

Town of New Haven
Special / Organizational Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Town Offices

**** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held via GoToMeeting****

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl, Kathy Barrett,
Steve Dupoise and Bruce Many
Town Administrator / ZA: Aaron Brown
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Aaron Brown opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and asked for nominations for Selectboard Chair for 2021.

Election of Officers:

Steve Dupoise made a motion to appoint John Roleau as the Chair of the Selectboard for 2021, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 1 abstention (Roleau)

John Roleau made a motion to appoint Taborri Bruhl as Vice Chair of the Selectboard for 2021, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 1 abstention (Bruhl)

Steve Dupoise thanked Jim Walsh for his 6 years of service to the town, echoed by the rest of the Board. They welcomed Bruce Many to the Board.

John Roleau thanked Steve Dupoise and Kathy Barrett for their years serving as chair and vice chair of the Board.

Designate local posting sites:

Taborri Bruhl 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 5 yes / 0 no

Choose local newspaper:

Steve Dupoise made a motion to continue using the Addison Independent as the local paper for posting legal notices. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Meeting schedule:

Taborri Bruhl 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 Bruce Many. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Appointments:

- Taborri Bruhl made a motion to appoint the following Selectboard members as point persons for 2021:
 - **Kathy Barrett:** Solar / Dog Ordinance / Mike Lee
 - **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

Each term is for 1 year, ending March 2022. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

- Kathy Barrett 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**. Aaron Brown as **Road Commissioner** and Pam Kingman as **Selectboard Assistant**; each for a 1 year term, expiring March 2022. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Financial Authority for Treasurer:

Taborri Bruhl 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 Bruce Many. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Visitors: Cheryl Mitchell and Mike Jewell

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Cheryl Mitchell** is approaching the Selectboard asking New Haven to be the responsible municipality for a Planning Grant for the entire County in the amount of \$60k to fill the need for early childcare. Cheryl talked about the need for additional early education sites due to the loss of so many child care facilities in 2020 due to COVID-19. This project will allow the group to create a map of existing facilities, whether they are public or private; identify facilities that could be licensed to provide care; research potential unused locations that can legally be used for child care, such as churches, buildings and or schools; work on developing contracts for each individual partnership; and get estimates for renovation costs that are suitable for early childcare. One of these sites must be located in New Haven; the other can be in a location where services are greatly needed. The Town would be represented by Town Administrator, Aaron Brown; he would be the one to receive the grant award. ACRPC would provide fiduciary responsibility, handle all grant requirements, and submit required reports in a timely manner. Early Care and Learning Partnership will develop specs for all work products and consult on the work as it moves forward. Once the grant is awarded, Town Admin., Aaron Brown will sign the letter and then warn a public meeting. Kathy Barrett asked who the letter to the Selectboard refers to when it says "we?" Cheryl said she was referring to the Early Care and Learning Partnership, a separate non-profit organization. Pam Kingman asked how involved our Town Treasurer will be, and that she needs to be kept informed because she will be handling the grant money. The Board agreed to defer this to the next meeting to allow Treasurer Danielle Cummings time to speak with Cheryl Mitchell and the folks at ACRPC. The Board thanked Cheryl for coming; in turn Cheryl thanked the Board and staff for all they do for the Town.
- 2. Mike Jewell** came to discuss the intersection of East St / Sawyer Rd and Route 17 intersection improvements. His Warranty Deed and Mylar show the section of property in question to have been Quit Claimed to the owner of 86 Sawyer Road, going back many years. The Jewells main concern is the hedge remains intact because it is their only buffer to traffic noise and headlights. John Roleau suggested Town Attorney, Cindy Hill look at the Deed and Surveys; the Board agreed. Steve Dupoise said the Town and / or the Jewells will negotiate to make sure the Jewells can keep their privacy by saving the hedge. Defer this to the next meeting to give Cindy Hill time to review it.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:

