

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm Town Clerks Office**  
**Tuesday August 14, 2007**

Present: Burt Allen, Keith Hall, Paul Audy, Pam Kingman  
Others: Betty Bell, Barb Torian, Dale Everest, Jeffery Everest, Matt Ford, Iva Menard, Sheila Marcelle, Wayne Marcelle, Roger Boise, Warren Whitcomb

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

Read and approve minutes, make corrections if needed.

**ROADS:**

- **Addison County Road Foremen Network Meeting:** Tuesday, August 21, 2007 starting at 10:00 am held at the Orwell Fire Station. The topic is a Mutual Aid Agreement for the County. Keith Hall, Katie Reilley and Phil Busier will all be attending.
- **Guard Rails in the Mills:** have been replaced after an accident last winter. The Town will total expenses and send a bill to Paul and Margaret Meacham for payment. There will also be some tree trimming by the Munger St. Bridge for better sight distance.
- **Plank Road:** Culvert just west of the intersection with North St. that had been replaced after the 1999 flood had very little fill over the top. The Road Crew pulled off about 50 feet of pavement and added gravel to build up the road around the culvert. We will have to wait for Pike's to surface.
- **Grants: we have received two from the state one for \$120,000** for shim and overlay one mile of **River Road**; completion date July 2009. **The second grant is for \$34,800 for culvert replacement on Plank Rd. and Munger St.**, completion date April 2009. This is paying for any culverts we replace on Munger St. in 2007.
- **Munger St:** During July, Pike Industries reclaimed 0.3 miles of the southernmost section, beginning at Cobble Road. (See Paving Schedule below) Phil Busier will contact Gail Freidin about trimming trees back along Munger St. because the Pikes trucks are going to hit them when it is time to pave.
- **Pike Industries RE: 2007 Adjusted Paving Schedule.** Pikes recommendation for Munger St. is to put a 1" shim down for 2007 and hold off until early 2008 to install the wearing course; this allows the new culverts to settle. Burt Allen made a motion to accept the paving schedule, second by Paul Audy. All agree.
- **Boards from Rattlin' Bridge:** Road crew has used a few to divide the sand and salt. It was discussed at the last meeting that the town would inventory the boards then sell them; they are worth \$1.30 a board foot. The road crew will not use any more of these boards. Keith Hall will measure and take an inventory of the boards.
- **Winter Sand is in the shed** – Road crew used the loader.
- **1987 John Deere Tractor:** Paul Audy made a motion to give Roger Boise permission to get the tractor running so that the Town can put it out to bid. Second by Keith Hall. All agree.

- **Katie Reilley is compiling a road inventory using GASB 34** – with the outside audit happening, the road crew will need to keep a daily log of what they are doing, then in turn give a weekly report to Katie; that way Katie can put the inventory into the computer each week. Paul Audy said he was very supportive of this, he suggested giving them clip boards to keep in each truck. Katie Reilley has someone coming in to help her with the new software for the inventory.
- **Barb Torian asked about paycheck distribution methods for the road crew.** In the past the road crew has always come to the town office to get pay checks. As a courtesy, sometimes Katie Reilley has delivered them to the shed. Lately there has been some confusion on how checks should be administered. Barb Torian also asked to have something in writing from employees who wish anyone but themselves pick up their check. Burt Allen will ask the road crew to put requests in writing and if they would prefer to have their pay checks go into direct deposit.
- **Dave Heisler:** Plans to return to work once he is released from the Doctor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Visitors Business

- **Iva Menard: would like permission to brush hog the Town land (River Rd. Park) behind her house on River Rd.** Paul Audy made a motion to allow Iva Menard to brush hog the Towns property, second by Keith Hall. All agree.
- **Michelle Moyer:** emailed a letter about the **noise, loose dogs and broken glass down on River Road Park.** Discussion on possibilities of how to handle it. This is an ongoing issue every summer. Some suggestions were to try to find someone to close the gate at night or putting a barrier up so you could no longer drive down there, or calling the police. No easy answer.
- **Jeff Everest:** handed out copies of Article # 11 from Town Meeting. Mr. Everest feels there is nothing in this Article that says it includes the Sidewalks, and that the sidewalk should have been voted on separately, and not in the budget. He added that the Town voted down the King House/ball field/playground in one vote. He would like to vote on the sidewalk project on a separate article. Paul Audy explained the \$19,000 for sidewalks the Town voted on, was for our share of the grant, and the voters voted down the King House/ball field/ playground as a lump sum. The second vote was for just the ball field. Discussion on the timeline of the sidewalk project – it won't be happening in 2007. Warren Whitcomb asked the selectboard if the sidewalk project had their support, all three members said yes. Betty Bell said her mother was hit by a car at that intersection and she supports the project as well. The contract has been signed to have the sidewalks done, not sure the Town can go backwards. Keith Hall will contact the lawyer at VLCT, and find the answers to Mr. Everest's questions.

