Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

February 6, 2014

 Draft Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen John Plumley, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Planning Board members Arthur Harvey, Morrill Nason, residents, Arlene Nason, Cathy Lowe, and Isaac Haylock.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Reports
3. Road report: There have been many complaints of mailboxes hit by the snowplow on Main Street, Pratt Hill Road, and Church Street.
4. Winter salt price increases on exceeded purchase estimates: Selectmen and Road Commissioner are aware of the increase on orders over %125 of estimated needed.
5. CEO report: the board reviewed one tree cutting permits and two shoreland permits.
6. ACO report: the board reviewed one complaint.
7. Planning Board report: none.
8. RSU 10 Director report: none.
9. Unfinished business
10. Mowing contract bid process: the board agreed to put the mowing contract out to bid with the change that all debris must be removed from cemeteries by Memorial Day each year. Due date for bids will be March 20, 2014.
11. Snow removal contract bid process: the board agreed to put the snow removal contract out to bid with an optional two year extension included. Due date for bids will be March 20, 2014.
12. Town report printing estimates: tabled.
13. Town report format: Lee agreed to only include information from the completed fiscal year in the future town reports. John had no comment on the subject.
14. Town report cover: the board agreed to use artwork from a local artist for the cover of the report.
15. Open session
16. Lianne shared a proposed treasurer’s policy to the board. This policy would not allow any employee or official receive pay for time not served. The reason for the policy is an official who requested their entire salary on July 1, 2013 recently resigned, repaid a portion of the salary in the new year which alters the withholdings reported on the 2013 w-2 which has been submitted to IRS and the official.
17. Morrill will work on an article for town meeting authorizing the state forester to issue tree cutting permits in the shoreland zone.
18. New business
19. Speed Trailer Loan Program: Lee motioned to take advantage of the use of the radar speed trailer. John second. All in favor=2.
20. Ordinance Committee progress: Arthur reported that the committee is working on the road and building lot ordinances. It was suggested that the town issue building permits according to the condition of the roads in town. MMA legal stated that this would be discriminatory. Alan Ray has been elected chair with Lennie Eichman as secretary.
21. Newsletter/Selectmen’s letter: John motioned to accept the selectmen’s letter for the newsletter. Lee second. All in favor=2.
22. Resignations: Lee motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Zoe Cowett as Selectman. John second. All in favor=2. Lee motioned to accept the deemed resignation of Donald Partridge from the Planning Board. John second. All in favor=2.
23. Appointments: Lee motioned to appoint Robert L’Heureux as budget committee member with a term to expire in June of 2014.John second. All in favor=2.
24. Special Town Meeting Warrant: Lee motioned to hold a special election to elect one selectman on March 11, 2014. John second. All in favor=2.
25. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405 subsection 6(F) confidential records/abatement: Lee motioned to enter into executive session at 9:00pm. John second. All in favor=2. Lee motioned to exit executive session at 9:15pm. John second. All in favor=2. John motioned to grant poverty abatement in the amount of $400.00. Lee second. All in favor=2.
26. Training: no interest.
27. Bank reconciliation: the board reviewed the reconciliation.
28. Quarterly reports: the board received copies of the reports.
29. Lee motioned to approve the January 16, 2014 Selectmen minutes: John second. All in favor=2.
30. Lee motioned to approve warrants 55, 56, 57, 58, & 59. John second. All in favor=2.
31. The board reviewed correspondence
32. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Minutes approved by:

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John Plumley Date

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Lee Holman Date