Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

November 16, 2023

7:00@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Cemetery Committee member Ken Violette, residents Steven Elsman, Rebecca Elsman, Kathleen Landry, Jason Landry, Judy Hamilton, and Androscoggin Watershed Riverbed Council representative Jeff Stern.

Present via Zoom: Residents Nanci Weed and Lennie Eichman.

I Susan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II Susan motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA§1 Chapter 13 section 405 (6) (f) tax abatement at 7:02pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Susan motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:30pm

Susan motioned to abate taxes on account #579 in the amount of $3,000.00. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

III Susan motioned to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023 Selectmen’s Meeting. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IV. Susan motioned to approve Warrant 10 & Payroll Warrants November 8, 2023 and November 15, 2023. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

V Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: A Board member attended the last School Board meeting.

2. Road Report

a. Jeff Stern: Grants: On behalf of the Androscoggin Watershed River bed Council, Jeff Stern, who has previously helped the town and the Lake Anasagunticook Association receive grants to prevent further erosion, would like to continue to apply for grants for projects on the Goding and Davenport Roads and other areas. The future grants may require a cost sharing amount payable by the town. Jeff will submit a request for an estimate of the cost sharing for the 2023/24 budget to be voted on at town meeting. Budget request deadline is December 31 of each year. Grants for erosion control help to prevent algae in the lake which would lead to poor water quality and lower property values. Jeff will work with the Road Commissioner on the proposed road projects. It was stated that the lake association is changing and growing, the new president is Michael McCluskey, there is erosion in the area of the old boat launch on Main Street (Jeff did work with DOT for a grant to resolve this issue), and there is a ditch washed out near the Maple Grove cemetery causing erosion to Thompson Brook (Jeff will inspect the area).

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: None. A Board member reported an old mobile home being placed on Town Farm Road without a permit and the CEO has been informed.

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: None. A Board member reported that the Rocky Mountain Subdivision was approved and the Ordinance Committee is reviewing the subdivision ordinance.

7. Ordinance Committee: It was reported that the committee is reviewing the subdivision ordinance and will discuss proposed amendments at the next meeting.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report

a. Bank reconciliations October 2023: The Board reviewed the reconciliations. The Treasurer shared that the Town received a portion of the deductable which was withheld from the town office damage insurance claim. The town ended up paying $250.00 of the damage repair.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: A committee member stated that the committee met on the 11th and elected officers. The next meeting will be held January 21, 2024. It was requested that the Board of Selectmen send a letter to the BHS Principal to request community service student volunteers to help with Hartford cemeteries. Susan will compose the letter. The committee discussed policy and plot measuring.

11. Solid Waste Committee Report: None.

VI Calendar Reminders

1. Rabies Clinic 11/18/23 9-11

2. Town Office Closed 11/23/23 Holiday

3. Solid Waste Committee meeting 11/29/23 6:30pm

4. December 1, 2023 Taxes Due

VII Unfinished Business:

VIII Open Session:

1. The Board approved a CMP pole permit for Darrington Road.

2. A resident asked if any funds had been received from FEMA yet and answer was no.

IX New Business:

1. New road name-Maple Way: Susan motioned to accept the private road name of Maple Way on Map R10 Lot 27.1. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

2. Town Hall use-celebration of life/Hinckley 12/9/23: Susan motioned to allow the use of the town hall on December 9, 2023 for a celebration of life with no fees or insurance requirements. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3. Tax Abatement Map R09 Lot 16-1: Tabled.

X Appointments/Resignations: Cathy motioned to appoint Lennie Eichman as Planning Board member with a term to expire in June of 2027. Lee second. All in favor=2. Abstained=1.

XI Training: None.

XII Review Correspondence: None.

XIII Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date