

Town of New Haven Emergency Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 6, 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

Visitors: Laura Treischman, Larry Buck, Doug McKain, Polly Darnell, Janet Wiseman,
Candy Davidson, Beverly Landon, Chris Ross and Scott Reiss

The purpose of this meeting is to support a permanent location for the Train Depot.

John Roleau opened the meeting at 7:03pm, he turned it over to Steve Dupoise who has been a part of the Train Depot Committee from the start and is very passionate about what happens to the Depot.

Steve said this made his 3rd meeting of the day regarding the train depot. He found out today, that the application for the Northern Borders grant could be jeopardized unless we chose to use the "Sleeper Lot" on North St. There is concern that the C.D.Cairns lot in the junction may still have contaminants in the ground from Monty's garage; which was a gas station and repair shop. The gas tanks were removed long ago, and the site was deemed clean, but now there are concerns about it being a "brownfield".

If we apply for the grant to Northern Borders using the Sleeper lot, the State said the application can be amended to the C.D. Cairns lot. The C.D. Cairns lot may need mitigation to ensure it will be cleared by the State for use. The State awards money towards clean-up efforts, however it would be to the town, not to the Cairns. Steve added that Governor Scott is aware of the Town trying to save the Depot, and has set aside \$400k towards helping us. If we are not awarded the Northern Borders grant, then the \$400k from the Governor also goes away.

Laura Treischman added we need to get the \$350k from the Northern Borders grant as a match along with additional funding grants.

The estimates Steve Dupoise received for moving the depot:

- Junction: \$410k

- Sleeper: \$440k

Part of the attraction with the Sleeper lot, is the town could then apply for Village Designation grants to help renovate the depot.

Other sites were mentioned, such as the War Memorial Park, but there isn't sufficient space for a building this size on that lot, and parking would be difficult. Field Days location was also mentioned, but it would only be seen 5 days out of each year.

The Train Depot Committee is hoping part for the depot can be used by the New haven Historical Society to display some of their artifacts, and for the other part to be rented by a business that can help defray maintenance costs.

John Roleau said as the project progresses, the Selectboard will probably be looking for a project manager or appoint a committee. To the Boards delight, Larry Buck said he is willing to be on the committee.

Janet Wiseman has concerns if the depot is located on the Sleeper lot. She lives nearby and is wondering what the plan is for the building. She is concerned about traffic and parking.

The Board doubted the Historical Society would be in there more than 1 – 2 days a week. The Board does not have plans to rent the building out to people.

All 5 Selectboard members are in agreement that the depot needs to be saved.

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to apply for grants for the Train Depot, moving it to the North St. location (Sleeper lot) and authorize Aaron Brown as the signer. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Laura Treischman said she and Trini Brassard will take it from here. She encouraged having businesses, the Regional Planning Commission, Historical Society write letters of support to accompany the grant. These need to be scanned and emailed to Laura no later than May 14, 2021.

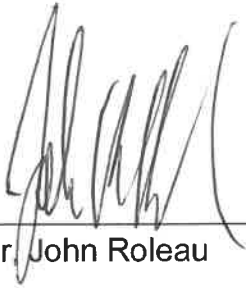
Taborri Bruhl thanked all the "outside agencies"

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 5-18-21



Chair, John Roleau

Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett



Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many

