

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 17, 2013
Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Roger Boise, Kathleen Ready and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Absent: Pam Marsh and Charlie Roy

Visitors: Anthony Egizi from VTRANS, Listers, Susie Leonard and Bill Paine

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **VTrans right of way Agent, Anthony Egizi** is here to discuss the R.O.W. on Halpin Road. In a letter from Ed Pierce to the Selectboard, "Based on mapping work done by VTrans Right of Way Agent, Anthony Egizi, it appears that the segment of Halpin Road through the project area has been moved since the original survey was recorded in 1799. The road no longer falls within the six rods as defined in the survey." The State would like the town to claim a temporary 3 rod right of way width through the project area. There are disadvantages of staying at 6 rods. If the landowners whose property the R.O.W. would affect say no work can be done on their property, then the town may have to compensate them. The state assumes no responsibility if the land owners want compensation. Kathy Barrett said her father used to own that land on both sides of the road back in the 70's or 80's; that he didn't care if they moved the road. They never did move it.
Because the impact to both property owners (Foster Bros. Farm and Gary Dupoise) is so minimal, Roger Boise suggested getting written permission from both. Anthony agreed this would be acceptable to VTrans. The Selctboard will have Town Attorney, Cindy Hill draw up the documents; forward them to VTrans for approval. Then the town can approach the land owners.
2. **Listers, Susie Leonard and Bill Paine** requesting a 3+ month extension for Outside Contractor, Kermit Blaisdell. Both feel Kermit is incredibly knowledgeable due to his history with New Haven. He takes his job here with New Haven very seriously and can get defensive. The Listers referred to the recent reappraisal, the average of grievances is 10%, New Haven had 7%; and average appeals is 3%, we had 1.5%. They feel this is attributed to Kermit's expertise.
Kathy Barrett said she has concerns about the extension because the Listers were already granted two of them to complete the grand list. She said when it came to budget time; the Selectboard had three different figures for how much the grand list was. Her other concern is that Kermit is not spending time training the Listers on the software; and this is not good for the town. Discussed what

needs to be accomplished in the Listers office, and the expectations. Kathy Barrett made a motion to extend Kermit Blaisdells contract for 1 day a week until the end of 2013; with the expectation that he spend 50% of that time educating the listers. The Selectboard will look at the budget next year for a consultant. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Town Hall Update – The building did not pass the retest for air quality. Pam Kingman met with Mr. Mikes Cleaning service on Monday, they sent an estimate of \$735.00 for cleaning the entire building and sealing several floors. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve Mr. Mikes cleaning the Town Hall for \$735.00, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
2. Town Offices – Re: incorrect installation of Geo Thermal pumps by Thomas Mechanical, Inc.: Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the latest draft letter written by Town Attorney, Cindy Hill to Thomas Mechanical, Inc. in regards to reinstalling the pumps correctly. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the Town Hall application from Jen Buker for Zumba classes on Thursday nights once the gym is available. Acknowledging Beeman School takes precedence. The fee is \$25.00 per week. The \$50.00 deposit has been received and proof of insurance. Motion seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve a Selectboard order to purchase stamps for the checklist challenge in the amount of \$46.53, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
2. Roger Boise made a motion to approve a Selectboard order to pay Allen Swain for mowing the former Sleeper property adjacent to the Town Offices in the amount of \$260.00, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 0 no
3. Kathleen Ready made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 9/4/13, in the amount of \$2356.66, to pay George Crane and Kermit Blaisdell. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 3 yes / 0 no
4. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 9/12/13, in the amount of \$388,417.28; this includes \$200,000 towards tax anticipation and for the paving of Hunt Rd and East St. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 0 no
5. Roger Boise made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 9/14/13, in the amount of \$3501.53, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 0 no
6. Roger Boise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/7/13, in the amount of \$4042.32, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 0 no

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. **Road Update:** All the Roads in town will be getting new yellow striping; only East St. will be getting the white lines due to the cost.
The Road crew will be installing a new culvert on Lime Kiln Road just off of Quarry Road; the current one is too small.
2. **Equipment Update:** The new truck will be ready for pick up this week. The Treasurer can send a check when we are billed.
The 1996 truck has been put out to bid, with a minimum bid of \$10,000. The bids will be opened on October 8, 2013 at the Selectboard meeting. The road crew has been cleaning the truck up in preparation.
3. McCulloughs will be coming to do winter sand soon. Our pit is running low on winter sand, and we will have to purchase it in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Insurance: Kathy Barrett produced a spread sheet for the Selectboard and employees to look over breaking down the plans. She has contacted Shawn Oxford at Bristol Financial in regards to some questions she has. Shawn is working on getting the answers to her. There is a lot to consider; without a full Board tonight, this will be on the agenda for October 8, 2013.
2. VT Gas Update – Kathleen Ready is concerned that she has had no correspondence from Cindy Hill about the gate station building. Kathy Barrett suggested Kathleen email Eileen Simallardes to ask her what is happening with the town's requests; that way there is a paper trail.
Kathleen Ready made a motion to go into executive session at 9:20 pm to discuss litigation, seconded by Roger Boise. 3 yes / 0 no
Roger Boise made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:26 pm, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 3 yes / 0 no
3. ACTR appointment – deferred until the next meeting
4. Sheriff's Dept. Questionnaire – deferred until the next meeting

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from September 3, 2013, deferred until the next meeting.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Zoning Administrator, Dave Wetmore – response to Mike Lee
2. Reserve Funds Subaccounting Statement
3. Sheriff's Dept. Activity Logs
4. Army Corps of Engineers Re: work in wetlands and waterways
5. VTRANS Transportation Alternatives Program

Adjourn: 9:35 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:



Chair, Kathy Barrett



Roger Boise



Kathleen Ready