

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Town Offices

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Bruce Many, Kathy Barrett, Taborri Bruhl and Steve Dupoise (via zoom)

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Beth Ekroos, Travis Park and Floyd Davison (MAUSD) and Town Lister, Jay Best

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Political signs on town property / white board in gym / Lee update / Planning Commission update

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Beth Ekroos** has returned on behalf of George and Phyllis Marsceills' daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Mike Madden, to ask the Selectboard what their top priority project would be. The response was unanimous – a new Fire Station. Ms. Ekroos asked how far we have gotten with this project. John Roleau said there was a possibility a few years ago for the Fire Dept. to build a new station, but unfortunately, that fell through. The Selectboard has recently been in talks with VELCO about purchasing land for a new station. John added Dean Gilmore has been spearheading this project for the Fire Department, and he would be the best person for Beth to connect with. The Board gave Beth their permission to speak directly with Dean Gilmore to discuss grants that are available. Ms. Ekroos said she will return to the first Selectboard meeting in November. The Board thanked Ms. Ekroos again for coming and to please pass on their thanks to the Maddens.
2. **MAUSD Floyd Davison and Beeman Elementary School Principal, Travis Park** (Joel Fitzgerald could not make it tonight).
 - Travis asked about putting up a white board in the gym for the gym teacher to use for his classes. The white board will be 2' x 3' and be placed just inside the gym on the wall near the closet. The Selectboard was ok with the white board.

- Floyd and Travis came tonight to discuss the land in between Beeman Elementary School and the Town Hall. Winter has been especially hard to keep the space safe, numerous children and adults have slipped and fallen on the icy pavement. Travis and Floyd proposed a friendlier green space, making it more user friendly to not only school children and their families, but also to the community. The pavement will need to be removed, and they would like to remove the guard rails and replace them with something nicer and keep cars out. By creating this new green space, it will include walkways that will be easier to maintain and water run-off can safely be diverted away from the town hall building. The Selectboard agreed this is a nice idea. Discussed using some town equipment as the Town like kind contribution.

Floyd said MAUSD has a pot of ESSER funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) which is similar to the town's ARPA Funds.

Floyd also mentioned removing the grease trap from inside the kitchen to a spot outside, where it'll be less smelly and easier to clean out. Travis and Floyd said they will start looking into getting an engineering study for the project.

3. **Lister, Jay Best RE: Town-wide Reappraisal:** Jay said he and the other listers are recommending moving forward with the Town-wide reappraisal, it is a 3-year process. Every single property is looked at, including those that are non-taxable, after some research Jay found the cost per parcel will be approximately \$90.00, if we have 1,000 parcels, that equates to \$90k. There is currently \$66,770.95 in the Reappraisal Fund and the State contributes approximately \$8,683.00 every year. Jay said there is not a big pool of appraisers out there and this must be put out to bid. He added several other towns will be in the same situation, and it is best to be proactive. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to begin the Town-wide Reappraisal process. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

1. **Political signs on Town Property:** John Roleau made a motion to not give permission to place any political signs affiliated with any candidates on Town property. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Planning Commission Update:** Kathy Barrett has regularly been attending the PC meetings. She said at their last meeting, they all agreed to remove affordable housing from the Bylaws, because it has been the hardest to define. They are working on corrections to the zoning map with a new person at ACRPC.

- 3. Lee Update:** Lee has been served, and the lawyers are talking.

UPDATES ON:

1. Roads:

- The new truck build date has been pushed back again.
- Parts for the International have been ordered
- Tree down on North Street; GMP had to be called to help as it was laying on a power line.
- Cobble Road: Eric is meeting with the Town of Middlebury before it will take over the maintenance of Cobble Road for the next year per the Agreement between the two towns.

2. Town Buildings and Land:

- **Train Depot update given by Steve Dupoise:**
- Case Street Redi Mix started digging the cellar hole this week. Steve has spoken with Travis Forbes, owner of Case Street Redi Mix. Travis has agreed to be the Project Manager, and agreed to hire David Newton, mason to replace brick on the face of the building, as a sub-contractor and bond him.
- Steve will talk with Treasurer, Danielle Hubbell about a breakdown of finances for the Depot.
- Once the Depot is onto the foundation, the floor joists need to be stabilized; then it can be winterized and start fresh in the spring with renovations.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/4/22, in the amount of \$3,578,275.25, this includes the school payment and tax refunds of overpayments, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/24/22, in the amount of \$4,063.86, seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/1/22, in the amount of \$4,037.39, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the August Bank Statements and Financials. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Insurance for Town Library: Figures from the library have been forwarded to VLCT. We are waiting for to hear from them.
6. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/20/22, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 4 yes / 1 abstention (Roleau)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. PACIF Insurance:** The Town recently had a risk management report of the town offices / library as well as the town garage. There are a few minor things that need attention, and a few things that have been taken care of at the town office. John Roleau said he will work with the road crew on their items.

Kathy Barrett made a motion to go into executive session at 8:06 pm to discuss personnel, motion to include Pam Kingman staying. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:10pm, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

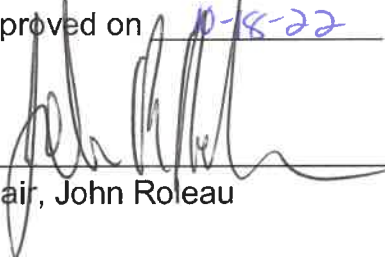
No action taken

Adjourn: 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 10-18-22



Chair, John Roleau



Vice Chair, Bruce Many



Kathy Barrett



Taborri Bruhl



Steve Dupoise