

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Carole Hall, Charlie Roy, Doug Tolles, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Tree Warden, Harold Tricou, Nathaniel Vandal from Green Peak Solar, Road Foreman, Jeff Terry, Joe Doyle, Ed Rybka, Harold Tricou, Maura Lester, Sam Lester, Jim Walsh, Susan Schaefer, Rick Shappy and Shawn Oxford from Bristol Financial

** Doug Tolles said before the meeting gets started, because this meeting was not properly warned (not posted to the Towns website) that he feels any action taken tonight is dubious.

** Note: This meeting was warned in three places around New Haven: Post Office, Town Office and Village Green Market, 5 days prior to the meeting. **

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Tree Warden, Harold Tricou** – A Deacon from the New Haven Congregational Church approached Harold about some trees the Church would like to have taken down. The Church feels that the trees obstruct the view of the Church driving along Town Hill Road. The trees they'd like to cut down are on the little cross street that runs in front of the church, and all 3 of them are very healthy. Harold has done some research and found that Town Hill Road and South Street are both 6 rod roads, but he cannot find what the cross street is. Roger Boise suggested he and Katie Reilley can look into to see if they can figure out how many rods that little road is. Harold said there is no time frame to cut them down, Harold wanted to be sure the trees are not within the Towns right of way before proceeding. Roger will also contact Green Mountain Power; there is one dead tree that needs to come down before it takes down a power line.
- 2. Nathaniel Vandal from Green Peak Solar** – Nathaniel and his partner Chris Caldwell are the Co-Founders of Green Peak Solar a Vermont based company. They applied for 3 Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development (SPEED) program through the State, they have been approved for one, the second is in reserve, and they have withdrawn the third. The parcel of land they are looking at is approximately 60 acres off of Field Days Road, currently owned by Linda Schmidt and Gail Forbes. This proposed array would be 2.2 megawatts, utilizing roughly 20 acres of land. The array will track from East to West for more solar

gain, and would sit back away from Field Days Road; but will be visible from Otter Creek Highway and Addison County Fair & Field Days. Green Peak will add more screening if necessary, but doesn't want to have to incur the cost if it is not necessary. The power from this array would go back into the grid. Discussed the decommissioning fund, taxes, impact on the Town, and that Green Peak wants to purchase the 60 acre parcel, so if they were to apply for an additional SPEED program, they could install an additional array. Nathaniel Vandal will be at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 13, 2014, at 7:00pm.

3. **Shawn Oxford from Bristol Financial** came to discuss Health Insurance benefits. Vermont Health Connect is up 7.3%, which is less than it has been in previous years. The Selectboard will discuss Employee Health Benefits at an upcoming meeting.

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the Town Hall Application for Jen Baker who will be running a tack sale for the Green Mountain Appaloosa Horse Club on Saturday, November 1, 2014 in the gym from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Insurance info is included, as well as usage fee of \$125; and a \$50 deposit. Motion seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Volunteer Application from Peter Rothschild – Pam will forward to the Planning Commission again, and Pam will invite Peter to the next Selectboard meeting.
3. VLCT – Optional Life summary of Benefits. There would be no out of pocket cost to the Town. No one in the Office is interested, Road Commissioner, Roger Boise will ask the Road Crew.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/20/14, in the amount of \$3,288.01, seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/27/14, in the amount of \$3,533.59, seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Carole Hall made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 10/4/14, in the amount of \$4,182.53, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Boise)
4. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending Carole Hall, in the amount of \$12,890.55, seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Carole Hall made a motion to approve pay orders; this includes health benefits for the week ending 9/22/14, in the amount of \$10,626.28, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

6. Carole Hall made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/2/14, in the amount of \$5,455.68, this includes tax refunds. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
7. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/7/14, in the amount of \$3,795,041.40; this includes paying the school and outside agencies. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
8. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 10/7/14, in the amount of \$92,958.19; this includes winter salt and the Bond. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** D & F Paving has reclaimed Quaker Village Road; it will be driven on for about a week before paving starts. D & F has already finished paving on Hunt Road.
Pike Industries should start paving on South Street and East Street next week. Roger, Jeff and Katie all walked the North/South Highway last week, parts of the road were easy to find, and he felt unsure where portions of the North/South highway were. We will await further information from the State. Jim Walsh stated we should check out old aerial photographs that Rod Case' father may have had from the USDA. Three members of the Selectboard - Charlie, Kathy and Carole stated they have not been on that roadway. Doug invited all of them to take a walk with him and see for themselves. Roger stated that he wanted to turn the North/South Highway from a class 4 road to a legal trail. Doug told Roger he could not do that because it had already been decided in court. Discussed the North/South Highway, but the Board did not all agree as to how visible it is.
2. **Equipment Update:** The Mac Truck needs repair to the brakes and brake canisters.
3. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the Road Access Permit for Ed and Bonnie LaFramboise on Dog Team Road, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the Beeman School / Town Agreement, as presented seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pam Kingman has invited the Auditors Assistants to the November 18, 2014 Selectboard meeting, and she will also invite Telling & Assoc.
3. NIMS Compliance – Barb Torian will talk to Tim Bouton about updating the Towns Mitigation Plan.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the minutes from September 16, 2014 seconded by Carole Hall. 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Solar Generation Facilities – because of the late hour the Selectboard will discuss this at the next meeting, October 21, 2014

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

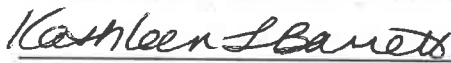
- 1. Encore Redevelopment – Route 7 Solar Array (Norris, Jr.)
- 2. Email from Rod Viens @ GroSolar RE: Megawatt Solar arrays on Sawyer Rd and Route 7.
- 3. Madden Correspondence

Adjourn: 9:25 pm

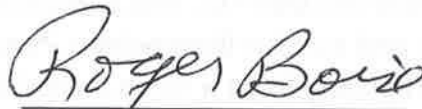
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

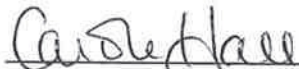
Approved:



Chair, Kathy Barrett



Vice Chair, Roger Boise



Carole Hall



Charlie Roy



Doug Tolles