of \$50,000.

Betty Bell - wondered why Scott Driscoll waited until now to come forward, she expressed that the Town has tried for five years to turn the King House into a community Building. She added that it would be a good idea for the Selectboard to hold more informational meetings.

Nina Bacon - stated the King House has been maintained by the Town for safety purposes, and wondered if the Town had not done so would the Fortier's even be interested in buying the house. This move would keep the house in the Historic District.

Barb Torian – Expressed some concerns that the Selectboard needs to have enough information for people who may come forward with questions. Such as what the plans were for the King House compared to the new office plans. Or keeping the house compared to letting it go.

