

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 2, 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, John Roleau and Jim Walsh

Town Administrator / Zoning Administrator: Aaron Brown

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Will Dodge (Downs Rachlin Martin), Dan Poulin (VELCO), Jake Reed (VELCO), Peter Lind (VELCO)

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **VELCO:** Dan Poulin said he and the others from VELCO have met with the DRB twice to solicit input re: laydown yard. The only property owner to weigh in so far was John Roleau for his father Amos Roleau. VELCO has agreed to 4 stipulations:

- The overall storage area, considering the location and how it affects neighbors as well as what the traffic flow will be.
- Aesthetic Mitigation: They have agreed to add more landscaping as well as not stacking materials over 12' high
- Short term usage during the construction phase of the operations building
- Long term usage: Outlined the terms and conditions. What materials they plan on storing; agreeing to no additional structures; only authorized users of the yard, and the levels of usage as well as the intensity of usage. Hours of operation. Agree not to expand the yard beyond the 1 acre; they do not foresee an expansion of the yard.

DRB member, Kathy Barrett said the DRB agreed the plan looks good and the noise levels are acceptable. Will Dodge explained within the landscaping plan it shows they will plant pollinators and evergreens for screening for the operations building and for storm water. These plantings will be covered during the life of the

project. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the document with VELCO, and authorize Steve Dupoise to sign it. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

2. Future of Train Depot:

- Steve Dupoise has been in contact with Trini Brassard from VTRANS. She has been looking into all RR Crossings that are affected by Amtrak, and is expediting the one in the junction.
- Adam Lougee from ACRPC is in the process of putting together a group of citizens who want to help save the Depot.
- Vermont Preservation Trust is working on funds to help preserve the Depot.
- Steve Dupoise has emailed Legislators asking them for help finding money for preservation.
- Jason and Valerie Pedriani have graciously offered a portion of their property in the junction to set the Depot.
- Roundtree Construction partner told Steve Dupoise he knows someone who moves buildings.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:

1. **COVID-19 Response:** Nothing new to report
2. **Road Update:** Road Crew has purchased a used asphalt cutter and have been busy plowing snow.
3. **Town Buildings and Land:** Nothing new to report
4. **Discussion: Update to Personnel Policy – Use of Personal Devices for Remote work; Remote work expectations:** Office staff is occasionally working remotely, and using their personal computers. The current Personnel Policy does not have language regarding this. With COVID here, remote access is crucial. Discussed adding language to the Personnel Policy re: remote access and use of personal devices. Aaron Brown will write something up to present to the Selectboard.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/30/21, in the amount of \$4,807.11, seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/23/21, in the amount of \$4,895.02, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 2/1/21, in the amount of \$25,890.84, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Jim Walsh questioned the power bills and Road Crew spending. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to allow VAST to use the Town Trail. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. ACRPC Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement for the Public Works Dept. Middlebury and Bristol have not signed on to the Agreement, so the closest towns will be Weybridge, Ferrisburgh and Vergennes. Discuss the pros and cons of joining the Agreement; it is a big deal to get help from FEMA by signing on. Also discussed signing a similar agreement last year. John Roleau made a motion to sign the ACRPC Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement for the Public Works Dept. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 4 yes / 1 no (Barrett)
3. Dog Ordinance: "Schedule of Fines" needs to be set in order to warn the Ordinance. Dog Warden, Wayne Marcelle is ok with keeping the fines the same, or an increase of 10% to get people's attention. Discuss whether 10% is enough, if consider raising the fees, then should raise them significantly. Considering current economy, the fees will remain the same. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to adopt current fines from the 2018 Dog Ordinance. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote by roll call 5 yes/ 0 no
4. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/19/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **March Meeting Schedule: Due to Town Meeting, the March Selectboard meetings are tentatively set for March 9 & 23, 2021. Confirmation of dates at the next meeting.**

Adjourn: 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 2-16-21

		<i>Kathy Barrett</i>
Chair, Steve Dupoise		Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett
<i>Taborri Bruhl</i>	<i>John Roleau</i>	Jim Walsh
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