

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**  
**Town Offices**

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Bruce Many, Kathy Barrett, Taborri Bruhl and Steve Dupoise

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Visitors: Beth Ekroos and Marcia Dupoise

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Madden Appeal / Vergennes Truck Traffic Study / Becker Tree Care Service Estimate / Shrub planting on Village Green / Petitions for Outside Agencies

**VISITORS BUSINESS:**

1. Beth Ekroos came to the Board on behalf of George and Phyllis Marsceill's daughter, Lynn Marsceill McMartin and her husband Mike. The Marsceills' lived in New Haven for many years, George was a Selectman and a school board member. Phyllis was a teacher's aide at Beeman Elementary. The Marsceills have been giving back to the places where they grew up, and Ms. Ekroos was asked to come to the New Haven Selectboard to ask if we need help with any projects, and to come up with ideas. The Marsceills would like to give back to the town and stressed there is no time frame on this. She asked each member to write down their top idea on a piece of paper. Each member basically said the same thing: finishing the train depot / purchase land for a new fire station / renovate the town garage. There was a lively discussion about each of the ideas. Ms. Ekroos said she would like to come back in early October to discuss any new ideas and to discuss what the donation would be used for. The Board asked Ms. Ekroos to thank the Marsceills for considering our town and thanked her for coming.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

1. **Madden Appeal to DRB Decisions:** Town Attorney, Cindy Hill will follow up on the matter.
2. **Vergennes Truck Traffic Study:** The Town recently received a notice from ACRPC about Vergennes looking into alternatives to their truck traffic. The

Selectboard had previously sent a letter to the Secretary Flynn, stating they do not feel Route 17 is a viable alternative. The Board agreed tonight to reaffirm their stance on this. Pam Kingman will draft a letter to accompany the original letter, and have the Board sign it.

3. **Becker Tree Care Estimate:** There was a miscommunication about what Becker was asked to prune. Pam Kingman will reach out to Adam Becker again for clarification.
4. **Vermont Reads Festival** asked if they could plant a shrub on the Village Green to commemorate the migrant workers who live in New Haven. They would like to plant a "Rose of Sharon" shrub on the south end of the green. The Board is ok with the location and the type of planting.
5. **Petitions for Outside Agencies:** Pam Kingman asked the Board if they want to require those Outside Agencies who have not maintained their allocation request for the past 5 consecutive years, to continue to petition for funds. The petitioning process has been suspended for the last 2 years due to COVID-19. The board agreed that petitions will be required for 2023 allocations.

#### **UPDATES ON:**

##### **1. Roads:**

- Notice from G. Stone Motors, new truck build date is scheduled for October 17, 2022.
- Ditching on North Street
- Ditching on the south side of Lime Kiln Road, along with ripping out asphalt leading up to the bridge to make the apron longer.
- Ditching on the west side of Hallock Road near the farm and Ted Foster's house.

##### **2. Town Buildings and Land:**

- **Train Depot Update given by Steve Dupoise:** Digging the foundation should happen this month, and we are close to getting the Bond for Messiers Moving Co.
- **Bundle Town Hall porch / ADA projects:** Pam Kingman asked the Board if they would consider bundling the ADA project and the rebuilding the front porch. Steve Dupoise made a motion to accept Vermont Integrated Architecture proposals to work with the town to facilitate these projects. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/27/22, in the amount of \$4,209.77, seconded by Bruce Many. 5 yes / 0 no

2. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/3/22, in the amount of \$4,117.40, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
3. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 9/6/22, in the amount of \$42,843.97, seconded by Kathy Barrett. 4 yes / 1 abstention (Many)
4. **Insurance coverage for Town Library:** defer
5. **E-Newsletter:** Danielle Hubbell and Pam Kingman have been working on a way to streamline the monthly newsletter. The monthly mailing expense is approximately \$167.00, which doesn't include the time spent in printing and taping 900 newsletters plus the paper and ink. This has always been considered the Selectboard's newsletter, Danielle and Pam are asking permission to switch to an "E-Newsletter." New Haven residents and beyond will be able to sign up via our website, by putting in their email address. Folks who need assistance can ask us to add them to the email list. We are willing to accommodate those who would like to receive a paper copy. This will be a gradual move; Pam will post it on Front Porch Forum and put it in the newsletter for next couple of months.
6. **Town Hall Applications:** 1) John Roleau made a motion to approve the application for the Brendon P. Cousino Med 47 Foundation to hold a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 26, 2022, in the gym /cafeteria from 7:00 am – 5:00pm (set up and clean up). Estimated attendance 100. Deposit of \$100 received / Fee waived. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no  
2) John Roleau made a motion to approve the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department to hold a take- out only chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Use of the kitchen and cafeteria to assemble take out from 5:00 am – 7:30 pm. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes / 0 no
7. **Eagle Scout Project:** Steve Dupoise made a motion to allow Joshua Sherman to place an American flag drop box outside the town offices for his Eagle Scout Project. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no
8. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes and Special Meeting minutes from 8/23/22, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes / 0 no

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **Joint meeting of the DRB / PC and SB on Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.**

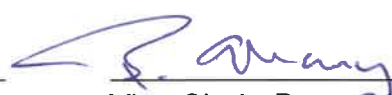
Adjourn: 8:01 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 9-20-22

Chair, John Roleau



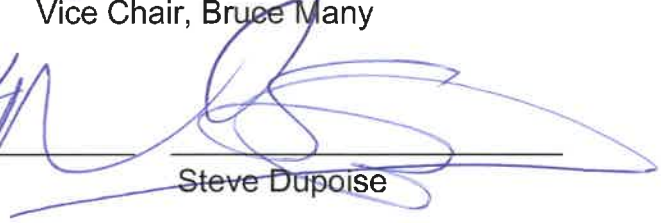
Vice Chair, Bruce Many



Kathy Barrett



Taborri Bruhl



Steve Dupoise