

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**  
**Town Offices**

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau (remote), Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl, Kathy Barrett, Steve Dupoise (remote) and Bruce Many  
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Kathy Cahill and Maggie Eaton

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Lister's Certificate – No Appeal or Suit Pending / Kathy Cahill – Depot survey / Middlebury College bike race

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Kathy Cahill - Train Depot Survey:** Kathy is pursuing a grant through ACRPC to fund this survey; she will be requesting \$200. She would like to offer incentives such as gift cards to the Village Green Market. The Board has had a chance to review the questions Kathy has put on the survey and agreed with her to not put any leading questions on there. This will be mailed out within the March newsletter on colored paper. The Board thanked Kathy for doing this.
2. **Maggie Eaton - AARP Grant for ADA Accessibility from ACRPC:** Maggie has discussed the grant with Architect Florian Oberhuber. They both have some ideas for the ADA Accessibility and will merge what they have. The grant is due on March 27, 2022.
3. **Maggie Eaton - ARPA Fund ideas:** Maggie asked if the Selectboard had committed any funds to Maple Broadband. The Board said no, because Maple Broadband could not guarantee the money would be used for New Haven residents. Maggie wondered how to go about asking for public input; should she start on Front Porch Forum or wait for discussion at Town Meeting. The Board agreed the place to start the conversation is at Town Meeting. Taborri Bruhl read the current list of entities that have asked for New Haven's ARPA Funds. Pam Kingman said she would like to request \$30 - \$50k for records restoration, as this is something will benefit the town. Road Commissioner, John Roleau said he too would like to request ARPA funds for radar speed signs on the 5 roads leading into the village. He is unclear if we can install them on Route 17, being a state

road. The signs cost approximately \$3,500 each. Taborri will get together with Maggie to create a list of ARPA funds to possibly be used for.

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

1. **Lister's Certificate of Appeal or No Suits Pending:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appeal or No Suits Pending, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Middlebury College Bike Race:** Pam Kingman will invite them to the next Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

#### **UPDATES ON:**

##### **1. Roads:**

- **Consider grants for Class II roads:** The Board discussed getting Town Hill Road done in early spring to use up that grant. This will free us up to apply for grants for Class II roads. South Street and North Street were at the top of the list for the new Class II grants. Bruce Many will discuss the grant process with Danielle Hubbell. He will also ask her about applying for the Structures Grant for the Plank Road bridge.
- **Road update given by Bruce Many:**
- Adam Becker has removed the large tree on the north end of Munger Street. The road crew has cut brush on the south end of Munger.
- Cobble Road needs some ditch work
- Possibly close Town Hill Road next week to remove the rest of the trees.
- New Posted Roads signs have been ordered; they are the same material as political signs. They should hold up for several years.

##### **2. Town Buildings and Land:**

- **Water leak between School / Town Hall:** John Roleau has emailed MAUSD Facilities Manager, Joel Fitzgerald to let him know he needs to contact John prior to any work happening on the well pump. John
- **Depot update given by Steve Dupoise:**
  - Steve heard from Alan Huizenga who owns Green Mountain Engineering said he is closing his practice due to losing help and not finding replacements. He has been instrumental in helping design the water / wastewater for the depot and how it will connect to the Beeman systems. He has forwarded his plans, so we can move forward with a new consultant.

- The Northern Borders Grant has given us the Partial Notice to Proceed, next step is the formal Notice to Proceed.
- This Friday someone is coming to look at the Depot to see if it may be a good fit for them. If it is, Steve said he will talk the rest of the Board about who has approached him.
- There is currently enough grant money to build the foundation and get the depot on it; as well as hook up the utilities. After that we will need to secure more grants, such as the Village Center Designation grants.

### **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/12/22 in the amount of \$4,397.95, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/6/22, in the amount of \$6,383.41, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 2/14/22, in the amount of \$57,739.75, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Bank Statements and budget status reports for January, 2022. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. **Liquor License:** John Roleau made a motion to approve the Liquor License - Outside Consumption permit for Shelburne Vineyard. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
6. **Town Hall Applications:** The Board discussed at length on how to handle an application to use the town hall by individuals as opposed to groups. This all came down to insurance. For all sports groups we ask for a copy of their insurance, however for individuals it's not that easy. History about individuals using the gym: one person was denied using it to walk because it was only one person. During the height of COVID, the Board was approached again by another individual asking to have a walking group in the gym, this was denied due to the uncertainty of COVID with the school children and how COVID was spread. Taborri Bruhl will draft a new guideline for Town Hall usage, which will include needing to be a resident of the town, filling out the required application to be approved by the Selectboard, adult must be present. The Board also discussed how to charge individuals. The idea of a "key fee" was discussed at \$10.00 per usage. Pam Kingman will ask Attorney Hill to draft a waiver for individuals to sign, stating the Town is not liable if they get hurt.

1) Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve New Haven Dairy 4-H / Cindy Kayhart to host the Addison County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl on March 6, 2022, from 9am - 12pm in the Gym and cafeteria. Estimated attendance is 40. Fee / deposit waived. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

2) Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the application from Philip Livingston, Jr. to shoot basketball with his daughter on weekends when gym is available. With the following requirements: to notify Pam Kingman when he will be using the gym and pay a \$10.00 usage fee each time, he gets the key. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll 4 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)

3) **Village Green Application:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the New Haven Community Librarian, Katie Male-Riordan to use the Village Green for "Storytime" on Wednesday mornings from April 7 – May 26, 2022, from 11am – 12pm. Estimated attendance is 12-15. Fee / deposit waived. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

7. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/1/22, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **Town Meeting Preparation:** Taborri Bruhl asked if Danielle Hubbell could prepare of list of the past 6 years tax rates.

2. **Meeting schedule for March:** Organizational / Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, and a Special meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn: 8:14 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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Steve Dupoise

*Bruce Many*  
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