

Town of New Haven
Special / Organizational Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Town Offices

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Bruce Many, Kathy Barrett,
Steve Dupoise (remote)
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman
Absent: Taborri Bruhl

Pam Kingman opened the meeting at 7:04 pm and asked for nominations for
Selectboard Chair for 2022.

Election of Officers:

Steve Dupoise made a motion to appoint John Roleau as the Chair of the Selectboard
for 2022, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to appoint Bruce Many as Vice Chair of the Selectboard for
2022, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

Designate local posting sites:

Steve Dupoise made a motion to keep the local posting sites the same: Town Office,
Village Green Market, Post Office, and the website. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett
Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

Choose local newspaper:

Kathy Barrett made a motion to continue using the Addison Independent as the local
paper for posting legal notices. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll
call 4 yes / 0 no

Meeting schedule:

Kathy Barrett made a motion to keep the meeting schedule as the first and third
Tuesdays of every month, at 7:00 pm; unless otherwise posted. Motion seconded by
John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

Appointments:

- John Roleau made a motion to appoint Tim Bouton, Don Johnston and George Crane as **Fence Viewers**. Karen Gallott as the **Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood and the Weigher of Coal**. Adam Becker as **Tree Warden**, and Harold Tricou as **Assistant Tree Warden**. Pat Palmer as Representative to the **Addison County Solid Waste District**. John Roleau as **Road Commissioner** and Pam Kingman as **Selectboard Assistant**; each for a 1-year term, expiring March 2023. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
- John Roleau made a motion to appoint the following Selectboard members as point persons for 2022:
 - **Kathy Barrett:** Solar / Mike Lee / Bike Loop Study
 - **Taborri Bruhl:** Solar / Porky's / MAUSD - Beeman Agreement / Conservation Fund
 - **Steve Dupoise:** VELCO / Anbaric / Train Depot / Broadband
 - **Bruce Many:** VT Gas/ Broadband / VELCO
 - **John Roleau:** Jipner / Road Commissioner

Each term is for 1 year, ending March 2023. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
- John Roleau made a motion to appoint Mary Pratt to the **Conservation Commission** for a 3-year term ending 2025, and to appoint Paul Audy, Carol Charbonneau and Charlie Roy to the **Development Review Board** each for 3-year terms ending 2025.

Financial Authority for Treasurer:

Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize the New Haven Treasurer to expend monies prior to written approval of a signed pay order, said pay order to be signed after the fact with corrections being made if necessary; for the following: postage related, payroll related payments, and ACH transactions for payroll. The Road Foreman is authorized to expend up to \$500 without prior approval. The Road Commissioner is authorized to expend up to \$1,000 without prior approval. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

Visitors: Dean Gilmore, Alex Takoudes and Kathy Cahill

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. **BeeFriends request:** Beefriends is the PTO group that serves Beeman Elementary School. They will be holding a "Mom Prom" fundraiser at Tourterelle on April 30th; they anticipate 200 women to attend. They are asking to borrow 5-10 of the town's tables and 50 chairs for the event. They would borrow them the

morning of the event and return them the next morning, May 1st. John Roleau made a motion to allow BeeFriends to borrow up to 10 tables and 50 chairs for the "Mom Prom". The Board is requiring a \$100 deposit, which will be returned provided there are no damages. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

2. Road Crew Position:

- Kathy Barrett made a motion to accept Tim Rich's resignation, thanking him for his service and to wish him well in the future. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
- Kathy Barrett made a motion to appoint Eric Boise as Road Foreman, effective Monday, March 14, 2022. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes/ 0 no
- An ad will be placed in the Addison Independent and other sites for the open full-time position.

- 3. Steve Dupoise** gave an update on the **ARPA Grant**; Maggie Eaton has been working on the grant, she needs financial information from Architect Florian Oberhuber to complete the grant application. Maggie asked if the Board would allow Steve to sign the grant once Florian has the numbers. Bruce Many made a motion to authorize Steve Dupoise to sign the ARPA grant, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call. 4 yes / 0 no

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Alex Takoudes is a Middlebury College Sophomore** and is the president of the cycling club. He is here tonight for permission to hold a collegiate road race on Sunday, April 17, 2022; using the following New Haven roads: Field Days Road, Pearson Road as well as route 17, which they know is a state road. They will stage at Field Days, and the race will take them through Weybridge and New Haven; Alex said there will be approximately 200 students racing. The Board expects them to clean up after participants. The Board stressed if the roadsides are not cleaned up, they will not be allowed to use the roads for future races. The Board asked that they also post the roads ahead of time to alert motorists of the race. No roads will be closed. They will have lead car and a follow car to ensure riders safety. Start time is 8 am for the short race, the main event starts at 9 am – 4 pm. Alex asked the Board for a letter of support from the Board. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Middlebury College Bike race on April 17, 2022, to clear the roads of any trash left by racers, erect signage prior to the race and limit the use of sirens by the police. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
- 2. Kathy Cahill with results for the Depot survey:** Kathy received over one hundred responses to the survey. Most people said they would like to see the

Depot used for partial rental / partial public. Kathy did receive the grant which provided the money for gift cards and has drawn the 10 winners for the gift cards to the Village Green Market; she will reach out to them and have them pick up the cards at the Market. The Board thanked Kathy for doing this.

