Town of Hartford

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

7:PM @Hartford Town Office

**7:00 PM: Selectboard Meeting:**

Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan

Others: Becky Downey, Doug Crist, Bim McNeil, Morrill Nason, Leslie Boness, Richard Dobson, Jenn Dobson, Mike McCaron, Arthur Harvey

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Reviewed meeting minutes from:**

1. Selectboard Meeting on May 2, 2019;

Lee moved to approve the minutes, Cathy 2nd; All approved

2. Special Selectboard Meeting, May 8, 2019, Warrant for Town Meeting; Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd; All approved

1. **Review Warrants:** 93, 94, 95 & 96; a question came up on warrant 95, Lee said she would look into it, Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd; All approved
2. **Reports:**
   1. RSU 10 Report – Lee went to the budget meeting at BJSHS on May 15th, there was low attendance at the meeting. RSU 10 Budget committee shared a power point presentation; the budget has gone up by 5.3%. A lot of the increase is for Regional trade school expenses. The budget validation meeting will be held at the Mountain Valley High School on May 22nd, at 6:30 PM, Lori will be there to represent the Town of Hartford.
   2. Road Report – The road crew has been working on grading roads, in between rainy periods. The task has proved to be difficult, as the roads are just too wet to work with, he will continue the battle. He has been working with Becky to get the bid for paving projects put together for this summer’s project. He has also been discussing the Town Line Road work with Joe Roach (Buckfield Town Manager), Bim plans to do some blasting before the paving starts. There will be a ride along with the Road Committee on May 19th at 1:PM, to show them what work has been done in Town. They will all meet at the Town Office.
   3. CEO Report – Shared 3 building applications.
   4. ACO Report – The Dobson dog court case has been dismissed.
   5. Planning Board Report – No Update
   6. Ordinance Committee report – No Update
   7. Fire Warden Report – No Update
   8. Treasurer’s Report – Shared end of month financial report, Selectboard signed adjustment for water filter to be charged to the Goodwill Account. Shared the audit report for their review.
3. **Unfinished Business:**

1. Erin Langlois/Pennington Property – Erin has paid all costs associated with assuming her fathers

property.

2. Review Ordinance’s for Warrant – Lee will work with Becky to complete for the Town Report.

The wording will need to be corrected for competing articles.

3. Newsletter Selectboard Report – Lee typed a letter, it was reviewed by all. Lee moved to approve

as written, Lori 2nd, All approve.

4. Town Report Dedication – Lee shared the dedication, and moved to approve as written, Cathy 2nd,

all approved.

5. Grant for culvert – Doug shared that there is a dam above the culvert on Pratt Hill Road, seems to

be a fair amount of water behind it. Leslie had shared pictures, and he looked at it using mapquest.

Morrill, Cathy and Doug will hike out to check the area in the next week.

6. Union Schoolhouse Exterior wall – Doug and Cathy shared specs for construction, Cathy and Lee

have contacted a few local contractors for quotes. Estimates will be due by June 6th.

7. Personnel Policy, Conflict of Interest Disclosure Policy – Lee shared example that is being used

by the City of Auburn. There is something in the Administrative Ordinance, but not in the personnel

policy. Lee would like more time to review and think about this. Tabled.

1. **Open Session:**

1. Mike McCaron has property off the RR Bed which is in multiple names, he did not know the taxes were past due because he wasn’t getting the bill. We would need to do some research on names on deed and will talk with assessor’s to determine ownership.

2. Lee has been talking with Joe Roach to determine if there are some services that could be shared between towns, such as CEO (ours is retiring December of this year).

3. The Selectboard discussed having a professional mediator for employee’s issues.

1. **New Business:**

1. Disposition of Swan Pond lots (Former Transfer Station) – Jenn Dobson is interested in the transfer station property. Lee’s understanding is that there are 2 lots, one that is where the station was, the other is approximately 68 acres and the board would have to do some research on values of property. This has been discussed over the years but no actions have been taken. The Selectboard will take this under advisement and do some research.

2. Medical Cannabis Establishments Regulations Ordinance – Lee had heard some information at an AVCOG meeting, asked Leslie if she remembered any details. Leslie shared that there were multiple thing being worked on in the Legislature and we should look into what they were doing, so not to re-invent the wheel. Arthur wasn’t sure there was any need for any ordinance. We should research what has been done in other towns are working, to see if we might adopt something similar.

3. Maintenance Position – We will contact the persons who have inquired about the job opening Lee will post job opening to the Town’s facebook page.

4. Appointment/Resignation – None

5. Training - None

1. **Review Correspondence:**

1. Selectboard reviewed all correspondence

1. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date