

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**  
**Town Offices**

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

Visitors: Lister, Jay Best and Dean Gilmore

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Overweight Permits**

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize Road Crew Assistant, Danielle Hubbell to sign Overweight Permits. Motion seconded by Bruce Many, Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. Lister, Jay Best: Re: Reappraisal – The town was notified in December 2021 that our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2021 is at 87.25%. This is down from last year, as are many other towns across Vermont. The Vermont Department of Taxes tells us if our CLA goes below 85% or lower it triggers the need for a Town-wide re-appraisal. Jay said he has heard many Appraisers are booking 2-3 years out, and it may be hard to get someone. He suggested the Selectboard think about putting it out to bid now. Discussed putting together an RFP, there is currently \$60k in the reappraisal fund. The last time the Town did a reappraisal it was a rolling reappraisal which spanned 5 years, ending in 2013. Danielle and Pam will look at VLCT's "boiler plate" RFP for reappraisal. When ready to put it out do a request for proposal, not a closed bid.

**UPDATES ON:**

**1. Roads:**

- Purchased used plow, the one that is currently on the truck will be used as a backup.
- Discussed MLK, Jr. Day snowstorm and road conditions
- The loader was used to push snowbanks back at the Town Offices in preparation for the Train Depots arrival on Thursday.

## 2. Town Buildings and Land:

- **Train Depot Update:** It cleared the first set of VELCO lines today with no issues, it is now up to the second set of VELCO lines and will go under those on Thursday, January 20, 2022. It will continue down North Street on Thursday to the Town Office parking lot. John Roleau acknowledged the work that has been done behind the scenes, there has been a ton of great exposure through the media. Steve Dupoise said Trini Brassard from VTRANS has gone way above and beyond to make this project a success for New Haven. Kathy Barrett said Kim Callahan reposted Bernie Nobles front porch forum post onto Facebook. There has been a lot of feedback as to what to do with the Depot. Kathy commended John for keeping the conversation civil. Steve added he would like the Board members to come up with ideas for how use of the Depot will best serve the Town, but keep in mind we will need an income stream to cover maintenance costs.

### AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve pay orders for the week ending 1/18/22, in the amount of \$62,281.52, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/11/22, in the amount of \$173.25, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 1/8/22, in the amount of \$5,311.63, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 1/15/22, in the amount of \$4,557.43, seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the financials and bank statements for December, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
6. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Road Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,227,693.75 with \$830,027.53 to be raised by taxes seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
7. Taborri Bruh made a motion to approve the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,325,689.55 with \$403,130.28 to be raised by taxes, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
8. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to hold the 260<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting as a hybrid meeting, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

- 9. Kathy Barrett made a motion to not mass mail ballots for Town Meeting, ballots will be mailed upon individual requests. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- 10. Kathy Barrett made a motion to have the Selectboard sign the Resolution for the VCDP (Vermont Community Development Program) Application for the ADA in the Town Hall. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- 11. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/4/22, seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1. **Discuss the use of ARPA Funds:** The Selectboard conceptually agrees this money will be used in a meaningful way to benefit the Town; and it will not be used towards taxes.

Adjourn: 8:06 pm


Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 2-1-22

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Chair, John Roleau

  
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 Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl

  
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 Kathy Barrett

Steve Dupoise

  
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