

**Town of New Haven Selectmen's Meeting**  
**7:00 pm Town Clerks Office**  
**Tuesday July 17, 2007**

Present: Keith Hall, Paul Audy, Burt Allen, Barb Torian, Pam Kingman  
Others: Karen Danyow, Betty Bell, Al Karnatz, Mark Smith, Ann Gleason, Dale Everest, Jeff Everest, Roger Boise, Mike Sweeney, Tony Stout, Stuart MacCrellish, Wayne Marcelle, Suzy Roorda, Ilana Snyder, Pete LaPete

**AGENDA: Results**

Read and approve minutes, make corrections if needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Visitors Business:

- **Karen Danyow: Safe Routes to School grant** – Beeman Elementary School is looking to calm the parking area out in front of the school using curbing to make it safe for kids. It will tie in nicely with the Towns sidewalk project even though the two grants are separate. Karen Danyow is a volunteer parent who is involved in the Healthy School Team and is working with a coordinator from Beeman Elementary School on the grant. Beeman supports the town Sidewalk Project and having kids walk to school. Karen Danyow presented the Beeman Elementary School Travel Plan along with a letter to Jon Kaplan, Safe Routes to School Coordinator from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. She is looking for support from the selectboard for the first two phases. Paul Audy made a motion to support the Safe Routes to School grant and sign the Beeman Travel Plan and the letter to Jon Kaplan. Seconded by Keith Hall. All agree. During this time there was discussion about whether or not the town could continue with the Sidewalk Project. Keith Hall said he called the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and spoke with one of their lawyers who told him that the town could continue with the project; that the Town had followed all the necessary procedures.
- **Donald Johnston** – No show
- **Al Karnatz: Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Route 7 sub-division** – Mark Smith is the land owner he has the approval and the support of the Planning Commission for his 66 acre sub-division. Planning commission members Stuart MacCrellish and Mike Sweeney were present to show their support. Of the 66 acres, 56 acres will be conserved, what they are conserving is not usable land and will not be allowed for public use. A portion of the Planning Commission is present to ask the selectboard if they would hold the land that is to be conserved. Paul Audy said he does not feel the selectboard should be the ones to hold the land, Burt Allen agreed. There was discussion on what the options were for Mark Smith to let it be known that this will be conserved land. Al Karnatz said they approached Middlebury Area Land Trust, but it wasn't enough land for them to have any interest. Mr. Karnatz stated it could simply be

put on the recorded plat map that there would be no further sub-division for Mark Smith at this location. Paul Audy said our zoning regulations should be enough to protect the conserved land for Mark Smith. Mr. Smith stated that the State will want reassurance that the lots will stay conserved. It is prime agricultural land and 25 – 30% of the land will not be developed and he feels the state will not see the zoning regulations as enough protection. Paul Audy made a motion for the selectboard to not hold the land, seconded by Keith Hall. All agree.

- **Ann Gleason: Mary Johnson Day Care Center, After School Program**  
– Would like to hold the program in the cafeteria of the town hall again for the coming school year. They like to have the support of the people whose facility they are using. The program supports roughly 8 – 10 children from New Haven, the space is licensed for up to 22 children and runs from 3:00 – 5:30 on days school is in operation. Paul Audy asked if they are responsible for cleaning up at the end of each day. Ann Gleason said yes and Mary Johnson struck a deal with Beeman Elementary to purchase paper products for the restrooms. Wayne Marcelle mentioned that he was the one who cleans the town hall including the bathrooms, and they were never cleaned by anyone else. There was discussion on why the program was moved from the school, and why it could not go back there this coming year. The selectboard feels it is a great program, but would like to see it back in the school. Ann Gleason said she will approach the schoolboard at their next meeting.
- **Watson Scott: Slough way** between his house and the Ewell's is becoming an issue. He would like help from the road crew to keep the culvert open that runs under River Road. It is full of debris and sediment from the river flowing through this slough way on Mr. Scott's property. Burt Allen made a motion to have the road crew help Watson Scott, second by Paul Audy. All agree.
- **Roads update: Munger St.** – 2 1/2" stone has been applied to the road and then chewed up with the old tar to create a better base from the cemetery to the Middlebury line. Four to five culverts need to be replaced as well and the road will be shimmed all the way to Stone's farm. Whatever tar is leftover from Munger St.; will be applied to Plank Rd. to the Ferrisburgh line. Pike Industries and Sherm Jewett helped out with hauling stone to Munger St. The shoulders along **Twitchell Hill Rd.** have been finished. The road crew would like to get an excavator into the town pit to get at the sand that is hard to reach it is along the **east side of the pit**. The sand will be used for the roads in the winter. Burt Allen made a motion to hire an excavator to work in the pit, second by Paul Audy. All agree. There have been a few phoned in complaints to the town office about the guardrails on River Rd. **Mower arm attachments for the grader** – cost around \$65,000. There was discussion about the cost for this attachment v. having Dave Miner doing the roadside mowing at a cheaper rate. It was agreed that the mower attachment was more than the town needed. No action taken. Phil Busier and Katie Reilley have drawn

