

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**  
**Town Offices**

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise, John Roleau, Jim Walsh, and Treasurer, Barb Torian

Absent: Doug Tolles

Visitors: Dave Wetmore, Carole Hall, Dick Saudek, Erin Baslow, Bridget Kipp, Tim Bouton, Don Johnston, Stanley Livingston, Joe Rossignoli, Brian O'Connor, Ryan Chaytors, Chris Byers and Heath Mackay

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

Dave **Wetmore said his performance review could be done in open session.**

**Performance review of the New Haven Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore:**

- ZA has assumed the positions of administrative assistant for both the Development Review Board and Planning Commission
- Planning Commission minute taker as well as the E911 Coordinator. As 911 Coordinator he works with Barb Torian and his assistant Amy McCormick.
- Works 20 + hours each week
- Started in New Haven in November 2010
- Discussed the latest Town Plan that was presented to the Selectboard. PSB is forcing Towns to make the Town Plans become less visionary and more regulatory
- PC should enlist the help of Brandy Saxon more often
- Discuss recent court matters – Dave has been reasonably successful for New Haven with court matters.
- DRB member, Don Johnston – fully supports Dave, feels he does an excellent job. He is organized, acts in a professional manner; always courteous, knowledgeable and is a big help to the DRB. Don is a land surveyor by trade, he has dealt with ZA's from Rutland to Burlington, and Dave is better to work with than most of them.
- DRB member, Tim Bouton – Tim is the former chair of the DRB, has worked very closely with Dave over the years. He fully supports Dave. Dave has been instrumental with decisions that are clear to enable enforcement. He is professional, finds common ground through the violation process, he is fair and even handed. Tim recommended Dave be compensated to keep him in New Haven.

- Barb Torian and Kathy Barrett also spoke of Dave's willingness to help folks through the zoning process in a kind and informative way.
- Jim Walsh asked what Dave's needs are.
- Dave would like more education on flood hazard issues / he would rather resolve violations / signs are an issue / has had really good assistants for support / He is part time with no benefits, no sick time or vacation time / He is also the ZA in Starksboro 24 hours a week, they pay for part of his health insurance.
- The Board thanked Dave for coming in

### **Adjustments to the Agenda: Part time Road Crew / Hallock Road**

Steve Dupoise made a motion to appoint Dave Wetmore as Zoning Administrator for a 3 year term, ending November 2019, motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Jim Walsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/24/16, in the amount of \$2,796.69, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes 0 no
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/4/16, in the amount of \$3,600.40, seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
3. John Roleau made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/4/16, in the amount of \$169,662.19, seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
4. Jim Walsh made a motion to approve the property tax refunds in the amount of \$3,466.86, seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 3 yes / 1 abstention (Dupoise)
5. Selectboard received copies of the financials and bank statement.
6. Steve Dupoise made a motion to have Conley & Foote pay Cindy Hill (\$1,350.00) and Diamond & Robinson (D. Saudek) (\$6,864.90) from the Vermont Green Line escrow account. There is not enough money left; the Town will pay whatever Conley & Foote doesn't cover. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/6/16, seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 3 yes / 1 abstention (Walsh)
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/20/16, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 3 yes / 1 abstention (Walsh)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Solar update** – no update
2. **Pest control** – No information available
3. **Town Plan:** Steve Dupoise made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Plan on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in the Town Hall Cafeteria at 7:00 pm. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no
4. **Personnel Policy** – Deferred

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Heath Mackay and Chris Byers from Namaste Solar** – Proposing a 500kW solar array on Stan Livingston's 7.5 acre parcel off Main St. The array itself will consist of 4.5 – 5 acres. They feel it is well screened, and there are no environmental issues. They are already in Green Mountain Power's cue for interconnection; and they are prepared to file their 45 day notice in a couple of weeks. The arrays will be 9' tall fixed structures. Steve Dupoise asked them to shrink it to 300kW; Namaste said it is not economically feasible. They indicated that they would negotiate with New Haven to allow the array. The Board advised them to talk with Selectboard member, Doug Tolles, who is the contact person relating to solar.

