

Town of New Haven Special Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Town Offices

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl (via phone), Kathy Barrett, Steve Dupoise and Bruce Many
Town Administrator / ZA: Aaron Brown
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Maggie Eaton, Margaret Benn and Marcia Dupoise

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Grant Approval for Train Depot / Executive session on for Real Estate/negotiations / DeMers Park

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Maggie Eaton along with Margaret Benn** came to talk about the **Window Dressers Event in November**. This is a non-profit benefitting New Haven, Bristol and Lincoln. They build insulated window inserts which is a great low cost alternative for drafty windows and for those who cannot afford new windows. If used properly, the inserts can last up to 10 years. To date, there are 60 requests for inserts. The inserts make a single pane window into a triple pane. Home owners and businesses are encouraged to apply. To make an appointment to have your windows measured you can reach Maggie Eaton, Local Window Dresser Coordinator at: maggieeaton@me.com or call her at 802 – 453 – 5214. Each window insert is custom made for an individual' home or business. Folks who apply are encouraged to help build the inserts. The Window Dresser Event will take place in Holley Hall in Bristol on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Maggie and Margaret went through Beeman Elementary School with Principal, Travis Stark. Several windows on the lower floors could use inserts. Maggie and Margaret have applied for a grant through MAUSD for inserts for Beeman. The Board thanked Maggie and Margaret for their work on this project.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:

1. **Road Update:**
 - Pearson and Twitchell Hill Road are being paved.

- McCullough's has not started crushing in the gravel pit yet.
 - Town Hill Road: The road will be shut down intermittently while guardrails are removed by the Road Crew and Chris LaPete can start work on the headers for the big culvert. Lafayette's will re-install the guardrails when the work is completed on the culvert. Also on Town Hill Road John Roleau met with Mr. Cyr who owns the meadow on the other side of the tree line that needs to be cut down. Mr Cyr is concerned about the amount of debris that will be left in the meadow prior to them haying it. John agreed to wait to cut the brush and trees until Cyrs have hayed the field. Aaron Brown contacted Champlain Valley Telecom in regards to cutting the trees and brush along their phone line, they are not concerned.
 - John Roleau will ask Cummings and Sons while they are here to cut brush on Town Hill Road to consider cutting trees on South Street on the approach to the DeBoer Horse Farm because the limited sight line is dangerous for farm help bringing horses across the road to the pastures.
2. **Town Buildings and Land:** J. Walsh contacted the Board about a possible sparrows nest in the vent on the west end of the Town Hall.
 3. **Zoning Update:** Aaron is working on putting together a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board to review the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaws.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/24/21, in the amount of \$5,330.76, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/17/21, in the amount of \$3,870.05, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. John Roleau made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 7/27/21, in the amount of \$36,095.28, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the June financials, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/13/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
6. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/20/21, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes/ 0 no

- **DeMers Park:** Allen Swain said someone has found a way to drive past the boulders and do donuts out in the field. Steve Dupoise went down to look at the Park, and would like to have the Road Crew bring in a couple more boulders to keep cars out. He added the driveway access needs grading.
2. Pam Kingman wanted to recognize Kathy Cahill for volunteering to weed the flower garden on the north end of the Village Green. Her efforts are very much appreciated.

OTHER BUSINESS:

John Roleau made a motion to go into executive session at 7:20 pm for personnel, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:28 pm, seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the negotiations would put this Selectboard a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the proposed terms in public. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett moved to enter into executive session at 8:29 pm to discuss the Towns negotiations under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:44pm, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to authorize Kathy Barrett to act as agent and sign a Letter of Engagement with Deppman Law. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to accept with regret the letter of intent to resign from Aaron Brown from all his duties in the near future. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

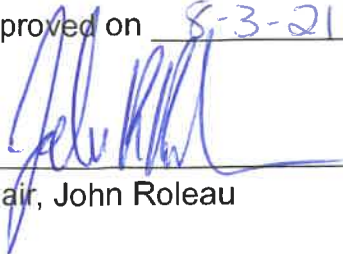
7. **Triangle Bike Loop:** Aaron Brown is preparing an RFP for the Munger Street section of the loop. There needs to be three people on the Committee; Larry Buck and Doug McKain have already committed to it. Aaron said it would only be a couple hours of time commitment from a Selectboard member. Kathy Barrett volunteered to take on the third position. Steve Dupoise made a motion to accept Larry Buck, Doug McKain and Kathy Barrett as the Committee members to work on the Tringle Bike Loop. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
8. **Dog Warrant:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to accept the Dog Warrant as written. Any person who is delinquent two years in a row or have a dog that is not vaccinated for rabies will be given a citation. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Train Depot:

- **Contents of the Depot** – The Board agrees should come to the Town. Kathy Barrett made a motion to have the contents of the Train Depot come to the Town, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- **Grant:** The Town has received the VTRANS Grant; which is a lump sum of \$400k. With the understanding the Depot has to be moved by December 31, 2021. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to accept the VTRANS grant and authorize Steve Dupoise to sign said grant on behalf of the Selectboard. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- **Other Grants applied for / Monies offered:**
 - Northern Borders Grant - \$400k
 - Historic Preservation - \$25k towards roof repair
 - Private Foundation - \$100k
- **Depot Committee** is discussing whether to hire a project manager or general contractor. John Van Hosen from ACRPC has sent out and RFP. Steve Dupoise would like to invite the committee members to talk with the Selectboard about which they think is best suited for the job.
- **Septic system:** Steve has spoken with MAUSD Superintendent, Patrick Reen about tying the Depot waste water into the existing school / Town buildings septic system. It currently can host up to 300 people. Steve is waiting to hear from Al Huizinga who works for Green Mountain Engineers. Patrick Reen mentioned the Town chipping in more money towards the septic system.

Approved on 8-3-21



Chair, John Roleau

Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett

Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many