- **Jeff Everest:** Has the town received the **Curb dog signs for the town green – yes** will try to get them up ASAP.
- **Betty Bell: West Cemetery** – Five headstones are broken, two of which are too big for her to handle. She would like permission to have Cleggs Memorial come and give her an estimate. Paul Audy made a motion to have Cleggs Memorial give an estimate, second by Keith Hall. All agree.
- **Betty Bell: Dog Team Tavern Sign** - Jeff Hesslink and Tom Mansfield donated the sign to the New Haven Historical Society, and they would like permission to store it in the carriage barn of the King House. Paul Audy made a motion to grant permission to store the sign in the carriage barn, second by Burt Allen. All agree.
- **Deb Foster from Addison Home Health and Hospice:** She dropped off a letter earlier in the week, and came with a signed petition in regards to the stretch of Route 7 in front of “Home Health”. There have been numerous accidents there, most recently involving two of her employee’s. She is concerned with the length of the passing zone and how cars are jockeying for position as it changes into a single lane. It has become very dangerous for cars heading south making a left hand turn along this stretch; there is very little signage here that warns motorists may need to use passing lane to make a left turn. Deb Foster is asking the Selectboard if they are willing to put a proposal to the State to request an assessment of that area. Keith Hall made a motion to request assessment from the state, second by Burt Allen. All agree.
- **Bill Brim and Cris Messerle – Emergency Management: No show**
- **Agreement between the Town of New Haven and Peter Morris, Architect** – Keith Hall has spoken with Peter Morris who is working on getting the Town an amount for the new office building. The Town lawyer, Jim Ouimette is working the Deed between the Town and the Fortier’s. Paul Audy said he doesn’t want to sign the Deed with the Fortier’s until the Fortier’s are ready to move it. Keith Hall made a motion to sign agreement, second by Paul Audy. All agree.

#### **MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Orton Family Foundation RE: COMMUNITYMATTERS07 – Conference October 23-25, 2007 in Burlington. Forwarded copies to Planning Commission.
- State of Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation RE: Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project – Comments on Beldon Falls and Huntington Falls the ongoing study of water quality.
- LUCA Technical Training Announcement RE: Census training held at the Rutland Free Library, August 16, 2007: 9:30 – 1:30. Pam Kingman will forward them a copy of our grand list.
- State of Vermont, Northwest Regional Construction Office RE: Preconstruction Conference Report – Rattlin’ Bridge. Minutes from the conference.
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns RE: Voting Delegates at the Annual Business Meeting, to be held at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds,

October 11, 2007: beginning at 2:30. Included are the Town Fair schedule and pre-registration form and the 2007 VLTC Awards Program: Description and Nomination Forms.

- State of Vermont, Dept. of Environmental Conservation RE: Construction General Permit for the Beeman Elementary Recreation field.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- Road Access Permits for Richard Esty on Quarry Rd. and Stephen Smith on North St. Burt Allen made a motion to sign road access permits, second by Keith Hall. All agree.
- Sign overweight permits
- Sign overwidth permit

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Keith Hall made a motion to sign Treasurers report, second by Burt Allen. All agree.
- Sign pay orders
- Suzy Roorda requested a Kinney Drugs charge card: Burt Allen made a motion to refuse the request, second by Keith Hall. All agree.
- While Zoning Administrator, Cris Messerle was out of the office on vacation, he asked Keith Hall to fill in for him. Keith Hall has submitted a time card for his time. Barb Torian is asking the rest of the selectboard to approve the time card. Burt Allen feels this was a conflict of interest serving on the selectboard and acting as Zoning Administrator. Keith Hall reassured the selectboard that anything controversial that came up, he put aside for Cris Messerle. Paul Audy made a motion to pay Keith Hall, second by Burt Allen.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Agreement between the Town and Beeman Elementary School from November 18, 2005. Keith Hall has talked with Steve Flint, Beeman's new principal about the school custodian cleaning the restrooms in the Town Hall during the school year. Mr. Flint agreed with Keith Hall that the students use them the majority of the time. The selectboard would like to amend the current agreement to reflect that. Keith Hall will write up a draft on the town and school custodial responsibilities.

**NEWS LETTERS:**

- VLTC News
- ACTR News

Adjourn: 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

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Paul Audy

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Burt Allen

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Keith Hall