

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Town Offices

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Present: Chair, Pam Marsh, Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Charlie Roy and Treasurer, Barb Torian

Visitors: Suzy Roorda and Chris Bray

AGENDA RESULTS:**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. Front Porch Forum – Suzy Roorda and Chris Bray handed out a proposal on starting up a Front Porch Forum in New Haven, along with a sample from the Town of Bristol. Chris Bray explained that it is critical to get enough people to subscribe at the onset to get the ball rolling. F.P.F. gives folks a way to offer services, sell a dresser, ask for help with raking leaves, etc. Seven days a week in the afternoon you get a collection of emails about all kinds of things. The ads are edited by F.P.F. staff so no foul language gets through. Discussed the different ways to raise the initial \$2,500 startup fee, from donations from town businesses to dollar donations that would be matched by the town. Olivia's Croutons has generously offered \$500 towards the startup, and would like to challenge other town businesses to contribute. Discuss whether the businesses who donate get recognition. They do not. Businesses can purchase ads from F.P.F. along the bottom of the page that people can click on. Kathleen Ready made a motion to authorize spending up to \$2,500 to start up the Front Porch Forum in New Haven, money to come out of the Community Projects fund. When donations are made, they will be used to reimburse the Community Projects fund. Seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Wayne Marcelle – No show.
2. Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Application(s) – Kathleen Ready made a motion to allow Bridget Kipp to hold a baby shower in the cafeteria on May 12, 2012. The deposit and rental fee have been received, motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Suzy Roorda – Crime Watch signs – The road crew has put them up on the south end of town. They have run out of signs. Suzy said at the onset they budgeted for 18 signs, and a yellow light bar for one vehicle. Kathleen Ready

questioned the sequence, wondering if there were neighborhood watch people looking out for crime before the signs go up. Suzy has people lined up in each neighborhood eager to head things up. She will be putting some information in the May newsletter. Discussed Crime watch budget, particularly whether there is enough money to purchase additional signs. Need to defer until Barb Torian is feeling better.

4. Town Hall gym floor – Pam Kingman said she would like to approach the Beeman School Board about refinishing it over the summer. It will have been three years this summer. The Selectboard said it was ok for her to contact the Beeman Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/17/12, in the amount of \$26,546.26, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/7/12, in the amount of \$3,826.40, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 4/14/12, in the amount of \$3,414.94, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Road update – Crew has been cutting brush on Halpin Road; they are currently ditching the road and will be installing 3 culverts in the coming week. The road looks nice; they are doing a good job.
2. Equipment update – nothing major, just normal maintenance.
3. Roger Boise and Foreman, Chris Nelson will be attending a Dig Safe Seminar on Wednesday in Burlington. While up there they will look at a truck the Town of Shelburne has for sale.
4. Kathy Barrett received a call from a Monkton Selectboard member asking what New Haven is doing about the State mandated sign ordinance. She referred them to Katie Reilley. Roger Boise said he and Katie have been working on the ordinance, it has been difficult because depending on who you talk to they all have different ideas. Roger and Katie have agreed to go along with VLCT's recommendations. Pam Marsh asked Roger and Katie to have the sign ordinance and speed ordinance's ready for the Selectboard to look over at the July 3, 2012 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Tourterelle, and the Liquor and Tobacco Licenses for the Village Green Market, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes/ 0 no

- 2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the request of funds in the amount of \$1,500, for the summer program at Beeman Elementary School, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Streetlight Update – Pam Kingman spoke with a representative from Efficiency Vermont. They are waiting to hear from CVPS to see if New Haven’s depreciated fixture cost is above or below \$100. “Communities that have an average undepreciated fixture cost below \$100 per fixture will incur no cost, while communities that have an average undepreciated fixture cost higher than \$100 per fixture will be asked to cost share.” Quoted from Efficiency Vermont’s updated information on the incentive program to switch old fixtures to LED.
- 2. The Elevator (lift) grant for the amount of \$8,500 has been awarded to the town for the replacement of the lift in the Town Hall.
- 3. Appointments: Still in need of someone to be as Alternate Representative for the Addison County Solid Waste Management District.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from April 3, 2012, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Correspondence from J. Madden regarding the proposed zoning amendments
- 2. State of Vermont, Dept. of Environmental Conservation Waste Management Division – VTRANS New Haven (State) garage – removal of 3 underground storage tanks.

Adjourn: 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

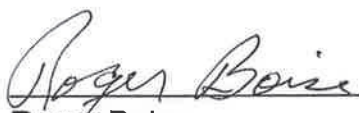
Approved:



 Chair, Pam Marsh



 Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett



 Roger Boise



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