

**New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Offices**  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2012**

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

Visitors: Dean Percival, Al Karnatz and Jim Walsh

**AGENDA RESULTS:**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. Dean Percival and Al Karnatz – Here to discuss the newly organized Conservation Commission. Barb Torian gave Pam Marsh the State statutes on Conservation Commissions, which Pam read aloud. This gave everyone a much clearer understanding of what a CC can do. Currently Dean Percival and Tim Bouton are the only two that have been appointed. Jeff Meyers has expressed an interest and has filled out the volunteer form. Al Karnatz is here to express his interest in joining the CC, he filled out a volunteer form. Kathy Barrett had concerns while the CC is charged with conserving and maintaining town land, will there be a conflict with the Park Committee? Dean admitted there were a lot of questions. Al Karnatz said each Conservation Commission is somewhat different in each town. Bristol for example acts as an advisory board to the Planning Commission; but Charlottes' CC has a very strong role. Everything goes through them before it gets to the PC. Some Conservation Commissions raise money for conservation funds for Land Trust; and this may work for some outstanding lands in New Haven. Al and Dean agree they would both prefer the New Haven CC to act as an advisory board; they do not want it to become a regulatory board. They are happy to report to the Selectboard. Dean added that education is a big piece; they will start by hosting "Armchair Naturalist" on Thursday, September 13, 2012 @ 7:00 pm in the town offices. This will be an ongoing program held every second Thursday of the month in the town offices.  
Discussed when New Haven officially created a Conservation Commission; Al believes it started in 1999, but has gone unfilled for a long time. The CC will try to work with the Parks Committee. Suzy Roorda has been in contact with MALT last year about expanding trails to the New Haven River.  
Kathleen Ready made a motion to appoint Al Karnatz, term ending 2013, Jeff Meyers, term ending 2014, Tim Bouton, term ending 2015 and Dean Percival,

term ending 2016 to the Conservation Commission. Motion seconded by Pam Marsh. 3 yes / 1 no (Boise)

Kathy Barrett made a motion to defer approving the Conservation Commission bylaws until the September 18, 2012 Selectboard meeting, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no

2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve Steve Dupoises' Town Hall application to hold a 5k/10k race on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Deposit of \$50.00 received. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

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

1. Town Hall roof over addition – Roger Boise had spoken with Amos Roleau, III who suggested we replace the roof using copper to match the rest of the Town Hall roof.
2. Suzy Roorda had a request from the Bristol Rec. Dept. about using the town hall gym for beginner volleyball from November 1, 2012 – December 20, 2012. The Selectboard has viewed the request favorably, and will ask them to formally submit an application, a copy of their current insurance and a deposit check.

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

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/25/12, in the amount of \$3,406.73, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/1/12, in the amount of \$3,902.10, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Boise)
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 9/4/12, in the amount of \$6,257.45, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 8/28/12, in the amount of \$7,277.93, seconded by Roger Boise. 4 yes / 0 no
5. Barb Torian asked the Selectboard if she were to attend the International Emergency Management classes held in Orlando, Fla. Would they be willing to pay for the classes and registration? The Selectboard agreed to do so.

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

1. **Road Update:** The State has striped all our Class 2 roads; Roger is currently talking with Scott's about striping Class 3 with center yellow and sides in white. Four Hills approached Roger before Sawyer road was to be paved and asked to have a culvert installed. Roger agreed, on the condition that the Four Hills pay for

the culvert. The culvert was installed, but did not have enough time to settle before the road was paved, creating a dip in the road. The road crew fill it in with cold patch and next year, they will cut that section out and use hot mix to repair the road.

Nash Bridge needs attention even though it is due for replacement in the next few years. The State is requiring the Town to restore several cement pillars and tighten up the guard rails. Also the bridge on Plank Road by Elgin Spring Farm needs to work done to both sides of the approach. The town has 60 days to respond to the State that we will make the necessary repairs.

2. **Equipment Update:** The new dump body is in the process of getting painted. Roger sold the old F550 for \$14,500.

All the gravel is done in the pit, total cost is \$26,060.

Winter sand and salt has all been delivered.

3. **Traffic Ordinance:** Roger would like to keep all the speed limits as they currently stand. Pam Marsh would like to see the speed limit at the end of Pearson Rd. by the approach to the Rattlin' Bridge be reduced to 35 mph, but agrees to go along with the Traffic Ordinance as drafted.

Roger Boise made a motion to adopt the Traffic Ordinance as written, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 4 yes / 0 no

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Hold informational meeting with Paul Lekstutis from Cross Pollination on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 @ 7:00 pm.
2. Update on the proposed VT Gas pipeline – VT Gas has been solicited by the Ticonderoga Paper Mill to bring natural gas to their facility. As of now, VT Gas is proposing to follow the VELCO corridor 10 miles farther south into Middlebury using a 12" transmission line. There will be an informational meeting with VT Gas on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in the Town Hall gym at 7:00 pm. \*\* Update – this meeting has been postponed until further notice, due to Steve Wark's unavailability.
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the request by Mary Johnson Children's Center to use the Town Hall Facility for 2012 – 2013 school year. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 0 no

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/21/12, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Ready)

Adjourn: 8:45 pm

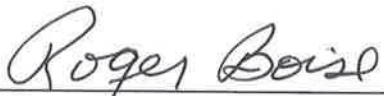
Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

  
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Chair, Pam Marsh

  
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Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett

  
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