

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**  
**Town Offices**

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl, Kathy Barrett,  
Steve Dupoise (remote) and Bruce Many  
Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Margo Merritt, Kathy Cahill, Candace Swain, Bernie Noble, Bev Landon and  
Cindy Hill

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Tax Map Proposal / Saturday morning trash  
collection / Trees along Sleeper lot

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

- 1. Members of the New Haven Historical Society** came before the Selectboard with a formal proposal requesting the use of the Train Depot once it has been moved to the North Street location. Bernie Noble read a letter of request aloud signed by several members of the Historical Society. The Historical Society would like a space to display their artifacts, host guest speakers, hold meetings and most of all have a permanent space to house all their materials. The Board is aware of their request; however, the Board is not making any decisions until after the Depot is moved, all the interior restoration is completed, and the finances are done. It will be a long time before the building is ready to house anything. The Board had previously responded to the same request made by Bev Landon in August; no decision has been made on what the Depot will be used for. The Historical Society was offered the front room in the Old Town Office, but they feel it isn't enough space. When asked how much space the "Society" might need, they don't really know because everybody has a bit of something stored at their houses. Steve Dupoise added the building probably won't be moved until February, and if there are any more setbacks such as the ground isn't frozen enough to move it until a later date. He added it's a full Board decision on what the Depot will be used for. The Selectboard thanked all the H.S. members for coming.

### **TRAIN DEPOT UPDATE GIVEN BY Steve Dupoise:**

- Steve reported that he will be pursuing another grant opportunity through Rural Development. He is working with John Muse.
- Tom Kennedy from the Mt. Ascutney Regional Planning Commission is the one facilitating the Northern Borders Grant. Not all the information about how the grant works have been given up front, now notifications are now 30 days behind schedule. Tom is very easy to work with, they are just trying to catch up now.
- Steve commended Danielle Hubbell for her work on the Northern Borders Grant.
- VELCO needs a 90-day notice for the interruption of service to notify their customers.
- Alan Huizenga has the exact coordinates for the building location on North Street.
- Steve has spoken with Brian Hill he will be returning the Landowner Agreement with a few questions.
- Steve has also spoken with Tim DeCoff. The Depot will be exiting the fields via the DeCoffs property. The Town will need to add a culvert and slope the grade to North Street. Chris LaPete will be doing this work for the Town. Once the Depot has been moved, the materials can either stay with the DeCoffs or come back to the town to be used.

### **UPDATES given by Road Commissioner, John Roleau:**

#### **1. Roads:**

- Guardrails installed on Town Hill Road and Twitchell Hill Road
- Ditching on Plank and Quarry Roads
- Repaired some driveway culverts
- Culverts have been paved over on Town Hill Road

#### **2. Town Buildings and Land:**

- Pam Kingman has reached out to several entities to find out where we are at re: Town Hall ADA accessibility

### **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:**

- 1. Tax Map proposal:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve Christine Chamberlain's Tax Map Proposal for 2022. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- 2. Saturday morning trash & recycling:** R & L Rubbish & Recycling informed the Town Office that their truck rate will increase by \$75.00 per week beginning December 2021. Pam Kingman reached out to other haulers; Acker Waste

Management responded with a proposal that is more expensive than R & L. the Board agreed to stay with R & L.

3. **Tree removal in preparation of Train Depot arrival:** The two trees in the back corners of the parking lot need to be removed; the silver maple on the north side of the parking lot will need several limbs removed and about 30 of the arborvitaes that run from the silver maple towards North Street need to go. Pam Kingman has spoken with Peter Norris, Jr. owner of Green Haven Gardens. He said it is not cost effective to try and remove all the trees and replant; and we'd be better off cutting them down and replant new trees when we are ready.

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 11/6/21, in the amount of \$3,546.94, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 11/13/21, in the amount of \$3,552.14, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 11/16/21, in the amount of \$216,515.63 (this includes payment for the masonry work on the Depot and the company moving the Depot), seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Bank Statements and budget sheets. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. **Health Insurance:** The Board reviewed Blue Cross / Blue Shield and MVP Health Plans. Kathy Barrett made a motion to go with MVP Health Plan for 2022, seconded by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
6. **VAST Trail:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize John Roleau to sign the request by the Otter Creek Sliders for use of the Town trail between Otter Creek Hwy and Pearson Road for VAST riders. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
7. **Outside Audit, RHR Smith & Co.:** Taborri Bruhl made a motion to authorize Chair, John Roleau to sign the Agreement for Outside Auditing services with RHR Smith & Co. for the year ending 2021. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
8. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/6/21, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Acknowledge receipt of letter from the Bristol Rescue Squad re: ARPA Funds  
Kathy Barrett suggested sending Bristol Rescue a letter acknowledging receipt of

their letter of request, and the Board will make a decision about ARPA funds in the spring of 2022.

- 2. Budget meeting schedule: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 6:00 pm. Regular meeting to follow.
- 3. Employee evaluations & pay rates: Ask Treasurer Danielle Hubbell to plug in 4% to employees pay rates for the Board to have a starting point.

Kathy Barrett made a motion to go into executive session at 7:50 pm, for client – attorney privilege, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. John Roleau recused himself from executive session and left the meeting. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:36 pm, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

\*\* No action taken\*\*

**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

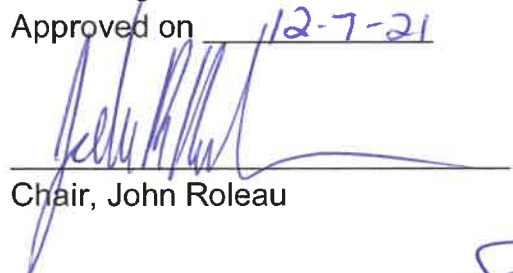
- 1. Sheriff's Activity Logs

Adjourn: 8:36 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

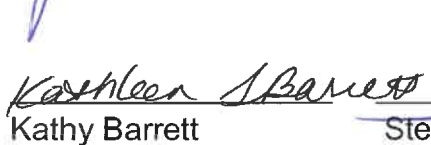
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Chair, John Roleau



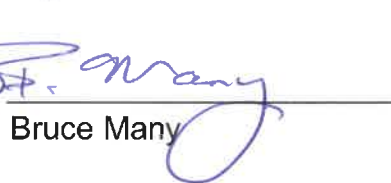
Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett



Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many