

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Pam Marsh, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Charlie Roy

Visitors: Mark Smith, from Green Pasture Meats and Anne Gleason, from Mary Johnson Childcare

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Smith, Owner of Green Pasture Meats** is applying to the State for a Liquor license. He would like to sell Vermont products such as beer, wine, hard cider and cheese products, along with his custom cut meats. He is not looking to be a convenience store; he will not be selling tobacco or lottery tickets. Currently, Green Pasture Meats is the only mobile slaughter unit in the Northeast; traveling to farms in Addison County to slaughter. The hide is then brought back to his store for processing. Right now he will mainly offer beef, but Smith is looking to branch out to offer lamb and pork. He will not be processing chickens, perhaps in the future would like to sell Misty Knoll Chicken. Smith said the grand opening could come in the next two weeks, with hours of operation to be M-F 9 -6 and Saturday will have shortened hours.

Kathleen Ready raised concern about the location of his market because of the traffic. Smith acknowledged it is a busy intersection, and the DRB has already permitted the use. He has increased the amount of parking to accommodate patrons.

Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Green Pasture Meats, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

2. **Anne Gleason from Mary Johnson Child Care** – Because of cuts in grants and funding, Mary Johnson will not be able to provide a summer program this year to New Haven Children at this location. Mary Johnson has given the New haven Children the opportunity to attend summer programs in Middlebury or Vergennes. The After School Program will continue this fall, with just Ryan Cormier as the sole Director. Ashley Bessette has taken the Directors position at Evergreen Preschool, and will not be returning in the fall. Barb stressed, from an Emergency Management perspective that the hallways in the Town Hall need to remain free of clutter.

Pam Marsh made a motion to allow Mary Johnson to continue the After School

Program in the Town Hall for the School year 2013 – 2014, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. The Thyme that is planted outside the Office between the pavers needs to be removed. It draws large amounts of bee's and the office staff is worried that someone who is allergic may get stung.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/20/13, in the amount of \$3,131.18, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/27/13, in the amount of \$2,728.50, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Boise)
3. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 5/4/13, in the amount of \$2,541.20, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/29/13, in the amount of \$9,318.96, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
5. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 5/7/13, in the amount of \$19,309.99, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update** – The Road Crew has been putting down cold patch and cutting brush.
2. **Equipment Update** – Not much has changed
3. **Green Up** – There was not much to pick up, total was a little over 1,000 lbs.
4. Roger Boise made a motion to approve a Road Access Permit for John Vincent & Janet Ploughman on Munger Street, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
5. Roger recently received a call from the construction crew working on the Posts house located at the old Dog Team Tavern property. They asked him for permission to put up a temporary security fence within the Town right of way; because they have had several instances of people stealing and entering the construction site. Roger granted them permission.
6. **Road side mowing bids opened at 7:40pm - 3 bids were received:**
 - Big C Enterprises - \$11,000
 - David Miner - \$9,720
 - K.A. Bagley - \$10,150

Roger Boise made a motion to accept David Miners bid at \$9,720, for two mowing's during the summer of 2013. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Sheriff's Dept. Contract and Activity Logs** – Pam Marsh called the Sheriff's Dept. for clarification on some of the activity logs. Some of the logs are confusing because they are written in code. The Selectboard is concerned that too many warnings are being issued, not tickets. The fines the Town receives are distributed through the State Judicial Bureau. The Selectboard discussed the new contract with the Sheriff's Dept., agreeing they will contract for 80 hours per month. This has been handwritten into the contract and Pam Marsh will write a letter to accompany the contract. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Dept. contract as amended, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Letter from the Town Lister's asking to extend Kermit Blaisdell's contract for an additional 6 months.** Kathy Barrett spoke to Bill Paine; he said the Lister's are hoping to have the Grand List filed on time. They feel they need Kermit's expertise through the grievance process, the Selectboard agreed. Kathy suggested they extend the contract for 3 months; then use Kermit as needed. The Lister's need to do training through the State on the programs Kermit is using, so they become familiar with it. The Selectboard discussed putting the next reappraisal contract out to bid, like the Lister's did for the current one. Pam Kingman will invite the Lister's to a Selectboard meeting in August. Pam Marsh made a motion to extend Kermit Blaisdell's contract for 3 months, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Delta Dental Insurance for next year – the rates have actually decreased.
3. Emergency Management Update on the Emerald Ash Borer: The purple boxes will be going up again. Asking people to watch for signs of the Ash Borer, and to let the UVM Extension Service and or the Forestry Service in Middlebury know. Research has found that ground wasps are actually killing the Ash Borer, so if you find Ash Borer carcasses, you should report that as well.
4. Pam Kingman will warn a brief Selectboard Meeting for Monday, May 20 following the Special Town Meeting.
5. With summer months upon us, some member of the Selectboard might be incommunicado. Pam Marsh made a motion to allow the approval of the payroll and pay orders either verbally or email during vacation time, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2013, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to move into executive session at 8:45 pm, to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no
Pam Marsh made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:03 pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no. No action taken.
2. Countryside Paint & Carpet dropped off tile samples, Pam Kingman will contact them about the warranties. This will be on the agenda for May 20th.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email correspondence Re: solar panels for the Town Hall roof. Rick Shappy is on the June 4 agenda.
2. Zoning violation – Clarks
3. Lester’s letter to the Napoleons

Adjourn: 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

Kathy Barrett

Chair, Kathy Barrett

Vice Chair, Pam Marsh

Roger Boise

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