

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 5, 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: Alex DeMers, Bridget Kipp, Erin Baslow, Tom Murray, Marcia Dupoise, Bev Landon, Dan Morse, Mike Mullin, William Reopell, Iva Menard and Matt Ford

Adjustments to the Agenda ** Alarm service / rodent control / set tax rate / establish late penalty / road access permit / Town Hall repairs - gym walls / defer Zoning Administrator performance review / defer personnel policy

AGENDA RESULTS:

**** Open Paving Bids: 2 bids were received; one from Pike Industries and the other from D & F Paving:** These bids are for Hallock Road, Campground Road and Quaker Village Road. Both Hallock and Campground will be reclaimed. Quaker Village is just wearing course.

- **D & F Paving: Hallock Rd: Reclamation** - \$1.70 per unit if contractor grades – total \$28,673.00 / \$.97 if Town grades – total \$16,360.99.
- **Pike Industries: Hallock Rd: Reclamation** - \$2.25 per unit if contractor grades – total \$37,948.50 / \$1.75 if Town grades – total \$29,515.50
- **D & F Paving: Campground Rd: Reclamation** - \$1.70 per unit if contractor grades – total \$16,745.00 / \$.97 if Town grades – total \$9,554.50
- **Pike Industries: Campground Rd: Reclamation** - \$2.25 per unit if contractor grades – total \$22,162.50 / \$1.75 if Town grades – total \$17,237.50
- **D & F Paving: Hallock Rd: Paving 1.25 miles from Waltham town line south** - virgin material only - \$48.00 unit cost @ 2,240 tons; total \$107,520.00
- **Pike Industries: Hallock Rd: Paving 1.25 miles from Waltham town line south** - virgin material - \$53.50 unit cost @ 2,286 tons; total \$122,301.00 / RAP material - \$51.50 unit cost @ 2,286 tons; total \$117,729.00

- **D & F Paving: Hallock Rd: Paving 0.5 miles from Rt 17 North** - (apron) virgin material only - \$48.00 per unit cost @ 537 tons; total \$25,776.00
- **Pike Industries: Hallock Rd: Paving 0.5 miles from Rt 17 North** - (apron) virgin material - \$53.50 unit cost @ 548 tons; total \$29,318.00 / RAP material - \$51.50 unit cost @ 548 tons; total \$28,222.00
- **D & F Paving: Quaker Village Rd: Paving 0.63 miles south to Weybridge town line** – (apron) virgin material only - \$48.00 per unit cost @ 564 tons; total \$27,072.00
- **Pike Industries: Quaker Village Rd: Paving 0.63 miles south to Weybridge town line** – (apron) virgin material - \$53.50 unit cost @ 569 tons; total \$30,441.50 / RAP material - \$51.50 unit cost @ 569 tons; total \$29,303.50
- **D & F Paving: Campground Rd: Paving 0.73 miles east to RR crossing** – virgin material only - \$48.00 unit cost @ 1,249 tons; total \$59,952.00
- **Pike Industries: Campground Rd: Paving 0.73 miles east to RR crossing** – virgin material \$53.50 unit cost @ 1,274 tons; total \$68,159.00 / RAP material \$51.50 unit cost @ 1,274 tons; \$65,611.00

Steve Dupoise made a motion to award Campground Rd., Hallock Rd reclamation and paving bids to D & F Paving, with D & F doing the grading on both roads; this award also includes paving Quaker Village Road. D & F's bid was less money, and is using only virgin material. Motion seconded by John Roleau.

Doug Tolles made a motion to amend the original motion, to award Campground Rd. reclamation and paving to Pike Industries, and awarding Hallock Rd and Quaker Village Rd to D & F. seconded by Jim Walsh.

