

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 18, 2013
Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Charlie Roy, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Pam Marsh

Visitors: Brandon Streicher from Phelps Engineering and Aaron Guyette from VHB

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. Brandon Streicher from Phelps Engineering RE: culverts on Quarry Road.

The design for the new box culvert is based on the proposal for replacement and VTRANS design. Past bridge inspection reports by VTRANS show the bridge to be in critical need of repair. Chris Brunell from VTRANS said when installing the new culvert, it should be placed 3' below the stream bed to avoid erosion of the stream bed. Phelps Engineering asked if they could go 2' deeper, because the stream is flat there and the water moves slowly; VTRANS agreed. Not having to dig as deep will also save money. The box culvert will be 20'w x 30'l; this size will be able to accommodate a 50 year storm event. The state grant is for \$175,000 with the towns' portion to be \$20,000. Because Quarry Road will be raised about a foot, the visibility will be better in both directions, as well as allowing for a 50 year flood. Brandon would like to order the culvert from Camp Precast, as they provided the best estimate. He would like to order it sooner rather than later, because Camp is currently backlogged with orders; if it is ordered now, we can plan on construction sometime in October. Construction will take about 4 weeks; the road will have to be closed for installation, excavation and the demolition of the current bridge. Roger Boise said when he received the bridge inspection report; he immediately lowered the posted weight limit and closed the bridge to all truck and bus traffic. The contractor will have 28 days to complete the project, and they will be responsible for the road closure. Roger Boise made a motion to order the concrete structure from Camp Precast, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no. June 28, 2013 will be the last day for any last minute revisions. Selectboard Chair, Kathy Barrett will meet with Brandon to sign the permit applications later this week. We will plan on the advertisement for bidding on the project to go out the week of June 29, 2013 and close on all of it by July 25, 2013. Contract signing will take place in August, 2013.

2. **Aaron Guyette from VHB (Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc).** Aaron is the project manager on the Nash Bridge and is working as a consultant for VTRANS. He reviewed all the steps the town has been through so far by hosting local concerns meeting that gathered information from townspeople. From that meeting they put together an alternatives presentation meeting. Following the last meeting they submitted the final scoping report, which Aaron would like the Selectboard to sign off on or concur with VHB's recommendation. Aaron said they have started the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process and right of way discussions with surrounding property owners. These are both important steps for the project definition. He said the R.O.W. discussions went well, the most impact will be to the Carothers property (Nash Farm). There will be no land purchases only permanent easements. Construction will most likely happen late summer into early fall 2015. Bridge and road closure will probably last about 2 months. The Selectboard will review the Scoping Report and discuss this again at the next meeting on July 2, 2013.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. The glass that was on the table in the meeting room in the Town Office broke all the way through and had to be thrown out. The glass was purchased 3 years ago and could be replaced for about \$300, or replaced with tempered glass for twice the cost. The problem with tempered glass is that it shatters if something is dropped on the edge of it. The office staff thought maybe a good idea to just replace table, giving the older oak one to the Historical Society. The Selectboard agreed that they would rather just refinish the top of the existing table instead of replacing it.
2. Mitsubishi "fleet contract" - Mitsubishi is offering municipalities a chance to lease electric powered cars. The Board agreed that the concept is great but not practical at this time for New Haven.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 6/8/13, in the amount of \$2,885.25, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/15/13, in the amount of \$2,929.98, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 6/18/13, in the amount of \$40,692.65, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Treasurer, Barb Torian and Highway staff, Katie Reilley are currently working to revamp the Highway report to make it easier to read.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** Road Crew working on getting culverts installed on East St., all the rain has held them up.
2. **Equipment Update:** When the new radio was installed in the Case Backhoe, it was done incorrectly causing the wiring to short out. Repairing the wires cost \$1,300. Katie Reilley is working on notifying the folks that installed the radio to inform them of what happened. The new truck is almost ready. Roger is just waiting to hear when to pick it up. He will let Treasurer, Barb Torian know ahead of time when they plan to pick it up.
3. Charles & Heather Post would like to install a fence on their property (formerly Dog Team Tavern parcel). The Posts had previously sent a letter to the Selectboard about the proposed fence, requesting permission to put it in the towns' right of way. Roger met with Mr. Post to discuss it, it was agreed that the fence will be placed where the old Dog Team Tavern fence was; which is within the Town right of way.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Kathleen Ready met today with Louise Porter and Landscape Architect, David Raphael from the Vermont Dept. of Public Service at the proposed site for the VT Gas pipeline gate station off of Plank Road. Kathleen felt the chosen location was suitable, but continues to be concerned about the decibel level at the fence line. Kathleen reviewed Mr. Raphael's report. He has identified the gate station in New Haven as "having the potential for an adverse impact." He believes that "additional and alternative measures are necessary to achieve desirable and reasonable mitigation or Project impacts..." he states in his report "One key area of concern is at the proposed gate station site in New Haven off Plank Road. This gate station will be sited in an existing agricultural area on a field currently planted in corn. It is set off by the background woodland and accessed from Plank Road via a dirt road and gravel farm road. The gate station, despite the presence of the VELCO corridor, will be an incomparable land use and visual element in this agrarian landscape and thus can be considered to have an adverse impact to the aesthetics of the surrounding rural agricultural landscape. I believe the Petitioner has not provided for appropriate or sufficient mitigation for the facility in this location. The supplemental review will identify in more detail the issues and the recommended mitigation. With sufficient and appropriate mitigation, I do not believe the site will rise to the level of being unduly adverse." Kathleen will follow up with Mr. Raphael concerning the noise and supplemental review. Now is the time for the Town to make any changes to the gate station, before final plans are submitted. Kathleen was supposed to hear back from VT

Gas Rep., Eileen Simollardes, she is still waiting to hear from her. Louse Porter said she would contact Eileen and have her contact the Town.

- 2. Kathleen Ready – She and Barb worked on closing out the Municipal Planning grant with Claire Tebbs from ACRPC. Pam Kingman will invite Planning Commission members to the July 16, 2013 Selectboard meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2013, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Roy)
- 2. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2013, seconded by Roger Boise. 2 yes / 2 abstentions (Barrett / Roy)

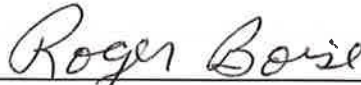
Adjourn: 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:


 Chair, Kathy Barrett


 Roger Boise


 Kathleen Ready

 Charlie Roy