

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Town Offices

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

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Dean Gilmore

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Lincoln Peak Liquor License / Seasonal Road Crew application / Executive session on personnel / Complaint re: Salvage yard on Route 7

VISITORS BUSINESS: None

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License:** Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the First-Class Liquor License for Shelburne Vinyard d/b/a Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Salvage Yard** the Selectboard received a written communication from John Van Hoesen and Fred Sargeant about the change in ownership of what used to be Floyds Automotive to GHR Enterprises. A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, which was duly warned in the Addison Independent 7 days in advance of the hearing; as well as on the Town website and posted in 3 locations around town. Van Hoesen and Sargeant feel the public hearing was not warned sufficiently with enough detail for them to attend and voice their concerns. Their concerns range from noise from the crusher to hours of operation, and zoning. John Roleau who also runs a salvage yard explained that the State has strict regulations compared to what towns allow. Every salvage yard in Vermont must be approved by the State. John added that there are three levels of salvage yards:
Level 1) up to ten cars parked in a lot; **Level 2)** allowed to remove parts from cars on the lot; **Level 3)** allowed to crush cars, which must be done on an impervious surface. This salvage yard is on Route 7 in a Highway Commercial zone, there has always been a salvage yard at this location and this permit follows the practice that has been at the location for years. There will not be any

selling of parts to the public and the crushing will only be done sporadically depending on the number of vehicles that are to be crushed. The Board feels that Steve Heffernan, owner of GHR will make improvements to the property. GHRs' hours of operation will be M – F 8am – 4pm, and Saturday mornings 8 - noon. Heffernan assured the Board there will be no crushing on the weekends. The Board stands by its decision to approve the salvage yard permit for GHR Enterprises.

UPDATES ON:

1. Roads:

- **Town Hill Road** will be closed next week for continued roadside ditching.
- **Town Hill Road culvert:** Bruce Many and Road Foreman, Eric Boise inspected the cement box culvert. What they are seeing is a pressure crack and natural sagging; there are no holes in the cement. This is normal wear and tear.
- **Paving Bids** for Town Hill Road have been advertised and are due back on May 17, 2022. The Selectboard will open bids at their regular meeting on that same day.
- Road Foreman, Eric Boise has scheduled Dig Safe to come out to look at numerous spots in preparation of ditching that will need to be done. Several residents have asked for fill from ditching, however most of this fill will go back in the pit to be reused by the Town.
- The Road crew removed roots from the corners of the Town Office / Library parking lot that were left from the trees that had to be removed to accommodate the Depot move. Allen Swain will fill them in and plant grass. The Board discussed placing boulders in the corners to prevent vehicles from driving through the grass; we have a several boulders in the pit that can be used.

2. Town Buildings and Land:

- **Town Hall ADA:** Due to some setbacks in health and travel, the deadline for the application was missed. The next opportunity to apply for the grant is in July.
- **Train Depot update given by Steve Dupoise:** Florian Oberhuber has been working with the Credit Union on floor designs. The Credit Union is asking for approximately 50% of the building. Steve said they are still working on whether the wetlands will be impacted by the location of the Depot. It is still a work in progress. Cost projections for the final move, the foundation, utility connections and interior renovations will need to be figured to begin applying for grants.

- **VELCO** has confirmed they will offer a walk thru in the fall prior to starting up.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/23/22, in the amount of \$4,295.23, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/30/22, in the amount of \$4,468.19, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Bruce Many made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 5/3/22, in the amount of \$12,711.63, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
4. **Triangle Bike Loop:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize John Roleau to sign the letter for signage for the Triangle Bike Loop. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no
5. **Tax Anticipation Note:** Taborri Bruhl made a motion for Town Treasurer, Danielle Hubbell to use the National Bank of Middlebury for a \$900,000 Line of Credit at 1.75% interest rate. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Barrett / Dupoise) * Both abstained as they have family who work at NBM*
6. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/5/22, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)
7. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/19/22, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Bruhl / Roleau)
8. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/26/22, seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Review Scoping Study for Plank Road Bridge, done by Otter Creek Engineering.** Kathy Barrett made a motion to go with Otter Creek Engineering on the Plank Road Bridge scope of work. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to go into executive session at 7:41pm to discuss personnel, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

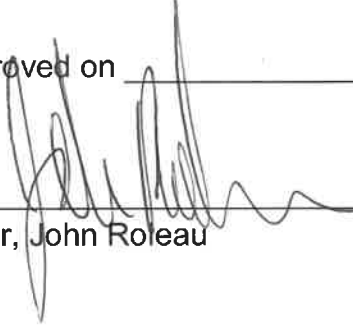
Kathy Barrett made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:51pm, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no ** No action taken**

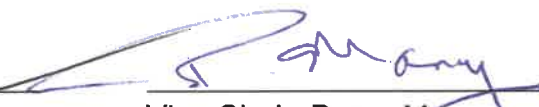
Adjourn: 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on _____


Chair, John Roleau


Vice Chair, Bruce Many


Kathy Barrett


Taberri Bruhl


Steve Dupoise