

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting

7:00 pm

Town Offices

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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

Visitors: None

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS: None

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. **Town Hall Application:** Roger Boise made a motion to approve the application for the Vermont Tractor Pullers Assoc. who would like to hold meetings on 1/21/12, 2/18/12 and 4/21/12 in the cafeteria. Security deposit has been received. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Contract with Town Attorney Cindy Hill: Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the contract with Cindy Hill for the 2012 year. If paid in full by Jan. 12, 2012 the final cost is \$7,124, seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/24/11, in the amount of \$3,016.56, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 12/31/11, in the amount of \$5,660.63, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Boise)
4. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/27/11, in the amount of \$4,929.73, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 12/31/11, in the amount of \$18,565.00, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 1.3.12, in the amount of \$13,523.24, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** Roads in pretty good shape. Roger went out with John Gaudette on Saturday to sand the dirt roads.
2. **Equipment Update:** Still getting quotes for truck body and new truck.
3. **Riverside Cemetery** – Road Crew took two gates down that were in need of repair. They are fixing them at the shop and will reinstall when they are done.

4. **Sherman Jewett** – Has decided he will be done with the Road Crew in late March / early April. Katie Reilley and Roger will work on an advertisement to put in the paper. Roger said he would like to hire someone in February to overlap working with Sherman.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Area Rescue Squad Contracts:** Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Bristol for \$4,605, Middlebury for \$1,212 and Vergennes for \$600. Motion seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Madden Petition** – Pam Marsh has written John a personal note, she is waiting to hear back from him. The Board agreed to let attorney, Cindy Hill handle the matter, and to consider placing the item as a warned article for voice vote at Town Meeting.
3. **CVPS & Efficiency Vermont** – Offering to help towns update old streetlights to LED lights. This could mean a significant savings for the town. Pam Kingman will contact CVPS for an updated list of the town's streetlights.
4. **Letter from Beeman Elementary School** - Support for Summer School Program. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve of the request from Beeman to support their summer program with a donation of \$1,500; seconded by Charlie Roy. This is in our budget. 5 yes / 0 no
5. **Budget Items:**
 - Roger Boise made a motion to approve all wage rates for 2012, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
 - Pam Marsh made a motion to move some of the Community Projects money to use for starting up the Front Porch Forum. Seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no
 - Barb Torian asked the Selectboard about some recognition such as stipends, for other Boards such as the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and other volunteers who tirelessly help the community. Many ideas were discussed on how to recognize these folks. Pam Marsh came up with an idea that we think will make everybody happy.
 - Discussed setting up a SIMPLE Plan for town employees; this can be done between now and October. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve setting up a SIMPLE retirement plan; with the Town match being up to 3% of the gross income for those employees who decide to contribute. The Selectboard will pay the initial \$10 set up fee for each employee. Seconded by Pam Marsh. 5 yes / 0 no

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2011, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Ready & Roy)
2. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the minutes from November 8, 2011, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2011, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 2 abstentions (Marsh & Roy)
4. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2011, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Pam Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2011, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Roy)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Pam Marsh made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:50 pm, seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no
Charlie Roy made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:05pm, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no No action taken

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

Adjourn: 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

 Chair, Kathy Barrett	 Vice Chair, Pam Marsh	 Roger Boise
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 Kathleen Ready	 Charlie Roy
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