Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s meeting

January 8, 2015

 Minutes

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Margaret Poskus, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, CEO Bill Kennedy, Fire Warden Norman St. Pierre, residents Morrill Nason & Thomas Hamilton.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. Reports
3. Road report: The board agreed to send a note to the winter sand provider asking him to screen the sand since chunks are present. Lee reported that the road committee suggested that the road commissioner resume the initialing of all time sheets and invoices. Lee suggested developing a disbursement policy for the road accounts.
4. CEO report: the board reviewed approved permits.
5. ACO report
6. Planning Board report: none.
7. RSU 10 Director report: Open meeting to be held at Buckfield high school concerning changing the RSU 10 infrastructure Feb. 10th 6:30pm.
8. Unfinished business
9. RR bed tree cutting: Bill reported that Arthur Harvey requested Colin Clark of DEP inspect the tree trimming on the RR bed to see if the town was in violation. Bill, Arthur, Elizabeth Garcia O’Keefe and Jeremy Johnson were present during the inspection. According to Bill, DEP stated there was no issue with the tree trimming except two trees that set back slightly could have been left standing, the tree trimming was perfectly legal, and overhanging branches cause injury to snowmobilers and ATV riders. Norm stated that he agrees with the trimming since a few years ago the fire trucks were not able to get to a fire due to the width of the bed. Colin suggested ways to improve the bed with culverts, gravel, geo fabric and coarse stone layers to allow equalization of the marsh. Bill stated that the bed is an access for fishermen, hunters, and fire trucks. Lee agreed to allow the cut wood to go to the wood bank if it is still there when they go to pick it up.
10. Union school heating issue: The person who runs the clothing center installed a kerosene heater since the chimney did not pass inspection and electric heater is not sufficient. Norm stated that the kerosene heater cannot be used in a public building since it emits carbon monoxide, the building needs fire extinguishers, exit lights, signage, and detectors. Lee suggested that the clothing center remain closed until warmer weather or the heating issue is resolved. Lee will contact MMA Legal & Insurance divisions for advice. Thomas will relay this information to the person who runs the clothing center.
11. Salt shed camera: Cathy stated that we are currently testing a camera at the salt shed.
12. Road ordinance amendments/road committee: tabled.
13. Open session
14. Morrill stated that pylons are showing on the RR bed and the area is accessible via Bartlett Drive.
15. New business
16. Appointments- registrar of voters: Lee motioned to appoint Lianne Bedard as Registrar of Voters. Morrill Nason also asked to be nominated. Vote: Lianne 3/Morrill 0.

Lee motioned to appoint Diane Lyon Segee and Margo Dudley as Ballot Clerks. Margaret second. All in favor=3.

1. Budget meeting dates & town meeting/hearing/Municipal election dates: The board agreed to the following dates: Budget meetings March 31, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, Public hearing to review ordinances & warrant articles June 4th, municipal election June 9, Town meeting June 13. Nomination papers will be available on March 14th for the positions of Selectmen, Road Commissioner, & RSU 10 Director.
2. Bank reconciliations: the board reviewed the bank statements & reconciliation.
3. Lee motioned to approve the December 18, 2014 selectmen minutes. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
4. Lee motioned to approve warrants 51, 52, 53, 54, & 55. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
5. Review correspondence: the board reviewed.
6. Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Margaret Poskus Date