Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

February 15, 2024

7:00@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Victoria, Dana Dudley, Ken Violette, Lea Violette, Kathleen Theriault, Theresa Bennett, and Rusty Goulet. Absent: Selectman Cathy Lowe.

Present via Zoom: Planning Board member Lennie Eichman, residents Daniel Larochelle, David, and Robin.

I Susan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II Susan motioned to approve the minutes of February 1, 2024 Selectmen’s Meeting. Lee second. All in favor=2.

III. Susan motioned to approve Warrant 16 & Payroll Warrants January 31, 2024, February 7, 2024 & February 14, 2024. Lee second. All in favor=2.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: None.

2. Road Report: The Board reviewed complaints and correspondence. The Town will request to use the radar speed trailer from the State of Maine to be placed on Bear Pond Road before the intersection of Bear Pond Road and Main Street. A resident stated that a stop sign was placed at the end of Town Farm Road.

a. Samson complaint/statement: All complaints and requests for information have been forwarded to the attorney since both parties have acquired legal counsel.

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: The Board reviewed the recommendation of the CEO concerning the illegal subdivision issue on Stetson Road.

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: A Planning Board member shared that the Board is working on the LD2003 changes to ordinances and have identified all growth areas that will be affected.

7. Ordinance Committee: The Board reviewed the approved minutes of the November meeting. The committee did have a quorum at their February meeting.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report

a. Bank reconciliation January 2024: The Board reviewed the bank reconciliations. The Treasurer stated that a few of the 2021 liens have been paid out of the 11 foreclosure notices that were sent. The deadline to pay is March 16th.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: None.

11. Solid Waste Committee Report: None. It was stated that the last meeting was canceled.

V Calendar Reminders

 1. Town Office Closed February 19, 2024

 2. Career Center February 28, 2024 10:30-12

 3. Nomination Papers Available (Selectman & RSU 10 Director) March 2 2024

 4. Planning Board mtg. February 4, 2024 7pm

 5. Presidential Primary Election March 5, 2024 8-8

 6. Ordinance Committee mtg. March 6, 2024 7pm

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Winter Sand Bid opening: The Board opened the two sealed bids that were received.

 a. WA Lucas bid19.50 per yard

 b. Jean Castonguay Logging and Excavation bid $18.00 per yard.

Susan motioned that we decline these bids and wait and work with our third Selectman and work with the Road Commissioner to find out what we really need and see what we can do about a better pricing venue for our town. Lee second. All in favor=2.

2. Bulky Collection June 20, 2024 guidelines: The Board reviewed the revised flyer which contains changes from the prior meeting. A resident suggested changing the following: only occupied residential lots will be picked up, one truckload of bulky waste maximum, do not collect painted wood, no skidder tires, no tires over 20”, propane tanks with valves removed should be collected, one week before collection date should be the limit to place items at curbside, must rent dumpster for new construction debris. A resident suggested that we not allow picking of items at curbside. A Board member suggested removing the word animal from no animal carcasses.

Tabled.

3. Selectmen budget surveys: The Board will submit surveys to the town office before the next meeting. The Board was reminded that we should schedule a moderator for the town meeting.

VII Open Session:

1. A resident suggested that the town report be dedicated to all committee volunteers who have served during the year with a photo on the cover and a photo to be displayed at the town hall or town office.

VIII New Business:

1. New Position: Swim Instructor: The Board reviewed the job description and budget requests from the proposed instructors. It was mentioned that the Town of Hebron would pay fees if their residents could participate in swimming lessons. Two applications were filled out for the unadvertised positions.

Tabled.

2. Annual Audit/out to bid or not: The Town Clerk shared that the current auditors have had changes to their staff and the last audit took much longer than usual, communication was not the best, requests have been unanswered such as meeting with the Board, and the price has increased.

Susan motioned to put the June 30, 2024 Audit out to bid for a one year contract with bids due on April 18, 2024. Lee second. All in favor=2.

3. Pole Permit Ricker Hill Road: Lee motioned to approve the Howard Road Pole Permit. Susan second. All in favor=2.

IX Appointments/Resignations: Susan motioned to appoint Ken Violette as Ballot Clerk. Lee second. All in favor=2.

 Lee motioned to appoint Cindy Violette as an alternate Ordinance Committee member. Susan second. All in favor=2.

X Training: None.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Susan adjourned the meeting at 9:08pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date