

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Town Offices

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Present: Kathy Barrett, Chair, Pam Marsh, Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Charlie Roy

Visitors: Tim Bouton, Suzy Roorda and Jim Walsh

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Tim Bouton – Revised Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Tim went through the changes to the plan that was agreed upon at the last meeting. Pam Marsh made a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
- 2. PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) quick start letter:** Pam Marsh explained that by signing the letter, the town would be provided with a portfolio of financial, technical, and legal services, model documentation, community education materials and other assistance. It does not mean that the town is ready to put this on the warning at town meeting, or start a PACE District; it is purely informational purposes. All agreed they would like to see how other area communities do with it first. Discussion about the pros and cons of signing the quick start letter. Pam Marsh made a motion to sign the PACE quick start letter to get more information, and not to sign on to form a District. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 2 yes / 1 no / 1 abstention (Boise)

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

- 1. Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Applications:** 1) Amanda Cheever for the Middlebury Community Players, this was previously approved. Board needs to sign application. Discussion about this group not paying to use the facility, it was agreed that they would make a donation at the end of rehearsals. Suzy has since had another group from Middlebury Community Players who heard about the Town Hall, and would also like to use it. She feels as if we have opened up a can of worms by allowing them to rehearse for nothing. It is a lot of wear and tear on the new floor and they will be using the entire building. Pam Marsh will write a letter to the Middlebury Community Players advising them about the recent upgrades to the building, (new floor and acoustic tiles). She will ask them to donate money towards improving the acoustics even more. The following applications are renewals from last year: 1) Roger Boise made a motion to renew Travis Paquette's application, same conditions as 2011, seconded by Pam

Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no 2) Pam Marsh made a motion to renew James Condon's application, same conditions as 2011, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no 3) Kathleen Ready made a motion to renew 4H Twilight Tails application, same conditions as 2011, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no 4) Pam Marsh made a motion to approve of Ashley Bessette to hold an open gym playgroup on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 from 9am – 1 pm. Fee is waived, security deposit required. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

2. **John Maddens Petition:** Discussed the definition of a public question. Some towns are putting public questions on their town meeting warning such as, "Shall Vermont be a nuclear free zone?" These questions are generally voted on from the floor, unless there had been a vote to put public questions on the town meeting ballot. Planning Commission Chair, Jim Walsh said the PC anticipates bringing 4 -5 items changing the zoning bylaws before the Selectboard in the next year. They need to do it in bits and pieces to chip away at the Zoning Regulations re-write. Discussed the draft letter from Town Attorney, Cindy Hill in response to Mr. Madden's petition; it is considered to be invalid because of the wording, which asks for a public question to be voted on by Australian Ballot, when the Town has not previously voted to have public questions decided by Australian Ballot. Pam Kingman will let Cindy know to go ahead and send John Madden the response letter.
3. **Correspondence from Cindy Hill, Re: Roth dog.** Town Attorney Hill suggests Wayne Marcelle continue to communicate with Carol Roth about the dog. She suggested Wayne have assistance from someone in the office with an email letter to Carol. Also discussed Melissa Liberio's dog, Onyx has been wandering. The Selectboard wants Wayne to issue a citation to Melissa Liberio.
4. **Area Rescue Squad Agreements** – More editing is needed. Postpone until Jan. 3, 2012 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/10/11, in the amount of \$3,475.93, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/17/11, in the amount of \$3,675.52, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/20/11, in the amount of \$100,594.67; this includes \$64,000 for the pay loader. Seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to transfer the difference between the budget amount in the bridge expense line item and actual amount in bridge expense to the

bridge fund in light of anticipated expenses for the Nash Bridge. This would be roughly \$7000. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget items – Kathleen Ready discussed looking into the retirement plan for Town employees. She said the Town’s contribution would not be a huge amount of money. Barb Torian will contact Shawn Oxford at Bristol Financial.
2. Community Projects money – Consider moving some money from this to start up Front Porch Forum. Pam Marsh will talk to Suzy Roorda about it.

REGUALR BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from December 6 & 8 – still need some editing; postpone until Jan. 3, 2012

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Palmer ROW
2. Ancient Roads

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State of Vermont, Dept. of Taxes – Certified Equalization Education Property Value (effective 1/1/12)

Adjourn: 9:30 pm


Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

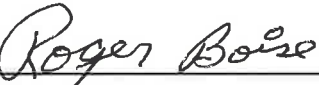
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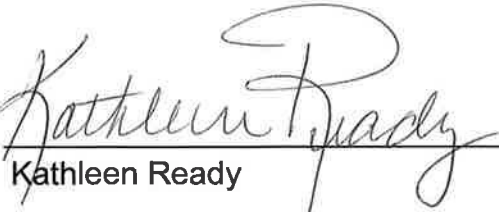
Chair, Kathy Barrett



Vice Chair, Pam Marsh



Roger Boise



Kathleen Ready