Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

November 17, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Lee Holman, Susan Goulet, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Loando Brann, Ken Violette, Claire and Renee from CEBE. Absent: Cathy Lowe.

Present via Zoom: Residents Richard Dyer, Tim Kirwan, Lennie Eichman, Natasha Cote, Dan Larochelle, and Nanci Weed.

Lee decided to act as chair for the meeting.

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

II Lee motioned to approve minutes of the November 3, 2022 Selectmen’s meeting. Susan second. All in favor=2.

III. Lee motioned to approve Warrant 10 and Payroll Warrants of November 9, 2022 and November 16, 2022. Susan second. All in favor=2.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard shared that the Referendum vote for a new school passed overall but it did not pass in Hartford, Buckfield or Sumner. Voters should be more informed and not many voters attended the public hearing in Buckfield. Richard also stated that Republicans tend not to approve educational issues but Democrats do.

2. Road Report: The Board reviewed the road report (attached). It was stated that Perry Road is very nice to travel since it has been paved. Lianne shared the final Road Bond excel worksheet and stated that she has submitted the Project Completion form to the Maine Bond Bank.

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: None.

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: None.

7. Ordinance Committee: The meeting scheduled for November 16, 2022 was canceled due to the weather.

8. Fire Warden Report: It was reported that Baxter is doing well.

9. Treasurer Report: The Board reviewed the updated expense report and bank reconciliations. A new receipt printer was purchased for the town office since the old one quit.

V Calendar Reminders

 a. Taxes: First half due December 1, 2022

VI Unfinished Business:

1. CEBE Grant/Claire: Claire and Renee shared a document with the Board explaining what is required for the program. The Board must meet with Claire to complete the self-assessment which will take less than an hour. The final copy will be submitted to the State of Maine. After the self-assessment is completed the Board must hold two public workshops at least two weeks apart, preferably one in December and one in January. The Board will decide on dates through the town office. A point of contact person will be selected at the next Board meeting. Lee and Susan both offered to be the contact person. Claire stated that a town may apply for grants up to $50,000.00 individually or two towns could collaborate and apply for up to $125,000.00.

2. Junkyard License update/Harlow: Mr. Harlow has not finished moving equipment as of this date. Tabled.

3. Land Donation update /Pratt Hill Road/Colis Blood: It was reported that the heirs of Colis Blood have decided to sell the property to an abutter instead of donating it to the Town.

 4. Beach Policy: Tabled.

VII Open Session:

1. It was requested to include the Solid Waste Committee on the next Board agenda for clarification of private dumps which is on the list from the Board. Lianne asked to see the list from the Board and asked when the Board created the list. No list was produced and no answer was given.

VIII New Business:

1. General Assistance Ordinance revisions hearing date: The Board agreed to hold a public hearing on December 1, 2022 at 6:30pm.

 2. Audit YE June 30, 2022 final copy: The Board received a copy of the audit.

IX Appointments/Resignation: Lee motioned to appoint Cynthia Violette as Cemetery Committee member with a term to expire in June of 2025. Susan second. All in favor=2.

X Training: Susan attended the elected official’s webinar. Lianne mentioned that a Planning Board member asked to attend a Freedom of Access Workshop at a cost of $35.00. Lianne returned his email stating that she was not sure the Board would approve the expense since the training was actually for the Public Access Officer to learn how to fulfill Freedom of Access requests etc. and emailed him the link to the informational packet that some officials are required to review. Susan was adamant that the Planning Board member receive permission to attend the training. Tabled.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Meeting was adjourned 8:45pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

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Road Report

November 17, 2022

Some work has been completed on Mahoney Road.

Paving was done on Perry Road and the top of Pratt Hill Road which completed our paving for the year.

Green Acres Road has been paved with money from fund balance that was approved at the recent special town meeting.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner