

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise, John Roleau, Doug Tolles, Jim Walsh, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk Pam Kingman

Visitors: Jen Baker, Neil Allen, Suzy Roorda, Mark Livingston, Dean Gilmore, Alan Mayer, Bev Landon, Marcia Dupoise, Erin Baslow , Polly Darnell and Dan Morse

Adjustments to the Agenda: Telling & Associates Contract / Grant Reimbursement – Roads / N/S Highway / Bev Landon / Approval of minutes from 10/29/16 / Defer minutes from 10/18/16 / Kathy Barrett asked all agenda items be given to the Selectboard Clerk by Thursday at noon the week before the meeting.

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Jen Baker – Town Hall Application: The Green Mountain Appaloosa Horse Club** – Would like to hold an auction in the gym on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9 – 5 (this includes set up and tear down). They are only looking to rent the gym. The Appaloosa Club promotes youth in the equine industry; they are giving back to the community. Discuss nonprofit status, which is 501 Agricultural exempt. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the Town Hall application for the Green Mountain Appaloosa Horse Club to use the gym on December 3, 2016, fee waived. Motion seconded by John Rouleau. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Town Hall Application:** Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the Town Hall application for Rachel Clodgo to hold a craft / vendor fair, (proceeds going to Beeman Elementary School) on Saturday, November 5, 2016; fee waived. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
3. **The New Haven Volunteer Fire Dept.:** Alan Mayer, Dean Gilmore and Mark Livingston were here on behalf of The Fire Dept. They are looking to purchase a used tanker truck; final cost \$129,895. The Fire Dept. will pay the 20% deposit of approximately \$26,000. When the truck is delivered in May, they will request their funds from the Town (fire truck fund).
Steve Dupoise made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to purchase the tanker truck, with the balance of the funds to come from the fire truck fund when the truck is delivered in the spring. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes 0 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Health Insurance:** Currently the 4 full time employees pay \$35.00 co-pay per week towards their health insurance. Cost of insurance for the coming year has risen 4.5%. Discussed opt-out options, currently a full time employee can opt out and receive \$1,000. Doug Tolles said the board hasn't followed the personnel policy for years.

Jim Walsh made a motion to increase the opt-out to \$5,000, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 1 no (Barrett)

Steve Dupoise made a motion to leave the copay at \$35.00 per week, totaling \$1,820 per year, per employee. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 2 yes (Barrett / Dupoise) / 2 no (Tolles / Walsh) / 1 abstention (Roleau) The motion failed.

Jim Walsh made a motion to increase the copay to \$37.50 per week, totaling \$1,950 per year, per employee for the platinum plan. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 1 no (Tolles) Doug questioned the coverage for the Treasurer, as he feels she does not work 30 hours per week. Kathy Barrett stated that the Treasurer is a salaried position and eligible for health insurance benefits.

2. **Budget items:** Treasurer, Barb Torian asked the board what they needed as we move into budget season. The Board will look at pay for employees at their next meeting.
3. **Green Up Coordinator:** Steve Dupoise made a motion to appoint Suzy Roorda as the Towns Green Up Coordinator for 2017, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/4/16, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Tolles)
2. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/25/16, seconded by John Roleau. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Tolles)
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/29/16, seconded by Jim Walsh. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Roleau / Tolles)
4. Kathy Barrett wanted to publically thank Bev Landon for all the research and hard work she did for the town for insertion into the Town Plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/22/16, in the amount of \$3,687.70, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/29/16, in the amount of \$3,339.08, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no

3. John Roleau made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 11/1/16, in the amount of \$15,457.80 (tax refunds) seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/31/16, in the amount of \$32,388.99, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Jim Walsh made a motion to pay Carole Hall from the Conley & Foote from the remainder of the VGL (Anbaric fund) \$200.00, and to pay Cindy Hill \$776.25 (the town to cover any unpaid amount) seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Carole Hall recently noted in an email to the Board she will be stepping away from the VGL project until she is needed in the future. She said in an email, "When VGL kicks back into gear (and I suspect they will) if you would like to bring me back in, let me know."
7. Selectboard received copies of the financials and bank statement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the contract with Telling & Associates, outside audit \$5,400; \$1,500 financial statement. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Doug Tolles stated that Tom Telling is not responsive to questions regarding his work, and that Telling had been cited in a disciplinary issue ten years prior., he could not support reappointing Telling. 4 yes / 1 no (Tolles) We are in the 3rd year of a 3 year bid, outside audits will go out to bid next year. Jim Walsh suggested doing a forensic audit if the VGL (Anbaric project) goes through, so we start with a clean slate. With 4 million dollars coming in at once, plus 1.4 million per year; a forensic financial audit gives everyone a clean financial slate starting point and protects everyone.
2. **Contract – Professional outside Appraiser:** The Listers gave the Selectboard a "marked up" copy of basically a job description which included a suggested contract price for the outside Appraiser position. The Selectboard hires the outside Appraiser, not the Listers. Kathy Barrett and Pam Kingman will work on an advertisement to go into the paper. There is another issue they would like to discuss with the current outside Appraiser, Kermit Blaisdell. Kathy Barrett will request he be at the November 15, 2016 meeting at 6:15pm.
3. **Solar discussion:**
 - 2 new applications have come in; Attorney Hill has filed intervenor service on both
 - Livingston (Namaste Solar) on Main St. Attorney Hill thinks there was misrepresentation before the Board of Civil Authority
 - East New Haven Solar (East side of Route 7), this is the same legal parcel where a 500kW that is already proposed. Attorney Hill does not think they can do this.