- up a **new road access permit** with one major change being a minimum driveway entrance will go from 30' to 40' to allow cars to pass each other entering and exiting the driveway. No action taken. Discussion of maintenance of the John Deere tractor and possibly selling it.
- **Suzy Roorda: Town Fair** – breakdown of payments to the bands will be \$100 each band, they are each expected to play two hour sets. Bounce tent for the day \$250 and money to purchase food and drinks for fair goers \$450. Plus \$100 for the food table and \$100 for the flea mart table. Suzy Roorda also inquired what the selectboard would like to do for road safety. In years past they have used the Sheriff patrol. Town Hill Road will be closed at the intersection by the Congregational church and the fire trucks will block the entrance at Main St. Paul Audy made a motion to sign pay orders for the town fair, and hire the Sheriff to patrol the green, second by Burt Allen. All agree. **Abbey Group approached Suzy Roorda** about the town **buying soap for the dishwasher** in the town kitchen. Abbey Group asked the town to supply a years worth of dish soap @ \$95.30 and a rinse agent @ \$147.43. Burt Allen asked Mike Sweeney who works for Foley Distributors to come in with a price quote on supplies. Mike Sweeney said he would and added he thought the Abbey Group should be responsible for the soap considering the town furnishes the space, heat, water, gas etc. No action taken.
  - **Dale Everest:** Dropped off questions regarding the sidewalk project and the municipal grant from 2003. Jeff Everest had dropped it off for the town clerk the previous week. Pam Kingman told him that Claire Van Buren was in the process of gathering the information they requested and they should have answers in a matter of days. **Follow up:** Claire Van Buren, Town clerk mailed the information requested to the Everest's on July 18, 2007.
  - **Barb Torian: Tax rate** only have a range because the state is having computer issues and so has the town. It has been difficult to get the numbers. Tax rate will be lower than last year. Selectboard will need to have an emergency meeting to set the tax rate when all the figures are in. Katie Reilley and Phil Busier need to go over pay orders, then the selectboard can sign them when they are ready.
  - **Road names** for **Eugene Charlebois'** sub-division off Route 7 will be Kelton Drive; and **Wright Stowe's** sub-division off East St. will be Stoney Lane. Paul Audy made a motion to accept the road names, second by Keith Hall. All agree.
  - **Letter to Pike Industries:** RE: Pikes maintaining Campground Rd. No action taken.
  - **State of Vt.** RE: Letter of agreement for Computer Appraisal Services. Paul Audy made a motion to sign letter, second by Burt Allen. All agree.
  - **Road access permits for:** Jon Christiano on North St. and Jeannie Greene on Hunt Rd. Burt Allen made a motion to sign road permits, second by Keith Hall. All agree.
  - **Storage Trailer** rental agreement with Paquette Inc. to store all the stuff that has been stored in the King House. Rental is \$75.00 month plus

\$60.00 delivery charge. Paul Audy made a motion to sign agreement, second by Keith Hall. All agree.

- Letter of support from the selectboard for the **Sidewalk Project**, written by Susie Leonard to the Quinn's, Jonhson's and Everest's along Main St. Paul Audy made a motion to sign the letters, second by Burt Allen. All agree.
- Appointments: Energy Coordinator – Taborri Bruhl  
Transportation Advisory Committee – Clement Sheffert

### **MISC CORRESPONDENCE**

- State of Vt. Dept. of Health – Cancellation/changes of Town Health Officer Program – there will still be support from district office staff that will provide health officer with referrals to local resources.
- State of Vt. Dept. of Environmental Conservation – Draft amended general permit 3-9020 and Public hearing. This is for storm water construction runoff from construction sites. Public hearing: Wed. Aug. 8, 2007 @ 1:00 pm at the Pavilion in Montpelier.
- Workshop: "From Strip to Compact: Making the Leap in the Town Plan and Zoning Regulations" with Brian Shupe @ Town Hall Cafeteria on Thursday July 19, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

- VLTC News

### **Treasurers Report**

Sign pay orders

### **Old Business**

Keith Hall made a motion to move into executive session regarding a personnel issue, second by Burt Allen. All agree.

Movedd into executive session at 9:50 pm

Paul Audy made motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:45 pm, second by Burt Allen. All agree.

Respectfully Submitted  
Pam Kingman

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Paul Audy

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Burt Allen

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Keith Hall