Steve Dupoise made a motion to go into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss the agreement with Vermont Green Line (Anbaric) with Attorney, Richard Saudek. Motion seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no  
Carole Hall arrived at 7:50 pm to join them in executive session

Steve Dupoise made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:10 pm, seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

Jim Walsh has been in communication with Peter Smith from Citizens Energy and he introduced Brian O'Connor from Citizens Energy. Mr. O'Connor said Citizens Energy partners with transmission companies and uses profits to help low income families in Vermont. He has become involved with Anbaric and National Grid; he believes sound

limits will be adhered to and property owners fairly compensated. Steve Dupoise asked if he could make New Haven and Addison County a priority.

Bridget Kipp – Doesn't want the project, she is not confident that she will be compensated; she is concerned about the noise.

Carole Hall – Focus charity on New Haven first

Brian O'Connor – Cannot commit to Addison County first with money; he is obligated to spend 50% of the profits to a Vermont non-profit organization.

Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the agreement with Vermont Green Line (Anbaric) as presented, seconded by John Roleau Vote taken by roll call 3 yes / 1 abstention (Walsh)

Jim Walsh left the meeting

## **ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

### **1. Road Update:**

- Paving on Campground, Hallock and Quaker Village Roads is finished. Line striping (centerline) on all 3 roads is completed.
- Ditching on Campground / Pearson Road intersection where the road narrows
- Cut trees along Daniels Road
- VT Gas contractor called John Roleau over the weekend, they need to close Hunt Road this week in order to complete work.
- New England Underground damaged a culvert on Plank Road and will repair it
- Quaker Village Road culverts – Welder has concerns about the condition of the culverts and his safety while welding,

**2. Equipment Update:** John Roleau picked up the new truck, would like a new logo

**3.** Scott Busier, Eric Boise and Ron Greene all working very well together.

**4.** North / South Highway - John Roleau said he has not given anyone authority to cut trees or do any work on the class 4 road. Tom Fisher has been logging on his property in that vicinity.

**5.** John Roleau made a motion to hire Jerry Currier at \$16.00 per hour for 25 hours per week, pending the drug screening results. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote taken by roll call 3 yes / 0 no John mentioned Ron Greene would like to return as a seasonal worker next year.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jim Walsh returned to the meeting

1. Paving summary - Estimate from Pike Industries from the Waltham town line to the culvert is \$12,362.00. D & F Paving does not have the appropriate equipment to do this job
2. John Roleau made a motion to appoint Barb Torian and John Roleau as company officials in charge of drug and alcohol testing. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh Vote taken by roll call 4 yes / 0 no

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday October 18, 2016.

Adjourn: 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

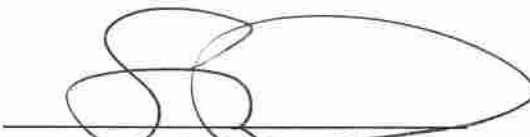
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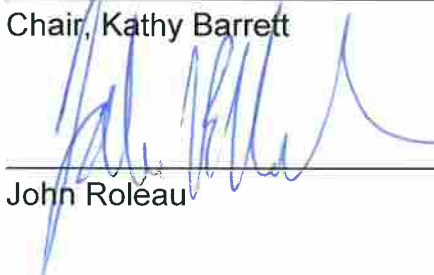
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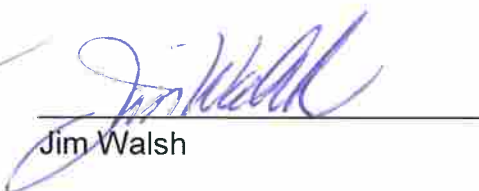
Chair, Kathy Barrett



Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise



John Roleau



Jim Walsh