Updates on the following:

1. Town Buildings and Land: Steve Dupoise gave an update on the depot. He said he has good news and not so good news. The good news is North Country Credit Union reached out to Pam Kingman a couple of months ago expressing an interest in using a portion of the depot. People from the credit union met on site with Florian Oberhuber and loved the exterior of the building. They are very interested in using the depot and are willing to help monetarily. They said they would use half of the first floor for business and a portion of second floor for a break room. Florian is working on designs for this, as well as space for a vault and an ATM. North Country said they would have 2-3 people working at a time. This would more than likely be a long-term lease. Steve Added the downside is, the credit union would like to be in the building by this fall. The person responsible for wetlands in our area has signed off on the depot being moved onto the permanent location, however due to the fact we are receiving federal grant money, we now need the Army Corps of Engineers to sign off on the site. More than likely the Army Corps will not look at the site until May 1st. Trini Brassard from VTRANS has offered to see if she can get the site visit moved up. The only way around the Army Corps of Engineers is to move the building back about 50'. However, we would have to have Messiers put the depot on wheels and move it again, and this would cost a lot more. The Board discussed thoughts on the best use of the building. The credit union has been the first to step up, so there may be others who may be interested.

2. Road Update:

- All Town roads have been posted for Spring
- With the cost of everything increasing, we need to be mindful of spending.
- International went down last week, it is at Clark's Service Center. Some of the repairs will be covered by the warranty.
- Discussed the quotes for the new truck: many of the quotes are from last year, and prices have surely increased. The need for a crew cab was discussed, perhaps an extended cab makes more sense. The quotes for the chassis are as follows:
 - G. Stones - \$ 63,320
 - Stone CDJR - \$63,724
 - Heritage Ford - \$53,912

- John Roleau will reach out to Heritage Ford, inquire about an extended cab, what they offer for a warranty. He will also see what the warranties and prices are on Dodge vs. Ford
 - Steve Dupoise made a motion to accept the Viking quote of \$45,400 for the truck body. They acknowledge this is subject to change as it was quoted last year. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
3. **Class II Road Grant Application:** This is a Class II paving Grant. This grant will be for Plank Road. With the costs increasing we need to get Town Hill Road paved using the grant that was awarded in 2021 and go from there to see what the price of asphalt is going forward.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/19/22, in the amount of \$5,539.47, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
2. Bruce Many made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/26/22, in the amount of \$12,380.61 (includes Selectboard stipends), seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 3/5/22, in the amount of \$4,939.46, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
4. John Roleau made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 3/8/22, in the amount of \$126,626.94 (includes Messier Moving), seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/15/22, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
6. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the Town Meeting minutes of 2/28/22, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

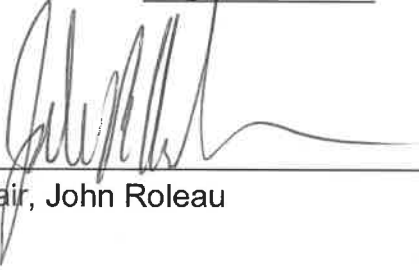
1. **Bike Loop** update given by Kathy Barrett: Kathy has been in contact with Regional Planning. They suggested someone on the town staff act as project manager. The other options are to hire a project manager or hire Regional Planning. John Roleau made a motion to hire Regional Planning to be the project manager for the Bike Loop scoping study and authorized Kathy Barrett to sign an agreement with Regional Planning. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
2. **New VELCO building:** Steve Dupoise asked if any Board members would like a tour of the new building prior to them opening. All Board members are interested, and Steve will also include the Fire Dept.

Adjourn: 8:24 pm

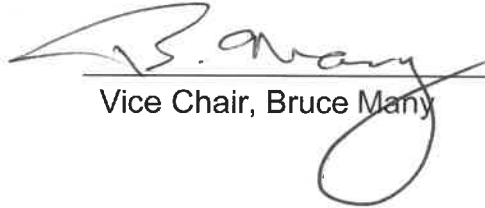
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 3/22-22



Chair, John Roleau



Vice Chair, Bruce Many



Kathy Barrett

Steve Dupoise