

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

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

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Mark Hall, Paul Lekstutis, Don Johnston, Cindy Hill, Mike Audy and Dean Gilmore

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- **Mark Hall** (Attorney for Cross Pollination) **and Paul Lekstutis** (owner) are here regarding the Historic Barn on Route 7. The Barn is in major disrepair, and they would like the Town's support to demolish it. They would prefer to replace it with a clear span structure. Hall said they started the process a year ago and the PSB (Public Service Board) said they had to go through DHP (Department of Historic Preservation) for permission to amend the Certificate of Public Good. The barn was put on the Vermont Historic registry they believe sometime in the 1970's. Cross Pollination hired a consultant who reported the costs for repairing the entire structure would cost approximately \$450 - 500k. When Lekstutis purchased the property, there was a young couple who ran a small sheep farm there. They only used the large barn for storing equipment and housed the sheep in a smaller outbuilding. They have since moved on, and Lekstutis has been trying to find a new tenant ever since. He would like someone with sheep because they do well maintaining the grass within the solar array. There are also 2 houses on the property, currently one is rented, and they are looking to rent the second house. Phil Livingston is currently haying the south end of the field, but they do not use any buildings on the property. The Board questioned what their expectations were when they purchased the property, especially with a Certificate of Public Good attached because of the expectations to be met with maintenance of historic structures. The Board does not support Hall and Lekstutis saying the only way is to demolish the barn and asked them to come back to the Board with a plan B. They should consider re-using the barn for low-

income housing, a wedding venue or something to repurpose the structure. The Board also pointed out the lack of maintenance to the barn since they have owned the property, surely some of the damage caused to the roof would have been covered by insurance. There are grants available as well as tax credits they could pursue. The barn still holds value if not in the complete structure, perhaps selling off the timbers. Hall said despite the lack of support from the Board, he felt they would still pursue the amendment to the original CPG. What happens if the PSB denies the amendment? Hall said then they are back to where they started. Kathy Barrett made a motion to withhold support on the demolition of the historic barn at Cross Pollination. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

- **Maggie Eaton – Report from the Energy Committee - defer**
- **Don Johnston – Harpur Crewe lot** was never found. Don was going to survey it for the Town but was unable to locate exactly where it is. He did a complete title search back to 1850 when it was the Evelyn Warner Estate, the deed description says a 4-acre wooded lot. Don does not feel it is within the Choquette's land. The current tax map depicts it as being within the Choquette's boundaries, but he does not agree with that, and is not sure how it was placed there. During the title search on the Harpur Crewe lot, he found that all the surrounding parcels have been surveyed, and in the Mitchells survey, Surveyor, Tim Short noted an anomaly. Don thinks this Harpur Crewe lot is more than likely up on the ledge, in between the three surrounding parcels. The Board discussed quit claiming the parcel to the three boundary owners and the process involved in that. Kathy Barrett made a motion to have Attorney Hill file paperwork to quit claim the Harpur Crewe lot to the abutters. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

UPDATES ON:

1. **Roads:** Revisit paving bid for Plank Road:

- **Plank Road Reclamation:** 4752 ft / width 22 ft / 11,616 Sq. Yds / \$1.90 (unit cost) / \$22,070.40 (total cost)
- **Plank Road pave** with 2.5" base coarse and 1.5" topcoat
- Length: 5722 ft / width: 22' / tons: 3168 / RAP: \$88.95 (unit cost) / RAP: \$281,793.60 (total cost)

Steve Dupoise made a motion to accept Pike Industries bid to pave Plank Road at \$88.95 per ton, for an approximate total of \$281,793.60. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

2. **Road Salt:** Bruce Many said Road Foreman, Eric Boise approached him about ordering winter salt now, before the prices rise even more. The Board agreed to order more winter salt at this time.

3. **Road signs:** the signs at the intersection of Belden Falls Road were taken down by a motorist over the weekend. The stop sign at the Waltham end of Pearson

Road has been relocated for better visual and consider adding a stop ahead sign at the top of the hill on Pearson Road. Dean Gilmore said signs at intersections with state roads, the state will handle replacements.

4. Town Buildings and Land:

- **Train Depot update:** The site visit for foundation work will be this Friday at 1:00PM.
- Local sculptor, Dennis Sparling brought in a rendering of a rail worker he would like to place in front of the depot. However, it would not be free. Cindy Hill said there are grants available through the Vermont Fine Arts Council; she will investigate it.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/21/22, in the amount of \$4,086.51, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/28/22, in the amount of \$4,618.49, seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 6/4/22, in the amount of \$4,056.16, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 5/31/22, in the amount of \$18,534.80, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 6/6/22, in the amount of \$31,781.39, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Bruce Many made a motion to affirm the motion to secure a line of credit with the National Bank of Middlebury. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)
7. **Field Days approvals:** 1) Kathy Barrett made a motion to allow Field Days to use the town's portable generator and to approve of them holding Demolition Derbies and Tractor pulls during Addison County Fair & Field Days, August 9 – 13, 2022. Motion seconded by Bruce many. 5 yes / 0 no
8. **Dog Warrant:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Dog Warrant, seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
9. **Driveway Access Permit:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve Roeloff's driveway access on Field Days Road; no culvert needed. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
10. **Town Hall and Village Green Applications:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Town Hall application for the Historical Society to use the cafeteria on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, to display the Depot move journey. Also, to approve the Village Green Application for the New Haven Community Librarian to

host Storytime every Wednesday morning in July and August 2022, both with fee waived. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

11. **Liquor License:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the First-Class Liquor License for Shelburne Vineyard d/b/a Lincoln Peak Winery. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

12. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/17/22 (Salvage Yard Permit), seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Many / Roleau)

13. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/17/22, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to go into executive session with Attorney, Cindy Hill to discuss litigation at 8:13pm, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:39pm, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

The Board directed Attorney Hill to proceed with the Lee case.

Adjourn: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 6-21-22

Chair, John Roleau

Vice Chair, Bruce Many

Kathy Barrett

Taborri Bruhl

Steve Dupoise