

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Town Offices

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

Visitors: Dan Morse, Suzy Roorda, Erin Baslow, Bill Baslow, Linda Cousino, Eugene Cousino, Jon Christiano, Mike Murphy, Charlie Roy, George Russell, Mike Russell, Sam Carlson, Robert Clark, Bridget Kipp, Iva Menard, Matt Ford, Jim Dandeneau, Gary Sundstrom, Eugene Allen, Annette Adams, Amanda Shepard, Dean Gilmore, Mark Livingston and Alan Mayer

Adjustments to the Agenda **Letter for Mark Livingston re: Town Hall dishwasher / Computer Maintenance / minutes from April 1, 2016

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering** came in to discuss the South St culvert. Robert had formed a relationship with the Town when he worked for Phelps Engineering. After Phelps closed, Robert went to work for Otter Creek Engineering. Katie Reilley had reached out to Robert about a culvert installation needed on South St, but Robert said that type of project is too small for Otter Creek to get involved with. Robert has spoken with Road Foreman, Jeff Terry, and thinks the Road Crew can handle the project; he added that there is limited right of way at this site. Otter Creek would assist with drainage and downstream erosion. An engineer would also design a headwall to provide stability upstream and downstream; as well as talk with the landowners. Newly appointed Road Commissioner, John Roleau introduced himself; he told Robert he is working on catching up. John said they will more likely need Otter Creek Engineering for the larger culvert replacement on Quaker Village Road. Robert said he is willing to work with the Town, he feels a sense of accomplishment doing projects in Addison County. Jim Walsh asked if Robert had reviewed the hydro study for South St. Robert had seen it. John Roleau has spoken with former Road Commissioners, Roger Boise and Amos Roleau about this area on South St; they both agreed it has been an issue for many years. Robert added there is a lot of erosion across the street, the road crew will need to evaluate the possibility of

using a larger culvert with a lesser slope; this can be assessed while under construction. The Board thanked Robert for coming.

- 2. George Russell and his brother Mike and siblings have proposed a 500mW solar array on their family farm of Ethan Allen Highway.** George Russell handed out a paper to the Selectboard. The farm has been in the family for generations, but it is currently not profitable for the family. Installing this array would generate money for the family. The Russell's would like to work with the town, not against it. They asked why the Selectboard has opposed the array, and is now going before the Supreme Court. Kathy Barrett replied it is because it is larger than the Town Plan call for. Doug Tolles suggested making it a 300kW, and the Board would support it. Jim Walsh explained the rationale for 300kW in the Town Plan. Cross Pollination was a one of a kind solar array when it was proposed in New Haven. At that time our Planning Commission felt it was logical to say a 300kW solar array would meet the town's needs. Jim said the PC modeled the solar section of our town plan after the Town of Braintree's Town Plan. At that time, Aaron Adler was Chair of Braintree's PC; he was instrumental in writing this language for their town plan. Currently Mr. Adler can be found at the State House writing bills on solar and wind energy. The Russell's can see the obligation to uphold the town plan, but they feel this array is sited well, and the impacts are low. Jim asked if the RECs will be sold. Sam Carlson from Green Lantern and Developer of the array said the town plan has a suggested size project. If he were to propose a 250kW array alongside the road, it would probably be approved, but that would have negative aesthetic impact. He feels this array has little or no impact. Jim Walsh asked again if the RECS would be sold. Sam Carlson in their Certificate of Public Good from the PSB (Public Service Board), Green Lantern will retain the RECS, this gives them the right to sell them. He is hoping Vermont will start generating RECs again, but for now they will be sold out of state. John Roleau used a car analogy for comparison: just because your car can go over 70 mph, and the speed limit is 50 mph, doesn't mean you can drive 70mph. Doug Tolles suggested placing 300kW on the Russell farm and talking to Mike Lee about putting a 300kW array on his property. He added the other concern is the grid is at capacity. Sam Carlson said he has spoken with Green Mountain Power and they said there is no risk to the grid. George Russell invited the Selectboard to come and look at the location; they will be installing 8' stakes to get a visual from Route 7.
- 3. Iva Menard** – In 2007 she was given permission by the Selectboard to brush hog and mow part of DeMers Park which borders her property. She would like to put a 20 x 20 garden in that location now for personal use. Steve Dupoise made a motion to allow Iva Menard and Matt Ford to continue to mow that section of DeMers Park directly behind their house and to put in a 20 x

