Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

January 20, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Lori Swan and Cathy Lowe, and Town Clerk Lianne Bedard.

Present via Zoom: Selectman Lee Holman, residents Tim Kirwan, Lennie Eichman, and Richard Dyer.

I Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

II Lee motioned to approve the January 6, 2022 Selectmen minutes. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to approve the January 18, 2022 Selectmen workshop minutes. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

III Lee motioned to approve A/P Warrant 18 and Payroll Warrants dated January 12, 2022 & January 19, 2022. Lori second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports:

1. RSU 10 Report: It was stated that Chad Culleton is willing to remain as Director (he previously stated to someone that he would only hold the position for one year).

A resident reported the following items were discussed at the last meeting: new building with a room for Pre K, New principal at the BHS since George Reuter is retiring, and COVID discussions.

2. Road Report:

a. Winter Road Closure List (10 year): tabled.

b. Hoellerman Road sign removal: It has been requested that the sign on Gurney Hill Road, placed by a resident, be removed since it is not a private road. The Board recommended sending a letter to the homeowner instructing them to remove the sign since was not authorized to be placed there. If the sign is not removed the Town will take action.

3. CEO Report: None.

4. ACO Report: None.

5. Planning Board Report:

6. Ordinance Committee: It was shared that the committee met on the 18th to finish the Beach Ordinance and will be working on the Administrative Ordinance. Next meeting will be held in person and via Zoom on 2/15/2022 at 6pm. Lianne suggested that all proposed ordinances be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by May 1st for certification in order to be included on the town meeting warrant for approval.

7. Fire Warden Report:  The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Fire Warden (attached).

8. Treasurer Report:

a. Bank reconciliations December: The Board reviewed the reconciliation which is currently off by .90. Lianne will continue to work on finding the .90.

b. Account payable difference write offs/per Auditor: The auditor suggested writing off the account differences instead of spending the time to research each day’s work since 2016.

Cathy motioned to write off the account payable differences from 2016 to March 7, 2021 for Motor Vehicle (33.79), Inland Fisheries (48.00), Vital Statistics (12.00), and State and Federal Taxes (615.30). Lori second. All in favor=3.

V Calendar Reminders: Sumner Public Works workshop on January 25, 2022 6pm via Zoom.

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Spirit of America nomination: Lee motioned to nominate the Hartford Food Bank for the Spirit of American Award 2022. Lori second. All in favor=3.

2. GOPIF Grant: Deadlines are March and September. One Board member attended the AVCOG workshop for more information on the grant. The Board discussed applying for the grant to fund heat pumps, charging stations, solar power, lighting and weatherization. Tabled.

VII Open Session:

1. It was shared that the Hartford News was collated and mailed today.

2. The town hall furnace needs to be replaced. The fire box is not good and it keeps shutting off. The Board will research options including heat pumps. The town has $3,000.00 in the contingency account. Tabled.

VIII New Business:

1. Crossroads Youth Center/COVID testing clinics: No interest. East Sumner Church is holding a clinic on January 24th.

2. Wages Sheet/updated due to minimum wage increase: Lee motioned to accept the new wages as presented. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3. Connect Maine broadband grants: The Grant application has been signed and submitted. It was suggested the Board create a broadband committee. Cathy suggested Theresa Bennett for the committee. Lee did not agree to include Theresa. Lee suggested James Havlin, Keith Larochelle, and Zachary Eller.

4. Public Hearing date for town meeting articles/ordinances: Lee motioned to hold a hearing for proposed ordinances on June 1, 2022 at 7pm. Lori second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to hold a hearing to review warrant articles and hold a candidate’s night on June 2, 2022 6pm. Lori second. All in favor=3.

5. AVCOG Hazardous Waste Collection 2022: Lee motioned to use the same method we have used in the past years. Depot collection only in Lewiston. Lori second. All in favor=3.

IX Appointments/Resignation: Lee motioned to appoint Donald Perrone to the Planning Board with a term to expire in June of 2024. Lori second. All in favor=3.

X Training:

1. Town Meeting & Local Election Webinar: Lee motioned to approve $60.00 for Lianne to attend the town meeting and election webinar on Feb. 16 & 17. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

2. Planning Boards & Appeals Webinar: Lee motioned to allow three members of the Planning Board or Appeals Board attend the Planning Day training on Feb. 10th. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

XI The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Lee motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date

Town of Hartford

Fire Warden’s Report

January 19, 2022

I had one case of burning without a permit on Bear Pond Road. I ended up issuing a permit to the resident.

Submitted by,

Clarence Hill

Fire Warden