Town of Hartford

Selectboard Meeting

Approved Minutes

November 4, 2021

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Bim McNeil, Road Committee member Harley Swanson, and resident Lennie Eichman.

I Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

II Lee motioned to approve meeting minutes from: October 21, 2021. Lori second. All in favor=3.

III Lee motioned to approve A/P Warrants 11, 12, & 13 and Payroll Warrants dated October 27, 2021 & November 3, 2021. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports:

1. RSU 10 Report:

2. Road Report: The board reviewed the report submitted by Bim McNeil (Attached). Bim stated that NE Paving plans to return to Hartford on Friday or Monday, depending on the weather, to finish Camp Road and perhaps place overlay on Cary Hill Road and Camp Road. It was suggested that officials get together for a tour of all work that has been completed this year. Bim plans to finish small projects such as grading, etc. after paving is finished. Bim plans to attend the next Road Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 @ 6:30pm.

a. Road Correspondence/State of Maine: The town received a copy of a notice of violation letter addressed to the owners of 1341 Main Street concerning items placed in the right of way. A Board member stated that the owner is currently working to move all items to the area behind the CMP poles.

b. Laptop/Road Committee: The Board explained that money was not in the current year budget to purchase a new laptop and that the current laptop, which is available to committee members, is sufficient to operate the RSMA system. A Road Committee member shared that the RSMS information would be available to all who are interested and the Road Commissioner should be in control of the program. The program would include an inventory of roads and would keep track of what work has been done and present conditions of roads. The Road Committee member stated that the program would benefit taxpayers to ensure that money is not spent on roads that don’t need work and will benefit the Road Commissioner. The computer will be ready for the Road Committee to use at their meeting next week. A Board member stated that the town owns the software. It was stated that only road information going forward will be entered into the program unless someone has the time to go back and enter previous year’s information.

c. Lianne reported that the town has received the Road Bond funds in the amount of $1.4 million and Androscoggin Bank has been paid in full for the amount borrowed and interest up to November 4, 2021.

3. CEO Report: none.

4. ACO Report: none.

5. Planning Board Report: AVCOG Planning Day will be held on November 9, 2021 9-4 via Zoom. Lianne will notify the Planning Board. It was reported that the Planning Board did not meet on Nov. 1st due to lack of a quorum and members are needed to serve.

6. Ordinance Committee: Next meeting will be held November 17, 2021 6pm @ Hartford Town Hall.

7. Fire Warden Report:  One fire permit has been issued during the past month.

8. Treasurer Report: The Board received an updated expense report. The 2020-2021 Audit will continue on December 7, 2021.

V Calendar Reminders:

1. Rabies Clinic November 6, 2021 9-11@Hartford Town Hall.

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Lee motioned to approve the amended Town Hall Rental Agreement. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

VII Open Session: none.

VIII New Business:

1. Tax Abatements: Lee motioned to approve the tax abatement to Jeremy Arsenault, R09 Lot 20, in the amount of $409.50 for the 2021-2022 tax year. Lori second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to grant the tax abatement to Dana Dudley, R07 lot 48-1, in the amount of $487.50 for the 2021-2022 tax year. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

2. Tax Supplements: Lee motioned to approve the supplement tax commitment to Jeffrey Johnson, R09 lot 21, for the 2021-2022 tax year. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3. A Broadband meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall on October 27, 2021. Representatives were present from Hartford, Hebron, and Sumner. The meeting was also held via Zoom. David from GWI was present as well as Mia Purcell. David stated that the first step in working to get broadband for the town is to have residents take the internet speed test several times a day. It was stated that GWI monthly charges are less than Firstlight, it cost Firstlight $100,000.00/per section of road to install fiber optic cable, there are grants available, Firstlight is working to install the cables on Rte. 140 and will then move to Bear Pond Road, and they are working as fast as they can.

4. Lee motioned to approve the Canton Hi-Riders trail agreement. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IX Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Debra Milazzo-Shannon from the Appeals Board with regret. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Marguerite Dudley as a member of the Board of Appeals to fill the position of Debra Milazzo-Shannon with a term to expire in June of 2025. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Cathy motioned to appoint Kathleen Holmes as an alternate member of the Ordinance Committee with a term to expire in June of 2022. Lee second. All in favor=3.

X Training:

1. GA Winter Issues training: no interest.

XI Review Correspondence: none.

XII Lee motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date

**Town of Hartford**

**Road Report**

**November 4, 2021**

**Week ending Oct 23 and Oct. 30, 2021**

**The dirt sections of Cary Hill Road where repairs were completed have been paved**

**We have hauled shim material and paved the Howard Road.**

**We hauled in Shim material and paved Sam Annis Road and Spring Road.**

**Camp Road will be completed Monday with shim and paving.**

**We have to finish driveway repairs on Camp Road and we are working on shoulders and edges of roads up to pavement on all newly paved roads.**

**The road crew is trying to find a few days to install street signs. There will be more time when paving is done.**

**We have a few small road projects that will be finished when paving is done.**

**Jeff Sterns has received the final documents including invoices for the Darrington Road project.**

**Submitted by,**

**Bim McNeil,**

**Road Commissioner**