

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise, John Roleau, Doug Tolles, Jim Walsh, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Erin Baslow, Bill Baslow, Dan Morse, Dean Gilmore, Alan Mayer, Bridget Kipp, John Kipp, Marcia Dupoise and Charlie Roy

Adjustments to the Agenda ** Lee Litigation – open session / 3 Solar offers – either open session or executive / Planning Commission / Last Thursday's Emergency Meeting, items approved that were not on the agenda, need to be approved at this meeting / Affirm Emergency meeting's actions from April 12, 13, and 19 tonight**

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town Hall Application(s) - None
2. Approve Anbaric flyer – This was approved at the Emergency meeting held this morning at 10:30 am. Copies of the flyer that will be mailed out on Wednesday, May 20th were available for those in the audience. The flyer announces 3 informational meetings hosted by the Selectboard to discuss the recently approved term sheet with Vermont Green Line Devco, LLC (Anbaric project). It also has the survey question that residents will be asked to complete in May. Unfortunately, this cannot be done by Australian ballot pursuant to Title 17 V.S.A §2680(d). New Haven has never approved voting public questions by Australian ballot, only monetary items. Jim Walsh asked that anything that goes into the newsletter regarding this should be non-biased. Bridget Kipp asked what the Selectboard will do with the results. Steve Dupoise said if it comes out to 50 – 50, then the Board would make the final decision. If it is lop-sided, then the Board would consider the survey. This is for the town residents to have some input. Bridget Kipp asked to have added to the minutes that when Herb Singleton from Cross-Spectrum Acoustics was here; he agreed that tonal noise can indeed drive a person crazy. Steve has the final results from the recent sound study conducted by Cross-Spectrum Acoustics; he will forward it to Board members and Pam Kingman, who will put it on the website. Barb Torian asked what happens if VGL doesn't conform to the term sheet. Steve Dupoise said that will be spelled out in the final agreement. Barb Torian said there are things she'd like

to know prior to answering the survey question. Such as will the funds coming to the town be managed the same way for years to come, this is what she'd like to have happen? Steve Dupoise said it will be voted on by the voters every year on how to spend it. Personally, he would like to see a fund set up, and put the money away for the future. Doug Tolles said anything the current Board agrees to now, future Board members can change. Kathy Barrett would like to see a committee of community members and Selectboard decide what to do the funds. Doug asked who drew the circles round on the tax map indicating who would be affected by the converter station. Steve said it was a combination of himself, Carole Hall, Dick Saudek, Cindy Hill and the folks from VGL.

3. Appointments: Steve Dupoise made a motion to appoint the following people to various boards as follows, with those appointments ending when the Selectboard makes appointments in the year the term ends:

- Jim Walsh – Delegate - ACRPC (1 yr. term) 2017
- Susan Smiley – Alternate ACRPC (1 yr. term) 2017
- Megan Battey – Alternate - Addison Co. Solid Waste (1 yr. term) 2017
- Mike Sweeney – DRB member (3 yr. term) 2019
- Suzy Roorda – Park Committee (3 yr. term) 2019
- Gary Sundstrom –Town Energy Coordinator (1 yr. term) 2017
- Lynn Goldsmith – Town Service Agent (1 yr. term) 2017

Motion seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no

4. Doug Tolles made a motion to accept, with regret Angie Dunbar's letter of resignation from the Planning Commission, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2016, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2016, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2016, seconded by John Roleau. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Tolles / Walsh)
4. Road Commissioner, John Roleau said at the Emergency Selectboard meeting last week there was a motion to hire Ron Greene as a part time employee on the road crew. Ron, recently retired from the State is interested in working part time; he comes with 25 years of experience, and has his CDL. He would be working no more than 30 hours per week. Jim Walsh said after reviewing the personnel policy, if he works 25 hours or more, then the town would be required to offer him prorated health care benefits. If the road crew employee worked 25 hours and

chose to enroll in health care coverage; the town would pay 63% of the platinum policy premiums. John said Ron is not interested in full time work. Barb Torian said when Ron came in to fill out paperwork; he was not anticipating receiving benefits. Pam Kingman will call Bristol Financial tomorrow and find out if Ron is eligible for benefits, and if seasonal employees are covered.

John Roleau made a motion to hire Ron Greene at \$17.00 per hour, as a part time or seasonal employee on the road crew. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

5. John Roleau made a motion to affirm action taken at the Emergency Selectboard meeting on April 12, 13 and 19, 2016, seconded by Steve Dupoise. ** Because not every member was present for all of the meetings, separate motions to follow:

John Roleau made a motion to affirm action taken at the Emergency Selectboard meeting on April 12, 2016, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 3 yes / 1 no (Tolles) / 1 abstention (Walsh)

Kathy Barrett made a motion to affirm action taken at the Emergency Selectboard meeting on April 13, 2016, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Tolles / Walsh)

Steve Dupoise made a motion to affirm action taken at the Emergency Selectboard meeting on April 19, 2016, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/16/16, in the amount of \$3,296.78, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/18/16, in the amount of \$28,450.29, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Chair, Kathy Barrett signed the Resolution for the Tax Anticipation Note, previously approved.
4. Steve Dupoise made a motion to authorize Joan Donahue from Conley & Foote to pay Robert Amalang Consulting Services (Anbaric project) \$1,100, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to authorize Joan Donahue from Conley & Foote to pay Robert Amalang Consulting Services (Anbaric project) \$2,300, seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT:

1. John Roleau made a motion to approve 2 Road Access Permits for VT Gas. The first location is on Town Hill Road (by Shortsleeves), using an existing farm access with a culvert. The second location is on Hunt Road (Four Hills Farm), using an existing farm access. Road Foreman, Jeff Terry had previously

inspected both locations and found no upgrades were needed. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

2. New Hire, Ron Greene started work this past Monday, he is getting acquainted with the crew. He and John both went up for drug tests on Monday.
3. Scott Busier is back from recent outpatient surgery, he is on lite duty and doing well.

