

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Town Offices

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

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Absent: Taborri Bruhl

Visitors: Marcia Dupoise, Deborah Young and Gardner Merriam

**** Open Bids for Phase 2: Train Depot**** Two bids were received

- **Case Street Redi Mix:**

1. Sewer: \$50,605.00
2. Water line: \$40,055.00
3. Powerline Extension: \$7,350.00
4. Masonry: \$102,000.00

Total Lump sum bid: \$210,010.00

- **Waterman Siteworks, LLC:**

1. Sewer: \$29,000.00
2. Water line: \$18,000.00
3. Powerline Extension: \$12,500.00
4. Masonry: N/A is willing to bid with mason subcontractor with more details provided

Total Lump Sum bid: \$59,500.00

Steve Dupoise made a motion to award the bid to Waterman Siteworks, LLC for the Sewer: \$29,000 / Water line \$18,000 / Powerline Extension \$12,500; with Masonry to be negotiated. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 4 yes / 0 no

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Town Hall application / executive session

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Deborah Young and Gardner Merriam came to discuss the ARPA Funds and if there will be a public meeting on how the money is spent. The**

Selectboard had previously appointed Maggie Eaton and Taborri Bruhl as the Committee members in charge of getting ideas from the public. They received many, many suggestions. The list is on the town's website and has been submitted to the Selectboard. The Committee held a public input meeting in June and only a handful of people attended. The Selectboard has agreed that the ARPA money will be spent to benefit our town. Deborah and Gardner said they thought having just the Selectboard make the final decision seemed like small number of people to decide how it is spent. John Roleau said we have 3 years to spend the money and reiterated it will be spent to benefit New Havenite's. Kathy Barrett added the committee gave the entire list to the Selectboard for them to narrow it down. The Board will go through the list to narrow it down and then apply for grant money to supplement the ARPA funds if possible. Steve Dupoise once it is scaled down, it will be brought back to the public.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. **Town Hall application:** John Roleau made a motion to approve the application from Ashley Bessette to use the Town Hall gym for basketball skills practice for grades 5 - 8 on Wednesdays, from 5 – 6 pm. Estimated attendance 8-10. Fee waived. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 4 yes / 0 no

UPDATES ON:

1. **Roads:**
 - The International has been fixed and is running great
 - Pike Industries has done the reclamation on Plank Road
 - Ditching on Campground Road and Continued ditching on Plank Road
2. **Town Buildings and Land:**
 - **Train Depot update:** The foundation will be poured this week.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/22/22, in the amount of \$4,078.63, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/29/22, in the amount of \$6,518.49, seconded by John Roleau. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 11/1/22, in the amount of \$8,116.91, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 3 yes / 0 no / 1 abstention (B Many)
4. Insurance coverage for the town library through VLCT: Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve adding the town Library to our insurance policy. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 4 yes / 0 no

5. Martins Hardware Charge Account: Martins Hardware has been sold to Aubuchon Hardware, and their charge account is now through Capital One Credit. Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize Chair, John Roleau to sign the Capital One Charge Account agreement that can be used at both Martins Hardware and Aubuchon Hardware. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 4 yes / 0 no
6. Minutes from 10/18/22 – defer until next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Appointment: Kathy Barrett made a motion to appoint Eleanor De Villiers to the Conservation Commission. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise.

John Roleau made a motion to find that premature public knowledge of the town's negotiation with VELCO would clearly put the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the proposed contract terms in public. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:53 pm to discuss the town's negotiation with VELCO under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 4 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:54 pm, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no

** No action taken**

Kathy Barrett made a motion to go into executive session at 7:54 pm for attorney-client privilege. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 4 yes / 0 no

Steve Dupoise made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:56pm. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 4 yes / 0 no


Bruce Many made a motion to authorize Kathy Barrett to sign the Affidavit concerning the Lee litigation. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 4 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

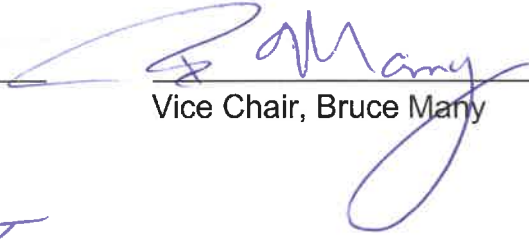
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 11-18-22



Chair, John Roleau



Vice Chair, Bruce Many



Kathy Barrett

Steve Dupoise