

**Town of New Haven Selectboard  
Budget / Regular Meeting  
6:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 7, 2021  
Town Offices**

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl, Kathy Barrett,  
Steve Dupoise and Bruce Many  
Treasurer: Danielle Hubbell  
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Beginning at 6:00 pm, the Selectboard, along with Treasurer, Danielle Hubbell and the Selectboard Assistant reviewed the first draft of the Road Budget. discussed purchasing a new truck to replace the F550, and which paving projects take precedence. This portion of the meeting ended at 6:45pm, at this time Danielle Hubbell left the meeting.

The regular meeting began at 6:50 pm

Visitors: Chris Urban, Dean Gilmore and Alan Mayer

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Mask Mandate

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Chris Urban – Adult indoor soccer (Town Hall application):** Chris has been playing soccer with the migrant workers from Misty Knoll Farm, Livingston Farm and Four Hills Farm. With the weather change they would like to move indoors and play “fotsol” which is soccer, just with a weighted ball that doesn’t bounce. He would like to use the Town Hall gym once a week, he doesn’t want to compete with afterschool sports, so they would likely come in later in the evening. The Board was receptive to what Chris wants to do; however, he is not a New Haven resident, therefore he would need a New Haven sponsor to fill out the Town Hall Application. Chris will work with one of the Farm owners to have them fill out the application. Chris will provide proof of insurance and bring in a deposit check of \$50. The Board will waive the usage fee and approve the application once it is returned.
2. **Alan Mayer -** According to the MOU with the New Haven Fire Dept. they must come to the Selectboard in order to sell any piece of apparatus / equipment

worth over \$1,000. They would like to sell the old brush truck with proceeds to be deposited into the Fire Department's Equipment Fund. Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize the sale of the 1984 brush truck by the New Haven Fire Department. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

3. **Alan Mayer** – The Fire Dept. had some electrical work done by East View and asked the Selectboard to approve paying for it.
4. **Dean Gilmore** - The Fire Dept. is in need of a new Fire Station and asked if the Selectboard would consider putting ARPA money towards purchasing land for the station.
5. **Dean Gilmore** – During this upcoming Legislative Session, he and a group of other fire fighters are hoping to get our Legislature to include lung cancer as a legitimate claim for fire fighters. Lung cancer is currently not included in what is recognized for workers comp claims. He also mentioned that the Vermont League of Cities and Towns consistently denies claims for firefighters when it comes to lung cancer. Once this group goes back to the Legislature, they will be asking for support from each town's governing body.

#### **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:**

1. **Mask Mandate:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to allow businesses and groups to ask people to use masks as they see fit and to follow the State guidelines. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

#### **UPDATES ON:**

1. **Roads given by Road Commission John Roleau**
  - Adam Becker was hired to take down an overhanging tree on the north end of River Road, he had to use his bucket truck to take it down.
  - The Road Crew would like to purchase a used plow blade for \$2,000 to be used as a backup. Foreman, Tim Rich will go look at it and report back to John Roleau.
  - Road Crew will start looking at brush cutting and it's a good time to look at ditches. Town Hill Road brush cutting will take priority.
2. **Town Buildings and Land:**
  - **Train Depot Update given by Steve Dupoise:** The official move date for the Depot is January 11, 2022. The date to go under first VELCO line is January 18<sup>th</sup>, and the second line will be January 20, 2022.
  - Steve has been searching for a large tractor to use a drag line to maintain the road through the fields. The road needs to be 40' wide. John Roleau offered his 10' push blade. Steve spoke with Champlain Valley Equipment, they have a tractor for sale, which they are not

willing to rent it until it is sold. For the time being, the Board will have hire Chris LaPete to clear the road with his backhoe.

- **Rural Business Development Grant for the Train Depot** – Steve Dupoise is working with John Muise from RBD about securing a grant through them.
- **ADA Accessibility and front porch for the Town Hall:** Pam Kingman has picked up this project. She and Danielle Hubbell had a video conference with Vermont Community Development Program to see where the project stands. Unfortunately, no application was ever submitted to VCDP. After learning all of this and knowing the hoops we will need to jump through, she wondered about using ARPA funds for this project. Pam also reached out to Richard Amore from Village Center Designation; he said the best grants are through VCDP. At around the same time, Pam received a letter from Vermont Center for Independent Living offering to do site visits for ADA projects. They will be coming for a visit on December 16, 2021, to look at the old Town Clerks entrance on the Town Hall.
- **Riverside Cemetery Fence damage:** On Saturday, November 27, 2021, a Bristol woman lost control of her car on River Road and crashed through the new cemetery fence and George Cranes' horse fence. No one was hurt. VSP has made contact with the woman, and Pam Kingman has filed a claim and is waiting for a repair quote from Bishop Fence.

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 11/27/21, in the amount of \$4,498.45, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 11/20/21, in the amount of \$3,688.23, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/04/21, in the amount of \$4,734.29, seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 11/29/21, in the amount of \$72,079.37, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/06/21, in the amount of \$158,807.01, this includes Messier House moving \$150k (Train Depot). Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
6. John Roleau made a motion to add the Assistant Treasurer as an additional check signer. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)

\*\* Because her daughter would be the one they are working with\*\*

7. **Town Hall Applications: 1)** Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the application for 5 town basketball for kids in the area elementary schools. They will use the gym after school for practices and games. Deposit of \$50.00 is needed and the fee is waived. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
8. **Tax Map Contract** with Christine Chamberlain, this was previously approved. The Board signed the contract tonight.
9. **Appointments:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to appoint Becky Hutchins as Emergency Management Director and Bruce Many as Co- Emergency Management Director, both for 1-year terms. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Many)
10. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/16/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Bike Loop update:** Defer to a future meeting
2. **Sidewalk maintenance:** Danielle and Pam have advertised for this position several times, with no response. Pam called the Tricou's to see if their son, Harry would be interested. Harry met with Pam, and he is very interested. He turned 14 on December 7th, which makes him legal to work minimal hours. However, it does say in the Vermont Dept. of labor guidelines that a 14-year-old cannot operate machinery; so, he would have to shovel the sidewalks. Pam will discuss this with him tomorrow. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to hire Harry Tricou at \$15.00 per hour, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no  
**\*\* Follow up** – Harry Tricou will shovel the walkways at the Town Office / Library as well as the front steps to the Town Hall and the entrance to the Old Town Office. \*\*

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair, John Roleau

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Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl

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Kathy Barrett

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