

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 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: Bridget Kipp, Erin Baslow, Alden Harwood, Dean Gilmore and Dan Morse

**Adjustments to the Agenda** \*\* Discuss new town truck / VT Gas screening work / Adverse possession letter \*\*

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**Open Roadside Mowing Bid:** 1 bid was received from John Roleau, it included a certificate of insurance. He has a boom-flail mower mounted on a Case tractor, which is capable of reaching out to do banks; it can also rotate up to 180 degrees to cut tree limbs and brush. His hourly rate is \$90.00 per hour.

Discussed having David Miner do the regular fall roadside mowing, and hiring John Roleau to do the roads that are scheduled for paving this summer, Hallock Rd., Campground Rd and Quaker Village Rd. All agree it would be a time saver for the road crew so they don't have to cut brush.

Doug Tolles made a motion to accept the roadside mowing bid from John Roleau at \$90.00 per hour; authorizing him to cut the roadsides 5 ft. out on Campground Road, Hallock Road and Quaker Village Road. Mowing should occur prior to these roads getting paved. (Paving is scheduled to occur on or about August 29 – 30). Motion seconded by Jim Walsh

4 yes / 1 abstention (Roleau)

John Roleau will ask David Miner to do on pass in late September.

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **ANeSU Facilities Manager, Alden Harwood – Town Hall:** Last week the water went down in the school, which connects to all the buildings including the town hall and town offices and library. There has been no contamination, but the State requires it to be treated. We are basically on a "boiled water order". Alden said he is hoping to have the new parts by the end of this week, then shock the system, and have the system back up and running by next weekend. Alden said this is the 3rd time this has happened in the past 2 years the system has gone down. He is recommending a new design and installing a new system that meets

code, and will have 2 ultraviolet lights instead of one. Alden said the 500 gallon storage tank is in the boiler room in the school. They may have to look for an alternative location for a new tank. Alden thought a new system would cost approximately \$20k, this includes the design. It would have to go through the State for certification. Alden wanted the Selectboard to know this because the water system is considered a community system.

2. **Town Hall – Pest Control:** Alden Harwood said as far as he is concerned there is very little rodent activity in the Town Hall. Food services tell him they see droppings, he sets traps about twice a year. Alden feels pest control is expensive, and unnecessary in the Town Hall. Jim Walsh will get quotes from Family First Pest Control and J P Pesticides for monthly service for the Fire Dept / Town Garage and the outside of the Town Hall.
3. **Town Hall – Freeze Alarm System:** Alden Harwood said he thought this was a great idea. They recently installed a digital system in the school; it automatically sends alerts to Alden's cell phone. Jim Walsh had previously shared Marshalls Alarm Service proposal with Alden, they agree it's a good plan. Alden said the school is willing to pay Marshalls Alarm Service annual monitoring fee of \$246. The Town will have to pay \$645 for the control panel and set up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jim Walsh typed up a thank you / appreciation letter to Ned Farquhar (formerly of VT Gas). Pam Kingman will retype it and mail it to Ned. Jim Walsh made a motion to forward the letter of appreciation to Ned Farquhar, seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/2/16, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/6/16, in the amount of \$2,944.72, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/13/16, in the amount of \$3,289.07, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 8/11/16, in the amount of \$80,522.87, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Selectboard received copies of the financials and bank statement. The July financials are deferred until the next meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar discussion:
  - Doug Tolles will be in Montpelier tomorrow with Attorney Cindy Hill for the Next Generation (Vandal) PSB Hearing on solar.
  - Peck Solar (Gervais) - screening is still sub-par.
  - Suncommon (Seguin) PSB's Hearing Officer determination said it is not allowed to be built. Their screening is grossly inadequate.
  - Doug has concerns about the PSB not acting on issues in a timely fashion when it comes to forcing a cpg holder to comply with the cpg. He said our Town Plan needs to be worded so that we have legal ground to stand on.
2. Vermont Green Line (Anbaric project) – Steve Dupoise recently contacted Attorney Saudek; who is currently working on structural changes to the Agreement between VGL and the Selectboard. Doug Tolles will talk to Attorney Hill about the Selectboard filing for intervenor status once the application is sent in by VGL.
3. Town buildings – Security / low temp control: Jim Walsh made a motion to have Marshalls Alarm Service install a “freeze alarm panel” in the Town Hall, for no more than \$645.00. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Road Update:
  - Now that it has rained the crew has been able to get out and grade the roads. John Roleau had many complaints about Hunt Road in particular. There is a lot of truck traffic from the Nash Bridge replacement. John added CCS; the company working on the Nash Bridge has not been too receptive to some complaints, and our crew has had to clean up after them on occasion. John said in comparison, VT Gas has been great to work with and is very receptive to issues that arise.
  - **Hallock Road** – The Crew has been cutting brush, digging ditches and getting ready to install a new cross culvert in preparation for paving. They have run into a piece of ledge that will need to be removed, John is setting up a sub-contractor for that work.
  - **Quaker Village Road, Double Culverts** - John Roleau, Dan Morse and Doug Tolles met with Dick Hoskins from District 5 / VTRANS at the failing culvert on Quaker Village Road. VTRANS has ordered a hydraulic study on the culverts; the State is leaning towards a bridge. John and Dan are hoping

