

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**  
**Town Offices**

**\*\* Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held via GoToMeeting\*\***

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Kathy Barrett, Steve Dupoise and Bruce Many  
Town Administrator / ZA: Aaron Brown  
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman  
Absent: Taborri Bruhl  
Visitors: Joe Castellano, Erin Parizo, Mike Jewell and Cindy Hill

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** none

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Joe Castellano and Erin Parizo from VTRANS** – gave a quick overview of the project at the intersection of Route 17 / Sawyer Rd / East Street. The State is currently in negotiations with property owners, and if that goes well they hope to start the project in the summer of 2022. Town Attorney, Hill said after the State had a conversation with the Jewells about moving the utility lines onto Jewell's property, and the Jewells rejected that. The State then expected the Town to take the roll in initiating the process of taking the Jewell's property. Hill asked exactly where the lines going and what does it have to do with the Town. Parizo showed on the map where the current utility lines run, and said in order to have the diversion road during construction, the utility lines need to be moved. Jewell added Parizo left out the biggest part – removal of large trees and the hedgerow along his property line; just to replace 2 poles. Attorney Hill questioned the State's interpretation of the Town owned parcels because they don't seem to match with the acreage description in the deeds the State sent to the Town. In the 1930 deed, which the state has, but is not recorded in the Town records, from Russell to the Town the lots are listed as "A, B, C &D", in the States deeds to the own they are listed as "1, 2, 3 & 4". The parcels in question are 3 & 4. Parcel 3 doesn't match the acreage the State has listed and Parcel 4 looks to be entirely in the old Route 17 right of way, with no boundaries. Parizo said the numbers are just the States "naming scheme" for the project. She added they may need the right of way specialist to look at this. Hill is also concerned as to why VTRANS wants so much property, and how concerned the Jewells are about

this project and their potential loss of said privacy hedge. Kathy Barrett suggested moving the hedge row onto the Jewells property. Mike Jewell said he is open to discussion about doing that, but the State has put forth minimum effort with this. Jewell would like to have the utility easements stay where they are now, and not relocated onto his property. Discuss replacement of hedge row; the Jewells are concerned that there is no guarantee on what they will get. Castellano said they have offered replacement trees, but they will take time to mature; they are at a standstill. Erin Parizo has asked an engineer to come up with a landscape design. Steve Dupoise suggested having someone stake the property out so it would be easier to see what it might look like. Jewell said they did that already, and that Castellano couldn't help him interpret it. Cindy Hill said the Town and Jewells need more clarification from the State as to what they want to clear and what land they want to buy. All agree we need to move forward, mark the boundaries with stakes. Attorney Hill, Joe Castellano and Erin Parizo will coordinate a time to meet.

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:**

##### **1. Road Update:**

- **Twitchell Hill Road:** Bruce Many was hired (during budget time) to work with the Road Crew to remove stumps and do ditching. They are making good progress; Aaron has gotten positive feedback from neighbors about the project.
- **Town Hill Road:** The Town received a grant for this road. Three culverts need to be replaced and the large box culvert needs shoring up. The culvert itself is in good shape, just the inlet side is being undermined by water on the road; causing the guardrails to lean away from the road. The inlet side will need large rip rap and concrete extenders for better direct water flow. The guardrails will need to be replaced just prior to paving. This grant is good for 2 years, however there is concern if we don't start on the project soon, we may not be awarded any grants next year. Discussion about manpower, as the road crew and Bruce Many are currently over on Twitchell Hill Road. John Roleau asked Aaron Brown to contact Chris LaPete and see if he will be available to do the ditch work and to contact GMP for large tree removal as some of the trees have grown up through the power lines.
- **South Street:** Bruce Many and the Road crew worked on the corner of South St and Hunt Rd removing stumps and doing ditching. It looks very nice.

##### **2. Town Buildings and Land:**

- Depot Meeting this Thursday, June 3, 2021 @ 4:00 pm.
- Aaron is waiting on an environmental review for the façade of the Town Hall. The Board is concerned this project won't happen this summer. They encouraged Aaron to reach out to the contractor that was interested in the project to get on their schedule.

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/20/21, in the amount of \$4,326.99, seconded by Bruce Many Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/29/21, in the amount of \$4,690.04, seconded by Steve Dupoise Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 6/1/21, in the amount of \$7,798.65, seconded by John Roleau Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
4. VGS Right of Way: John Roleau made a motion to approve the VT Gas using the Towns right of Way on Town Hill Road to connect the Kittredge / Fagan house. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to amend the vote taken on May 17, 2021 on the Energy Plan to hold the informational meeting on July 27, 2021 @ 6:30 pm and to vote on the Amended Town Plan on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Motion seconded by John Roleau Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
6. Tax Anticipation Note from NBM: Treasurer Danielle Cummings forwarded all of the paperwork they need to sign. This was previously approved at the last meeting.
7. Village Green Application: Kathy Barrett made a motion to allow the New haven Community Library to use the Village Green for Story Hour every Tuesday in July, 2021; from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Fee and deposit waived. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
8. Defer minutes from March 30, 2021
9. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes from 5/18/21, seconded by Steve Dupoise Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
10. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/18/21, seconded by Bruce Many Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **Set Zoning Fees' for "other projects"**: Aaron Brown said the DRB has approved permit for an obstacle course that a resident wants to allow the public to use. He is unsure what fee to implement on something of this nature under "other commercial". Aaron felt \$65.00 would be sufficient. Steve Dupoise made a

motion to apply a fee of \$65.00 in the zoning fee schedule under "Other Commercial". Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

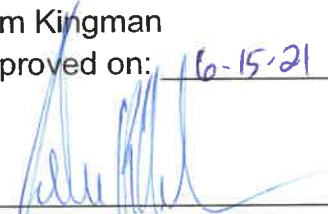
- 2. **Town Gravel Pit:** Aaron received a request from a local Geologist (Craig Heindel) to tour our gravel pit in Bristol. Monica Przyperhart from the Vermont Master Naturalist Program is running a course for adults in Addison County, and would like to just do a brief 20-30 minute walk in the pit with Heindel to look at an example of an ancient delta. The Board agreed as long as they understand the liability issues and they go under the guidelines in the email from Przyperhart.

Adjourn: 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

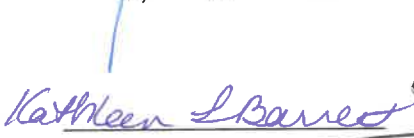
Approved on: 10-15-21



Chair, John Roleau



Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl (Absent)



Kathy Barrett



Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many