

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, August 17, 2021**  
**Town Offices**

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

Visitors: Marcia Dupoise

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** VELCO update / Executive Session – Personnel / VTRANS / Book Sale - storage

**VTRANS:** Paperwork was received today from VTRANS. They are starting the condemnation process of the two (2) Town owned parcels on Route 17 / Sawyer Road. The Selectboard does not agree with his process. VTRANS, Selectboard members, Town Attorney, Cindy Hill and the Jewells met on site last month and there were recommendations made to VTRANS to make this process simpler and easier for the Town and the Jewells. At that time VTRANS seemed open to the suggestions. The Selectboard is not willing to accept that this is VTRANS only option and the Selectboard opposes the VTRANS decision. The paperwork received today has been forwarded to Attorney Hill.

**Storage of Books for Library book sale:** A collection of books from Ruth Paraskevopoulus (who recently passed away) is being offered to the Library for their fall sale. The Librarian would like to accept them a little at a time to be able to sort through them, and said she could accept 10 boxes to store in their shed outside the library. The Board agreed to house a minimal amount of boxes in the old Town Office if Librarian, Katie Male-Riordan would like them. The Library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

**VELVO Update:** Steve Dupoise emailed VELCO to get a progress report on their new building. They are on schedule. Concrete is being poured for the generator pads, as well as for staircases.

**VISITORS BUSINESS: None****TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:****1. Road Update given by John Roleau:**

**Town Hill Road:** The brush has all been cut by Cummings & Sons. Cummings said if we would like the larger trees removed the estimated cost would be \$15k. John also got a quote from Browns who quoted him \$17k. This is an unbudgeted expense and thinks it best to leave the larger trees, and have the road crew chip away at them over the winter. Due to so much damage to the Town Hill Road by Cummings machine, it is also not cost effective to have them trim brush along South Street by De Boers horse farm. Town Hill Road will be repaved; therefore the damage done will be fixed. South Street is not slated for pavement any time soon. The Road crew will go out and trim what they can by the horse farm. On Town Hill Road there is one more cross culvert to replace, and then the road can be ditched. The large cement box culvert has been modified with cement blocking to direct water flow as well as a steel plate to reinforce the top. The cement culvert is beginning to crumble, and will need replacing at some point in the distant future.. This is a good temporary repair. McCulloughs is in the Town Pit crushing this week.

**2. Town Buildings and Land:** Fire Suppression tanks in Town Hall kitchen, not sure of their status. Pam Kingman will call D & M Fire and Safety.**AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/7/21, in the amount of \$6,753.07, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 8/14/21, in the amount of \$4,536.41, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve Pay Orders for the week ending 8/17/21, in the amount of \$114,856.17 (includes moving ARPA funds into a Money market). Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the financials and bank statements for July. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl, Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Town Hall Application: Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve Shannon and Arlon Minor's application to hold a funeral / memorial service for their mother in the Town Hall gym with use of the cafeteria on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Fee and deposit waived. Seconded by Kathy Barrett Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

6. Meeting Owl Pro for remote meetings: John Roleau made a motion to approve the purchase of the Meeting Owl Pro, for approximately \$1,000 using ARPA Funds. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
7. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/3/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Roleau / Dupoise)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **Train Depot Update:** Steve Dupoise met with John Van Hoesen from ACRPC and Florian Oberhuber yesterday. The RFP has been put out for a Project Manager and Steve has reached out to moving companies. Steve stressed the importance of hiring someone to take on the project because of such a short timeline. Steve asked the Selectboard how much decision making and how much authority they wanted him to have.

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to give Steve Dupoise the authority to make decisions concerning the train depot. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 1 abstention (Dupoise)

John Van Hosen is currently working on an Agreement between the Town and ACRPC. Once a Project Manager is hired, he/she will review the invoices, forward them to ACRPC, and then they will be sent on to Town Treasurer, Danielle Hubbell for payment. The Town has received the \$400,000 grant funds. Discuss moving the depot at night for less interruption to power and less traffic. Steve added VELCO my need to forewarn customers of power outages up to 90 days in advance. The cost for moving power lines is upwards of \$50k.

Alan Huizinga has assured Steve there is enough room in the septic system to hook up the depot. The Towns only financial responsibility to MAUSD for septic if there is an expense over \$3,000.

At some point the Zoning Administrator will need to issue a zoning permit for relocation of the depot to North Street.

2. **Acknowledge receipt of half of the ARPA Funds:** John Roleau made a motion to acknowledge receipt of half of the ARPA Funds. No decisions have been made on how to spend these funds, with the exception of the Meeting Owl Pro that was approved tonight. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

John Roleau made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss personnel, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes/ 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:53pm, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

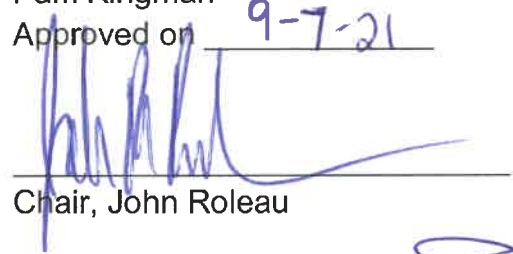
Taborri Bruhl made a motion to raise Jerry Currier's and Eric Boise's pay by \$.25 per hour effective immediately. This is a onetime raise that may affect raises at budget time. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 7:56 pm

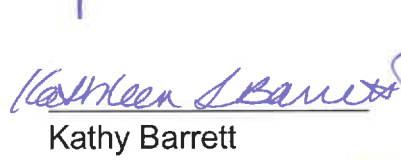
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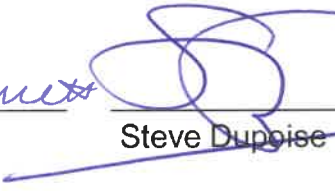
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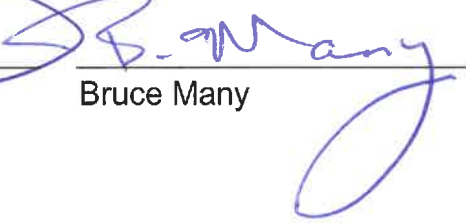
Approved on 9-7-21

  
Chair, John Roleau

  
Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl

  
Kathy Barrett

  
Steve Duppoise

  
Bruce Many