

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Town Offices

April 16, 2013

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Pam Marsh, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Charlie Roy, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Sara Smith, Suzy Roorda, Lowell Nottingham, Ed McGuire, Jim Walsh, Doug Tolles, Polly Darnell, Ed Gomeau and Elizabeth Atkins

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Lowell Nottingham** – Disability Rights Vermont had come to look at the Town Hall to assess how it functions as a place to vote as well as using it as a possible shelter. There are minor issues that need to be addressed for the building to be in compliance with the DRV report for voting purposes.. Right now the Selectboard is just wants to take care of the minor issues for voting purposes. To become a Red Cross Shelter would take a lot more work, not only in building improvements, but in recruiting and training workers to run the shelter. With shelters available in nearby Bristol and Middlebury, the Selectboard is not currently interested in making those improvements. Lowell will contact Beeman Principal, Steve Flint and Superintendent, David Adams and get back to the Board.
2. **Ed McGuire** – Handed in a petition on April 15, 2013. Ed would like to see Town Meeting return to voice vote for all monetary items. Pam Marsh made a motion to accept the petition with 79 valid signatures on it; requesting monetary items return to voice vote. The Petition will be voted on by Australian ballot at the Special Town Meeting on May 21. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 01 no (Boise)

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Village Green Application:** Pam Marsh made a motion to allow Sara Smith to hold a May Day Festival on the Town Green on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 1 to 4 pm. Seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no Sara's intention is to donate any money she receives to the Town and School gardens.
2. **Revised Zoning Fee Schedule:** Charlie Roy made a motion to accept the revised Zoning Fee Schedule, effective April 16, 2013, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

3. Signed Town Service agent Appointment form – this must be signed by 3 Selectboard members.

Road Commissioners Report:

1. **Road Update:** Road Crew cutting and chipping brush on East St.
Quarry Road Bridge: We are all ready to purchase the cement culverts to replace the old ones; all of this will be handled by Phelps Engineering and the State. The Town is required to pay the money up front, and then get reimbursed from the State. Roger will make sure the road will be posted early so people will be aware of the road closure in advance.
2. **Equipment Update:** The Mac truck had the steering arm replaced, changed the oil and general service to the vehicle.
3. **Chloride Storage Tank and Calcium Chloride:** Pam Marsh made a motion to authorize Roger Boise to sign the contract with the Gorman Group, seconded by Charlie Roy, to provide equipment to the town for chloride application and be the sole supplier during the duration of the contract. 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/6/13, in the amount of \$2,969.23, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/13/13, in the amount of \$3,853.65, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/16/13, in the amount of \$28,917.37, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Audit – There are still corrections to be made; defer until May 7, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Special Town Meeting:** Kathy Barrett has put together a statement to be mailed out to the voters of New Haven. This will be mailed along with the warning for the Special Town Meeting. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the warning as written for a Special Town Meeting, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 1 no
Ed Gomeau, Business Manager and Elizabeth Atkins, Accountant from the Superintendent's office read what had been posted on Front Porch Forum about the Special Town Meeting and found it to be misleading. Elizabeth and Ed read the statement Kathy Barrett has prepared to go out to the voters and felt it was very accurate. Doug Tolles had some questions about the wording on the letter to the public he felt it could be made even clearer for the general public to understand. The Selectboard agreed with Doug, some minor changes will be

made; a header will be added to the letter. Pam Marsh made a motion to allow Kathy Barrett to sign the letter on behalf of the Selectboard, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

2. **Financial Oversight Committee:** The Selectboard briefly discussed what will be expected of this committee; their role, if they will be compensated, etc. Pam Marsh and Charlie Roy will work on putting together a job description in July or August 2013.
3. **Clark Litigation / Mediation:** The Mediation will take place on May 3, 2013 in Middlebury. Pam Marsh, Town Attorney, Cindy Hill and Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore will all be there. If mediation fails, it will go to trial. The cost of \$280 per hour will be split 3 ways. The Board reviewed Clark's recent citation for additional violations.
4. **Efficiency Vermont Incentive Agreement:** Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Incentive Agreement with Efficiency Vermont, moving forward to changing all streetlights in town to LED. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no. This is a very positive development for the Town, as the EV incentive will make the cost of the LED retrofit \$0, and lead to a substantial savings on the street lighting bill to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Liquor & Tobacco Licenses for **Green Pasture Meats:** The Selectboard deferred this until the May 7, 2013 meeting in order to talk with Mark Smith, owner of Green Pasture Meats. Mr. Smith will be invited to the May 7 meeting.
2. **Beeman Request** of funds for Summer Program in the amount of \$1,500 was approved in the pay orders dated 4/16/13.
3. **HazMat Trailer:** Alan Mayer, Chief of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Dept., approached Kathy Barrett and gave her the Title to the HazMat trailer. In 2004 the trailer was purchased with State funds and stored at the Fire Dept. With the Fire Department's new, larger equipment, they just don't have the room to store it anymore. The Fire Dept. would like to transfer the Title to the Addison County Fire Fighters Association. This way it will remain in the county. It is currently being stored at the Middlebury Police Dept. Charlie Roy made a motion to authorize Kathy Barrett to sign over the title to the ACFFA, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Sheriff's Dept. new contract: This was tabled until the May 7, 2013 meeting.
5. Pam Marsh made a motion to go into executive session at 8:25 pm, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
Pam Marsh made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:10 pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/2/13, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Roy)

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Dupoise – Act 250 Notice – minor application
- 2. John Madden – correspondence on Gas pipelines
- 3. Sheriff’s Dept. – Activity logs
- 4. Counseling Service of Addison County – Thank you
- 5. VSP – Community Advisory Board meeting 4/17/13

Adjourn: 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

Kathleen L Barrett

Chair, Kathy Barrett

Pam Marsh

Vice Chair, Pam Marsh

Roger Boise

Roger Boise

Kathleen Ready

Kathleen Ready

Charlie Roy