Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

April 16, 2015

Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Margaret Poskus, Cathy Lowe, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Committee member Harley Swanson, Lou Dewilt, and residents Arthur Harvey, Richard Farrar, Richard Dyer, Thomas Hamilton, William Scott.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. Lee motioned to approve the April 2, 2015 Selectmen minutes. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
3. Lee motioned to approve Warrants 77, 78, & 79. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
4. Reports
5. Road report
6. Church Street drainage/William Scott: Bill stated that the road commissioner brought in 1.5 yards of gravel and ditched the area in front of Bills property. Bill created a drain on the Bryant Road side of Church St. Bill stated that the culvert is rotten and perhaps two new culverts are needed to correct the drainage issue permanently. Bill offered to pay for the new culvert on his side of the road. Cathy will get estimates from Johnson Excavation and another contractor. Margaret motioned to appoint Cathy to get estimates, get the best price and work with the road commissioner to hire a contractor to get work done. Lee second. All in favor=3.
7. Lee received a call from Dana Hood on damage of a driveway by the snow plow at 1551 Bear Pond Road. Lee stated that DOT considers this a municipal issue. Cathy will send pics to MMA Legal and ask them who is responsible for the repair.
8. The board reviewed one road complaint of a tree in the ditch of Thompson Lane which should be removed.
9. The board will meet on April 28, 2015 to discuss the road standards ordinance.
10. CEO report: the board reviewed one permit for a barn.
11. ACO report: none.
12. Planning Board report: none.
13. Unfinished business
14. Winter Sand bid opening: the board opened three bids for winter sand: #1. ACV Enterprises $7.95 per ton. #2. Lucas Enterprise $9.50 per ton. #3. Maynard Farrar $6.75 per ton. Margaret motioned to accept the bid from Maynard Farrar at $6.75 per ton. Lee second. All in favor=2. Cathy abstained from this vote.
15. Salt Shed surveillance: Lee would like to have an eight camera system with internet. David Bowen offered to help with the installation. Tabled.
16. Certification of Building Lots Standards Ordinance for town vote: tabled.
17. Fire permit information: Lee announced that according to state law the Fire Warden must be elected. We have been appointing to fill this position since we can remember.
18. Town report cover, dedication, report: Tabled.
19. Open session
20. Thomas asked once again to be allowed to recover the cut wood from the railroad track to distribute to those in need. There will be no wood bank next winter but wood will be delivered to those who qualify for help.
21. Richard reported that he will be working on finishing the painting of the union school this season. Window panes were repaired last fall.
22. The board discussed appointing an adhoc finance committee.
23. New business
24. Annual Audit year ending 6/30/14: the board would like to have the auditor visit at a regularly scheduled board meeting to discuss the audit.
25. National register application process: the board discussed appointing an adhoc committee to gather the required information for the application.
26. Revaluation estimate: the board would like to wait a year or two before beginning a revaluation as suggested by O’Donnell Associates. The estimate is $97,600.00. We currently have $94,000 in a reserve for the revaluation project.
27. Lee motioned to enter into Executive session at 9:15pm pursuant to 1 MRSA, section 405, subsection 6(E)-poverty abatement. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to exit executive session at 9:40pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to grant an abatement of $500.00 and another abatement of $602.41 for 2012 real estate taxes. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

1. Bank reconciliation: selectmen reviewed.
2. Review correspondence: the board reviewed correspondence.
3. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Margaret Poskus Date

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Cathy Lowe Date