20 garden plot for personal use. This is granted permission, which waives any adverse future claim to their property. This will be revisited yearly. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

4. **Listers, Jon Christiano and Linda Cousino** – Thanked the Selectboard for recent improvements to their office. They would like to ask the Selectboard for another computer for their office, they were using the extra laptop, but NEMRC and CAMA software is not on that computer. They have found a computer at Best Buy for \$350; and with an additional monitor total cost would be approximately \$500. They feel an additional computer will make them more efficient. The NEMRC license allows for them to have 1 additional computer with no extra cost.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Town Hall Applications: 1)** John Roleau made a motion to approve the application for Michele Chester to hold a Talent Show for Addison County Homeschoolers on Friday, April 29, 2016 in the gym from 5 – 8 pm, fee waived; deposit of \$50 received. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- 2) John Roleau made a motion to approve the application from Alan Whitney to hold a Hulbert family reunion on Saturday, August 6, 2016 in the cafeteria from 10 am – 5 pm, estimated attendance 80. Deposit of \$50 and fee of \$50 received. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- 3) John Roleau made a motion to approve the application from the New Haven Volunteer Fire Dept. to hold a Firefighters Seminar about Solar Arrays on Saturday, May 25, 2016. They would be using the gym and the kitchen from 6 am – 4 pm. Deposit check received, fee waived. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

John Roleau said he and Dan Morse are meeting every morning to go over a daily plan. They are also working on putting together a plan for Crew to follow for next year.

1. Road Update:

They are waiting for the asphalt plants to open up to get fresh cold patch, acknowledge there are a lot of pot holes that need attention.

- Katie is working on the grant applications for Hallock Road, Campground Road and Quaker Village Road. The Crew will be cutting brush, ditching and possibly replacing driveway culverts if there is a need. John and Dan feel driveway culverts should be installed by the road crew so they are done to our specs. This issue of who should install driveway culverts has

been done both ways; John and Dan feel having the road crew install them is the best solution. The Board agreed that if a culvert was replaced, the landowner who this culvert served would pay for said culvert.

- There is a small section of ledge along Campground Road that needs to be removed; the plows on the trucks are getting damaged by this ledge. This will also help with drainage. Jim Walsh suggested contacting Gerald LaBerge about grinding the ledge.
- Getting quotes for ditching on only the roads that need it.
- Quaker Village Road culverts: John, Dan, Katie and Jeff will be meeting with Jaron Borg River Management Engineer from Agency of Natural Resources tomorrow on site at 8:30 am. These original culverts were installed at 1962. They are looking to do a good temporary repair. The permanent fix will need to be budgeted for another year.
- The ditch at Addison County Field Days needs to be fixed soon, in some spots the ditch is 15' deep, and there is a lot of erosion. The erosion is causing the Fair Grounds property along Field Days Road to be unsafe in some spots. John and Dan are getting quotes from Chris LaPete and Tim Paquette, both with excavators.
- Road Crew checked to make sure all of our posted signs for "mud season" were still up. All signs are intact.

