

## Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise, John Roleau, Doug Tolles, Jim Walsh, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Suzy Roorda, Brent Boise, Alex DeMers, Iva Menard, Matt Ford, Bridget Kipp, Dean Gilmore, Karrie Provencher, Dan Morse, Marcia Dupoise, Chris LaFlam, Tammy LaFlam, Rob Hutchins and Julie Heincelman

**Adjustments to the Agenda** \*\* ACT 46 / Brandy Saxton / The process of the performance review for ZA / Workers Compensation – change in laws

### AGENDA RESULTS:

### VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. Brent Boise from Clarks Truck Center did not get the opportunity to bid on a new truck for New Haven. He handed out two spec sheets for the Board to look over. Clarks has a system of coming to look at a Municipalities existing fleet to see what their needs are, and make a recommendation, including appropriate type of warranty. A lot if this is based on hours used on each vehicle. He also discusses financing options; they want what is best for each individual town. Brent said the Town of Fair Haven just ordered a new truck, final cost is \$141,200.22, and it has some bells and whistles that New Haven may not want. The truck he spec'd out for New Haven, cost is \$137,290.00, delivered. Warranty on the new truck, for a platinum plan would be for a period of 7 years, cost approximately \$10k. Even with a 7 year warranty, this is considerably cheaper than the truck ordered from J & B. John Roleau and Dan Morse will talk to the owner of J & B to see if they would consider lowering the price of the truck that was ordered. If not, the Board may consider cancelling the order. John will report back to the Selectboard after talking with J & B.
2. Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Apps: **1)** John Roleau made a motion to allow Karrie Provencher to hold kid obstacle courses in the gym or on the ball field on Saturdays, two sessions per day will run between October 1 – December 17, 2016 from 10 am – 1 pm. The obstacle courses will be for children ages 3 – 9. Fees of \$25.00 per session / and deposit received. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise 5 yes / 0 no

2) Steve Dupoise made a motion to allow David Brynn from the Watershed Center in Bristol would like to hold a forest conservation workshop on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in the cafeteria, from 8 am – 10:30 am. Expected attendance is less than 30. Fees and deposit received. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles 4 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)

3. **Hiking trails in DeMers Park** – Suzy Roorda said she would like the minutes from the last meeting corrected; the Parks dept. has not entertained adding new hiking trails in this park. She was approached by the Conservation Commission about maintaining the existing trails at DeMers Park, and at other sites in New Haven. Suzy said the trails at DeMers Park are not walkable, and any signage there is very rusted and illegible. The Conservation Commission has mentioned putting up new placards and possibly a map of the park. They have also indicated they may be willing to pay to have invasive plant species eradicated from the trails. Suzy met Alex DeMers at the park on Monday night; they discussed maintenance that needs to happen at the park. Doug Tolles said at the last meeting, Alex bought up that the neighbors that border the park had been mowing the part of the park. He said they were given permission to brushhog twice a year, and they are mowing it, not brush hogging. Alex measured off what he thought was part of the park, and proceeded to paint a “boundary line”, but come to find out, it wasn’t correct. He has apologized. Tammy LaFlam said Leon DeMers (Alexs father) had given she and her husband permission to mow 37 years ago, they continue to do it to keep the poison parsnip down and to leave a path to the river; her husband is handicapped and is difficult for him to get around. Doug Tolles is concerned about establishing adverse possession of the park; he does not want the neighbors to continue mowing because of this. Because of the controversy, Doug Tolles suggested getting the New Haven Fence Viewers involved to establish the boundaries. Kathy Barrrett will contact Cindy Hill to have her write something up for the neighbors to sign in regards to adverse possession. Until then, the neighbors are asked to stop mowing.
4. **JP Pest Control** – Rob Hutchins and Julie Heincelman met with Jim Walsh today to tour the Fire Dept / Town Garage / Town Hall and Town Offices. This is for rodent and insect control. Pam Kingman also got quotes from Family First Pest & Wildlife Service and Orkin. The Selectboard will look over all quotes and discuss at an upcoming meeting. There is evidence of rodent activity in the Fire Dept.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Appointments:** defer

2. Special Event Permit: Appalachian Gap Distillery, Inc. to be held during Field Days. Pam Kingman has already approved, she just wanted the Board to be aware of it.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Minutes from 7/5/16 - deferred

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/9/16, in the amount of \$4,007.62, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/16/16, in the amount of \$3,483.87, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 7/18/16, in the amount of \$21,995.83, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
4. John Roleau made a motion to authorize Joan Donahue from Conley & Foote to pay Carole Hall a total of \$800.00 out of the Anbaric Escrow Account, seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the General fund and Road fund financials for June 2016, seconded by John Roleau. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Tolles / Walsh)
6. Financials from December 2015 – Doug Tolles has spoken with Tom Telling about coming in to do a specific audit.
7. Workers Compensation rules have changed. Barb Torian handed out an informational packet to each Board member. New rules require subcontractors to have written contracts with the town and other paperwork, prior to working.

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

1. **Road Update:** John Roleau was contacted by Gail Regan about traffic continuing to drive all the way to the Nash Bridge, only to find it is closed and under construction. Several cars have turned around on her lawn. She has asked for signs to be put up warning motorists that the road is closed ahead. John said he will talk to the bridge project manager to see if they will put up additional signs.  
Campground Road is 90% done in preparation for paving. There is a section of ledge towards Pearson Rd that could not be removed, John will have the road crew install a cross culvert in that area to prevent water build up.
2. **Equipment Update:** A trailer for the portable safety signals is needed. Jeff has found one at Home Depot for \$850.00; this includes a 2 year warranty. For the time being, John has loaned the crew his flatbed trailer for the signals.

