

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**Town Offices**

Selectboard: Vice Chair, Bruce Many, Mike Audy, Kathy Barrett (via zoom at 7:20) and Marie Jewett

Selectboard Assistant: Pam Kingman

Absent: John Roleau

Visitors: None

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Point Person for GMP upgrade line**

**VISITORS BUSINESS:** None

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1. **Point Person for GMP upgrade line:** Marie Jewett made a motion to appoint Mike Audy as the point person for the GMP upgrade. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 3 yes / 0 no

**UPDATES ON:**

**1. Roads:**

- Filled several potholes: River Rd / Sawyer Rd / Pearson Rd and North St.
- Both the Western Star and 2014 International are in the shop. Hoping to have them back tomorrow before the storm hits.

**2. Town Buildings and Land:**

- **The geothermal system** in the town office / library needs repair. The system will be 15 years old in June 2024. It is the smaller unit that controls the library heating / cooling that needs a new coil and heat pump. The estimate from Chucks Heating and Air Conditioning is approximately \$16k, which does not include labor. An article has been added to the Town Meeting Warning asking the voters for approval to expend up to \$20k from the Reserve Facilities Fund to fix the unit. Chucks will come and add more refrigerant to the system; this will get us into the spring when it will be a good time to replace the unit.

- **Town Garage addition:** The Road crew has met with Avery Smith to get an estimate on an addition to the town garage. They are in the process of getting additional estimates.
- **Portable Generator:** The road crew met with members of the Fire Dept. prior to the last windstorm to run the generator and see how it gets hooked up to the buildings. Bruce Many said he would like to meet with an electrician to understand just how and why it is hooked up through the school to power the town hall. He also wants to know exactly what it powers in the town hall once it is hooked up. Pam Kingman will reach out to Victor Bolduc to see if he can meet with Bruce.

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Marie Jewett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 1/23/24, in the amount of \$22,518.44, seconded by Mike Audy. 4 yes / 0 no
2. Mike Audy made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/13/24, in the amount of \$6,086.42, seconded by Marie Jewett. 4 yes / 0 no
3. Marie Jewett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/20/24, in the amount of \$5,111.59, seconded by Mike Audy. 4 yes / 0 no
4. Marie Jewett made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the financials and bank statements for December 2023. Motion seconded by Mike Audy. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)
5. **General and Road Fund Budgets:** Marie Jewett made a motion to approve the General Fund and Road Fund budgets for 2024. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. 4 yes / 0 no Kathy Barrett mentioned this is an 8% tax increase to the town; and that the VELCO building needs to be added to the Grand List to help with the tax base.
6. **Town Meeting Warning:** Mike Audy made a motion to approve the Town Meeting Warning as written for 2024. Motion seconded by Marie Jewett. 4 yes / 0 no
7. **Certificate of Highway Miles:** Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the Certificate of Highway miles for 2024. Motion seconded by Marie Jewett. 4 yes / 0 no Discussion about the need to discontinue TH-19 off East Street; this was the "Y" part off East Street onto Route 17. Attorney Cindy Hill said she will assist the town with the process.
8. **Town Hall Applications:** 1) Marie Jewett made a motion to approve Phyllis Smith holding a birthday party in the cafeteria on Sunday, February 4, 2024, from 12:30 – 4:30. Fee and Deposit received. Estimated attendance is 45. Motion seconded by Mike Audy. 4 yes / 0 no 2) Bruce Many made a motion to approve Joye Garrow holding a benefit craft fair to raise money for a scholarship

foundation on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 8am – 4pm, using the cafeteria and gym. Fee waived. Motion seconded by Marie Jewett. 4 yes / 0 no

9. **Town Office / Library custodian:** Office staff looking for permission to hire someone to clean.

10. Marie Jewett made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/03/24, seconded by Bruce Many. 3 yes / 1 abstention (Barrett)

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

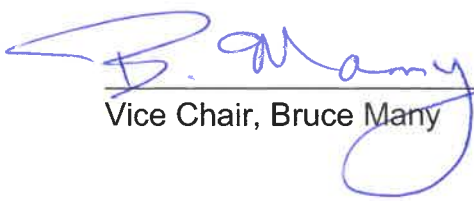
1. Set Selectboard Hearing date for proposed Zoning and Subdivision Regulations: Kathy Barrett made a motion to have the Selectboard hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Unified Bylaws on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 6:30pm in the Town Offices. Motion seconded by Mike Audy. 4 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 2-6-24

  
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Vice Chair, Bruce Many

  
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Mike Audy

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Kathy Barrett

  
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Marie Jewett

