

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Town Offices

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

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Cindy Hill, Joe Castellano (VTrans), Dean Gilmore and Mike Mullin (Pike Industries)

**** Open Paving Bids****

At 7:00 pm, John Roleau opened the only paving bid received, which was from Pike Industries.

- **Town Hill Road pave** with .75" shim and 1.25" wearing course
- Length: 9556 ft / width: 22 ft / tons: 2616 / RAP: \$88.95 (unit cost) / RAP: \$232,693.20 (total cost)
- **Grant total for Town Hill Road:** \$175,000, budgeted: \$189,000. Short \$40k
- **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)

The board discussed Plank Road which was in the budget. However, with a grant awarded for North Street, the board felt it could not do both projects this year. Kathy Barrett made a motion to reject Pike Industries bid for Plank Road for reclamation and paving, seconded by Taborri Bruhl, with apologies to Mike Mullin (from Pike Ind.).
5 yes / 0 no

Steve Dupoise made a motion to accept Pike Industries bid to pave Town Hill Road at \$88.95 per ton, for an approximate total of \$232,693.20. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Riverside Cemetery fence / ARPA Funds / Trees on South Street / Health Officer appointments

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- **Joe Castellano from VTrans** came to discuss the Vtrans project at the intersection of **Route 17 / Sawyer Road and East Street**. The State is asking the Town to convey temporary and permanent easements on Parcels 3 and 4. The State has proposed a \$500 price for the easements on each parcel. **Parcel # 3 consists of 3,824 Sq. ft.:** permanent drainage rights / permanent ditch easements / permanent utilities easement and a temporary easement for a detour.
- Discussed once the project is complete, the Town could “throw up” the Y intersection and deed those small parcels to the abutting landowner.
- **Parcel # 4 consists of 3,798 Sq. ft.:** permanent drainage rights / permanent ditch easements / two permanent utility easements. The State will maintain all culverts, ditches, and drainage.

Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the proposal from the State, with approval from Town Attorney, Cindy Hill. Motion second by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize John Roleau to sign the deeds to the State (Vtrans). Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

1. **Fire Warden, Dean Gilmore** - Concerned about the **Towns Burn Ordinance**. He had an incident with a resident who was burning brush without a permit. The person got violent, and the State police had to be called. The Trooper said because we have a civil ordinance, there was nothing they could do. Dean would like to update our Burn Ordinance. He usually has no issues when he is called out check out a burn. He has had to turn down several people requesting burn permits due to how dry it was prior to the recent rains. Attorney Hill forwarded Middlebury’s new Burn Ordinance, she said they were having issues with residents not following the original one; their updated Ordinance seems to be more effective. Cindy recommended having a point person from the Selectboard, (John Roleau volunteered) to work with her and Dean on updating our Burn Ordinance.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. **Riverside Cemetery Fence: Bishop Fence** has been notified and we sent them a deposit, we are just waiting for them to have free time to make the repair.
2. **ARPA Funds:** Taborri Bruhl has been working with Maggie Eaton on gathering ideas for use of the ARPA Funds. They will post the list of ideas on Front Porch Forum and ask for feedback. They are looking to hold a public meeting over the

summer. After the public meeting they will compile the ideas and present it to the Selectboard.

3. Possible tree removal on South Street. Pam Kingman will contact Adam Becker for a quote.
4. **Health Officer /Deputy Health Officer Appointments:** Taborri Bruhl made a motion to appoint Kathy Cahill as Health Officer and Mark Cahill as Deputy Health Officer. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

UPDATES ON:

1. Roads:

- Town Hill Road closed the rest of this week for continued roadside ditching
- Some of the dirt roads were dusty prior to getting recent rains
- Eric Boise removed a plate on the grader blade which will make it work better

2. Town Buildings and Land:

- **Train Depot update:** waiting on Notice to Proceed
- Town Hall – old office was measured for a mini split heat pump

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/7/22, in the amount of \$5,092.74, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/14/22, in the amount of \$4,226.04, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 5/17/22, in the amount of \$615,548.78 (this includes the payment to the school in the amount of \$589,899.53), seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022, for the GHR salvage Yard Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Roleau / Bruhl)
5. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from May 3, 2022, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman


Approved on 6-8-22


Chair, John Roleau


Vice Chair, Bruce Many



Kathy Barrett



Taborri Bruhl



Steve Dupoise