

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Town Offices

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl, Steve Dupoise, Kathy Barrett and Bruce Many
Town Administrator / ZA: Aaron Brown
Minute Taker: Danielle Hubbell

Visitors: Wayne Marcelle and Marcia Dupoise

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Train Depot update and Fire Departments application to use town hall

VISITORS BUSINESS:

Wayne Marcelle wanted the board to be aware of a dog bite that happened on Halpin Road. Joe Tatro and Tara Barbers dog attacked Dan Neilson's dog causing several puncture wounds that needed medical attention to Neilson's dog. Neilson brought his dog to BEV's in Burlington, emergency vet because it happened on a Sunday, and spent \$400 to treat the wounds. The following Monday the Neilson brought the dog to a Middlebury vet for stitches and an infection, acquiring more medical bills. No dogs were registered with the town, but all dogs are now registered. Tatro was also bitten on the hand by one of the dogs when breaking up the dog fight but it is unsure which dog bit him. This is the second incident that Tatro's dog has attacked another dog, the first incident was not reported to the town. Tatro's dog is usually on a leash at all times but was let out of the house by one of Tatro's children. Neilson is looking for reimbursement for the vet bills. Kathy Barrett made a motion to declare Tatro's dog vicious and to send Tatro's a letter motion second by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes/ 0 no

Open Paving Bids:

The town received two bids for paving Town Hill Road:
Pike Industries: RAP Total Cost: \$186,442.32

SD Ireland: RAP Total Cost: \$172,308 VA Total cost: \$185,283.00

There was discussion on if we should pave Town Hill road this year or what till next. There were several culverts replaced this summer and it would be best if we waited to pave to allow time for the culverts to settle. The Selectboard would also like for the road crew to remove more of the bigger trees this winter.

John Roleau made a motion not accept either of the bids and to defer the bidding until the spring. Steve Dupoise seconded the motion. 5 yes/ 0 no

Line Striping Quotes:

The town asked three companies for quotes for line striping:

L&D Safety Marking: \$8,166.08

K5 Corporation: \$7173.18

Fresh Coat: No longer striping roads because of the difficulty getting paint.

This was to stripe the white line on River Road, the yellow line on Twitchell Hill Road, and the yellow and white line where Pearson Road was paved. It was also discussed to move the white line on the uphill lane closer to the center line to give more room for bicyclist.

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to hire L&D Safety Marking, seconded by Steve Dupoise. 5 yes/ 0 no

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

1. Road Update:

The Town Road Crew will be closing Town Hill Road for maintenance. There are also two stop signs in Dog Team road in need of repair.

2. Town Buildings and Land:

Pam Kingman sent the selectboard a letter updating them on what is happening in the town hall and with concerns. MAUSD has hired Aaron Napoleon to replace the doors on the south side of the town hall. MAUSD is also going replace the water fountains. The town will reimburse the district for these expenses. The humidity alarm in the town hall also goes off on the hot and humid days; the heat pump is working well in the cafeteria but does not extend to the hallway where the alarm is located. The board discussed if the alarm is needed as there is nothing that we can do when we receive the phone call about the humidity. They also discussed moving the sensor to the cafeteria vs. the hallway. The board is considering purchasing an additional heat pump to install in the old town clerk's office and putting up a vented door to the hallway to dehumidify the remainder of the building. For the mean time the humidity alarm is going to be shut off. The old Town Clerk's office has also been cleaned out and everything is moved and organized into the back room. It will need a fresh coat of paint and floors a good scrub, Pam Kingman would like to allow the historical society display there artifacts their until there

is a decision made about the use of the train depot. Kathy Barrett also asked Aaron Brown for an update on the environmental review on the town hall. Aaron has not heard from them in about a month in a half but will reach out. Kathy Barrett made a motion to allow the historical society use the front half of the old town clerks office. Taborri Bruhl seconded the motion. 5 yes/ 0 no

