Town of Hartford

February 4, 2021

7:00 PM Selectboard Meeting

**I           Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**Present:** Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan. Also present: Richard Dyer, Chad Casey, Tim Kirwan, Raymond Hunter, Lianne Bedard, and Lennie Eichman.

**II         Review meeting minutes from**:

Selectboard Meeting on January 21, 2021: Lee moved Lori 2nd, All in favor=3

**III        Review Warrants**:

A/P Warrants and payroll warrants: Lori moved, Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3.

**IV        Reports:**

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard Dyer reported that the school board held a budget committee meeting and #1: ED 279 increase in state funding, #2 mil rate decrease, #3 local spending plan will be presented at 2/22/21 meeting, #4 local taxes will go up or down dependent on the state allocation for essential programs and services.

2. Road Report:

3. CEO Report: Alan Fernald resigned as CEO. Need to advertise. Lee moved to advertise with a deadline of 2/22/21. Cathy 2nd. All in favor=3.

4. ACO Report: None at present

5. Planning Board Report: Lee attended. Met with a person who has property on Lake Anasagunticook and who plans to replace the septic in the spring. The kitchen at the town hall is too small for social distancing and need to take place in the large hall, not the kitchen.

6. Ordinance Committee:  Met Feb 2, 2021 Discussed committee ordinances and reducing to umbrella statements.

7. Fire Warden Report: None at present.

8. Treasurer Report: None at present

**V         Calendar Reminders:**

The town office will be closed for the school vacation week February 15 – February 18, 2021.

**VI        Unfinished Business:**

            1. Returned check policy/adopt policy. Lee moved, Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3.

**VII      Open Session:**

1. Lori Swan reported that the thermostat in the town hall kitchen had been turned off again and the maintenance person had to bleed the pipes. Discussed ways to take care of the issue.
2. Michelle Gray has resigned from her position. Need a cleaning person for the town hall and the town office. Will need to advertise or take suggestions.

**VIII     New Business:** 

            1. Planning Board Request for software: Need a way to file and consolidate records.

2. Schedule a town meeting for the road bond issue. Our bond counselor, Lee Bragg, has suggested having a brief town meeting ahead of the Selectboard meeting with one week’s notice. Will be schedule for 2/18/21 @ 6:30 PM. Article 1: to elect a moderator, and Article 2: To reauthorize the appropriation as suggested by the Bond Council.

**IX        Appointments/Resignation:**

1. Lee moved accepting the resignation of Alan Fernald as CEO. Lee moved, Cathy 2nd,
2. Lee moved accepting the resignation of Michelle Gray. Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3.
3. Lee moved appointing Robin Farrar to a one-year term. Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3
4. Lee moved appointing Robin Goulet to a term to expire 6/30/2. Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3

**X         Training:                                                                                                                   1.** Planning board training through MMA, two members, February 24, 2021.

Lee moved approval of funds for the training, $90 total.

**XI        Review Correspondence:**

1. None at this time.
2. Executive Session to discuss personnel matter, Pursuant to MRSA Title I 405 (6)

**XII      Adjourn:**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Executive session:** Lee called the board into executive session at 8:11 PM. Cathy moved to offer the job of treasurer, town clerk, and tax collector to Lianne Bedard. Lori 2nd, All in favor=3. Attempted ZOOM contact, but failing that, Cathy called her. She was offered the job which declined.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date