1. **COVID-19 Response:** Nothing new to report
2. **Road Update:**
 - The grader is down due to mice making nests and chewing wires. It needs a new relay switch.
 - All Town roads have been posted for Spring
3. **Town Buildings and Land:** At Town Meeting, voters approved the funding for \$40k to do work on the façade of the Town Hall, which will include ADA accessibility upgrades. Aaron will look for available grants for said improvements and then put the projects out to bid. He will also work with Historic Preservation for funding and they will need to do a review of the project for Historic concerns.
4. **The Energy Committee held their Public Hearing on the new Draft Energy Plan on Monday, March 8, 2021.** The Planning Commission then voted to move the Energy Plan on to the Selectboard for their review. Aaron Brown and Maggie Eaton will work on incorporating the new language into the Town Plan as a new chapter. This will be on the Selectboards' agenda for consideration on March 23, 2021. Once the Selectboard acknowledges receipt, they will need to hold a Public Hearing; then the Plan will go to a Town vote. Aaron thanked Maggie Eaton for her time and commitment to this project; she has done a great job.
5. **Class II Road Grant Application:** This is a Class II paving Grant. We can use the application from last year that was for North St. or make a new application for Town Hill Road. Bruce Many said Town Hill Road is in rough shape, it will need new culverts and lots of ditching. Steve Dupoise made a motion to move forward with a paving grant for Town Hill Road; monies have been approved in the budget. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
It was noted that we will need to apply for a grant for Plank Road Bridge. Also Town Hill Road and Twitchell Hill both need ditching done and culverts replaced prior to paving.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/20/21, in the amount of \$10,586.86 (Selectboard Stipends), seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/27/21, in the amount of \$4,409.81, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 3/6/21, in the amount of \$4,681.81, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

4. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 3/3/21, in the amount of \$28,694.13, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay order for the week ending 3/8/21, in the amount of \$24,111.63, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
6. **Update to Personnel Policy:** Defer until next meeting to allow Town Attorney to review
7. **Selection of Contractor for Interior Town Office Painting:**
 - **SLP Painting - \$9450**
 - **Lanny Smith & Sons - \$9800**
 - **Acorn - \$11,500**

Steve Dupoise made a motion to award the bid to Lanny Smith & Sons for painting the Town Offices at \$9800. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
8. **Liquor License:** Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Vermont Food Collaborative, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
Driveway Access Permit: Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the driveway access for Wemettes' on Munger Street; provided there is proper ditching and culvert installation. The permit is also dependent upon review by the Road Foreman and Road Commissioner. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
9. **Delinquent Tax Collector, permission to hold tax sale:** John Roleau made a motion giving permission to the Delinquent Tax Collector to hold a Tax Sale, and allowing the Town Treasurer to bid on property for the Town if there are no other bids. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
10. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/16/21, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 1 abstention (Many)
11. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the Town Meeting minutes of 3/1/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

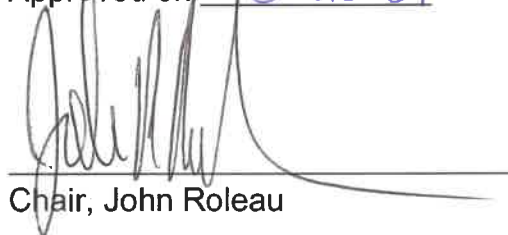
1. Letter to the Selectboard from Leonard Sears re: overweight trucks on Town Roads. The Board discussed what trucks can be on which roads. If the person lives on that road, you cannot restrict them from driving on the road. Also discussed the Sheriff's Dept. contract. John Roleau said he will touch base with the Sheriff's Dept. It was also noted that the last month the Sheriff's only issued 4 - 5 tickets.

Adjourn: 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 3-23-21



Chair, John Roleau

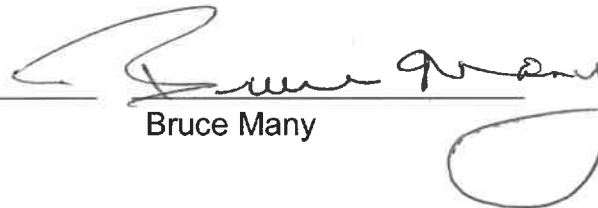


Vice Chair, Taborn Bruhl

Kathleen L Barrett

Kathy Barrett

Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many