

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, January 8, 2013

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

Visitors: Planning Commission member Jim Walsh, Alan Mayer and Dean Gilmore from the New Haven Vol. Fire Dept.

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Jim Walsh, Alan Mayer and Dean Gilmore** – Here to discuss the proposed VT Gas Pipeline. Pam Marsh said her most recent correspondence with Steve Wark from VT Gas concerns more input from the Town regarding the build out in New Haven , and she has referred him to the Planning Commission. Jim Walsh said VT Gas is on the PC agenda for Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Pam also brought up the letter from the Town of Monkton, requesting VT Gas re-route the pipeline. (VT Gas changed its route away from the VELCO corridor in Monkton, and instead wants to go along town roads right through the center of Monkton.) New Haven's town attorney has filed for party status, and has informed us that VT Gas' application is not on the Public Service Board's docket yet.
Alan Mayer and Dean Gilmore – Are concerned about public safety and their safety as firefighters if there were ever a problem with the gas pipeline. The Fire Dept. doesn't feel as though they have the proper equipment to handle a natural gas incident. Alan and Dean said at a the public informational meeting in July they spoke with Steve Wark from VT Gas who assured them that VT Gas would help the Fire Dept. purchase any equipment that they may need. But at the December meeting, Mr. Wark said VT Gas would not help with the costs of any equipment. Alan and Dean said the meters they will need to monitor gas levels runs about \$500.00 per year, per meter. Dean mentioned the memo that Emergency Management Specialist Tim Bouton had put together voicing concerns about public safety and the equipment the Fire Dept. would need. Pam Marsh suggested the Fire Dept. add dollar amounts to the list of equipment on Tim Bouton's memo and forward them to town attorney, Cindy Hill, to go with our response to the PSB.
2. **Jim Walsh** - Is in the process of drafting a letter to the Public Service Board with recommendations from the Selectboard and Planning Commission. Jim asked the Selectboard what they would like to add to the letter. One of Jim's concerns

is how the gate station and distribution line headed for Vergennes will affect the Dalleys who live at the corner of North St. and Lime Kiln Rd. Another concern is the proposed route from River Road along the east side of Route 7 into Middlebury. Numerous houses and businesses will be negatively impacted along the east side of Route 7 from the pipeline. Jim proposes having VT Gas run the line on the west side of Route 7 to mitigate the impact. Kathleen Ready would like to have the pipe buried as deep as possible (no one is sure if the plan to bury it 3 or 4 feet deep is measured from the top of the pipe or the bottom of the pipe). She would also like to have the gate station better insulated and to have every effort taken to make the visual and aesthetic impact of the gate station much more pleasing to the eyes and ears. Pam Marsh would like more information on the timing of the distribution line build out in New Haven and the actual routes for the distribution lines. She suggested attaching Tim Bouton's memo and the Fire Dept.'s cost list for equipment.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve a Town Hall Application submitted by John Palmer to host a baby shower in the cafeteria on Saturday, January 19, 2013, from 1-3 pm. Deposit and fee checks have been received. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Liquor and Tobacco Licenses for R.L. Vallee (Maplefields), seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Riverwatch – Letter received asking for permission to post their findings on the Town website. This will be referred to the Conservation Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/31/12, in the amount of \$82,335.48, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes 0 no
**Kathleen Ready said she approves this amount, but does not accept the \$64,000.00 transfer back to the equipment fund in 2012 for the truck.
2. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 1/8/13, in the amount of \$25,640.99, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 12/22./12, in the amount of \$4,818.68, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
**Pam Marsh added that the Board accepts Wayne Marcelle's pay, but Pam does not approve that he did not turn in his time cards in a timely manner for the Selectboard to have a chance to look them over. Roger Boise made a motion to have Pam Marsh write a letter to Wayne Marcelle in regards to his time cards, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 12/29/12 and 12/31/12, in the amount of \$4,201.87, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Boise)
5. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 1/5/13, in the amount of \$3,900.64, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Kathy Barrett made a motion to accept Tom Telling's Outside Audit in the amount of \$4,400.00, seconded by Charlie Roy

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road update:** In the month of December, the Road Crew was called out 19 times to deal with several small storms and one large one. Compared to last year, this is a lot. They also got called out to help the Fire Dept. on Wild Apple Road by sanding the road for them.
2. **Equipment update:** Pam Kingman has worded a new line item on the Warning for Town Meeting for a new truck.
The grader is in need of some repairs; it will be done now while it is not in use. The Air Exchanger for the garage is in limbo.
3. Cell phone – Roger has been purchasing minutes for his cell phone, which is used a lot during working hours. He would like to be compensated for the minutes he has used, and is asking the Selectboard to purchase minutes for his cell in the future. The Board agreed they would compensate him for his minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the General Fund budget; with the understanding the Board will review the surplus again. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Charlie Roy made a motion to appoint Cindy Hill as New Haven's Town Attorney for 2013, pursuant to her letter. Motion seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no Kathy Barrett said next year, the Selectboard should consider putting the town attorney position out to bid, considering the amount is over \$5,000.
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Road Budget, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Ready)
Kathleen Ready has prepared a statement to be reflected in the minutes, which reads as follows: "I would like to acknowledge the excellent work that our town road crew led by Roger Boise does to keep our roads safe and in good condition throughout the year. In addition to taking care of the roads our Town crew takes great care of the equipment and town garage and provide other services to the Town such as tree removal as time allows. Roger is very

knowledgeable about all aspects of road and vehicle maintenance and has provided leadership and vision as road commissioner.

I do need to express two concerns that I have. Our per mileage cost is much more than surrounding towns. Secondly, this past year the highway budget ran a surplus. This should be reflected in next year's budget. New equipment should be proposed and budgeted for in the new budget."

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pam Marsh – The state will be putting on a Catastrophic exercise (CAT2) in March 2014. The exercise will not be about natural disaster, so it may be based on terrorism, or an epidemic. The planning phase for the exercise will be during 2013, and right now there is no clear amount on how much it would cost the town to participate, but if New Haven is interested in participating, we should consider budgeting for it now. If we wish to participate, we need to make a decision soon and to determine the goals for our participation and how involved we want to be in the exercise. This needs to be done fairly soon.
2. Proof first draft of the Warning for Town Meeting. Pam Kingman will research the wording for the item asking the voters if they wish to eliminate elected Auditors. The Auditors are willing to continue going over the books and to put the Town Report together.
3. Appoint Deputy Health Officer – The Vermont Department of Health needs us to reappoint the Deputy Health Officer. Pam Kingman will try to contact Travis Paquette again. She has left one message for him, with no response.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Defer minutes from December 18, 2012 until the next meeting on January 22, 2012. We will not meet on January 15 as previously planned.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request for Delay in ANGP Pre-hearing Conference from the Town of Monkton
2. Cindy Hill – Notice of Appearance – Clark
3. ACRPC – 2013-2014 Municipal Assessments
4. Lincoln Applied Geology – New Haven Tire Re: ACT 250 Permits
5. ACT 250 NOTICE – Neil Allen, Attorney for Burt Allen (New Haven Tire)
6. Correspondence from J. Madden – Re: VT Gas Pipeline
7. Addison County Sheriff's Dept. – Activity Logs

Adjourn: 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

Pam Marsh

Chair, Pam Marsh

Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett

Roger Boise

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Kathleen Ready

Kathleen Ready

Charlie Roy

