Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

April 17, 2014

Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen John Plumley, Lee Holman, Margaret Poskus, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, Planning Board members Arthur Harvey, Morrill Nason, residents Beverly Murphy, Warren Shaw, and Amy Shaw.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Reports
3. Road report: Jeremy reported on minor washouts in town from the heavy rains and will inspect the area on Pratt Hill Road that needs patching. Grading will begin once the frost is out of the roads.

 Jeremy did not agree to the purchase of gravel testing equipment in the amount of $ 2,000.00 from the equipment reserve fund and will continue to look for used equipment at a low cost or that may be donated to the town. If the town challenged the quality of gravel from a contractor, the contractor may demand that the gravel be tested by a licensed engineer rather than volunteers from the town.

1. CEO report: none.
2. ACO report: the board reviewed the report of the ACO.
3. Planning Board report: Arthur presented suggestions to amend the shoreland zoning ordinance to require timber harvesting applicants to provide a plan signed by a Maine licensed professional forester and require a post-harvest inspection by the Oxford County Conservation District at the expense of the applicant. A public hearing will be held May 5, 2014 7pm @ the town hall on the amendment.
4. RSU 10 Director’s report: two informational meetings concerning the school budget scheduled: May 20 6:30pm@Dixfield H.S. and May 21 6:30@ Buckfield H.S. The validation vote will be held May 29 6:30@ Dixfield H.S.
5. Unfinished business
6. EM Director job description: Tabled.
7. Open session
8. The ordinance committee presented draft building lot and road standard ordinance amendments to the board. Tabled.
9. Jeremy suggested selling the tractor, sickle bar, and mower separately by sealed bid. An article will be placed on the annual town meeting warrant for consideration by the voters.
10. Morrill clarified that the cemetery committee request for 2014/2015 is zero since money in reserve is available.
11. New business
12. Amy & Warren Shaw: The Shaws requested permission to construct a double wide home on their lot to be used for meetings, workshops, etc. The building will share the septic system which is currently used for their home until a separate system can be installed. The lot does have the required acreage and road frontage for two dwellings. They were instructed to submit a building lot application.
13. Federal Surplus Property application: the board signed the application for authority to purchase surplus property.
14. Training: tabled.
15. Bank reconciliation: the board reviewed the reconciliation for the month of March.
16. Quarterly reports: the board received reports for the first quarter of 2014.
17. Lee motioned to approve the April 3, 2014 Selectmen minutes. Jack second. All in favor=3.
18. Lee motioned to approve warrants 77, 78, & 79. Jack second. All in favor=3.
19. Meeting was adjourned at 9:19pm

Minutes approved by:

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John Plumley Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Margaret Poskus Date