

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2016**  
**Town Offices**

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise, John Roleau, Jim Walsh, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Doug Tolles

Visitors: Dean Gilmore, Marcia Dupoise and Erin Baslow

**Adjustments to the Agenda** \*\* Discuss the culvert inventory

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. Erin Baslow asked about a part of the minutes from the first Informational Meeting about the Vermont Green Line Devco. LLC (Anbaric project). There was a sentence in there that said the power converter stations cause cancer, this was the belief of one audience member, and this has been removed from the final approved minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Town Hall Application(s):** There are no applications. However, the Addison County Line Dancers will be scaling back to 1x a month for the summer. They will resume to 1 x a week in the fall.
2. **Town Hall damage to walls from baseball practice** – Suzy Roorda received an email from Amanda Bolduc apologizing for the little league team practicing in the gym using hard balls. Suzy forwarded the email, which says there are several dents in the lower half of some of the walls. Pam Kingman will contact Lanny Smith and Aaron Napoleon to get estimates on repair and painting.
3. **Dog Warrant** – Defer to June 7, 2016 meeting. Pam Kingman has sent out the “Final Warning letter” to approximately 25 people. They have until June 1, 2016 to license their dog(s).

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Jim Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/23/16, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Roleau)
2. The minutes from 5/3/16 are deferred until the next meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/7/16, in the amount of \$4,087.26, seconded by Jim Walsh. 4 yes / 0 no
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/14/16, in the amount of \$4,460.63, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 5/16/16, in the amount of \$11,447.26, seconded by Jim Walsh. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Jim Walsh made a motion to forward invoices from Diamond & Robinson (\$9,450.90); Cross-Spectrum Acoustics (\$17,107.31); Carole Hall (\$400.00); Cindy Hill (\$7,318.14), and Diamond & Robinson (\$26,268.05); totaling \$60,544.40 to Conley & Foote to process through the escrow account. These invoices are relating to Vermont Green Line Devco, LLC (Anbaric project). Motion seconded by John Roleau. 4 yes / 0 no

**ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT:****1. Road Update:**

- Dan Morse has met with Tim Paquette about the ditch on Pearson Road. The ditch is too wide, causing erosion and wash outs and needs to be redone. Tim Paquette will be forwarding an estimate to John.
- John and Dan have met with Larry Minor about removing a small section of ledge along Campground Road. Larry has a hammer / excavator to remove the ledge. He charges \$160 per hour. Larry has also offered to remove tree stumps along Campground Rd. John and Dan also met with Gerald LaBerge who has a piece of equipment that grinds the rock ledge, which tends to be more expensive. Gerald charges \$260 per hour.
- John will also be meeting with Craig Brown from Browns Tree Service to discuss the removal of 12 huge pine trees in the ditch on Campground Road. Browns will forward an estimate. Dean Gilmore suggested donating all the wood from the other trees to Dan Morse and family, for all the time Dan is donating to the town.
- VT Gas has started moving equipment into town. They will be setting up their pipe yard on Lime Kiln Rd at Harvey and Donna Smiths. John has noticed increased truck traffic on Town Hill Rd since VT Gas has started working, he believe it is Barrett's Trucking; he will be looking into it.

- Two subcontractors working for VT Gas met with John and Dan to discuss which roads to use to bring in pipes. John told them to use the shortest distance. This means they will use Plank Rd., they were unaware Plank runs through several towns; Dan helped them contact the other towns. These subcontractors also mentioned needing about 5 acres somewhere to store all their equipment. It was discussed that this was not granted through the Public Service Board, and it is up to VT Gas to solve this problem.

## **2. Equipment Update:**

- Stu Johnson from the Town of Cornwall brought the community hydro seeder to the shop and showed the road crew how to operate it. Road Foreman, Jeff Terry will go to Addison to get the seed mixture, and Stu will instruct them on how to mix the seed.
- The John Deere loader needed the emergency brake fixed, that has been done.
- The 2002 International truck had a faulty air pressure switch; Sean Broe was able to fix it.
- John purchased a used fuel transfer tank for \$150, and Dan found a hand pump in the shed that fit the tank. This will save crew a lot of time from having to run back and forth to the shop for fuel.

3. John has met with the road crew about tightening up on efficiency while on a 4 day work week. This is done during the summer months; their hours are 6:00 am – 4:30 pm. He would like to see them come in from a job a few minutes early, and prepare the equipment for the job they will do the next day. He has also suggested they come in 15 minutes early, and then they can leave 15 minutes early.

4. Scott Busier has been working in the pit for the last 2 weeks; he probably has another week in there moving stone. Jeff Terry has been grading roads and Ron Greene and Eric Boise have been cutting brush. John said he doesn't like having just 2 guys cut brush; he would rather have 3 crew members doing brush for safety reasons.

5. Dan had the water tested at the garage, nothing glaring came back. The only thing elevated was Manganese, which is not harmful. The water has always had a terrible odor to it, and is really not drinkable. Dean Gilmore said the Fire Dept. installed water softener years ago, and it continually plugs up with sediment. John said Katie Reilley has already priced water coolers; he will be in touch with her. Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize John Roleau to purchase drinking water for the town garage / road crew. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. 4 yes / 0 no

- 3. **PACIF grant for safety lights** was approved; we will receive approximately \$5,000 towards the purchase of the lights. The grant is 50/50; the Board had previously budgeted for the town’s portion. These will be used during road work to stop the flow of traffic without having to use flaggers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Appointments:**

- Kathy Barrett made a motion to appoint Harold Tricou as the Tree Warden for a 1 year term, ending in 2017 when appointments are made. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. 4 yes / 0 no

**2. Personnel Policy:** Defer until the June 7, 2016 meeting

**3. Solar** - Nothing at this time

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1. Lee Litigation – The trial is over, we are awaiting the Judge to render his decision.
- 2. Jim Walsh had asked Katie Reilley for a copy of the culvert inventory, this was last updated in 2002. Jim thought we should consider updating it.
- 3. John Roleau has Performance Evaluation Reports; this is what the State uses for its road crew members. He will review them for use for our road crew.

**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1. Sheriff’s Activity Logs

The next scheduled Informational meeting on Vermont Green Line (Anbaric Project) is on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:30 pm.


Adjourn: 8:15 pm

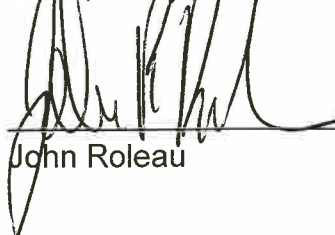
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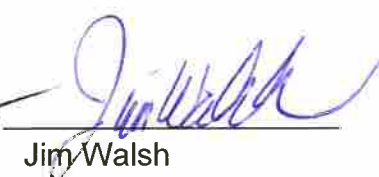
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