Doug Tolles made a motion for New Haven to file for intervenor status with the Public Service Board, using Attorney Hill to file an appearance. This is for a 500kW array on Main St. (Namaste Solar) on Stan Livingstons parcel. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no

Doug Tolles said Namaste is still interested in negotiating; he will do a site visit with them. Kathy Barrett mentioned now that the corn is gone, you can see right through, so they will need to add more trees.

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- Peck solar (Field Days Rd) – Attorney Hill has filed an Affidavit, Re: Plantings
- Cross Pollination – Attorney Hill is doing research on enforcement action, re: Plantings
- Green Peak Solar – trying to negotiate; if they get all the neighboring intervenors on board, the town follow.

1. **Vermont Green Line (Anbaric project)** – Jim Walsh noted Vermont Green Line filed for a CPG with the Public Service Board 10/21/16. There are copies for both Selectboard and Planning Commission in the town vault.
2. Doug Tolles made a motion to file for intervenor status with the Public Service board, using Richard Saudek and Town Attorney, Cindy Hill to file an appearance on behalf of the Town of New Haven. This is for the VGL DEVCO (Anbaric project). Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Pest Control: Defer
4. Personnel Policy: defer
5. **North / South Highway:** Zapata Courage from the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation emailed her summary and review of the N /S HWY. Doug has gotten survey estimates from Civil Engineering Assoc. Inc. - \$11,500 and from Barry M. Paul for \$7,000 - \$9,000. These estimates are for surveying the 1.3 miles of old road way from Hallock road (at the Waltham border) to VT 17 at the Field Days Road intersection. The Board had tasked Doug with finding a surveyor for \$5,000, but he is having difficulty finding someone to do it in that price range.
Bev Landon said she objects to the old road being referred to as the N /S HWY. She said back then all roads ran north and south. She wrote a letter to Paul Gilles, and asked him about a name. Gilles mentioned names including: Legislative HYW and Old HWY; Bev would like to propose naming it Maple St. Ext. Doug disagreed, the Old Hwy does not meet Maple St., it joins Hallock

Road. She has also located some old surveys that she has questions about, and has asked LaRose survey for some help which he will do without charging the Town. Doug pointed out that there are already several existing surveys from the 1990's litigation, and that he and the town are in possession of valid surveys. Discussion about the old road running through many towns in many counties.

- 6. Grant Reimbursement:** Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the TA65 road grant for reimbursement from VTRANS, seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Road Update:

- Finishing up on Campground Road
- Working on the Pearson Road intersection
- Working on grading roads – weather permitting
- Pull off on Munger St. still needs work, they will get to it
- Chris LaPete will start on drop in culvert at the end of Daniels Road next week. The crew may need to help him haul stumps away, and haul gravel in.

2. Equipment Update:

- Prepping trucks for winter
- Loader to dealer for repair soon
- Hauling gravel from the pit
- New truck warranty – John was given the wrong information about the cost of the warranty, it will be an additional \$300. John Roleau made a motion to pay \$300 for the warranty to J & B Trucking. Seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

3. Waiting for an Estimate from ECI (Engineers Construction, Inc.) to re-sleeve culverts on Quaker Village Road. Still waiting for the sub-contractors to come and do their work.

4. Jim Walsh asked if the new truck was going to be undercoated.

Steve Dupoise made a motion to have the new truck undercoated, and as time permits to undercoat the entire fleet. One pail cost approximately \$90.00 and \$40.00 for the spray gun. Motion seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

Adjourn: 9:00 pm

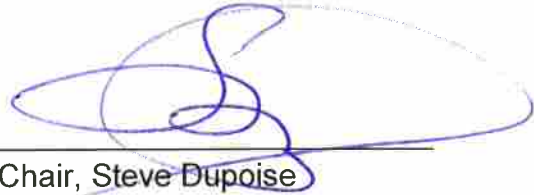
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

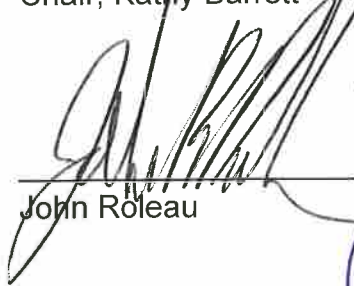
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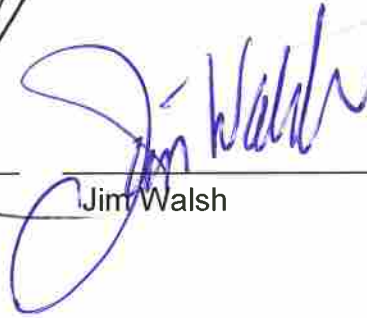
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Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise



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