2. Equipment Update:

- The Road Crew is starting to switch out winter equipment for summer.
- The Volvo grader had a hydraulic line blow, it is now fixed. Volvo has recommended the turbo should get an upgrade, John does not see the need for this at this time.
- 2014 International truck starting using coolant, there was no evidence of a leak and it wasn't burning it. It was the exhaust gas recirculation system, it's still under warranty. The crew took it up on Monday, should have it back by the end of the week. John would also like to consider purchasing the extended warranty for this truck, as well as the new truck that was ordered. It will save the town time and money in the long run.
- John would like to purchase a used hydro seeder to use after all the brush cutting and ditching is completed. Used ones can be purchased from \$5k - \$10k.
- Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize John Roleau to sign road grants on behalf of the Selectboard; grants to be filed by April 15, 2016. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/2/16, in the amount of \$4,310.21, seconded by Doug Tolles. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 3/26/16, in the amount of \$3,813.51, seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 1 abstention (Roleau)
3. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/5/16, in the amount of \$38,379.52, seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 3/28/16, in the amount of \$11,141.59, seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Treasurer, Barb Torian handed out copies of the reconciliation for December, this is the information she received from Telling & Associates. The Town surplus number was rounded up; you take the anticipated taxes, and put them into a time frame for that year. It gives you a number that is put towards 2015; this transfers from year to year. ** The December financials were deferred until the next meeting.
6. John Roleau made a motion to authorize Joan Donahue from Conley & Foote (managing escrow account for Anbaric) to authorize payment to Mike Lawrence in the amount of \$4,804.37. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
7. Treasurer, Barb Torian has inquired about a Tax Anticipation Note. She has gotten percentage rates from the National Bank of Middlebury: 1.29% / Peoples Bank: 1.2% / Merchants Bank: 1.2%. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve a tax Anticipation note from Peoples United Bank at 1.2%, seconded by Doug Tolles. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2016, seconded by seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2016, seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the minutes from April 1, 2016, seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Interim Zoning Bylaws for Solar** – Town Attorney Cindy Hill sent out an email in reference to the interim zoning bylaws. The Board will look over and discuss at the next meeting.
2. **Solar discussion** – No new information at this time
3. **Anbaric:** Steve Dupoise said they are hoping to have a preliminary sound report by Friday. Our sound expert, Herb Singleton has started to talk with the sound experts from Anbaric. A sound map will be produced, with results mixed together. It will help define boundaries, and then the limitations of sound that the Selectboard can approve. Jim Walsh said he is concerned about the width between the substation and VELCO, it went from 50' to 75'. Eugene Cousino said VT Gas has just come across his property to cut their right of way, and they are ruining their ditch. Jim Walsh said he negotiated that piece in the MOU, if personal property was destroyed, VT Gas would repair it. Jim gave Eugene a contact person and number at VT Gas. Discussed placement of building, Steve Dupoise said our aesthetics expert suggested moving the building slightly west to give the appearance of not being so tall. Also discussed going to a town wide vote. Steve said the Selectboard would first approve a "turn sheet" in executive session, and adopt any package if the turn sheet is approved. Then set a date, 30 days from that approval for a vote. Steve would like to hold 1 or 2 informational meetings prior to the vote. Bridget Kipp asked if there was any news on what the fence surrounding the converter station will look like. Steve Dupoise said it would be whatever the town wants. Jim Walsh suggested Bridget go look at the fence around the VT Gas gate station off of Plank Road. The fence that the town negotiated for is black and is aesthetically pleasing. There was also discussion about where and how Anbaric will go under the new VT Gas line. This has not been decided.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Village Green Market, seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the liquor license and outside consumption permit for Tourterelle Restaurant and Inn. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve Addison County Fair & Field Days Fireworks Display permit for August 13, 2016, seconded by John Roleau Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

4. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve Addison County Fair & Field Days to hold 2 Demolition Derbies held on Aug. 10th & 11th, 2016 and tractor pulls held on Aug. 9th, 12th & 13th, 2016. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. **Update Emergency Plan** – Update with current names – defer to next meeting
6. **Appointments:** Jim Walsh made a motion to appoint Patrick Palmer to the Addison Co. Solid Waste District Representative, seconded by Doug Tolles Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no ** Defer other appointments to the next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Town Hall Dishwasher** – The Vermont Dept. of Health conducted an inspection of the kitchen, which included the dishwasher. According to the Dept. of Health, the dishwasher is working properly. John Roleau has spoken with the Food Services Coordinator, Kathy Alexander. She is frustrated about the dishwasher issue; she does not want a booster to be installed on it. The dishwasher was purchased new last summer and working just fine. John said as far as he is concerned the matter is closed.
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to sign and send the letter as written to Mark Livingston, per his request about the Town Hall dishwasher. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no ** See attached

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Secretary of Transportation re: Vergennes Bypass

The next scheduled meeting is on April 19, 2016.

Adjourn: 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

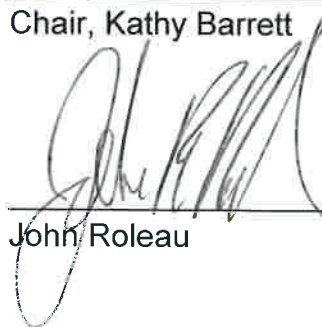
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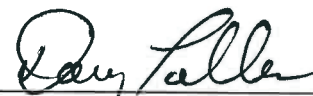
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