

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Town Offices

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

Absent: Pam Marsh

Visitors: Listers: Bill Paine, Kevin Laro and Kim Farnham

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Listers Bill Paine, Kevin Laro and Kim Farnham** handed out copies of their reappraisal timeline and schedule. (see attached) The reappraisal started in 2007, and they are looking to finish in 2013. Bill and Kim are working with contractor, Kermit Blaisdell on Tuesdays. Kevin is coming in after hours and is currently working on a spreadsheet for all the zoning permits that are received from the Zoning Administrator. This new system helps keep track of projects so they won't fall through the cracks. Kim has been looking over the current Lister files; she would like to update all of them with new photos as the Listers have recently purchased a new camera. She is also going to start updating the tax map index, and keep track of any tax map changes. Kim was a Lister in Bristol for 10 years, but the NEMRC system is new to her. She and Kevin have attended a couple of trainings, and plan to attend more in the future. They have completed all of 2009, 2010 and half of 2011, they are right on schedule. 200 changes of appraisal notices have gone out and 8 grievances were held on June 7, 2011. Bill said after the letters go out they get a lot of phone calls and most of them are folks with questions. The town Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 72.70%, when it gets below 80%, the State requires the town to reappraise all properties. During the reappraisal process, folks may be seeing a change of appraisal because they have made some kind of addition, remodel or outbuilding. Barb Torian explained the Listers go out and do appraisals every year. Some confuse the town wide reappraisal and appraisals. The reappraisals try to make everything consistent, bringing all properties up to the fair market value. She added there is a State wide list, and there is continually reappraising as other towns are doing the same thing. The Listers discussed the updating of all their records, as changes occur over time. How townspeople have a great rapport with the Listers; Kermit's history and knowledge of the Town has been very helpful, and Linda Cyr has been doing a great job making all the reappraisal appointments. Kermit is putting all the information from the reappraisal into the computer and Kevin is putting in all information from the appraisals. Currently between the three Listers they average 20 – 26 hours per week; which breaks down to 6 hours a week per person.
2. **Request for BCA Hearing** – The Listers explained that after the change of appraisal notices have gone out, the listers hold grievance hearings and if the home owner is not satisfied with the decision of the listers, they can request in writing a meeting with the Board of Civil Authority. If the homeowner is still unsatisfied, they can go to court. Kermit Blaisdell has court experience.
3. **Robin Landon** - Asked to use Town Hall for a graduation party because the one at home got rained out. Kathy Barrett had given prior verbal approval. Roger Boise made a motion to

approve the use of the Town Hall gym on June 11, 2011 by Robin Landon, the rental fee of \$125 has been paid. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payroll - Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/11/11, in the amount of \$3,717.24, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Payroll – Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/18/11, in the amount of \$4,026.97, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Pay Orders – Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 6/21/11, in the amount of \$109,405.39 (this includes paving, Town Hall ceiling deposit and insurance), seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Tax Anticipation Note - Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the Tax Anticipation Note from the Merchants Bank in the amount of \$330,000.00, at 1.75% rate per annum due October 6, 2011, motion seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. **ROADS UPDATE: Sawyer Road** is done, the crew spent a lot of time on the entrance to the Sawyer farm, and they reduced a culvert size to 58', and did ditch work. Roger said they did a nice job.
On **Sumner Road** they removed and replaced two old culverts, and put down rip rap. Have put chloride down on dirt roads to keep dust down.
2. **EQUIPMENT UPDATE:** No major problems at this time.
3. **Evergreen Cemetery:** Limb down in the Cemetery, Roger is asking for permission to have the Road Crew take care of it. This is not a Town owned Cemetery, but all agree in time the town may own all the cemeteries. The Board unanimously agreed to have the road crew pick up the limb.
4. **Pike Industries Correspondence:** Roger attended a Road Foreman's meeting in Panton, all of those present said they heard Pikes (at a previous meeting) offer to give prices on virgin material as well as mixed. Roger said from now on when they request a price / bid they will be sure to include specs. He and Katie will put bids out, the Board will discuss at the July 12, 2011 meeting.
5. **Roadside mowing:** Roger and Chris Nelson drove the roads where the mowing has occurred, have found quite a few "tails". Roger called Ernest Coddling, he said he would talk to his employee and have him mow over it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Farnsworth Property:** Kathleen Ready will draft a new tougher letter, and send a copy to Town Attorney, Cindy Hill for review. The Selectboard reviewed the minutes from 2008 from when the first complaint came in regarding the Farnsworth's abandoned house, as well as a letter written by Selectboard Chair, Keith Hall.
2. Addison County Fair & Field Days - Fireworks display permit. Field Days has provided a copy of their insurance as requested. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the Fireworks display permit on August 13, 2011 following the tractor pulls, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Town Fair and 250 Birthday celebration – concern about holding it in the new lot on North St. There is no power, there are a lot of poisonous weeds and it has not been brush hogged yet. Roger Boise said he did not feel comfortable using someone else's equipment to mow it and Allen Swain had included the brush hogging in his bid for the town properties, he will do the mowing. Kathy Barrett will contact Suzy Roorda in regards to moving the Town Fair to the Green.

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REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from June 7, 2011, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. VLCT – 2011 Awards Program: Description and Nominations Form
2. VELCO Correspondence – Shunt reactor

Adjourn: 8:40 pm

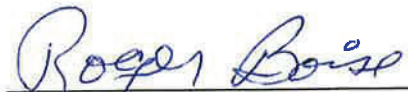
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Pam Kingman

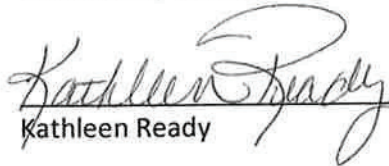
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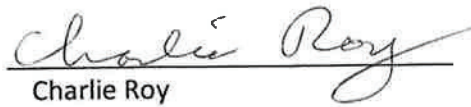
Chair, Kathy Barrett



Roger Boise



Kathleen Ready



Charlie Roy