

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**  
**Town Offices**

**\*\* Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held via GoToMeeting\*\***

Selectboard: Chair, Steve Dupoise, Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett, Taborri Bruhl and John Roleau

Town Administrator / ZA: Aaron Brown

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Absent: Jim Walsh

Visitors: Bruce Many, Becky Hutchins and Laura Trieschmann

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Two Liquor Licenses / Affirm March Selectboard meetings

**VISITORS BUSINESS:** See under Train Depot

**TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:**

1. **COVID-19 Response:** No change to Town Office procedures. Folks over 70 can now register to get vaccinated.
2. **Road Update:** On Plank Road someone has been stealing and / or vandalizing street signs. The Sheriff's Office has been made aware of this, they are working on it; setting up trail cameras to try and catch the culprit. Street signs are not covered by our insurance; the deductible is \$1,000.  
**The Halloween Flood of 2019** paperwork has finally been submitted for the damage along River Road. This took a year and a half.
3. **Town Buildings and Land:** The Lift in Town Hall needs annual safety / load test. The company who installed the lift is out of New Hampshire, according to other local companies; they could do the load test, but if something breaks they cannot get parts. Therefore leaving us with having to use the company who installed it. Because they're 5 hours away the cost is \$675. This test will now have to be done annually in order to pass inspection.  
**The SMART thermostats** that were installed at the Town garage / fire station are showing an energy savings of up to 16%. This is positive feedback.  
**The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the Energy Plan on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm.**

**AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/8/21, in the amount of \$5,029.39, seconded by Taborri Bruhl Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
2. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/13/21, in the amount of \$4,507.15, seconded by Kathy Barrett Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 2/16/21, in the amount of \$21,512.92, seconded by Taborri Bruhl Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion acknowledging receipt of the budget status reports, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes/ 0 no
5. Snow removal proposal from Masterson & Son Excavation, LLC: Snow removal from the Town Office / Library, Town Hall front entrances and town sidewalks. Kathy Barrett made a motion to accept Masterson & Son Excavation, LLC proposal for snow removal at \$45.00 per hour for shoveling and \$70 per hour for use of snow blower. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
6. Update to Personnel Policy: Use of Personal Devices for Remote work. Aaron did a rough draft, but would like more input from the Selectboard. He will also reach out to Attorney Hill. The Board also discussed the language that was changed to reflect Domestic Partners. All agreed they will sign and date that page, as well as signing the last page of the Personnel Policy.
7. **Formation of Historic Train Depot Committee:** Steve Dupoise recently spoke to Ric Santa Maria about the formation of the committee; Ric would like to include Scott Reiss as a committee member. Taborri Bruhl said he would be available as a backup person. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to adopt the Train Depot Committee, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no  
 Matt Montgomery from Starksboro is a wetlands specialist who has worked with the State. He thinks the Depot could be moved back on the site where it is. We don't have funds to pay him, but it may be worth listening to any advice he can offer. Several people have come up with good ideas on where to find money to help with this project. Laura Trieschmann from the Dept. of Historic Preservation talked about moving the depot back on site; the building has no water, no plumbing. The footprint of the building would change if a restroom had to be added. Discuss if it's even feasible to leave in current location, but worth it to exhaust all possibilities to leave it there.
8. John Roleau made a motion to sign off on the Listers Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
9. John Roleau made a motion to acknowledge the Overweight Road Posting issued by VTRANS, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

10. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/2/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

**1. Liquor Licenses:**

- John Roleau made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Jiffy Mart, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
- Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Maplefields, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **Town Meeting Preparedness:** Making sure the Selectboard has all the materials they need for Town Meeting.
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to hold the March Selectboard meetings on Tuesday, March 9 & 23, 2021, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
3. Aaron Brown put out a survey on Front Porch Forum inquiring how many folks in town will participate in Town Meeting. He had a pretty good response.
4. Lee Judgment Hearing is on February 23, 2021; Kathy Barrett asked Board members for availability for consultation if the judge proposes a decision.

**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Addison County Sheriffs Activity Logs

Adjourn: 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 3-9-21

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Chair, Steve Dupoise

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Taborri Bruhl

*Kathleen Barrett*  
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Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett

*John Roleau*  
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John Roleau

