

## Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Town Offices

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Present: Pam Mash, Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready, Charlie Roy, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Joshua Schultz and Nancy Avery from VTRANS, Roger Cronn from URS, Rael Mayer, Beverly Mayer, Marie Jewett, Sherm Jewett, Wayne Marcelle, Suzy Roorda, Susan Smiley and Jerry Smiley

### AGENDA RESULTS:

#### VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. Joshua Schultz and Nancy Avery both engineers from VTRANS, and Roger Cronn from URS Consulting are here to discuss the intersection of Route 17, Sawyer Road and East Street.

**Joshua Shultz** - This project has been around since 2004/2005, it gained early momentum, and was agreed upon back then that the Town would do the work and be funded by the State. Unfortunately it went to the back burner until now, when it has been changed and expanded in scope. As a result, VTRANS will be doing all the work on the project, and will work closely with the Town. They are here tonight to present the proposed project, answer any questions and hope to leave with support from the Selectboard and the Mayers. **Nancy Avery** – Back in 2004 it was East St. that was on the State's radar for highway safety and sight distance and has been flagged as a high crash area. This area then slowly evolved into looking at the entrance to Sawyer Road as well. There have been a recorded 19 crashes in the last 10 years at this intersection. In 2005 the Selectboard at the time was approached about the Town doing the work, but it has become a much larger project; including improving the sight distance on Route 17.

**Roger Cronn** – The sight distance needs to be addressed, and he has come up with a plan to solve the safety issue. He created a map of the location showing the darkest shaded area as the proposed change to the end of East St. as it approaches Route 17. A small piece of the Mayer's driveway will need to be reconstructed to accommodate them. One of the biggest changes will level off Route 17, eliminating the crest of the hill by Sawyer Rd. This means a section of Sawyer Rd. will also need to be reconstructed. There are some wetlands that have been mapped, and VTRANS will get the necessary permits for construction. There are 4 utility poles that will need to be relocated. The current

Y intersection will be eliminated, and East Street will T with Route 17. Turning radius will be designed to accommodate larger trucks entering both East and Sawyer roads. During construction they are hoping to build a detour for traffic to run smoothly, as most of the R.O.W. is owned by the town.

- Time frame – If things go well with R.O.W. impacts, and support from the Town and the Mayers; best guess is 2-3 years to get to construction phase. Once that is in place, should take one construction season which is May – Nov.
- Roger noted that Town planned to pave end of East Street & Sawyer Road this year. Hate to do that just to have it dug up in a few years. VTRANS suggested do what's best for the town. Roger suggested we might just shim both roads in the areas that would be affected by new construction. Need measurements for that.
- Selectboard in favor of the project; the intersection is very dangerous as it is now.
- Jerry Smiley raised a concern that if this project is done at the same time the Nash Bridge on River Road is closed for replacement, it could create major problems. Where would traffic be re-routed? The Selectboard agreed this would be a major problem. VTRANS will talk with the planners on the Nash Bridge project to make sure both projects do not happen at the same time.
- The Selectboard thanked them for coming, and VTRANS left a map of the area in the town office for the public to view.

2. **Wayne Marcelle** – He hasn't been able to procure a blue light permit yet. He did however make it to the flagging school last month. He is in need of reflective gear for directing traffic. Roger Boise can get him a reflective vest from the town garage. He is interested in doing some flagging for the Road Crew over the summer if they need him. Wayne also asked if he is covered under the town's insurance, acting as Constable while directing traffic. Pam Kingman will call VLCT. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve Wayne Marcelle attending the Constable refresher course and to pay the yearly dues, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

#### **TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:**

1. **Suzy Roorda – Town Hall Applications:** 1) Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the United Way of Addison County to hold their yearly meeting in the Town Hall gym on May 2, 2012. Fee is waived. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no.
- 2) Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve Taiko drumming to be held in the

gym for 5 classes, the first class being free. Charge will be \$25.00 per class.

Seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

Suzy has not heard back from the Middlebury Community Players. She has tried contacting Amanda Cheever about their paperwork, and wanted to inquire about a donation that was promised once they were done using the Town Hall. Pam Marsh will write a letter to Justin Bouvier.

2. **Jerry and Susan Smiley** – Thought the Selectboard would be discussing the proposed Vermont Gas Pipeline at this meeting. They realize it is not on the agenda. Kathy Barrett said she just heard from ACRPC, and any questions at this point should go through them. ACRPC will be meeting with VT Gas on April 11, 2012. Pam Kingman will let the Smileys know when VT Gas will be discussed again.
3. **Appointments** – Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the appointments as appointed, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no. **\*\*See attached sheet\*\***
4. **Portable Kohler Generator** - Last routine maintenance from Brookfield Service indicated generator needs a trickle charger and should be plugged in when it is cold out. Roger Boise said he could get the charger and install it; and there is already a plug in for the generator.
5. **Drinking fountain in Town Hall** – “kids” fountain has a bottle filler that is broken. Estimate for replacement part alone is \$269, plus labor. The Board agreed not to fix it and, instead, to have it capped off.
6. **Selectboard signed the Certificate** – No Appeal or Suit Pending for the Grand List 2011.

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 3/31/12, in the amount of \$4,402.04, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Boise)
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 3/24/12, in the amount of \$5,293.88, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 4/3/12, in the amount of \$17,728.60, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
4. **Minute Takers** – Should there be a certain dollar amount allotted for minute takers per meeting instead of an hourly wage? Issue arose because a minute taker submitted a bill for 6 hours for a 1 hour meeting. Pam Marsh said minute takers should be told that, for example, a 1 hour meeting, transcribing minutes should not take more than 2 hours; and so on.
5. **Barb Torian** – asked permission to take a data base computer course for updating 911 and zoning files. The Selectboard gave her the ok, just submit the bill.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

1. Road Update: Cutting brush while the weather permits.  
The Road crew will be installing two culverts on Halpin Road as soon as Dig Safe has been there.
2. Equipment Update: New brakes installed on the 1996 truck.
3. Narrow Band needed to keep truck radios current, as well as the radio in the Town Office. Katie and Roger are working on a grant application which is due April 13, 2012 to update radios. Deadline to be in compliance with the State is December 2012.
4. Nash Bridge Meeting with Aaron Guyette from VHB on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 @ 7pm in the Town Hall Cafeteria. Public encouraged to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Streetlights – Pam Kingman has received confirmation that we have been accepted into the program through CVPS and Efficiency Vermont to change all streetlights to LED bulbs.  
Steve and Lisa Dupoise, and surrounding neighbors from Dog Team Road have written a letter to the Selectboard requesting the Board to keep the streetlight at the former Dog Team Tavern property up and on. They have all witnessed numerous parties, people camping there etc. Having the streetlights gives them all a sense of security. The Selectboard agreed with the cost savings of switching to LED, it would be wise to keep this streetlight lit. The Selectboard would also like to consider adding streetlights to the intersection of River Road and Route 7; Campground Road and Route 7; and possibly Lime Kiln Road and Route 7, providing that there are sufficient savings with the LED changeover.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2012 and March 20, 2012, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Kathy Barrett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:50pm, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

Roger Boise made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:00 pm, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Madden Correspondence

- 2. Addison County Counseling Service – Thank you letter
- 3. Beeman Elementary School – Letter mailed every 5 years encouraging all property owners living within a certain radius of the water supply well head to keep the ground water clean and safe.

Adjourn: 9:00 pm

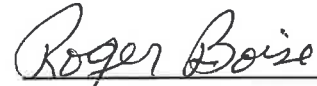
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

  
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Chair, Pam Marsh

  
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Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett

  
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