

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Offices**  
**Tuesday, December 18, 2012**

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

Absent: Charlie Roy

Visitors: Jean Kingston

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. **Jean Kingston from Waitsfield & Champlain Valley Telecom** – The phone company would like to place a 3' x 5' concrete slab in the town R.O.W. at the junction with Quarry Road and North Street. WCVT has already secured a 10' x 10' easement from Ralph Farnsworth. The slab will hold a 39" H x 24" W x 44" L cabinet that will open on both sides. The box is made for easier access for maintenance, as WCVT is in the process of upgrading their service in that area. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the slab and cabinet in the town R.O.W. which will put it 30' from the centerline of North St. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

**TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:**

**1. Town Hall Applications:**

- 1) Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve Glen and Cheryl Lower to hold basketball practices in the gym; on an "on call" basis. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Fee waived. 4 yes/ 0 no
  - 2) Roger Boise made a motion to approve New Haven Twilight Tails Equine 4H using the cafeteria on the second Wednesday at 6:30 – 8:00 pm for the year 2013 to hold their monthly meetings. With the understanding that they may get bumped if the town or school needs to schedule a meeting during this time frame. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Deposit and fee waived 4 yes / 0 no
  - 3) Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Snake Mtn. Cruisers to use the cafeteria for their monthly meetings beginning in April – October. The dates to be confirmed with Suzy Roorda. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes/ 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to appoint Susan Smiley to the Conservation Commission for a 3 year term, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/8/12, in the amount of \$3,363.68, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/15/12, in the amount of \$3,780.12, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/18/12, in the amount of \$26,940.49, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

**ROAD COMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

1. Road update: Due to storms over the weekend, the road crew was called out each day.
2. Equipment update: Roger has been pricing a new single axle trucks, the prices are roughly \$135,000. He still hasn't had any luck finding a used truck. This new truck would replace the 1996 which is now 16 years old, and has the rear sander - which sometimes freezes up. The crew has to climb up in there turn chop up the sand so it flows through the sander. If we purchase new, the crew would prefer to have a side mounted sander, which comes equipped with a chain to break the sand up.
3. Belden Falls Railroad bridge update – Roger has spoken with Beaver Trudeau, who will be the only one mostly effected by the bridge repair. During the repair phase they may be closing the bridge for a few days, Mr. Trudeau said he is aware of the schedule, and will plan accordingly.
4. Quarry Road – Bridge #17 – The Town received a report from the State advising us to reduce the weight limit to 3 tons because of excessive wear on the bridge structure. The road crew put up temporary signs, which have now been replaced with regulation weight limit signs. Roger and Katie have been working with the state to secure grant money to redo this bridge. Roger Boise made a motion to approve posting the bridge at the 3 ton limit on 12/14/12, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no
5. Quaker Hill Road double culverts also need to be replaced. Katie and Roger are also looking to secure grant monies to redo this bridge.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to move into executive session to discuss litigation at 8:45 pm, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no  
Kathy Barrett made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:05 pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no. No action taken at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Tim Bouton had sent out an email concerning the VT Gas Pipeline along with the Local Emergency Planning Committee's recommendations to the delegates of the Regional Planning Commission. He has cc'd the Fire Dept. and Selectboard. In light of the proposed Gas Pipeline, Jim Walsh is drafting a letter to the Public Service Board with New Haven's concerns and stipulations. This item will be on the agenda again in January.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/4/12, seconded by Pam Marsh. 4 yes / 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Vermont Dept. of Taxes – Division of Property Valuation and Review: New Haven's Common Level of Appraisal is up to 78.87%, up from 74.05%.
2. General Fund budget: Discussion about how the fund the HRA, and what percentage the employees are expected to pay.  
Kathy Barrett made a motion to have employees pay a portion of their deductible at \$250 for single and \$500 for double and families. This would reduce the Towns contribution to the HRA. There was no second to this motion. Health insurance will be discussed further at the next meeting in January.  
\*\* Update – On December 19, 2012, the Selectboard signed off the wage increase, which was in the draft budget discussed earlier this month..
3. General Fund Budget - \$1,100 has been donated towards startup costs for Front Porch Forum. The Selectboard advised the Treasurer to take the rest of the money needed to start the FPF in New Haven from the Community Projects Fund. The total was \$2500, so \$1400 will be transferred from the Community Projects Fund.
4. Road Budget: First review of the road budget, this will be discussed again at the January meeting. Kathy Barrett made a motion to put the \$64,000 for the new (used) truck back into the Equipment Fund in 2012, seconded by Pam Marsh. 3 yes / 1 no (Ready) Kathleen Ready said she voted against it because this money is a surplus, and it should be returned to the voters. The new truck should be paid for out of the Equipment Fund, and if we replace the 1996 truck next year as recommended it should come out of the 2013 budget. Pam Marsh said we are looking at a large truck expense next year, and (adding \$64,000 from the surplus to the Equipment Budget would decrease the cost from the 2013 budget) the motion would save the taxpayers' money in the end because the new truck will be able to be financed from the Equipment Fund.

- 5. Road Budget – Putting in a new air exchanger in the Town Garage was discussed, the cost would be around \$23,000, before the cost of the energy improvements to the Town Garage. The Board is still undecided if they want to go ahead with this project.

**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:**

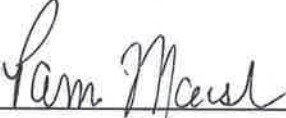
- 1. VLCT – Resolution of Appreciation for being members of PACIF
- 2. Kevin Lehman – ACRPC encouraging Home Energy Challenge in Towns
- 3. Addison County Sheriff's Dept. – Activity logs

Adjourn: 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted:

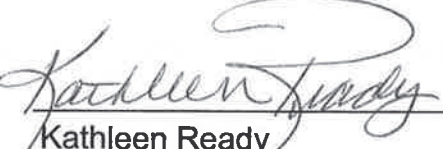
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Chair, Pam Marsh

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Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett

  
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Roger Boise

  
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