

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 1, 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: Kathy Cahill / Stan Bigelow on Munger St. / water line leak - Town Hall / additional liquor license

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Kathy Cahill** was made aware of a grant opportunity through ACRPC called "Small Grants for Smart Growth" through ZA, Peggy Connor. She would like to pursue the grant to pay for a survey to put out to the New Haven residents regarding what they would like to see the train depot used for. She will need to secure the grant first, then can put the survey together. The Selectboard was encouraged to forward questions to Kathy that they would like to include in the survey. The total amount of the grant is \$1,500, and there is no deadline. Kathy Cahill is willing to write the grant and will connect with Steve Dupoise as he has been the point person on the depot. Steve said this should happen sooner rather than later as there are other larger grant opportunities the Board needs to pursue. Steve added the Board needs to decide what the building will be used for. The Board thanked Kathy Cahill for doing this.
2. **Maggie Eaton** inquiring about the use of town **ARPA Funds**. She would like to put together a committee consisting of one member from each Board and Commission: Selectboard, PC, Conservation and DRB. Taborri Bruhl said this topic was discussed at the last Selectboard meeting, the Board agreed the money should be spent on something that will benefit the entire town, such as a new fire station which doubles as a shelter. Maggie has recently attended zoom meetings where other towns have created ARPA committees to help decide what to spend the money on. She said some towns include their regional planning commission; they can facilitate a wider reach for towns to share for example transportation infrastructure between towns using ARPA funds. She agrees that

something to benefit the town is the best idea. Discussed whether a committee is the way to go, and if they must follow Open Meeting Laws. This is on the Town Meeting Warning under discussion items. This will be the first platform voters can voice their opinions and share ideas. The Board also discussed how many entities have come out of the woodworks asking about our town's ARPA funds. The Selectboard decided not to form a committee at this time. Taborri Bruhl volunteered to help Maggie Eaton.

Steve Dupoise made a motion to make Taborri Bruhl the point person for ARPA Funds. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

3. **Maggie Eaton** has agreed to work on the grant from AARP for the train depot. She would like permission to speak with Florian Oberhuber about ADA accessibility for the depot. Steve Dupoise cautioned Maggie that it would only be to the first floor, we don't want to change the integrity of the building by having to add an elevator. He said at this point we have no idea what the depot will be used for; he suggested she consider ramps for ADA. Maggie will speak to Florian and ask what he is willing to do, she added this grant money must be spent by November 2022. Taborri suggested Maggie contact Steve Dupoise as he is contact for the depot. Steve said he is hopeful the foundation will be installed this spring, set the depot, and hook up the electricity.

UPDATES ON:

1. Roads given by Bruce Many:

- Road signs still need to be replaced along North Street after depot move.
- Culvert thawer is not working, the pump froze. The road crew is working on fixing it. They are using the pressure washer in its place. Ditches are filling up with ice and need to be thawed out prior to rain and snowstorm coming.
- Campground Road sign was destroyed and will need replacing.

2. Town Buildings and Land:

- **Depot Update given by Steve Dupoise:** The Depot made it safely into the Town Office parking lot. He said the Board needs to come up with usage ideas for the depot. Steve was happy to report that the original amount of money offered to the town (\$50k) from Historic Preservation has now increased to \$100k. This money can be used towards monies we have already spent. Steve also mentioned a commercial venture has reached out to him regarding the depot. They are going to come and look at the building to see if it is a good fit. If it is a good fit, Steve will bring it back to the Board. Having the

Downtown Center Village Designation is a benefit to the future of the depot.

- **Water-Line leak from well to Town Hall:** This was discovered when the power was shut off on January 20, 2022, for the Train Depot to be moved onto the Town Office parking lot. The leak is between the school and the Town Hall. The leak caused the holding tanks to drain completely. We do not have a quoted price yet, John Roleau said he thinks the company that quoted the fix is looking to use all kinds of equipment that may not be necessary. According to the Town / School Agreement, The Town is responsible for 25% of the repairs to the well. John Roleau agreed to be the point person for this project, as he feels the Selectboard needs to take an active role in the decision making. Pam Kingman will have Joel Fitzgerald reach out to John directly.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

1. **Stan Bigelow on Munger Street** stopped Bruce Many to say that he and several other residents on Munger St. feel like their road is neglected. He complained about potholes and overgrown brush on the south end of the road. His biggest complaint was about a tree on the north end that needs to be cut down. Bruce said he agreed with Stan about the tree needing to come down. John Roleau said in all the years he has been Road Commissioner, he has never once heard a complaint about Munger St. Taborri Bruhl drives Munger street daily and has not noticed any issues. Pam Kingman will contact Adam Becker about removing the tree, and the road crew will get to the brush as time allows.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/22/22, in the amount of \$5,648.56, 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 1/29/22, in the amount of \$5,306.13, seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 2/1/22, in the amount of \$60,083.20, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. **Liquor License:** John Roleau made a motion to approve the Second-Class Liquor License for Global Montello d/b/a Jiffy Mart. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to approve the Second-Class Liquor License for RHJA, LLC d/b/a The Village Green Market. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

- 5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/18/22, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 2-15-22

Chair, John Roleau



Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett

Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many