

Town of New Haven Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 PM Town Clerks Office
Tuesday May 3, 2005

Present: Larry Buck, Amos Roleau III, Paul Audy, Barb Torian
Others: Phil Busier, Dave Heisler, Tom Boise, Bill Brim, Brandy Saxton, Jim Walsh, Tim Bouton, Beverly Landon, Pat Shaw, David Whitcomb, Jim Ouimette, AL Karnatz

AGENDA: Results

Read and approve minutes make corrections if needed.

7:00 - ROAD CREW UPDATE

- David Heisler – Discuss hiring for road crew position. Paul Audy **motion to hire Dave Heisler**, second by Larry Buck. All agree. Larry Motion to move into executive session to discuss salary. End executive session after approximately 10 minutes. Job offered conditional on trial period of 8 weeks and completion of CDL license. Will start at \$13.00 per hour. Will work part time until he finishes his other job.
- **Hepatitis B injections** for road crew – Bill Brim, Emergency Manager suggested that the road crew and fire department all have Hepatitis B injections. Given in a series of three. Suggested that Health Dept. might provide them. Phil Busier has already started to get them from his family physician. Select board will pay for his. Barb Torian will contact health department to see if injections are available for others. Follow up – Fire Dept has already had vaccine. Road Crew should proceed on their own.
- Bill of sale – **Backhoe** –Phil Busier presented a bill of sale for a 1983 Ford Backhoe, Model 555 Serial # c. Sold to the Town for \$1.00. Phil Busier will be allowed to use the backhoe to dig graves at the Weybridge Cemetery, as well as to dig on his and / or Scott Busier's property.
- Grader – Amos Roleau will check on rental agreement.
- Contract for **STP Bike grant** - given to Susie Leonard to review – She found some problems and will try to work them out and then have town attorney examine prior to Selectboard signing.
- Better Back Roads **Grant Application – Deadline May 13**
- Sign over weight Permits -
- Sign pay orders – signed

Discussion about how to **mow road sides**. Tractor would need \$13,000.00 to repair. Person who town contracted from is no longer doing mowing. Phil Busier will look into pricing on renting a tractor or contracting work out. As well as getting prices on another tractor. Phil Busier would prefer to have the town mow the road sides, then can be done more thoroughly and also provides an opportunity for the crew to find potential problems and deal with them.

7:30 - NEW BUSINESS - Visitors business

- James Ouimette – **Agreement School – Town** – Draft of agreement was reviewed and a few changes were made. Amos Roleau - motion to pass agreement on to the School Board after the changes have been made. Changes consisted of removing references to voter approval, as that has already happened. Also add language requesting School take over the maintenance and cleaning of the bathrooms while school is in session. Second by Larry Buck. All agree. Larry Buck will pass agreement on to School Board.

- Brandy Saxton – Regional Planning – **Downtown designation** – Presented the application packages. Need to send out 16 packets. Provided list of the things that need to be completed by the Select Board. Will need to submit letter and application prior to a 1st Monday of some month and will need to be present when reviewed on a 4th Monday. Send with municipal planning grant. Brandy Saxton will also provide the information on a CD.
- David Whitcomb – **Fuel Pricing** – Concerned citizen has done some research on fuel pricing. His company had made an offer to provide fuel at 8 cents over the Middlebury price. His research shows that if the town had followed that they would have saved over \$1500.00. Would like to see town use a sealed bid process for getting prices. Champlain Valley Plumbing and Heating would like an opportunity to get the town's business. **Select Board will put fuel out to bid.** Will request sealed bids as an amount above the mercantile rate. Will review bids at their next meeting.
- Al Karnatz – Planning Commission - appointment and secretary –
 - Presented a copy of letter he sent to the States Attorney regarding Mr. **Madden's survey** which looked as though it came from the Planning Commission. Select Board has also drafted a letter for Mr. Madden. The survey has tainted future surveys that the town may want to send out.
 - Would like to increase the salary for the Planning Commission Secretary. Select Board O.K. to increase to \$10.00 per hour.
 - Also looking for one more appointment to the Planning Commission. Paul Audy motion to appoint Jim Walsh. Second by Larry Buck. All agree.
- Bev Landon – **Special Town Meeting** – Concerned that the petition submitted stated Article 1 for funding by Australian Ballot, yet on the warning it is listed as Article 2. She would like the Select Board to move the article to be heard first. The VELCO article could take a long time. Select Board has the ability to place the articles on the warning as they choose and can't change the warning, will have to wait until the Special Meeting.

Tom Boise - Would like clarification on the **VELCO** article. He was asked to set up a meeting with VELCO, which he did. He understood from one of the past Select Board meetings that New Haven was looking for the move of the substation and keeping the power lines in the existing corridor from the substation. He is now wondering where the under-grounding came from. Larry Buck – The Select Board wanted to bring the article to the voters for their input. The article can be amended. Paul Audy spoke of asking for the best case scenario then can step back if need too. Discussion about petitioning the Public Service Board after the meeting for what ever New Haven decides. VELCO is supposed to do what ever the Public Service Board says. Tom Boise - VELCO will not move the substation and under-ground the lines, but they would move the substation and keep the lines in the existing corridor across Route 17.

Bill Brim – **Emergency Management – Rapid Response Plan** – signed and adopted. Motion to adopt by Larry Buck. Second by Paul Audy. All agree. Also presented sample ordinance of how direction of control in case of an emergency could be handled.

- Town Hall Permit – Mary Apgar - signed
- Liquor license – Welcome Home Restaurant - signed
- Comparison of Zoning fees – no action

- Letter written by Citizen appearing to be from Planning Commission – Suggested by Secretary of State that a public reprimand be given.
- Complaint – Town Hall Bathrooms – will include in agreement with school. For school to maintain and clean bathrooms during school year.
- Appointments –
 - **Planning Commission** – Jim Walsh
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Fire Warden – Discussion of George Apgar wanting to continue as Fire Warden. Discussion of difficulty in communicating and ability to do the job. Decided to allow George Apgar to stay as Fire Warden. Will appoint a deputy Fire Warden to take over other duties. Larry Buck will speak with Mike Dykstra.

Energy Coordinator
 Conservation Commission
 Addison County Transit Resource Board
 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Salisbury letter of support for Appeal to VELCO -
 Copy of lister appeal on CLA – Bill Paine was present for appeal on April 26, 2005
 Leonard Pearson – interested in lot in Riverside Cemetery – Lots are available at \$400.00 per lot.
 Addison County Field Days – Schedule of events
 Secretary of State – Public Service Awards – Help identifying those with more than 20 years of service.
 VLCT – Looking fro qualified individuals to join committees for next year.
 Addison County Parent Child Center - Thank You for approving funds

EDUCATION

VLCT – Health Savings Accounts

NEWS LETTERS

- Candidate Bulletin
- VLCT
- Opinions
- Valuation Views
- Addison County Regional Planning

Treasurers Report

Old Business

Next Meeting Tuesday June 7th

Adjourn 9:40
 Approved:

 Amos Roleau III

 Paul Audy

 Larry Buck

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara Torian