Doug initiated a discussion including the subpar performance of D&F on paving Quaker Village Rd a few years ago, specifically citing waves in the road and cracks in the then newly paved surface. D&F in response claimed the road was graded by a member of the road crew, and that is why it has waves through it. D&F was asked if the new top coat paving could fix the waves. D&F's representative declared that he was not an engineer, and therefore not responsible for the outcome of the road. Vote taken 2 yes / 3 no (Barrett / Dupoise / Roleau) the amended motion fails, so it is back to the original motion

Discussion about whether our road crew has the time to do the grading on these roads, it was decided they do not. The Town does not want to get blamed for any grading that isn't done right. Road Commissioner Roleau reviewed the towns' policy for replacing driveway culverts – the town will replace them, but the landowner must purchase the culvert; or reimburse the town for the culvert.

Doug Tolles asked if D & F has a contract with the Town of Waltham for the other end of Hallock Rd. Mr. Reopell from D & F said they do. Because of this, they bid slightly lower on Hallock Rd. Jim Walsh had concerns that we only heard from 2 bidders. If a revised bid form went out, how do we know everyone received it? Jim feels all bids and revised bids should be mailed out certified mail with return receipt requested, so it ensures all bidders have received a copy.

Doug Tolles asked Steve Dupoise if he is related to D&F, and Steve said yes.

The vote was taken on Steve Dupoise's original motion, 3 yes / 1 no (Tolles) / 1 abstention (Dupoise)

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Tom Murray from VT Gas** – Tom has taken over for Ned Farquhar as the Director of Sales and Marketing. The crews continue to clear right of ways and do prep work in New Haven. What he called the "firing line" will be here possibly as soon as August to do the actual installation of the pipeline. Kathy Barrett had 2 concerns: The first one being that New Haven residents received a letter on June 23, 2016 from VT Gas saying they were beginning work soon. The crews had already begun to work a month earlier. Her second concern is to have the crews take down their signs when they are done for the night. Barb Torian also had concerns when they have signs up saying the road is open, when it is really closed. There seems to be some confusion with some of the crews.

John Roleau asked if VT Gas would be willing to help the town with Chloride for the dirt roads. VT Gas has been using some of the dirt roads, and they are very dusty with the lack of rain.

2. **Alex DeMers – Leon DeMers, Jr. donated 5.7 acres** to the town just off of River Road back in 1973, for the town to use a park. Suzy Roorda (Parks Committee) recently contacted Alex about adding hiking trails. (Suzy could not attend tonight's meeting) Alex DeMers said he has concerns about the abutting property owners encroaching on the park property. He would like to have the borders defined, so if new trails are added, people don't end up in the

neighbor's yard. He added some of those neighbors have been clearing behind their houses and looks as though they are using the park as their own property. Iva Menard, who is one of the abutters, said she has permission from the Selectboard since 2007 to mow and clear trees that were hanging over onto her property; she had a copy of the signed minutes from that August 2007 meeting. Iva also added that her neighbors the Moyes and LaFlams have been mowing back there for years. The Selectboard will discuss the matter with Suzy Roorda at the next meeting. Iva asked if they should continue to mow. Steve Dupoise said for now, they were granted permission from a previous Selectboard, so they can continue until they meet with Suzy Roorda.

1. **Gary Kessler** – Green Mountain Stage race for bicycles, this is the 17th year the race has been held. They frequently look for new locations, and he found Addison County to be a great location. On Saturday, September 3, 2016 the racers would start at Field Days, use Quaker Village Road into Weybridge, then over the Rattlin Bridge onto Pearson, back to Field Days. There could be upwards of 900 racers of all ages and abilities. There are 10 categories' and prizes for the winners of each race. The first race would typically begin around 8:30 – 9:00 am, they race until noon, break for lunch and resume racing for the afternoon. He will provide the town with a certificate of insurance. They will have a police escort for each race as well as officials cars and service vehicles. The racers ride within the caravan of vehicles. Jim Walsh asked if it was safe for them to ride over the Rattlin Bridge, there are some pretty big gaps in some of the planks. Mr. Kessler said he can fill them with sand or with smaller pieces of wood. The Board asked him not to use sand as it would rot the boards. Mr. Kessler offered to help the town pay for replacement boards for the Rattlin Bridge. The Board said they may take him up on the offer. John Roleau asked him to please pick up their signage when the races are done for the day. Kessler said they will be picked up because he reuses them. Steve Dupoise made a motion to authorize Green Mountain Stage Race to hold a race in New Haven on Saturday, September 3, 2016, pending receipt of the certificate of insurance. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
Jim Walsh said Susan Smiley had asked who could be contacted for installation of bike lanes in New Haven, and are there grants available. Mr. Kessler said she could contact Emily Bodecker at Local Motion in Burlington. Kathy Barrett added Regional Planning in Middlebury has done a comprehensive study of bike lanes.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Town Plan and solar siting ordinance:** Doug Tolles said the Planning Commission has completed their revisions of the Town Plan; it has been forwarded to Brandi Saxton for editing. It will not go back to the PC, but will be

