

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 7, 2014
Town Office

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Pam Marsh, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Charlie Roy, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman
Visitors: Francie Caccavo, Al Karnatz, Tim Bouton, Paul Horn, Carol Hall and Suzy Roorda

AGENDA RESULTS:

6:30 – 7:00 pm – Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Kathy Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Charlie Roy made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:36pm, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

Roger Boise made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:05pm, seconded by Charlie Roy.

Pam Marsh made a motion to adopt an amended job description to the New Haven Parks and Recs Staff that was adopted on 1/5/10, by deleting the last paragraph.

Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

Pam Marsh made a motion to set hours for the salary of the New Haven Events Coordinator to be based on 12.5 hours per week, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

**** The regular meeting started at 7:10 pm****

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Planning Commission member, Francie Caccavo** is here to discuss Paul and Linda Horns property on Route 7. At the 2006 Planning Commission Public Hearing the wrong map was approved, causing the property to be rezoned from commercial to residential. In 2009 the PC discovered the error. At that time the Horns came to the PC to see what could be done about changing it back. The PC held another public hearing that year, and passed word to the Selectboard to please consider it an error and change it back to commercial. The Selectboard took no action at that time since the Town Plan was nearing completion and could rectify the error. When the PC asked the Selectboard to make the change, the Dupoise parcel across the street was also a matter of contention. That parcel

has gone to a town vote to change it to commercial twice and failed. At the time, the Selectboard did not think it would be prudent to change one parcel and not the other without the possibility of a law suit. Discussed Interim zoning, but even Paul Horn said it is only temporary, and prospective buyers may not want to have to go through the process of getting it changed. It would be a deterrent for prospective buyers. All agree the Horns have been extremely patient; and all acknowledge that it was just a clerical error. But the Selectboard feels the only way to fix it is to go through the process of public hearings. If the PC gets their warning in Monday's paper, and we move the process along, it may only take about 6 weeks.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Town Attorney Bids:

Ouimette & Runcie - \$200 per hour for Attorneys / \$140 Associate / \$80 Paralegal

Neuse, Duprey & Putnam - \$160 per hour for Attorneys / \$65 Legal Assistants / \$75 Paralegal

Cindy Hill – Annual fee of \$9,498.00; if paid in lump sum by 1/12/14 \$7,124.00.

The Selectboard discussed all their options at length, all agreed there is a lot going on in town right now. Pam Marsh made a motion to stay with Hill as legal counsel for New Haven for 2014, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 1 no (Ready) The Selectboard agreed to send a letter to Cindy Hill with their expectations, and her lack of timely response.

2. Budget – Treasurer, Barb Torian, Katie Reilley and Roger Boise have spent a great deal of time on the proposed budgets. Kathy Barrett asked all to look them over carefully. There will be a budget meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 @ 6:30 pm in the Town Office.
3. Town Report Dedication - the former Auditors don't want to take on this responsibility, and have asked the Selectboard to decide on the dedication. A few ideas were discussed, but no general consensus. Deferred until Jan. 21, 2014 meeting.
4. Sound system for the Town Hall – Quote from Geer in Milton for portable sound systems. Kathleen Ready said she will look into this further since her son has experience in sound systems.
5. Lister Appraiser Contract – Roger Boise made a motion to accept the Listers contract with Kermit Blaisdell to be the outside contractor for \$12,000 per year. The Selectboard amended the contract to have Kermit work a minimum of twice a month. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Roy / Marsh)
6. Request from Sara Smith and Ann Duclos-Collier for May Fest. They would like to hold the event on the Town Green on Saturday, May 18, 2014 from 1-4pm.

Sara and Ann held May Fest last year with a wonderful turnout. This year they would like help from the town for funding in the amount of \$300 towards the Festival. They would like to see it turn it into a town event in the future; Suzy Roorda said she was in favor of making this a town event next year. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve \$300 for May Fest to come out of the Events budget to help defray the cost. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

7. New Haven Farm & Food Festival Committee – A second letter was received from the Committee requesting funds. The Selectboard agrees that this is more of a promotional event for New Haven businesses, and not a town event. They also feel they shouldn't support just agricultural businesses and not others.
8. Community Projects – When any groups raise money for events, the Selectboard would like to have the money funnel through the community projects fund. For instance the Conservation Commission has offered to pay the mileage for a guest speaker this month. The CC has gotten donations from area businesses. This way each group would not have to open their own account for funds. Kathy Barrett made a motion for any town organized committee that does fund raising, to put the funds into the community projects fund. Then the group can access money from the fund up to the amount they raised. Motion seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/21/13, in the amount of \$4,031.45, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/28/13, in the amount of \$6,208.85, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/31/13, in the amount of \$ 605.21, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/4/14, in the amount of \$3,415.39, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/31/13, in the amount of \$33,206.38, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 1/7/14, in the amount of \$20,860.17, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
7. Barb Torian – Lister Susie Leonard's pay for 2013 was less than it should have been. She was paid \$14.00 per hour instead of \$14.50. Charlie Roy made a motion to correct the pay amount that Susie Leonard's should have received, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** The Road Crew has been very busy with all the small snow storms, ice and rain we've had for the past 2 weeks.
2. **Equipment Update:** The loader needed a new fuel pump.
Roger said because of the weather we have been going through a lot of sand. He has also decided since the pile of sand that is out for residents is already mixed with salt; he is going to bring the barrel of salt into the shed.
3. **Nash Bridge** – Roger Boise made a motion to approve the Finance and Maintenance Agreement between State of Vermont, Agency of Transportation and the Town of New Haven. Seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
The State will pay 90% of the engineering costs and 95% of the construction costs.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/17/13, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Town Hall Applications: 1) Kathleen Ready made a motion to allow the New Haven Equine 4H (Twilight Tails), to hold their monthly meetings starting in March in the cafeteria on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 – 8 pm. Seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Roger Boise made a motion to amend the New Haven Vol. Fire Dept. application to include "Under no circumstances will there be use of the town gym during their monthly pancake breakfasts, without adult supervision." Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State Dept. of Taxes, Div. of Property Valuation & Review Certified Equalized Education Property Value (Effective 1/1/14)
2. ACRPC – FY2014-2015 Municipal Assessments
3. VLCT – Employment Practices Liability Assistance Program
4. John Graham Shelter – Thank you

Adjourn: 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:



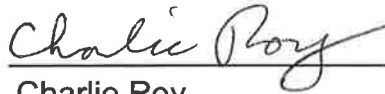
Chair, Kathy Barrett



Vice Chair, Pam Marsh



Roger Boise



Charlie Roy



Kathleen Ready

