

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Town Offices

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

Visitors: None

Pam Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Roger Boise made a motion to appoint Kathy Barrett as Selectboard Chair for 2013, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to appoint Pam Marsh as Selectboard Vice Chair for 2013, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

Pam Marsh made a motion to appoint Pam Kingman as Selectboard Clerk for 2013, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to appoint Pam Marsh and Barb Torian as Emergency Management Co-Coordinator for 2013, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

Charlie Roy made a motion to appoint Paul Audy, Earl Bessette and John McKinley as Fence Viewers for a 1 year term, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

Pam Marsh made a motion to appoint Harold Tricou as Tree Warden for a 1 year term, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

Charlie Roy made a motion to appoint Richard Higbee as the inspector of lumber, shingles and wood and weigher of coal, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. Cindy Hill – Was unable to attend the meeting. She was going to update the Selectboard on the abandoned Farnsworth property on Main Street. A Judgment Order has been issued to Roger Farnsworth by the Superior Court, and he has been ordered to pay the town \$6,237.53. This reflects fines of \$20 per day since May 2012 for zoning violations. If Mr. Farnsworth does not fix the violations by

June 1, 2013, then the Selectboard has the right to enter the property after that date.

2. Clark expansion on North St. – This is going to mediation. Town Attorney, Cindy Hill is aware of when and where this will take place. No Mediator has been chosen yet. Kathleen Ready made a motion to appoint Pam Marsh as the Selectboard member who will represent the town and to select a Mediator for the Clark case. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Sue Ford – No show

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Town Hall Application(s):** 1) Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve a Town Hall application for Alan Curler to host the Little League coaches meetings in the cafeteria March through April; dates to be determined. Fee is waived. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no 2) Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Vermont Tractor Pullers Assoc. to use the cafeteria for March 23 and April 20, 2013. Seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 3/2/13, in the amount of \$4,223.06, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 3/9/13, in the amount of \$4,219.59, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 3/16/13, in the amount of \$3,266.06, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Roger Boise made a motion to approve pay orders for the week ending 2/25/13, in the amount of \$8,882.78, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve pay orders for the week ending 3/19/13, in the amount of \$37,279.51, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Audit update – Barb had forwarded the updated information to the Selectboard from Telling & Assoc. just prior to Town Meeting. They will review it again and revisit this at their next meeting on April 2, 2013.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** The Crew has been out several times for smaller snow storms. Kathy Barrett had a comment from her father Warren Whitcomb who said he has been on several roads recently. He is very pleased with the condition of North Street.
2. **Equipment Update:** The grader has been in for service, Roger was surprised by how much work it needed, and how much the bill is; roughly \$11k.

3. Roger has ordered the new International truck and body from J&B in Colchester, with a purchase price just under \$143k. There will be additional costs to ready the truck for use.
4. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
5. The Dog Team Bridge is on the States TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) Report. TAC has been keeping an eye on this bridge for several years, and is advising the town that the bridge should be replaced or closed. Roger said he has spoken to several people in town who feel it would cost the taxpayers too much to fix this bridge. Roger will be attending a TAC meeting tomorrow night and will have more information for the Board at their next meeting. In the meantime, he is looking to lower the weight limit on the bridge. The Board discussed asking voters how to proceed with Dog Team Bridge.
6. Cobble Road Agreement with Middlebury is pending.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pam Kingman informed the Selectboard that the old Town Office space (front room) has been cleaned out and is ready for use. Several years ago Betty Bell approached the Selectboard on behalf of the New Haven Historical Society using the old office space. The Selectboard agreed then and agrees now to allow the Historical Society to use the old Town Office with the understanding that if the Town ever needs the space back, the Historical Society will have to move to another location. They will also need to contact Suzy Roorda to get a key to access the office.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town Hall – Emergency lighting on both sides of the stage need to be hooked up / the old tile flooring at the gym entrance is all cracked and peeling up / the double doors need new weather stripping. Pam Kingman will make phone calls and get quotes on fixing these issues. Also the parking lot out in front of the Town Hall needs to be repaved; Roger Boise will take care of that.
2. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the 2013 contract with the Addison County **Humane Society** d/b/a Homeward Bound, selecting option 2 for the amount of \$500.00. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the contract with **Telling & Associates** for the year ending 2013, in the amount of \$4,800.00. Motion seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve a request for funds from Mt. Abraham Union High School in the amount of \$100.00; (monies to come from the Community Projects Fund), to host a National level prevention speaker on

bullying and Drug and Alcohol abuse. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes from February 5, 2013, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the minutes from February 19, 2013, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Ready)

OTHER BUSINESS:

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State of VT Dept. of Taxes – Final Reconciliation of April 1, 2012 Grand List
2. BlueCross/BlueShield – Health Insurance rate increase
3. Community Advisory Board Minutes from 1/16/13
4. VT Dept. Environmental Conservation – Public Notice National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
5. Public Service Board – Net Metered Power Systems 1) Norland and 2) Maier & Marsh
6. Phelps Engineering – Ethan Allen Storage Facility Expansion (Steve Dupoise)
7. Addison County Sheriff's Dept. Patrol Activity Logs
8. State of VT marking of centerlines on all paved class 1 and t Town highways
9. Public Service Board – VT Gas Second Scheduling Order / Memorandum

Adjourn: 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Chair, Kathy Barrett

Pam Marsh

Vice Chair, Pam Marsh

Roger Boise

Roger Boise

Kathleen Ready

Kathleen Ready

Charlie Roy