

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Town Offices

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Bruce Many, Kathy Barrett, Taborri Bruhl and Steve Dupoise

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Marcia Dupoise, Maggie Eaton (via Zoom), Sgt. Michael Elmore and Chris Campbell

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Short discussion re: Harpur Crewe lot; a full discussion will take place at the next meeting on July 5, 2022.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Addison County Sheriff's Dept: ARPA Funds:** Sgt. Michael Elmore and Chris Campbell (retired VSP) came to the Selectboard to inquire about ARPA Funds to help support the Addison County Sheriff's Dept. as they take on more calls. They explained that post pandemic has had an impact on the State Police, who are having staffing issues and therefore are not able to respond to calls as they normally would. Police recruitment is down and will probably stay that way for several years. Elmore and Campbell are approaching towns they contract with throughout Addison County to get feedback. They proposed to restructure the contract with New Haven by expanding their services to include responding to calls that the State Police do not have the manpower to respond to and pay for it by using ARPA funds. The contract would be at least 1500 hours of police services or as needs arise. They are going by population, the request from New Haven would be \$80k, which is equivalent to 15% of New Haven's ARPA funds. In the first year of the contract the hours would be billed at a flat rate of \$50 per hour, then increase at 2.5% per year after that. Kathy Barrett asked why the State Police doesn't contract with the Sheriff's Dept. Chris Campbell said he didn't think the State would go for that, as all Sheriff's Departments are all town funded; he agrees the State should be helping. Taborri Bruhl said there is a public meeting on the Towns ARPA funds this Friday, and they will add the Sheriff's Department request to the list. The Board thanked them for coming.

2. **Maggie Eaton, New Haven Transportation Survey.** The Energy Committee had an intern working with them, and he helped put together a Transportation Survey. Maggie asked the Selectboard to look it over and give her feedback. Once it is finalized, she will put it out in Survey Monkey, on Front Porch Forum as well as in paper form, and have them available in the Village Green Market, Town Offices and Library, etc.
3. **Maggie Eaton: AARP Grant for ADA accessibility the Depot.** Grant awards will be decided this week.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

1. **Harpur Crewe Lot:** The majority of this will be discussed at the next meeting when Tim Bouton, Don Johnston and Cindy Hill can all attend. John Roleau said he is not comfortable with the motion that was made at their last meeting. Kathy Barrett said personally she is comfortable with the motion that was made. The minutes from the Land Committee state they found pins, but it doesn't mean they found the pins depicting the Harpur Crewe lot. Taborri Bruhl agrees with Kathy, the pins are a distraction.

John Roleau made a motion to rescind the motion to have Attorney, Cindy Hill start the process of quit claiming the Harpur Crewe lot to the abutters, and instead seek clarification of where this lot exists. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise.

Discussion:

- Trust Don Johnston implicitly. Would like to have Don and Tim Bouton go on location and look again.
- Don't want Don Johnston in firing line.
- All agree we may not find anything different
- Think about hiring a different surveyor, someone new to the parcel
- John Roleau met with Pam Kingman, they looked at surrounding surveys, John does not feel like he knows exactly where the lot is.
- Vote on motion: 4 yes / 1 no (Barrett)

UPDATES ON:

1. Roads:

- Road Crew has been grading and spreading chloride to keep the dust down.
- **Plank Road paving:** Due to the Board rejecting Pike Industries bid for Plank Road back in May. The price has increased by 5% due to the increase in oil prices. John Roleau made a motion to accept Pike Industries bid for Plank Road with the increase of 5%

(for paving only, the increase does not affect reclamation costs).

Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

- The one ton (F550) is down, may need new transmission.

2. Town Buildings and Land: Nothing new

- **Train Depot update:**

- **Dubois & King Contract:** Taborri Bruhl made a motion to authorize Steve Dupoise to sign the contract with Dubois & King as Engineers for the Depot water and sewer hook ups. Motions seconded by Bruce many. 5 yes / 0 no

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 6/20/22, in the amount of \$246,212.33 (includes Town Hill Rd paving), seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/11/22, in the amount of \$4,039.51, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 6/18/22, in the amount of \$4,177.44, seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the May financials and bank statements. Seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to authorize John Roleau to sign the Letter of Intent to Participate in the SFY23 Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Steve Dupoise made a motion to authorize John Roleau to sign the Vtrans Grant Reimbursement for Town Hill Road paving. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
7. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to adopt the mileage rate at 62.5 cents per mile beginning July 1, 2022, as per new IRS mileage rates. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
8. **Library Outdoor Movie Night:** John Roleau made a motion to approve the Town Librarian holding movie nights behind the library, and to use the strictest guidelines for barricading off the back parking lot to thru traffic. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
9. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/7/22, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Juneteenth new Federal Holiday;** Recognized as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" 1 VSA §375. Discussion about adding this to the Personnel Policy

as it is now a recognized Federal holiday. The Board agreed to add this as a paid holiday, Kathy Barrett will edit the personnel policy to reflect this.


Adjourn: 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 7-5-22

Chair, John Roleau



Vice Chair, Bruce Many



Kathy Barrett

Taborri Bruhl



Steve Dupoise