Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

June 5, 2014

Draft Minutes

Public Hearing 6pm @ town hall

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Present: Selectmen John Plumley, Lee Holman, Margaret Poskus, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, CEO William Kennedy, Budget Committee members Barry Langer, Dan Maddox, and Leslie Boness, reporter Mary Standard, and residents Alan McNeil, Arthur Harvey, Thomas Hamilton, Megel McKellar, Wendy McKellar, and Deb Paradie.

1. Lee called the hearing to order at 6pm
2. Lee moderated the meeting and read through each town meeting warrant article.
3. There was discussion on the summer roads budget requests. It was mentioned that paving used to be voted on separately and there was discussion on whether it would be better to borrow money for large road projects rather than save up over a number of years since residents may not see the money that they have paid in taxes spent on roads. They may move or pass away before their money is used.
4. Lee called the meeting to order at 7pm
5. Reports
6. Road report: the board reviewed two road complaints. John will call the road commissioner about the condition of Darrington Road near Goding Road. The road is narrow at the culvert area and could be dangerous.
7. CEO report: the board reviewed two permits. Bill stated that erosion is to be repaired at the Stancil property before the septic system installer is paid his final invoice. This project was funded mostly by a grant that Bill helped apply for.
8. ACO report: none.
9. Planning Board report: Arthur asked who is responsible for taking minutes at a planning board hearing. Lee answered that the planning board is responsible for recording minutes.
10. RSU#10 Director report: Lee attended the validation meeting in Dixfield where she was the only Hartford resident present besides Lianne acting as registrar. All articles were passed as written.
11. Unfinished business
12. Trash Issues/Lee: Lee suggested adopting a policy concerning who may use the dumpster on Labrador Pond Road. She will contact Archie’s about perhaps swapping the dumpster for a larger one or installing a lock on it.
13. Open session
14. Megel and Wendy McKellar would like to sell their land on Brook Drive but depended on access via the rail road track to Town Farm Road since the bridge on Brook Drive is too narrow for trucks, mobile homes, etc. The town allowed a house and septic to be placed on the rail road bed, near wetlands, and now they only have 10’ of right of way to use by the new house. Bill stated that DEP inspected the lot and approved the septic plan since it was located far enough away from any wetlands. It was suggested that the McKellar’s ask for permission to use an old road through Tardiff’s property if necessary.
15. New business
16. Building permit complaint, Paul Bernier: not present.
17. Canton Lake water levels, Paul Bernier: not present.
18. Over expenditures 2013/14: the budget committee and board of selectmen agreed to spend from the contingency account to cover over expenditures in the general assistance account and the Turner Fire coverage account.
19. DOT salt bid process: DOT is offering the town to join their bid process for salt. The board agreed to stay with AVCOG.
20. Unexpended balances: Lianne stated that the school on Church St., Town Office, Garage and Salt Shed all had money in the maintenance accounts. The board agreed that the salt shed door should be greased and light bulbs changed. Tom Hamilton will find out if the school needs repairs.
21. Abatements: tabled.
22. Lee motioned to approve the May 15, 2014 Selectmen minutes. John second. All in favor=3.
23. Lee motioned to approve the May 22, 2014 special selectmen meeting minutes. John second. All in favor=3.
24. Lee motioned to approve warrants 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, & 93.
25. The board reviewed correspondence
26. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Next agenda/June 19, 2014: Appointments

Minutes approved by:

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John Plumley Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Margaret Poskus Date