they can install a box culvert instead. John is concerned about traffic over Quaker Village when the State closes the Route 17 Bridge linking New Haven to Addison in 2018. After the meeting, Doug called the Better Roads program coordinator. The coordinator stated the grant applications are now closed. The applications had to have been received by April 1, 2016 and the funds were paid out on July 1, 2016. The Town failed to apply. As this year's emphasis was on projects that impact Lake Champlain, and this culvert flows into the Otter Creek and eventually Lake Champlain, this project would have been a prime candidate for the \$80,000 award. The program emphasis for next year had not been determined, nor the funding.

2. **Equipment Update:** Nothing to report, everything is running good.
3. **New Truck:** Discussed the purchase of the new truck, and if it was wise to refuse it, or just accept the new truck with all its bells and whistles.  
Doug Tolles made a motion, after discussing the new truck purchase with Ed Cleary, the owner of J & B, the Selectboard agrees to purchase the truck from J & B under the original terms. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Interview and hire Road Commissioner Consultant – The sub-committee has met once. Each member was tasked with coming up with a job description for the new position. Defer until a future meeting.
5. 2014 asphalt – deferred
6. Jim Walsh asked if all the recent culvert installations have been billed out. John Roleau said he is working on it.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. September meeting schedule: September 6 & 20, 2016.
2. Screening along Route 17 ( Main St) where VT Gas has clear cut a large swath leading to the VELCO substation. Jim has spoken with VT Gas, they have agreed to do some major tree planting in the swath that they clear cut.
3. Adverse Possession Letter – Kathy Barrett spoke to Attorney Hill about this. Attorney Hill advised that no one can take Municipal property by adverse possession.

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

1. Sheriff's Activity logs

The next meeting is on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 9:00 am in the Town Offices; this is a work day to work on the Town Plan. The public is welcome.

Adjourn: 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

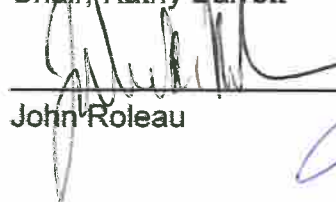
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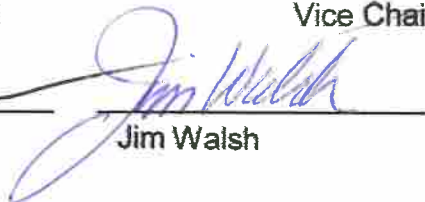


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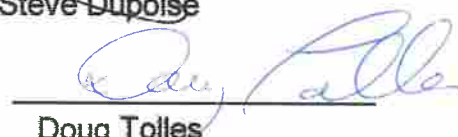
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