sent on to the Selectboard. Doug would like to make sure there is language in there that relates to ACT 260 (Solar siting), without this language, then he town has no standing on solar projects. Jim Walsh said he anticipates other corrections as well, namely how town properties are identified in the Plan. He has a town historian working on it. Doug would like to have a special meeting to work on just this. Once the revised Town Plan is back from Brandi, the Selectboard will set a work day.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/21/16, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to authorize Conley & Foote to pay Cindy Hill \$843.75 from the escrow account (Anbaric), seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to authorize Conley & Foote to pay Diamond & Robinson (Richard Saudek) \$1,060.00 from the escrow account (Anbaric). Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/25/16, in the amount of \$3,792.74, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
4. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 7/2/16, in the amount of \$4,472.31, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 6/27/16, in the amount of \$13,289.84, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
6. John Roleau made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 7/5/16, in the amount of \$53,938.68, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
7. The Selectboard received the current financial statements and bank statements for June.
8. December 2015 financials – deferred

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** The crew has been grading the dirt roads. John is getting conflicting reports if there is a chloride shortage or not. It has been dry and dusty lately.
Because of the dry hot weather, John has not had the crew cutting brush. Campground Road all the brush is cut, larger trees have been removed; it just needs to be ditched.
Field Days Road ditching is complete – Chris LaPete did a great job. John and Jim reviewed the cost of the project which is about \$4,700, (\$3,300 + 400 for stone for last year's ditch repair) to redo the ditch from the center drive to the

north entrance was another \$1,000. The Town installed a 50' of new smooth bore and an 18" culvert. John confirmed these culverts will be billed to Field Days. The crew hydro seeded the ditch when Chris was done, but with the lack of rain, it is not growing.

2. **Equipment Update:** The traffic safety lights arrived today. They may need to purchase a trailer to transport them. John and Dan Morse will look into the size of the trailer needed.

Doug asked about the status of the new truck. John said it is at J & B, waiting for the body and plow equipment to be installed. Discussed whether it is beneficial for the town to trade the 2002 International in or hang onto it. John and Dan agree the 2002 may be worth more than J & B is willing to give us towards the trade, and it may be wise to keep it through this winter, and sell it in the spring; giving the crew a backup vehicle. The cost of the new vehicle was also discussed; John received a phone call from Clarks trucking who saw our new truck on J & B's lot. The rep from Clarks was upset, because he was never given a chance to bid on the new truck. He told John he could have gotten the town a tandem truck for the price we are paying for a single axle. Dan & John are going to talk with the owner of J & B to see if they'd be willing to drop their price on the new truck. When the Road Foreman spec'd out the new truck he only went to one source, he didn't shop around for the best deal for New Haven. This was not made clear to the Selectboard at that time. Jim Walsh suggested John and Dan ask J & B for a better extended warranty on the new truck as a compromise. Dan and John will do the best they can for the town.

