

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Town Offices

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

Visitors: Marcia Dupoise and Cindy Hill

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Zoning update / email from J. Walsh

VISITORS BUSINESS: None

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding Guidance:

- Aaron Brown said it's a broad category for which ARPA funds can be used; and the amount of money each town gets is based on population. Aaron said he doubts we will max out the amount of money New Haven will receive. Possible uses include but are not limited to: Broadband / IT expenses / Digitizing Land Records and help with future issues. VLCT is holding a webinar tomorrow on ARPA that Aaron will attend. Steve Dupoise asked if the Fire Dept. would be eligible for any of these funds. Aaron will know more tomorrow. John Roleau made a motion to authorize Town Administrator, Aaron Brown to sign the application for any ARPA funding in the future. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

Electronic Signature Policy:

- Aaron Brown said this is becoming the wave of the future. With some Board members away, this will be easier to get signatures on minutes, etc. Pam Kingman said our Treasurer, Danielle Cummings is not in favor of this for financials. Danielle had said our outside auditors do not like it. Steve Dupoise made a motion to have the ability to have electronic signatures on a case by case basis. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 4 yes / 1 no (Barrett) Barrett said she is not in favor. It may be the wave of the future, but it is not your actual signature.

Discussion: Town Text Alerts:

- An out of State company contacted Aaron Brown about using Text Alerts that can alert towns people to road closures, flooding, etc. The setup fee is \$800, which averages out to a little less than a dollar per resident. The annual cost is \$2,000. This can all be covered under the ARPA funds; it is a 0% match for 3 years. John Roleau said the school district uses something similar to this and he feels it is great resource. The Board asked Aaron to get more information.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:**1. Road Update:**

- **Twitchell Hill Road Guardrail reimbursement and progress update:** Someone hit the newly installed guardrails on Twitchell Hill Road, damaging them. Their insurance company issued the Town a check for approximately \$2k. this will go towards replacing/repairing the damaged guardrails. Bruce Many said he and the road crew have started putting down rip rap along the shoulders of the road. Aaron Brown drove out to look at the project and said road is looking really good.
- **Town Hill Road:** No grant paperwork yet, but it is expected soon. The RFP needs to be put out. Tim Rich has ordered new culverts to replace the old ones. Brush clearing needs to happen – discussed contacting Champlain Valley Telecom to get trees trimmed where the telephone line has grown up. Aaron will contact Chris LaPete about doing the ditch work.

- 2. Town Buildings and Land:** The heat pump is working well; it's cool and dry in the cafeteria. The humidity sensor went off the previous week when the temps reached 90.
- 3. Jim Walsh** reached out to John, Taborri and Aaron about Everts and West Cemeteries, and their need for maintenance. John left a message for Harold Tricou to see if he would be interested in trimming some brush and weed whacking.
- 4. Zoning Update:** The Planning Commission held a meeting on Monday night in the Town Hall to look over the new zoning map. The PC is almost ready to forward the bylaws to the Selectboard and DRB for review. Aaron said the PC did discuss food truck operations. They didn't feel they needed to establish zoning regulations for it, but thought the Selectboard could pass a food truck ordinance.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/7/21, in the amount of \$3,862.64, seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/14/21, in the amount of \$3,906.81, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Bank Statement and financials for May, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 5/15/21, in the amount of \$47,717.26, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Many)
5. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from March 30, 2021, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Bruce Many made an amendment to correct the Bruce Many was in attendance and not Steve Dupoise. Amendment seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Barrett / Dupoise)
6. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2021, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
7. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the Vermont Grand Fondo bike race through New Haven on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:**1. Discuss amendments to the Personnel Policy - defer**

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to go into executive session at 7:58 pm to discuss litigation with Attorney Cindy Hill. Attorney Hill asked that Pam Kingman stay for the first part of the discussion, as she can add historical knowledge. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:16pm, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no


Kathy Barrett made a motion to have Cindy Hill proceed as discussed in executive session. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 9:17 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on _____

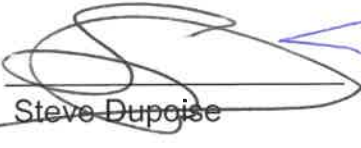


Chair, John Roleau

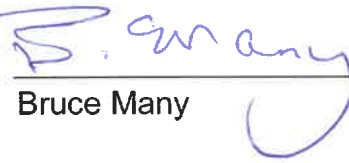
Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett



Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many