

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Town Offices
Tuesday, October 16, 2012

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

Visitors: Vermont Gas Representative, Steve Wark, Dog Warden, Wayne Marcelle and PC member, Jim Walsh

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Vermont Gas Representative, Steve Wark** – At the last informational meeting in July, VT Gas said their ultimate goal was to get to Rutland; possibly via North Street, then to Town Hill Rd to Route 7 heading south.

Recently, VT Gas signed an agreement with the Ticonderoga Paper Mill to bring natural gas to them. Because of this new development, VT Gas is now proposing a transmission line using the VELCO corridor from Plank Road to River Road, then along River Road to Route 7 and continuing south to a gate station at the junction of Route 7 and Exchange Street in Middlebury. From there, distribution line would go to the Cabot plant on Exchange St. in Middlebury. VT Gas will run a transmission line west to Shoreham and bore under Lake Champlain to get to the Ticonderoga Mill.

Steve is hoping to have the final design in the next couple of weeks.

During construction they must to stay within undisturbed corridors, and get permission to go through any and all wetlands. They have just run into areas that have archeological impacts, and the University of Vermont is helping them identify these locations.

In New Haven, VT Gas is proposing the installation of a gate station on Plank Road. Kathleen Ready asked how big the building would be to house the gate station; Steve Wark thought it may be as large as 50x50. Kathleen expressed concern with the size considering the location.

Roger Boise questioned the swamp lots that run between Route 7 and South St. How do they get through there? Steve said they would have to do what is called "directionally drill," which means they bore under the swamp. The Army Corps of Engineers is working with VT Gas to help with all of these types of situations.

VT Gas is will be issuing their paperwork to the Public Service Board on

November 24, 2012, and the PSB is required to hold a public hearing on the project. Steve said he hoped their hearing will be in November or December of this year. The PSB has to give final approval on the project, during which New Haven will have Party Status.

Pam Kingman will put together a bulk mail flyer to go out on October 23, 2012 to get the word out to townspeople about the upcoming Informational meeting.

Steve Wark said VT Gas will reimburse the Town for the cost of this mailing.

****There will be an Informational Meeting with representatives from Vermont Gas on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, @ 7:00 pm in the Town Hall gym.****

[Update – the meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Sandy.]

2. **Dog Warden, Wayne Marcelle** – The Dog Warrant was issued to the Dog Warden back in July for him to follow up on unlicensed dogs. Pam Marsh inquired how far Wayne had gotten with the Warrant, and Wayne said he hasn't done anything, that he has been too busy. There are still about a dozen unlicensed dogs. Pam Marsh wondered how Wayne would feel if the Selectboard searched for a Deputy Dog Warden; someone who could follow up with the Warrant and maybe fill in for Wayne when he is unavailable; Wayne thought it was a good idea to have a backup.

Wayne has had an ongoing issue with a dog on Hallock Road. There have been 3 confirmed human bites and one confirmed dog bite. Wayne has talked to the owner, who has recently chained the dog. The Selectboard said Wayne should be issuing the owner a citation, and if the recent victim requests a hearing on the dog, the Selectboard will need to act on it. Discussed ways to get the word out to the owners of unregistered dogs, possibly certified letters so we know they were received.

The Town recently received a bill from Middlebury dog warden, Barry Forbes. Barry responded to a report of a dog wandering around on Rt 7 in New Haven Junction. Wayne was out of town when the call came in. The invoice is for \$100. Pam Kingman called Barry because there was no real explanation on the bill as to what the situation was, and /or who called him. Wayne said he was in New York at the time he got the call from the VSP on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

Wayne had the VSP call Barry, who never found the dog. Later that night Wayne received a call from John Roleau who lives on the north end of Ethan Allen Hwy that he had the dog. The owner was found to be Corey Steady from Ferrisburgh. Kathleen Ready suggested we forward the bill from Barry Forbes to Mr. Steady.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 10/13/12, in the amount of \$3,141.81, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes / 0 no (Ready absent)

2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 10/6/12, in the amount of \$3,590.11, seconded by Charlie Roy. 4 yes /) no (Ready absent)
3. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the pay orders to include the Sleeper Note and Bond payment for the week ending 10/16/12, in the amount of \$87,025.50, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no (Ready absent)
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders to include the Outside Agencies and voted funds for the week ending 10/16/12, in the amount of \$ 3,078,168.06, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no (Ready absent)
5. Barb Torian - Discussion of all employees utilizing direct deposit. The Selectboard acknowledges that direct deposits require a 2 day lead time, and that once the transaction has been sent to the bank it cannot be changed. They also gave permission for these transactions to be sent prior to the actual signatures being placed on the warrant. If a correction is needed, it will be corrected in the next payroll. Pay orders will continue to be signed at the next meeting.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Road update:

- All the striping is done.
- Road side mowing continues.
- Road crew has been filling a lot of pot holes.

2. Equipment update:

- The 2002 truck is still in the process of getting the new body installed.
- The road crew recently painted the pay loader, it looks good.

3. Road Access Permit - Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve a road access permit for Maralee Smith on North St., seconded by Charlie Roy. 5 yes / 0 no

4. Cobble Road – Roger went to Middlebury and spoke with road crew member, Dale Hazard. Dale said he has been instructed to not touch Cobble Rd. He said the last time he graded it, [per the agreement between the towns] he got chewed out by his boss. Because of this, Middlebury has not touched Cobble Road since May. Roger said he hasn't had many calls from New Haven residents complaining about the road, but he said it is in pretty rough shape. Discussed contacting town attorney, Cindy Hill about meeting with Middlebury again.

5. Roger – Recently Katie Reilley got word from the Better Back Roads Program that there will be no grant monies available for the coming year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bechhoefer appeal with the State Appraiser – After hearing testimony from Dr. Bechhoefer and Kermit Blaisdell and the New Haven Listers, the State Appraiser agreed with the New Haven Listers' appraised value of the Bechhoefer's home (which was sold for considerably above the listed value prior to the completion of the appeal.).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Haven First Response – Barb Torian questioned whether or not this was still a viable entity. The Town sends them \$1,500 each year out of the budget, and she wasn't sure who was heading things up. She looked at a Town Report during the meeting, she found Claire Dykstra was the President, and Claire had filed a report in the 2012 Town Report.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Charlie Roy made a motion to approve the minutes from October 2, 2012, seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Addison County Community Advisory Board VSP New Haven Barracks – Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2012 @ 6:30 pm.
2. Addison County Sheriff's Dept. Patrol Activity Reports.
3. John Madden Correspondence Re: Cross Pollination.

Adjourn: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:



Chair, Pam Marsh



Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett



Roger Boise



Kathleen Ready

Charlie Roy