AUTHORIZATIONS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/21/21, in the amount of \$3980.84, seconded by Steve Dupoise 5 yes/ 0 no
2. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 8/28/21, in the amount of \$4603.98, seconded by Kathy Barrett 5 yes/ 0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 9/4/21, in the amount of \$4033.15, seconded by Kathy Barrett 5 yes/ 0 no
4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders dated 8/30/21, in the amount of \$24320.02, seconded by Steve Dupoise 5 yes/ 0 no
5. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders dated 9/7/21, in the amount of \$ 200461.44, this include transferring ARPA funds, seconded by Taborri Bruhl 5 yes/ 0 no
6. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to authorize Treasurer, Danielle Hubbell to pay off the Tax Anticipation Note. Motion seconded by John Roleau 5 yes/ 0 no
7. Steve Dupoise made a motion authorize John Roleau to sign the VTRANS Municipal Roads General Permit grant for hydraulically connected roads. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl 5 yes/ 0 no
8. Kathy Barrett made a motion to allow John Roleau to sign the Northern Borders grant, second by Taborri Bruhl 5 yes/ 0 No
9. Kathy Barrett made a motion not to sign up for Textmygov, second by Steve Dupoise 5 yes/ 0 no
10. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/17/21, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 Yes/ 0 no

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Trian Depot update given by Steve Dupoise:

A project manager has been hired, Matt Young. There was a meeting on Tuesday morning about the depot and the team learned a lot from Matt about all the permitting that is needed, he is starting on that now as some may take time. The grants that were received may not be enough to cover the costs required; therefore Steve is reaching out to the state historic preservation to see if there are more options. They have received two quotes in the cost to move the building and they were both very far apart, dollar wise. Matt is going to look at the quotes to see why there are such big discrepancies.

Steve presented to the board the contract Matt Young with Ascent Consulting LLC. Steve wanted the boards' approval to sign the contract.

Kathy Barrett made a motion to authorize Steve Dupoise to sign the contract with Ascent Consulting LLC, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 4 yes/ 1 abstain (Steve Dupoise)

New Haven Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ: Kathy Barrett made the motion to approve the town hall application from the fire department to use the town hall for the chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 18. Seconded by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes/ 0 no

OTHER BUSINESS:

Overnight camping at DeMers Park and updated signage:

John Roleau received a phone call from Iva Menard about people camping over night at DeMers Park. Iva suggested putting additional signage at the top of the hill by the gate. The board will look at the signage and see if they feel there is more needed. Also suggested having the Sherriff's department go down there occasionally as part of their route.

John Roleau made a motion to go into executive session at 8:21pm with Town Attorney, Cindy Hill to discuss VTRANS condemnation of Town Parcels #3 & #4. Motion seconded by John Roleau. 5 yes/ 0 no

Kathy Barrett made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:02pm, seconded by John Roleau 5 yes/ 0 no

No action taken

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to go into executive session at 9:05pm to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by John Roleau 5 yes/ 0 no

John Roleau made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:38pm seconded by Taborri Bruhl 5 yes/ 0 no

John Roleau accepted Aaron Brown's resignation as Emergency Manager and Road Commissioner effective immediately. Second by Taborri Bruhl 5 yes/ 0 no

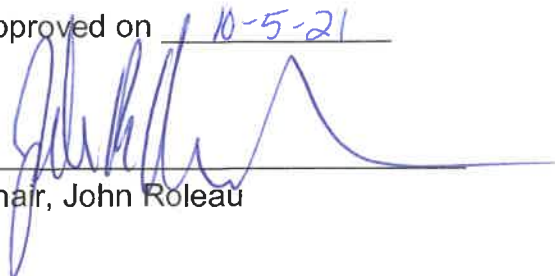
John Roleau made a motion to appoint Steve Dupoise as Emergency Manager and John Roleau as road commissioner for the time being, second by Taborri Bruhl. 5 yes/ 0 no

Adjourn: 9:40pm

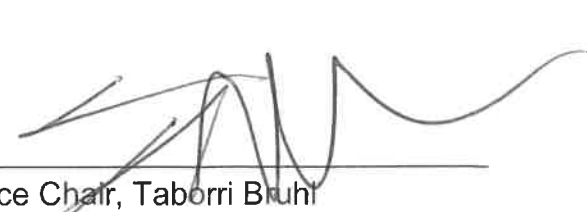
Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Hubbell

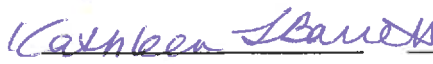
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Chair, John Roleau

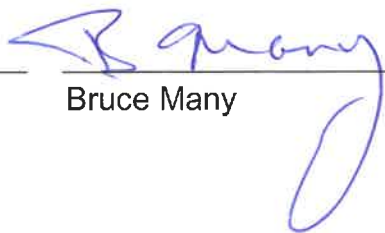


Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett

Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many

