

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Town Offices

**** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held via GoToMeeting****

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl, Kathy Barrett,
Steve Dupoise and Bruce Many
Town Administrator / ZA: Aaron Brown
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Cheryl Brinkman, Teri Kuczynski, Gary Hobbs and Dean Gilmore

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Town wide yard sale / Executive session -
Personnel

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Cheryl Brinkman from Addison County Solid Waste Management, along with Teri Kuczynski and Gary Hobbs** are here to discuss having a **Transfer Station in New Haven**. The main issue at hand is people in Addison County cannot bring their household trash directly to the transfer station in Middlebury. The Town of Middlebury has told the Transfer station they cannot accept household trash. Some towns offer one day a week pick up for trash and recycling like here in New Haven, but not all towns offer it. The hauler would charge a fee for accepting trash. ACSWMD is looking at Lot 6 of the Peter Norris, Sr. subdivision off of Campground Road. They are proposing to have this as a "regional drop off site" for all of Addison County. They would contract with a hauler, who would have trucks there for trash and recycling and there would be an area for yard waste. There will be an enclosed container for food scraps. Down the road they may consider having roll-off containers for tires and scrap metal. This site will be for residents of Addison County, with the possibility of small businesses using it. Currently ACSWMD has contacted VTRANS for a traffic study; the project needs to go through ACT 250, as well as the New Haven's Development Review Board. No hours of operation have been established yet; they have talked about 3 days a week and possibly a Saturday. The hauler would have up to 48 hours to remove waste (trucks) from the site. The site will be gated; there may be nighttime lighting depending on the needs. The site will only be taxed on Pilot

Taxes, which is the assessed value of the lot. ACSWMD has been looking for a location since 2016, due to the need for a site for household trash drop off. Discussed other locations such as the Warden Service lot in Middlebury or asking each town in Addison County to have a weekly collection site. It is hard to believe folks in Lincoln or Shoreham will travel to New Haven to drop off trash and recycling. Meeting with the Selectboard was ACSWMD first step in introducing the proposed project to the Town Officials.

ADJUSTEMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. **Town wide yard sale:** Due to COVID concerns, the town will not be hosting a town wide yard sale over Memorial Day Weekend.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:

1. **COVID and State reopening guidance:** With progress being made for vaccinations, it looks like we may be able to have in person meetings starting in July. Guidelines for tracking attendees who have been vaccinated. The Town Hall could possibly be used in June, where attendees can maintain safe a distance from each other. The Planning Commission may hold an in person meeting in the Town Hall to review the proposed updated zoning map.
2. **Road Update:**
 - The road crew has started clearing trees alongside Twitchell Hill Road to prepare for the paving project.
 - All paving grants have been submitted
 - Bids for non-grant related projects have gone out
 - Bids will be opened at the May 18th meeting
 - Taborri requested that River Road be cleared of the fallen trees along the side of the road
3. **Town Buildings and Land:**
 - The Fire Dept. recently discovered most of the heat sensors in their half of the building are defective, and do not work. The Royal Group is scheduled to replace them and test the sensors in the town garage at the same time.
 - The Library side of the building found that the heat is not working. Chucks Heating and Air Conditioning came down this morning, said it needs a new control panel. They have ordered one, no word of cost or when it will be installed.

TRAIN DEPOT UPDATE:

1. Steve Dupoise spoke today with Laura Trieschman from Historic Preservation. She has found a grant through Northern Borders Regional Commission for up to

\$350k, and she has found an expert grant writer to work on the grant application; which is due May 14, 2021. The grant would require a 50-50 match, which could be the value of the building. AOT has offered \$31k to help meet the 50/50 match towards the \$350k grant. Historic Preservation has also offered \$25k. The Committee is still trying to find a suitable location for it, and they are trying to not spend any town monies.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/10/21, in the amount of \$4,027.64, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/17/21, in the amount of \$3,834.62, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/19/21, in the amount of \$30,493.21, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the bank statements financial statements, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the contract with Chris Chamberlain for the 2021 tax maps, to include adding private roads, and index to each map and include a printed index, amount not to exceed \$2950. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
6. John Roleau made a motion to approve the Liquor Licenses (first / second / Outside Consumption) for Porky's. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett – due to potential conflict of interest with DRB)
7. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the Town Administrator, Aaron Brown to apply for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development's Accessibility Grant program with funds approved at the 2021 Town Meeting. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
8. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/6/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Appointments:

- Taborri Bruhl made a motion to appoint Larry Buck to the **Tri-Valley Board of Directors**, Vicki Boise and Sara Smith to the **Park Committee** both for 3 year terms. Gary Sundstrom and Maggie Eaton as the **Town Energy Co-Coordinator**s. All terms are for 1 year unless otherwise noted. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to go into executive session, to include TA / ZA, Aaron Brown at 8:04pm to discuss a personnel matter. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Steve Dupoise made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:15 pm, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
No action taken

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

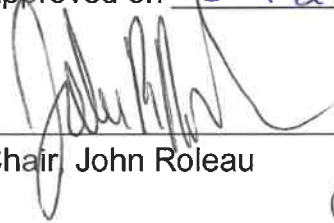
- 1. Sheriff's Activity Logs

Adjourn: 8:20 pm

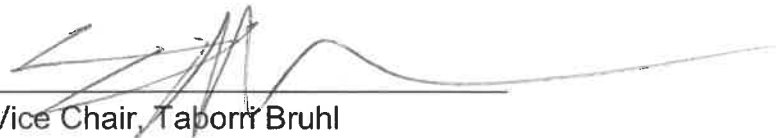
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman


Approved on 5-4-21




Chair, John Roleau



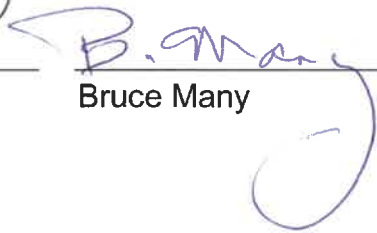
Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett



Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many