3. **Road Access Permit:** John Roleau made a motion to approve the road access permit for the President and Fellows of Middlebury College, property located at 1003 North St. The applicant is solely responsible for the purchase and installation of the culvert. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
4. **Town Garage – Eastview Electric gave John a quote on wiring the overhead garage doors to shut them off in the event a garage door opener is left overnight in one of the trucks. Eastview Electric is also quoting a keypad for the diesel pump, which will automatically shut off after 15 minutes.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Personnel Policy – Defer**
2. **Solar update:** Doug has concerns about the 2017 net metering rules are changing and do not include all the good language from the 2016 version.
South St (Seguin) – There has been a preliminary decision, but no decision on the oral argument. The PSB has given Suncommon until the first of August to come up with a landscape plan.

New Haven GLC (Russell) on Route 7 – This is before the Vermont Supreme Court

Green Peak Solar (Vandal) on Field Days Rd – The Hearing Officer recommended the array be approved within a certain criteria.

Hallock Rd (150 kW) is dead – there is no room on the power lines to accommodate, this is called a “red line.”

Sawyer Rd (150 kW) is also dead for now, but could come back; this is on a “green line.”

Livingston 500kW (Main St) - is in the works

BDE New Haven Solar (Main St) – is also in the works

3. **Vermont Green Line (Anbaric project) update:** Steve Dupoise said Richard Saudek has been unavailable due to a death in the family. Steve and Carole Hall just recently received a preliminary agreement with VGL, neither one has had a chance to read it yet. Steve said after he and Carole have read it, he will forward it to the Selectboard. Richard is drafting this agreement on his own, with no input from VGL.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Jim Walsh met with Marshalls Alarm Service.** Currently the Fire Dept. has Fire / burglary; Town Hall has Fire that is hooked into the school alarm system and the Town Office / Library has Fire and burglary. Jim asked Marshalls to quote a price to add a low temperature alarm to all of the buildings. Beeman School Board Chair, Brad Bull said he thought the School would be willing to pay for the high / low monitoring at the Town Hall.
2. **Jim Walsh** will be meeting with JP Pest Service next week for rodent control in Town Hall and the Fire Dept / Town Garage. Currently there is no pest / rodent control plan in place at Beeman School, Town Hall, Fire Dept / Town Garage or Town Offices and Library. Jim will get quotes for these buildings. Pam Kingman has met with Orkin in the Town Hall and has placed a call to Family First Pest Control. Pam will get quotes from these companies.
3. **Town Hall gymnasium Walls:** Two quotes were received to repair the lowest portion of the gym walls: **1)** Lanny Smith using ½ “plywood and painting – total \$1757.00. **2)** Quarry Road Construction (Aaron Napoleon) using FRP panels that don’t require painting – total \$1300.00 or using 3/8” plywood – total \$1100.00; additional cost for finishing painting.
Jim Walsh made a motion to authorize Lanny Smith to repair the walls in the Town Hall, at \$1,757.00. Seconded by Steve Dupoise 3 yes / 2 no (Barrett / Tolles)
4. Doug Tolles made a motion to set the penalty for late filers of the Homestead declaration on time at 3%, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

- 5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to set the Municipal Tax Rate at 0.3902, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

The next scheduled meeting is on July 19, 2016.


Adjourn: 9:55 pm

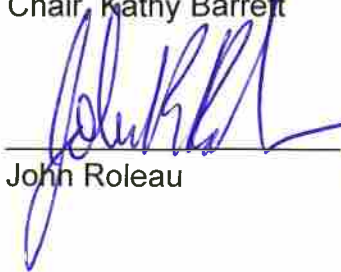
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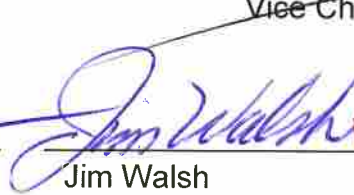
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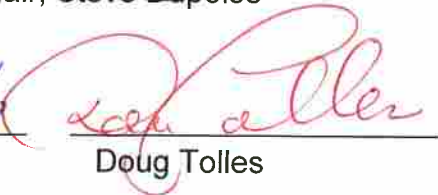
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