Road Update:

- Cutting brush on Campground Road
- Sweeping bridges and intersections. Once they are done with the bridges, he will ask the Fire Dept. to help wash the bridges. John explained how careful they have to be now about what water is used so as to not contaminate the rivers and streams.
- Talked with Gerald LaBerge about grinding the small piece of ledge on Campground Road and Hallock Road. He can grind the ledge so it is tapered.
- The ditch fix on Field Days Road at the Fair & Field Days site has been assigned to Chris LaPete. It should take Chris 2-3 days to fix. Chris has offered to haul in the rock needed at no extra charge. The town will need to supply a truck to haul away some material. John has asked Chris to have the work done prior to the start of the fair in August.

Equipment Update:

- **Hydro Seeder** – John did some research on these and found that we can buy into using a “community hydro seeder.” Several towns in the area have bought into it; John and Dan Morse feel it is a worthwhile investment. Initial buy in amount is \$500, and then it is \$100 a year after that. John said Katie Reilley is working on finding out who to send the money to. Dean Gilmore suggested setting up an account with Ag Chem, they have all the stuff needed to run the seeder.
- John is happy to report the Ford 550 already has an extended warranty.
- The MAC truck had an issue with the exhaust burner; John took it to Sean Broe for repair. Sean also found a faulty rusted fuel line that he also repaired.
- The 2014 International truck also had recent repairs; thankfully it was all under warranty.
- Dan Morse said he has been helping out by getting parts, so the road crew or John doesn't have to. The Selectboard discussed compensating Dan for mileage.

- Doug Tolles asked about the progress of the road grant applications. John Roleau said Katie has submitted them. Katie has also submitted the grant for the traffic safety lights, and there is no deadline for that grant application.
- Discussed the lack of a driveway culvert at 1464 South St. (Goyette rental) Initially it was thought we may need an engineer to design a culvert, but upon further inspection, a 12" driveway culvert will work to keep the water flowing. Without a culvert the water jumps over the road causing a washout. The cross culvert that is already there was found to be plugged by some landscape material. Discussed whether there had ever been a road access permit for this rental property.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Doug Tolles said the **Planning Commission** has approved a new Town Plan amongst themselves. They are planning a public meeting sometime in early June. Doug said this Board needs members; they sometimes cannot meet because there is no quorum.
2. **Lee Litigation:** Trial dates are set for May 3rd and 4th, 2016. Doug asked for two Selectboard members to be available by phone during the trial; Steve Dupoise and John Roleau volunteered. Former Zoning administrator, Cris Messerle has agreed to testify at the trial. Cris has since moved out of state, so it would involve some travel expenses. Steve Dupoise made a motion to compensate Cris Messerle for time and travel expenses up to \$500, for him to testify as a witness at the Lee trial. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Barrett / Walsh)
3. **Solar:** Doug Tolles said he has received 3 offers from 3 different proposed Solar arrays:
 - **Cadwell / Vandal** who are proposing **Green Peak Solar (a/k/a Next Gen Solar)** array off of **Field Days Road**. They have offered to not have the array rotate, they have offered to minimally reduce the size of the array and have offered the town \$25k. Doug Tolles made a motion to reject the offer from Cadwell / Vandal, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
 - **Sawyer (Rod Viens)** - Their offer is to install 2 car charging stations off of Plank Road. Doug Tolles made a motion to reject the offer from Rod Viens, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

- **Russells** – Would like to proceed to mediation. Doug said we have already paid to file in the Supreme Court. Doug has spoken with Mr. Russell, and asked him to reduce the size to 300kW. Russell said at this point if they were to reduce the size he would lose his spot in the net metering grid. No action taken

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Sheriff's Activity Logs

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

Adjourn: 9:00 pm

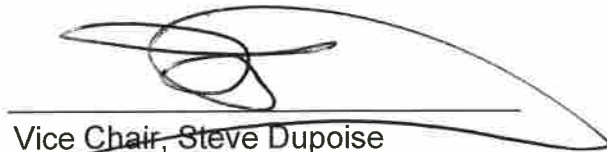
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Pam Kingman

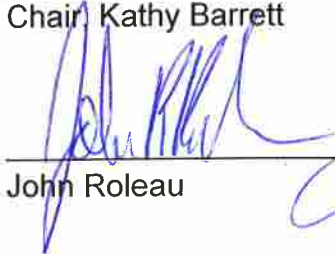
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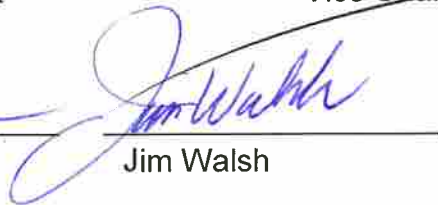
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