

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**7:00 pm****Tuesday, September 6, 2016****Town Offices**

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise, John Roleau, Doug Tolles, Jim Walsh, Asst Treasurer, Elaine Buchwald

Visitors: Bridget Kipp, Erin Baslow, Mike Nolan, Marcia Dupoise and Dan Morse

Adjustments to the Agenda ** Solar offer to settle possible executive session / Marshall's Alarm / Beeman Contract re Town Hall **

AGENDA RESULTS:

Visitors Business: Mike Nolan came to discuss the Green Mountain Bike Race that was held on Saturday, September 3, 2016. He lives on the corner of Twitchell Hill Road and Field Days Road. Starting at 8:30 am, the bikers were escorted by Vermont State Police (VSP) with sirens blaring. This occurred approximately every half hour and frightened his horse so badly, that the horse went through 2 fences, ran half a mile through the woods, incurring significant wounds. The people on the route were not notified prior to the race, they closed the roads to traffic at various times without notice, left trash along the route and put plywood on the Rattlin Bridge without notification to the Road Commissioner. It was reported that the VSP had an unpleasant attitude, drove recklessly and were speeding through intersections. A letter will be sent to the organizers with our concerns. We will keep Mike Nolan apprised of the response.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/16/16 as he corrected, seconded by John Roleau. 4 yes / 0 no 1 abstention (Kathy Barrett since she had not had time to review the corrections)
2. John Roleau made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/20/16, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes 0 no

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/20/16, in the amount of \$2,800.70, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
2. Jim Walsh made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/27/16, in the amount of \$2,842.61, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes / 0 no

3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the payroll for the week ending 9/3/16, in the amount of \$3,416.63, seconded by Doug Tolles. 5 yes / 0 no
4. Jim Walsh made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 9/3/16, in the amount of \$21,971.88, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
5. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 9/6/16, in the amount of \$6,111.25, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
6. Doug Tolles made a motion to approve the July financials, seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes 0 no. Discussion included the budgeting of delinquent taxes and the reporting of current year delinquent taxes vs prior year delinquent taxes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar discussion:
 - Doug Tolles informed the Board that the Public Service Board has ordered a site visit for the Next Generation (Vandal) Solar project on Field Days Road. The date has been set for September 19, 2016, but a time has not been determined. Cindy Hill would like to hire Mike Lawrence at a cost of about \$800.00 to be at the site visit. Mike Lawrence is the aesthetic consultant for our objections to the project. The Board agreed to hire Mike Lawrence to attend the site visit.
 - The two 20 acre solar projects proposed on Quaker Village Road are now proposed to be in Weybridge.
2. Vermont Green Line (Anbaric project) – Steve Dupoise will be meeting with Richard Saudek, Carole Hall and Cindy Hill on Wednesday September 7, 2016 to discuss the most recent version of the agreement that has been received from VGL.
3. Jim Walsh made a motion to appoint Adam Becker as assistant tree warden for a 1 year term, ending in the spring, 2017 when the Selectboard makes appointments, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Motion passed 5 yes 0 no.
4. Pest Control – Defer, Jim has not called for the information needed
5. Town buildings – Security / low temp control: Jim Walsh contacted Marshalls Alarm Service and they will install a “freeze alarm panel” in the Town Hall.
6. Town Plan – Some work has been done, but we will need another working session once there is a revised document.
7. Town Owned lands - Jim Walsh will meet with Cindy Hill to determine which parcels need legal action to fully protect the Town’s property
8. Lister – The minutes in January, 2016 indicate that the Listers should put out to bid the position of lister consultant for 2017 with sufficient time to make the appointment prior to year end. Jim Walsh quoted from the January 5, 2016

minutes which state “The Board would also like to have a performance evaluation with Kermit during the contract period.”

9. There will be a performance review of the Zoning Administrator on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm, pending the availability of the Zoning Administrator. Kathy Barrett will see if Dave Wetmore is available.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

1. Road Update:

- Campground Road and Hallock Road have been ground. The base on Campground Road is too sandy, which does not provide a stable base. The road crew is building up the base.
 - Hallock Road – The Crew has been cutting brush and getting ready to install a new cross culvert in preparation for paving. There are large ruts in the road which the road crew will grade prior to adding gravel.
 - Doug Tolles made a motion to authorize John Roleau to cut the brush with his boom mower on River Road, Field Days Road and Pearson Road, seconded by Jim Walsh 3 yes 1 no (Kathy Barrett) 1 abstention (John Roleau) Dave Miner has been contacted and will do two passes wherever possible with his brush hog in September.
 - John Roleau would like to reduce the amount of winter sand used on the paved roads and increase the winter salt. On the dirt roads, he will use winter sand only,. There is approximately 400 Tons of salt in the shed and John Roleau will purchase an additional 600 tons. For winter sand, John will need to purchase approximately 200 yards more than what we currently have available.
 - The truck is ready for pickup.
 - The Nash Bridge is open. The apron onto Halpin Road is only 25’, which is too short. John Roleau has approached the workers to see about increasing the apron to at least 50’, they stated they will not do it. So the Town will have to pave that much to protect the road.
2. 2014 asphalt – Jim Walsh passed out a paper concerning the 2014 asphalt.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Beeman Contract with Town – Per the contract, this document should be recorded.

2. Doug Tolles made a motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the town's settlement offer on a solar project would clearly put this Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the proposed settlement offer in public.

Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. 4 yes / 1 no (Barrett)

Doug Tolles made a motion to move into executive session at 9:10 pm to discuss a solar settlement offer under provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. 5 yes / 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:23 pm, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes 0 no

No action taken

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in the Town Offices; time to be determined.

Adjourn: 9:23 pm

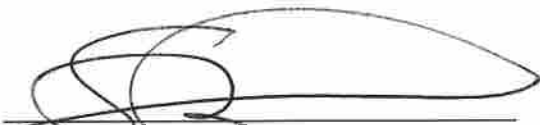
Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barrett

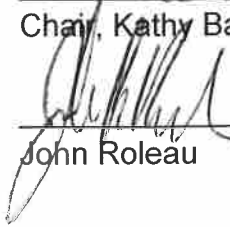
Approved:



Chair, Kathy Barrett



Vice Chair, Steve Dupoise



John Roleau

Jim Walsh

Doug Tolles