

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Town Offices

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Bruce Many, Taborri Bruhl and Steve Dupoise

Treasurer: Danielle Hubbell

Absent: Kathy Barrett

Visitors: Becky Hutchins and Town Attorney Cindy Hill and Dean Gilmore

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Cross Pollination Solar Barn update / Town Green Application / Homeward Bound Agreement / Town Gardens quote / River Road Trash

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Becky Hutchins – Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)** Becky Hutchins went over the LEMP with the selectboard and explained the changes she had made. The board also made suggestions to the plan. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the LEMP as discussed, motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. **Cindy Hill** was contacted by Mark Hall, the attorney for Cross Pollination, a solar field located on Ethan Allen HWY. Cross Pollination has contacted the Public Utility Commission in hopes to take down the existing historic barn and replace it with a prefab steel building. It was originally supposed to be restored. Due to the high cost to restore this barn it would be more cost effective to replace it. Cross Pollination would like to hold a meeting with all the interested parties to hear their opinions: selectboard, planning commission, and historical society.
2. **Town Green Application**, Andrea Gorton would like to hold a craft fair on the Town Green on May 21, 2022, from 11am-4pm. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the application, motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
3. **Town Gardens:** Hannah Tierney submitted a quote to clean up the towns gardens this year. They have not been touched in many years. This would

include pulling weeds, removing excess mulch, reapply clean dressing, edging and pruning. She quoted \$2430 for the town office gardens, \$805 to do around the gazebo, and \$1955 for the remainder of the town green. There was a lot of discussion about doing the gardens this year. It seems like a lot of money to spend in one year. It is also the face of the town, and it needs to be kept up. John Roleau also mentioned that the town parking lot by the store is also in need of repair. It was mentioned to do some of the gardens this year and the remaining next year. Tierney said that she quoted high, as she doesn't know exactly what she is getting into until she is finished. Also, in Tierney's quote, she mentioned that the memorial tree and a flowering crab tree to the west side of the green need to be replaced. Steve Dupoise graciously offered to donate new trees to the town to replace the old ones; he will contact Green Haven Gardens to have this done. The board thanked Steve for his donation. It was further discussed what gardens we want to have done, it was decided to have the town offices and the gazebo done this year.

John Roleau made a motion to hire Hannah Tierney to clean up the town office and gazebo gardens, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no

4. **River Road Trash**, there is a house on River Road that has a significant pile of trash piled by the road that has been there for a while. The bags are starting to get torn into by animals and making a mess on the roadside. The Town Offices have also been receiving complaints about this by residence. The board discussed how we would go about this issue and if the health officer should be involved. It was decided that this may be a police matter as it is littering. Danielle Hubbell will contact the sheriff's office to see what can be done.
5. **Homeward Bound agreement**, Taborri Bruhl made a motion to go with option #2 to pay a \$600 flat fee, motion second by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no

UPDATES ON:

1. **Roads:** Town Hill Road is almost completed, cutting back brush and trees. Danielle will now prepare the bid for paving. It was also mentioned that River Road needs some shouldering where it was paved a couple of years ago.
 - **Class 2 Roadway Grant:**
 - John Roleau made a motion to sign the roads and bridge standards, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
 - Taborri Bruhl made a motion to sign the annual financial plan, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
2. **Town Buildings and Land:** The doors are completed in the cafeteria.

- **Train Depot update:** Steve Dupoise has a meeting on Monday with the Credit Union and Florian Oberhuber on the floor plans of the depot. The bank would like to use half of the upstairs and half of the downstairs. It was discussed that the selectboard is also going to need to prepare a financial plan agreement with the bank. Steve also questioned the board if everyone was ok with moving forward with the credit union and everyone said yes. Through the survey most people wanted the building to be half rented and half community space. The town also needs wetlands to sign off on the lot where the depot is going to be placed. If the building was placed as it was originally intended the Army Corps of Engineers would have to look at it. This would take more time than we would like. If we only set the building 5 feet to the north of where it is sitting now, it would not need the Army Corps of Engineers approval. The board agreed to move it 5 feet.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 3/26/22, in the amount of \$4135.20, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/02/22, in the amount of \$4214.29, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/1/22, in the amount of \$40,514.58, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
4. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/22/22 seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no

APPOINTMENTS

1. John Roleau made a motion to appoint Wayne Marcelle as the Dog Warden and Constable, second by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
2. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to appoint Danielle Hubbell as the Assistant Zoning Administrator, second by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to appoint Danielle Hubbell as the E911 Coordinator, second by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
4. John Roleau made a motion to appoint Maggie Eaton and Gary Sundstrom as the Town Energy Co-Coordinator, second by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to appoint Larry Buck as the Tri-Valley Transit Board of Directors, second by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/0 no

OTHER BUSINESS: Dean Gilmore wanted to let the selectboard know that Bernie Sanders has funding available, and he wanted to submit a request for a new fire station. John Roleau is going to coordinate with Dean.

John Roleau made a motion to go into executive session at 7:52 pm, to discuss personnel, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
Bruce Many made a motion to include Danielle Hubbell, seconded by John Roleau. Vote by Roll call 4 yes/ 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:00 pm, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

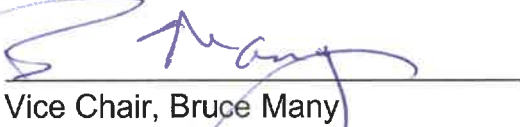
Taborri Bruhl made a motion to raise Eric Boise's pay to \$25.50, as Road Foreman, and to reevaluate in November. Steve Dupoise second this motion. Vote by roll call 4 yes/ 0 no

Adjourn: 8:05 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Danielle Hubbell

Approved on 5-3-22




Chair, John Roleau



Vice Chair, Bruce Many



Taborri Bruhl



Steve Dupoise