

Town of New Haven Selectboard Budget Meeting
4:30 pm
Town Offices
Thursday, December 8, 2011

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Pam Marsh, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Charlie Roy, Treasurer, Barb Torian, Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Items postponed from the regular meeting on Dec. 6, 2011:

1. **Area Rescue Squad Contracts:** Pam Kingman will edit them to read a payment date as of November 1 of each year, and remove one sentence that refers to "yearly births, new residential occupancies and minus deaths, removals from the checklists." Bristol will receive - \$4,605 / Middlebury - \$1,218 and Vergennes - \$600.
2. **Health Insurance** – Kathleen Ready made a motion to continue with Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Vermont Health Insurance, the same plan as last year. Seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
3. **ACTR** – They failed last year to get a petition in according to our guidelines Town Meeting. They did however turn one in on March 29, 2010 that the Selectboard will honor for Town Meeting 2011. Earlier this year the Selectboard told ACTR if there was money at the end of the year, they would consider offering them something. There is a surplus in the 2010 budget, so Pam Marsh made a motion to pay ACTR \$3,745 (which is their petitioned amount). This money is to come out of this year's budget. Seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 1 no (Boise)
4. **ACTR Bus Shelter** – The Towns contribution towards this project will be \$1600. Pam Marsh made a motion to pay the \$1600 contribution this year, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
5. **Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore** - Here to advocate for the part time employees. He would like them to have vacation time and especially sick time. He would also like to see about setting up a way to contribute to a retirement account, whether the Selectboard contributes to it or not. It could be a SIMPLE plan, money deducted from salary. Dave asked the Selectboard to match whatever the employee contributes. Discussion about the plans, and the contribution.

Budget – Dave said building permits are up 70% over last year and 100% increase for DRB .This is a considerable increase in his work load, and now he is taking on 911 too. He is also managing Jill's time effectively. Dave is asking the Selectboard to consider contributing something to his health insurance deductible (HSA), which he has through the Town of Starksboro. He pays ¼ and Starksboro

pays ¾. Pam Marsh said they could have Shawn Oxford at Bristol Financial look into it. Dave will have the Starksboro Treasurer contact New Haven Treasurer. **Zoning** - He is leaning towards sorting everything by parcel ID, and possibly start scanning everything as we slowly move to digital records. Discussion about digitizing land records in the future.

Discuss General Fund and Road Budgets.

1. Make it clear to Auditors there is no time for an outside audit to be completed prior to town meeting this year or probably any other year..
2. Discussed possibility of using Community Project money to fund the Front Porch Forum and Crime Watch.
3. Pam Kingman will contact Randy Fairbrother and Harold Tricou for estimates for repair / replacement of the Town Hall front porch.
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to allow Roger Boise to purchase a 2003 International truck, with 65k miles, with plow and dump body from the Town of Bristol for \$20,000, seconded by Pam Marsh. 3 yes / 1 no (Ready) Kathleen would like it to be noted she is not against purchasing the truck, she would rather discuss it as a whole at the next budget meeting.
5. Need to budget for a Road Commissioner for next year.
6. Road Paving Projects for 2012 to include:
 - Pave half of East St. from Rt. 17 to Stowe's
 - Hunt Road – Pave in front of New Haven Tire
 - North St. – from Plank Rd. intersection to Monkton line. This will not happen unless we get State funds.
 - Sawyer Road – This Road has priority over all others.
 - Plank – Top coat in 2013.

Adjourn: 8:15 pm

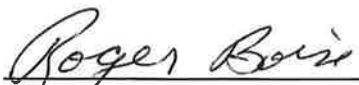
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:


Chair, Kathy Barrett


Vice Chair, Pam Marsh


Roger Boise


Kathleen Ready


Charlie Roy