

**New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Offices**  
**Tuesday, August 21, 2012**

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

Kathy Barrett made a motion to go into executive session at 6:55 pm to discuss litigation, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:00 pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no. No action taken

Visitors: Jane Lazorchak, Kim Callahan, Ed McGuire. John Perkins and Chris Bray

**AGENDA RESULTS**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. Jane Lazorchak from Department of Fish & Wildlife and Kim Callahan from the Watershed Center. They are here to discuss the conservation of Jane Harding Gurney's 92 acre property in New Haven and Bristol; 44 acres of which are in New Haven, with the balance of the land in Bristol. The Watershed Center would like to purchase the Harding – Gurney property and transfer a conservation easement to the Department of Fish & Wildlife. Fish & Wildlife would like to acquire the easement because there are significant resources on the property, including a pond, nice copse of several different trees and a significant habitat throughout the property for the federally-endangered Indiana bat. The conservation easement would permanently protect public access across the whole 92 acres, and they may create a pull-off for parking in the future to access the walking trail. Currently there are no plans to create more trails. The easement does however restrict all motorized vehicles. Jane Harding Gurney has contacted the Department of Fish & Wildlife to tell them she is interested in selling the parcel to the Watershed Center.

Kim Callahan said the Watershed center is focused on conserving land; they will still allow hunting and fishing on the property.

Fish & Wildlife are looking for a letter of support from the New Haven Selectboard, Jane Lazorchak had included a support letter in the packet of information, and the Selectboard typically writes their own support letter.

Kathy Barrett made a motion not to oppose the purchase of Jane Harding

- Gurney's property by the Watershed Center and easement by the Department of Fish & Wildlife. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kim Callahan inquired about the Conservation Commission. Pam Marsh invited Kim to the Selectboard meeting on Sept. 4, 2012 when the Conservation Commission will meet with the Selectboard.
  3. John Perkins – Had heard that his neighbors on North St. were coming tonight to discuss the changes taking place on Don Clark's property on North St. Pam Marsh informed John that Clarks have been cited for a violation, and the town attorney is filing suit in Environmental Court. Don Clark recently submitted a late permit for the silos he installed, and that will go to the DRB. Pam added if the neighbors want to offer witness testimony to let the Selectboard know and we can forward information to town attorney, Cindy Hill.
  4. Chris Bray – Running for State Senate Seat (D). He is going around to all the towns to touch base with each Selectboard, he did not want to miss out on visiting with his hometown Board. Chris handed out a bio on himself.
  5. Ed McGuire – Running for State Representative (D). Happy to have the chance to sit in on a Selectboard meeting, appreciates what the Selectboard is doing.

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

1. Listers' corrected Errors and omissions – The Listers have requested the Selectboard approval. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the corrected Errors and omissions from the Listers, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Parks Committee request to purchase two new picnic tables and shrubs, amount not to exceed \$200.00, funds to come from the Park Committee fund. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no

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

1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/11/12, in the amount of \$4,151.11, seconded by Roger Boise. 4yes / 0 no
2. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/18/12, in the amount of \$3,018.20, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / a 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders as listed for the week ending 8/21/12, in the amount of \$13,366.57. Because the Vermont Appraisal Company was paid, and that check was voided, the new amount is \$11,449.91. Motion second by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Treasurer, Barb Torian asked if the invoice from Emile Paquette for bringing topsoil to Riverside Cemetery to fill in ruts after a tree came down, should come out of the Riverside Cemetery fund. The Selectboard said yes.

## **ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

1. Truck Bids – We did not receive any. Roger Boise said he isn't too worried about it, we can advertise it again in the fall when folks are starting to think about plowing.
2. **Road Update:**  
The crew recently installed a new culvert at "Bessettes' 4 corners". (Lime Kiln & Plank Rd.)  
They have also done ditching on Lime Kiln Rd. by Harvey Smiths.  
The dirt roads are in rough shape because it's been so dry. The crew will try hauling water to lie down prior to grading.  
We are out of our supply of chloride; we ended up using a lot on Sawyer Road.
3. **Equipment Update:** Roger handed out quotes from TENCO and Viking for the new dump body. The crew prefers to go with the dump body from Viking, because the barn door opens away from traffic.  
Roger Boise made a motion to go with the quote from Viking for \$24,400.00 to include barn door and the tarp if it is needed at an additional cost of \$1,650.00. Funds to come from road budget, not the equipment fund. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Traffic Ordinance – Katie Reilley has worked very hard on putting this together. The Selectboard made some minor changes to the document. Roger Boise recommends keeping all the speed limits at what they currently are. This will be discussed and possibly adopted during the Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. Discussed the Sheriff's Dept. and the times they are patrolling. All agreed they could go back to patrolling on Route 7. Pam Marsh will speak with Don Keeler or Oscar Gardner.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Amendments - This latest version shows the Selectboards recommendations of minor changes that are highlighted in yellow.
  - Page 8. Structure: The Planning Commission had suggested using Brandy Saxton's definition. The Selectboard felt this was a substantive change, and decided to leave it at the PC's original definition. The PC can look at this for possible future clarification.
  - Page 12. Home Occupations – In the beginning statement the word section should be capitalized in two places.
  - Page 13. Home Business – in #13 the word "apply" needs to be changed to "comply".
  - Page 15. Section 540: Setbacks – the last "s" should be capitalized.

- John Madden had taped a packet of information to the Town Office front door in regards to the zoning amendments. The Selectboard did not feel the need to review these at this time.
- Roger Boise made a motion to approve the zoning bylaw amendments, with minor technical changes that will be forwarded to Brandy Saxton. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/24/12, which was the public hearing on Packard of Vermont’s Salvage Yard Permit. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Roy)
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/7/12, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. DRB member, Kathy Barrett said Steve Dupoise had come before the DRB with an application to put up two dugouts for the baseball diamond. Unfortunately, the dugouts that would be near the parking lot do not meet the setbacks. The DRB approved it as a temporary structure for one year with the option of extending the temporary structure for a second year. In the meantime, the PC will be approached to consider adding a municipal district or community center district to the bylaws.

**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. VLCT – Re: Voting Delegates at the VLCT Annual Business Meeting
2. Madden correspondence

Adjourn: 8:55 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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 Charlie Roy