

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, July 12, 2011

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

Visitors: Energy Coordinator, Rick Shappy

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Energy Coordinator, Rick Shappy** gave an update on the **Town Hall ceiling**; the crew is right on schedule. All of the suspended ceiling has been taken down along with all the insulation. Rick asked about what the Selectboard would like to do with the **basketball backboard** near the stage. This is a very heavy backboard that has to be raised out of the way whenever there is any kind of performance on the stage, and takes two people to raise and lower it. Rick asked if we want to keep the structure above the new ceiling, and sheetrock around it or what other ideas there might be for it. Roger Boise suggested creating just enough space to winch a new lighter backboard straight up and down. All agreed this is a good idea. For now Rick will have the crew take down the old backboard, and put it aside. Kathy Barrett suggested Rick contact former Middlebury College Athletic Director, Russ Reilley about the possibility of helping us obtain a new backboard.
 Rick also has concern about how the **acoustics** will be in the Town Hall once the sheetrock ceiling is complete. All the tiles from the drop down ceiling have been saved and are stored in the old Town Office. These can be re-used if needed, and the school has shown an interest in using them too.
2. **The Contract between the Town and SEC, Inc.** – Pam Marsh made a motion to allow Kathy Barrett to sign the contract with SEC, Inc. on behalf of the Selectboard, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Dog Warrant: Pam Marsh made a motion to issue the Dog Warrant as written, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no (there are currently 13 owners who have not registered their dog(s)).

TREASURERS REPORT:

1. Pay Orders – Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 7/12/11, in the amount of \$26,859.89, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pay Orders – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 6/27/11, in the amount of \$4,580.99, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Payroll – Charlie Roy made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/9/11, in the amount of \$5,401.50, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

4. Payroll – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/2/11, in the amount of \$4,324.34, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Payroll – Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/25/11, in the amount of \$3,627.61, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Tax Rate: Pam Marsh made a motion to set the Municipal Tax Rate at 0.05546, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. **Equipment update:** Grader is in need of electronic repairs which will cost roughly \$4,000.
2. **Roads Update: South Street** – New agricultural entrance with culvert on Tim Goyettes property.
Belden Falls Road – this road always washes out in the spring, so they replaced two culverts and did some ditching to prevent this in the future. Barb Torian mentioned if they keep track of all the time and expense, we might qualify for mitigation money.
Dog Team Road – Put in a new culvert near the Nop Farm.
Daniels Road will be next; it needs a culvert replacement and some ditching.
3. **Roadside mowing** is going slowly, but they are making a wider sweep. They are doing a good job.
4. All the scrap metal from the pit has been taken to Middlebury (former Wire Wheel) for money back to the town amounting to \$3,200.
5. The request for paving bids for North Street and Munger Street has gone out. Bid opening next week.
6. **Two Road Access Permits:** 1) Charlie Roy made a motion to approve Wright Stowe’s driveway access on East Street, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
2) Pam Marsh made a motion to approve Ken Sawyer’s agricultural access on Sawyer Road, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
7. Kathleen Ready asked if Roger and Katie had started working on a 5 year road maintenance plan. Pam Marsh suggested putting a committee together consisting of Roger, Katie and Road Foreman Chris Nelson. This committee will present the plan in September. Discussion about what will happen when the Nash Bridge closes, and how it will affect other roads in town.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Farnsworth Property on Main Street** – Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore has spoken with town attorney, Cindy Hill. The Farnsworths’ abandoned house falls under zoning jurisdiction, so Dave will take some photographs and review the zoning bylaws and write a letter to them. The Farnsworths’ then have about 14 days to remedy the problem; if they do not comply, the Selectboard has the authority to fine them up to \$100 per day.
2. **ACTR Shelter** – Nadine Barnicle from ACTR has approached the Selectboard and Zoning Administrator about a grant ACTR has received to put up a bus shelter located near the New Haven Park & Ride. The grant does require a local match of 10% match or \$1,700; Kathy suggested the towns of Bristol, Vergennes and Middlebury could contribute to this match because passengers riding between those towns transfer in New Haven. Kathy Barrett had put a small blurb in the newsletter about the shelter, and asked for public input; David Millson was

the only one to respond. Kathleen Ready made a motion to appoint David Millson, Barb Torian and Pam Kingman to be on the committee for the site design of the bus shelter, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

- 3. State of Vermont Department of Taxes – re: penalties for late filed Homestead Declarations: Treasurer, Barb Torian recommends going by what the State’s recommended penalties and that towns should have a consistent policy from year to year regarding penalties. If the Selectboard were to penalize one year, and not the next it would become very confusing to tax payers. When people file incorrect or late Homestead Declarations, the Town has to send out new tax bills when the new information is received from the State. Kathleen Ready made a motion to assess a penalty for incorrectly or undeclared Homestead Declarations as permitted by the State. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
- 4. There will be a BCA Meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 @ 7 pm to discuss the proposed reapportionment plan, which places New Haven, Weybridge and Addison in the same district.
- 5. A Selectboard Meeting will immediately follow the BCA Meeting on July 19th, to open paving bids and any other business that comes before the Board.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2011, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Marsh)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Pam Marsh made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation at 8:40 pm, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
Pam Marsh made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:50 pm, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. VLCT – Casualty coverage information
- 2. VELCO – Shunt Reactor correspondence

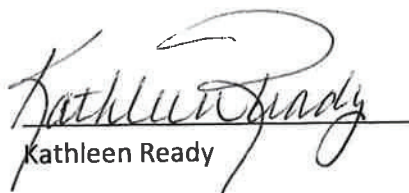

Adjourn: 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

 Chair, Kathy Barrett	 Vice Chair, Pam Marsh	 Roger Boise
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 Kathleen Ready	 Charlie Roy
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