John Roleau made a motion to purchase a new trailer from Home Depot for up to \$850, seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

\*\*these same safety signals did not come with signs that read “signal ahead” Jeff Terry has ordered the signs.

John has gotten an estimate to install rear doors in the sand and salt for \$2,700; this will make it easier to unload sand in the rear of the shed. John and Dan have concerns about how the loader is being used in the shed to move sand. Barb Torian said the boundary line is very close back there, and they should look into it before moving forward.

John would like to put another roadside mowing bid – this one will have someone use a boom to do an 8’ swath.

The chipper needs to go in for a recall – Jeff Terry will drop off the chipper and pick up the new trailer.

The Community Hydro seeder experienced an “internal failure” while we were using it. The crew returned it to Cornwall, and they will take it in for repair.

3. **Speed limit in Village on Town Hill Road** – John would like to start the process of lowering the speed limit within the village to 25 mph. It would include Town Hill Road, South St and North St. It has been noted on North St that there are no “School Zone” signs up.
4. **Parking alongside the Village Green on Town Hill Road** John Roleau has spoken with Andre Palmer about discontinuing parking for Market patrons alongside the Village Green. Andre was ok with it. John feels it is a hazard having parking along there.
5. Receiving complaints about the lack of Sheriffs presence on Town Hill Rd, South St, Munger St and Hunt Rd – all the roads that are directly affected by the bridge closure on River Rd. Pam Kingman will call the Sheriff’s Dept.
6. **Town land use, legal notifications to affected parties** – Jim Walsh would like to have Attorney, Hill write up a notice to all the neighbors of town owned land reminding them that it is town property. Kathy Barrett will ask Attorney Hill for a template.
7. **No thru trucks discussion and legal procedure to move forward** - Jim Walsh would like to move forward with no thru trucks signage for River Road. An email from Katie Reilley informed the Selectboard that the Town Hill Rod no thru trucks signs were not legally done. These signs will be included and corrected in a future ordinance. Any signs that have not been included in the ordinance should be added, and warned in the paper.
8. **Rattlin Bridge** – Jim Walsh noted there are several boards going bad on the bridge. He would like to plan 2-4 years ahead and have planks ready for the bridge when they need replacing. Jim Walsh wants to have the best kind of lumber for the bridge (oak, hemlock be spec-d out and bid with the many local

Vermont mills in advance. The lumber will be dried and ready ahead of time at a lower price. Steve Dupoise recommended the Road Commissioners from Weybridge and New Haven come up with a plan.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Personnel Policy** – defer
2. **Solar discussion** – Doug Tolles handed out a sheet of all the solar arrays that are pending or dead in New Haven. Doug has concerns that the rules for solar are changing in 2017, and most of the “good” language that helps towns is going away. He stresses the town needs to get a solar ordinance in place before next year. Steve Dupoise suggested Doug and Attorney Hill write up a solar ordinance that meets the PSB guidelines. Doug would like to make sure the town does not overspend on fighting solar next year, as we are over budget this year. Doug also talked about the “red” and “green” lines in New Haven. If you want to build an array near a green line – you are ok, but if you’re in the red area, you cannot. But he added an eastern portion of town that was red, practically overnight turned to green!
3. **Vermont Green Line (Anbaric Project)** The draft agreement was discussed in executive session earlier this evening.
4. **Low temperature alarm and security system for all town owned buildings:** Quotes from Marshalls Alarm service – Fire Station \$245 per year / Town Garage \$245 per year / Town Hall \$645 this includes the setup, otherwise \$246 per year. Jim Walsh added the Beeman School may pay for the town hall portion.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **ACT 46** – There will be a vote in November for school consolidation. Doug Tolles attended the meeting the other night and is dismayed that if this passes; New Haven residents will have to help pay off other schools debt that are in our district. This debt amounts to \$400,000.
2. **Brandy Saxton** is currently helping the Planning Commission re-write the Town Plan. She has balked at putting the North / South Highway on all the maps. Doug Tolles has ordered her to do it and she has not. John Roleau thought in her email she was just looking for approval of the entire Selectboard. John Roleau made a motion to have Brandy Saxton add the North / South Highway to all the town maps in the Town Plan. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. 4 yes / 1 no (Barrett) Kathy Barrett will contact Brandy Saxton.

#### **MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Sheriff’s activity logs
2. Madden Correspondence

The next scheduled meeting is on August 2, 2016.

Adjourn: 10:14pm

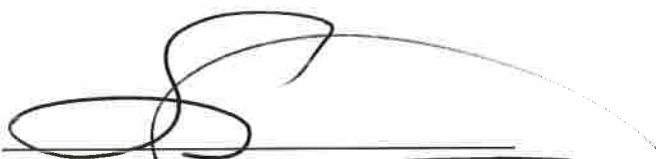
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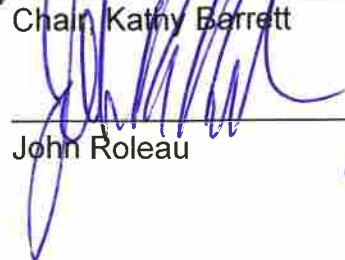
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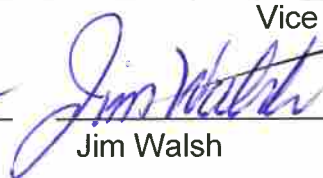
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