

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Town Offices

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

Absent: Charlie Roy

Visitors: Doug Tolles, Tyler Billingsly, Mike Flock, Eileen Simollardes and John Heinz

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Tyler Billingsly and Mike Flock from Clough Harbour & Assoc. (CHA) along with Eileen Simollardes and John Heinz from VT Gas:** When construction of the transmission line and the distribution line to Vergennes begins, VT Gas plans to use existing farm access roads to gain access to their installation locations along the VELCO corridor and Town roads. If they damage the access, they will repair it for the landowner. Tyler Billingsly said when working within Town's R.O.W, most towns have used the information packet that they currently offer for approval of work within the ROW.

New Haven Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore wrote a letter to Selectboard about his concerns that VT Gas is not following the Town's zoning by placing the metered gate station on a non-conforming parcel. Dave had previously spoken with Brenden Kearns about this issue. He has also consulted our Town Attorney Cindy Hill, who agrees with Dave that VT Gas should comply with New Haven's subdivision regulations. Elgin Spring Farm would be creating an internal lot with no road frontage; to comply you need to create a 10 acre parcel. Eileen added local zoning does not apply with the Public Service Boards 248; meaning the PSB would not require them to purchase 10 acres for the gate station. The Selectboard disagrees and thinks they may need to do a long-term lease with option to purchase or some other mechanism that would allow them to place the building on the real estate without creating a non-conforming lot. Eileen Simollardes will talk with Cindy Hill about this matter with our permission (email sent to Cindy during the meeting.)

Discussion about how deep the pipeline will be within the road R.O.W. When in the right of way it will be 3 feet deep, and going under the road it will be 5 feet deep. Road Commissioner Roger Boise said the State has new regulations for ditches. They are now required to have a 5% slope on dirt roads, with minimum 3 feet of gravel. This will be affecting all towns across Vermont; each town had to sign off on it in order to receive State and Federal funding. John Heinz suggested

having someone from VT Gas do a ride along with Roger, Katie and Jeff Terry, our Road Foreman to identify places where alternative construction methods or deeper burial of the lines may be needed. VT Gas anticipates construction on the distribution line to Vergennes to begin as early as May 2014. They can lay down as much as 1000 feet of pipeline per day. Also discussed staging area on Harvey & Donna Smith's property. They will be using 5 acres to store pipe and use as a distribution area; this could remain a staging area for up to 2 years. VT gas hours of operation will be M – F 7:00am – 7:00pm, Sat. 8:00am – 5:00 pm. Per the PSB order.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Town Meeting Preparations – The Selectboard will let Treasurer Barb Torian and Clerk Pam Kingman know if they need anything prior to the meeting.
2. Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment to be held on February 27, 2014. The Selectboard feels they are prepared for this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 2/18/14, in the amount of \$29,134.50, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/8/14, in the amount of \$4,071.24, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes/ 0 no
3. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/15/14, in the amount of \$4,198.50, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the outside Audit done by Tom Telling & Associates, with one minor date change on page 21. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
5. Tax sale on the Hubbell property will be in the Town Office on March 6, 2014 at 10:30 am. Treasurer Barb Torian wanted to be sure she still had the Selectboard's authorization to purchase the property on behalf of the town. The Selectboard agreed they had given her prior approval.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** The Road Crew has been plowing a lot in the last 2 weeks due to all the snow storms. Some of the crew had put in 14 hours in one day. Roger himself put in 12 hours. Pam Marsh suggested that Roger should be paid for his time plowing. Roger indicated he did not want to be paid.
2. **Equipment Update:** Have had a couple of issues with the Mack truck, it died on them twice on Dog Team Road.
3. **Nash Bridge R.O.W.** – Deferred until February 28, 2014. The Board would like Town Attorney Cindy Hill to review it.

4. Plank Road culverts – Grant application signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chucks Heating & Air conditioning – On March 2, 2013, the Selectboard signed a maintenance agreement with Chucks which stated on the agreement that all filters were included in the cost. After Chucks did the winter maintenance, and the bill was received, they had charged the town for the filters. Pam Kingman has been trying to get Chucks to acknowledge after the agreement was signed the town should not have to pay for the filters. A new agreement has been written up by Chucks for 2014, which states the filters are not included. The Selectboard would like Chucks to absorb the cost for the filters for 2013, per the agreement, and the Selectboard will consider the 2014 agreement. Pam Kingman will call Chuck Manning, if she isn't successful, she will turn it over to Town Attorney Cindy Hill.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from February 4, 2014 – deferred until the February 28, 2014 Public Hearing.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. VT State Dept. Taxes – Final Reconciliation of April 2013 Grand List
2. Activity Logs – Sheriff's Dept.
3. Correspondence – J. Madden: Horn Property and Upcoming Selectboard Public Hearing

Adjourn: 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:



Chair, Kathy Barrett



Vice Chair, Pam Marsh



Roger Boise

Kathleen Ready

