

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Carole Hall, Charlie Roy, Doug Tolles, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Tim Van De Weert, Peter Carothers, Rich Carpenter, Steve Dupoise, Jim McClay and Mike Mullin

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Tim Van Der Weert** – Annual Tractor Pull held at the Field Days site on September 19 & 20, 2014 is being expanded to include a concert Saturday night. This is a benefit to help families in need. Tractor pulls on Friday & Saturday; with a concert by Jamie Lee Thurston on Saturday night which will be held inside the Paquette building. They are looking into hiring a security group for traffic control. Concert tickets will be sold separately. They anticipate approximately 1,500 – 1,800 people to attend the concert. Field Days have given them permission to hold the tractor pull and the concert. There will be alcohol sold and they are aware that they are responsible for obtaining all appropriate permits.
2. ****Doug Tolles recused himself and left the room at 7:15pm****
Peter Carothers and Rich Carpenter from Acorn Energy Group came to discuss a Solar Array on Gervais property located at the corner of Twitchell Hill Road and Field Days Road. The Gervais property will act as the landlord for the array and the Town of Middlebury will be the “off-taker” or benefactor of the array. Charlie Roy made a motion to support the 150kw solar array at 1330 Twitchell Hill Road. Encore Redevelopment will be installing the array which will benefit the Town of Middlebury. Stipulations include complying with the zoning setback requirements, getting a road access permit, and screening from the road. Motion seconded by Carole Hall. 3 yes / 1 no (Boise) **** Doug Tolles back to the meeting at 7:47pm****
3. **Steve Dupoise** – The “Can Mobile” that is at the town shed is not in a convenient location for people to donate their cans and bottles. Steve asked if he could move it by the dumpster. Roger said that location is ok for the summer, but the Road Crew will probably move it between the buildings for the winter for plowing purposes. Donations used to go towards paying off the ball field; it now goes towards sports programs for New Haven kids.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore wrote a letter to the Selectboard asking them to consider hiring him an Assistant to replace Jill DeVoe; as the Zoning office remains very busy. The Selectboard feels the position should be advertised in the local paper, with letters of interest and or resumes due back by August 19, 2014.
2. Town Hall gym closet – the right cage has been cleaned out, but all the equipment is still on the stage in the gym. The left cage is untouched. The school was given a deadline of June 12, 2014. Pam Kingman will contact Beeman Principal, Kristine Evarts to find out what is going on.
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to accept the Lister's Errors & Omissions Certificate for the 2014 tax year; which includes one change, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Draft letter from the Planning Commission was deferred to the August 19, 2014 meeting.
5. Carole Hall made a motion to approve the Town Hall Application from Steve Dupoise to coach basketball on Monday nights in the gym from 7 – 9:30pm. Security deposit for \$50.00 has not been received. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/19/14, in the amount of \$3,701.72, seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Carole Hall made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/26/14, in the amount of \$3,618.00, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/2/14, in the amount of \$4,563.52, seconded by Carole Hall. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Boise)
4. Carole Hall made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 7/28/14, in the amount of \$12,156.07 seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Carole Hall made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 8/5/14, in the amount of \$30,433.59, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Doug Tolles made a motion to make the Tax Penalty for not filing or late filing of the Homestead Declaration at 3%, seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
7. Two undeliverable tax bills have been returned. One property is in the process of a sale, and the other one Kathy Barrett thought she could get an address for.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update** – The Road Crew recently installed an 80' culvert on Lime Kiln Road; this has helped tremendously with recent heavy rains. They also replaced a second culvert on the same road. Along with culvert replacements they have

been doing some ditching.

McCulloughs should be done processing in the pit this week; there is bountiful product this year.

2. **Equipment Update** – The backhoe window has not been replaced yet, the repair people have not been in our area, so they are still waiting.
3. **Paving Bids:** Roger Boise made a motion to award South Street and East Street to Pike Industries as bid, and Hunt Road and Quaker Village Road to D & F Paving, as bid. Because all bids came in under budget, he would like to extend the South St paving at a distance which will not exceed the budgeted money for Plank Road. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no Pam, could you add the dollar amounts for each of the paving
4. Charlie Roy made a motion to sign the Road Access Permit for Natalie & Ross Peters to allow a curtain drain for their new mound system to be in the town right of way. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
5. VT Gas – No construction has begun in town yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. State Education Rates – Defer until the August 19, 2014 meeting
2. North South Highway – Doug called the State, and completed the checklist form he gave to Roger Boise for Katie Reilley to send. Roger is concerned that the North South might have to be surveyed if we pursue this. Doug would like to have Dave Minor do some roadside mowing in one area of the old road. Doug will show Roger the area he is talking about.
3. Ancient Roads – Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the Fire Works permit for Addison County Fair & Field Days, to be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the Demolition Derby to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, August 6 & 7, 2014; motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the new road name “Freyer Lane” off of Route 7, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2014, seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2014, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Hall)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Roger Boise made a motion to go into executive session at 9:00pm to discuss litigation, seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no

Charlie Roy made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:09pm, seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

Charlie Roy made a motion to authorize Kathy Barrett as the contact person for Cindy Hill on any Act 248 issues relating to large solar farms; and that attorney Hill not take any action unless directed by Kathy Barrett. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Madden Correspondence
2. Jim Walsh Correspondence
3. VLCT – Public Records Act and Open meeting Law on September 10, 2014 in Montpelier.
4. COMCAST services available

Adjourn: 9:13 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:





Chair, Kathy Barrett



Vice Chair, Roger Boise



Carole Hall

Charlie Roy

Doug Tolles