

Town of New Haven Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 pm Town Clerks Office
Tuesday Oct. 18, 2005

Present: Paul Audy, Larry Buck, Amos Roleau III, Barb Torian

Others: Peter Norris, Phil Busier, John Madden, Planning Commission – Keith Hall, Al Karnatz, Tom Boise, Susie Leonard, Donald Johnston, Jim Walsh.

AGENDA: Results

Read and approve minutes make corrections if needed.

John Madden – Madden vs Town New Haven - Handed out notice of complaint to Superior Court – Copy to file

NEW BUSINESS

Peter Norris – Concerned that an individual in town has tarnished New Haven and done numerous things to slow the zoning process. Individual continues to be a drag on the Planning Commission. Something needs to be done. The town fathers are in charge of harmony in the community and it is time to do something. Reference made to some other court cases. His attorney is looking into more cases, but research costs money. Would the Town be willing to put some money towards this research? Would the Town be willing to join a law suit? Discussion on private owners having taken the lead in other law suits. Larry Buck motion to pay up to 50% or a \$1,000.00 which ever is less toward research. Second by Amos Roleau. All Agree.

- Planning Commission – Town Plan and Zoning – Regulations etc. – The Town Plan has expired. Needs to be reviewed every 5 years. Can't apply for planning Grant monies without a Town Plan in place. Discussion of re-adopting the current plan or making some minor revisions and bring for vote in March. Discussion of the Zoning Administrator not being on the Planning Commission but still attending the meetings. Selectboard will look for a new member. Keith Hall will stay on the board until another member is appointed. Joanna Cimino expressed interest she will write a letter of interest. Discussion of zoning district on Ethan Allen Hwy that was going to be changed from residential to commercial and permits were issued based on the change that didn't happen. Now have a non-conforming use. Discussion of numerous non conforming uses in town. Discussion of the importance of updating the zoning regulations.
- Cafeteria Doors – Thresholds are fine. 1 cylinder doesn't work (they will come to fix). Did not weather strip the whole door. 1 new closer was installed. Should put a new step on the East door and paint everything.

Linda Sleeper is looking for more information on property swap. Larry Buck sent info to her.

Discuss generator for Town Hall and School. Thinking about a small permanent one for the front of the Town Hall. Bill Brim is gathering more information.

Bill Barnard request that money be put into next years budget to paint East St. next year.

- Animal Control Officer – Will offer job to Earl Dionne on a per call basis for \$11:50 per hour to start.
- Dana-King House Site Visit – on hold
- Town / School Agreement – Larry Buck and Susie Leonard will be attending the school board meeting on the 19th to get signatures.
- Town / Palmer Agreement – Discuss need to send to Palmers attorney for review.
- Continue Review of Insurance for Renewal – All buildings are covered for replacement. Larry Buck has contacted VLCT and the will send someone out to reevaluate costs involved.

Computer being used by the Zoning Administrator is very old and needs to be replaced. Selectboard O.K. to purchase a new computer.

- Appointments – Zoning Board of Adjustment
Animal Control Officer / Constable
Energy Coordinator
Conservation Commission
Addison County Transit Resource Board
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

ROADS

State does not want to rent out their loader. Elevator for sand priced at \$18,000.00 for a new one. Which should last for 30 years. Discussion on renting one for use once a year. Discussion tractor is very limited - clutch slips and many other problems. Phil Busier will be doing some trading with Huntington. Discuss Phil and Scott Busier returning to hourly rate on weekends. No conclusion. Will look at numbers. Discussion roadside mowing, Phil Busier would like to have the town do it because they make it look better and can pick up potential problems, subcontractors won't do that. More discussion about tractors. Discussion still working on Twitchell Hill, It is the worst road in town it had no base and was very wet.

Phil Busier will be working with Menard and Sons on phone lines near Plank and Lime Kiln Roads. Phil Busier would like to begin doing some rip rap along the New Haven River.

Discussion of using Demers pit. Our pit won't last forever and he needs more packing materiel.

Larry Buck concerned about making sure all the proper permits etc. are in place. Selectboard O.K. preliminary research.

Truckloads need to be covered with tarps.

Discussion of cutting up Plank road for new owner of Hatstat house to bring in lines. Selectboard suggest pushing through under road.

Discussion of purchasing a used plow from Ferrisburgh. One ton pan type for \$1500. - \$2000.00. Selectboard O.K. to purchase.

Discussion of renting a materials handler for storing the sand. Rent something for two weeks and make sure use it while have it. Phil Busier will continue to do research.

Discussion on under ground tanks which need to be removed. Will need to make sure state is involved.

- Intersection of Route 17 and East Street – on Hold
- Road Maintenance Schedule and Equipment upgrades for 2006 (see Feb Min hand out)
- Start Budget work

Discussion need to sell tractor and mower.

MISC. Correspondence

- Caroline Donnan – Thank You for Caution Horses signs and request to move the one on South St. – Given to Road Crew.
- Casella – Recycling Proposal
- VLCT – Law Enforcement Advisory Board – Pilot Projects that would provide local law enforcement. If interested contact by 10/28/05

Sign Pay Orders and paper work

Next meetings Nov. 1st and 15th

Adjourn 8:40

Approved:

Amos Roleau III

Paul Audy

Larry Buck

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara Torian