Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

December 7, 2023

7:00@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Road Commissioner Bim McNeil, Constable Steven Elsman, Cemetery Committee member Ken Violette, residents Jeffrey Beaulieu, Jason Landry, and Rebecca Elsman.

Present via Zoom: Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Daniel Riley, Lennie Eichman, Chad Casey, Polly Chasse, and Julia Samson.

I Susan called the meeting to order at 7:00

II. Susan motioned to enter into Executive session Pursuant to MRSA§1 Chapter 13 section 405 (6) (e) Attorney consultation at 7:04pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

 Susan motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:30pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to agree to have an independent engineer prepare a study on the situation. Susan second. All in favor=3.

III. Lee motioned to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 Selectmen’s Meeting. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IV. Lee motioned to approve Warrant 11 & Payroll Warrants November 22, 2023, November 29, 2023, & December 6, 2023. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

V Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: None.

2. Road Report: None.

a. Darrington Road winter maintenance/Riley: Letters from the Riley’s requesting that the opening to winter maintenance of Darrington Road be on the town meeting warrant in 2024 for reasons of no accessibility to emergency vehicles or CMP or residents who live on the road. MMA Legal Services stated that the Town does not have to wait a full year from the June 2023 town meeting to vote on the subject again. We only have to wait a full year from the final determination which was voted on in 2022. The Road Commissioner stated that CMP poles should be moved back away from the road and gravel be added before the Town agrees to plow the road. The Board signed a pole permit at the last meeting. The costs should be discussed during the budget meetings. The loggers on Darrington Road have completed their work and when the Town corrects the culvert situation an invoice will be sent to Brown logging company.

b. A Board member received a complaint about the speeding on Berry Road. Speeding vehicles may be a hazard for pedestrians and a disabled resident. The Board must adopt a road ordinance before speed limits may be posted. A Board member stated that currently the State has 25 mph limits on gravel roads and 45 mph on paved roads. A pedestrian sign may help the situation and perhaps the sheriff’s office could monitor the traffic on that road.

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the CEO (attached).

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: The Board reviewed the November meeting minutes.

7. Ordinance Committee: None.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report: The Board received the most current expense report.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: The Board recommended that the committee spend funds from the reserve account before requesting funds from town meeting.

11. Solid Waste Committee Report: The Committee met on December 6th but there was not a quorum.

VI Calendar Reminders

 1. Ordinance Committee Mtg. December 20, 2023 7pm

 2. Budget Requests due December 31, 2023

VII Unfinished Business:

1. Beach Policy 2024: The Board discussed gatherings such as birthday parties at the beach. A resident suggested purchasing guest passes for gatherings such as this. The Board agreed to continue with the current policy through 2024.

2. Solar Panel installation update: Heat Pumps have been installed in the town office and town hall. It has been determined that the town hall kitchen heat pump will not heat the bathroom and the basement and the installer strongly suggests using electric heaters in these areas. The solar panel installers would like to install 23 panels instead of 17 due to the amount of money left over from the heat pump installation.

VIII Open Session:

1. It was suggested that a barrier be placed beside the heat pump equipment at the town office and in front of the town office to prevent damage to each.

2. Storm windows are not closed on the town hall.

3. An invoice was received for one hour of plowing of Gurney Hill Road from Rick Gammon. The plow contract includes a schedule of which roads are to be plowed first, second, and third. It is illegal to for private residents to plow public roads. The Clerk will draft a letter of response explaining the plow policy.

IX New Business:

1. Snowmobile Club Trail Use Permit: The Board approved the Canton Hi Riders two year agreement to use town owned land for snowmobile access.

2. Town Hall use permit/proposed amendment: Proposed amendments include the exclusion of key retrieval/return and heat pump instructions. Tabled until January.

3. Gather Guard event insurance proposal: The Gatherguard insurance proposal was reviewed which would cover private events at a cost of $75.00 per event at the town hall. Clarification of sufficient insurance coverage from renters was shared with the Board. Tabled until January.

X Appointments/Resignations: None.

XI Training: A member of the Planning Board is requesting approval for training when available.

XII Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XIII Susan adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

Report from the Code Enforcement Officer

Date: November 30st 2023

Year to Date Report:

Year to Date Building Permits Issued: 26 - last yr. 30

Year to Date Plumbing Permits Issued: 12 - last yr. 21

 Complaints:

C07 Pending, Illegal greywater discharge, Main St

C10 Pending, House Trailer on Town Farm Road

C11 Closed, Final Report filed 12/4/23

SLZ Inspections:

None

Other:

 None

Respectfully Submitted

G. Scott Mills

CEO/LPI Hartford, Me

Town of Hartford, Maine Permit Log 2023

12/23/2023

Date Permit Number Last Name First Name Location Purpose

1/12/2023 2023-B-01 Marsters Paula U04-020, 254 Camp Ext Road Tree Cutting

1/21/2023 2023-B-02 Harvey-Garcia Emily U09-26.2, U09-6, 120 Pratt Hill Rd Cabin

1/21/2023 2023-B-03 Pinoski Jacob U7-20.3, 302 Berry Rd Addition

2/20/2023 2023-B-04 Pennini Dorean R5-12, 1734 Bear Pond Road Pool

3/9/2023 2023-B-05 Myers Matt & Heidi R7-40, 57 Bartlet Cabin replacement

3/28/2023 2023-B-06 AiruccelloAnthony U13-12.3, 96 Beachway Addition

4/15/2023 2023-B-07 Dyer Ellery U9-31, 143 Pratt Hill Tree Cutting

4/22/2023 2023-B-08 Walker Carla U6-19, 84 Blueberry Tree Cutting

5/18/2023 2023-B-09 Grant Garrick U13-7, 87 Beachway Tree Cutting

6/5/2023 2023-B-10 Brown Robert U3-26, 55 Pinehaven Tree Cutting

6/6/2023 2023-B-11 Diblasio Diane R12-15, 21 Green Acres Garage

6/24/2023 2023-B-12 Cassidy Peter R12-030.1, 283 Darrington Road Deck Extension

7/1/2023 2023-B-13 Marstaller Jerry R01-13, Perry Road & 219 New Cabin

8/31/2023 2023-B-14 Marjory Kraske R14-009, 184 Green Acres Tree Cutting

8/31/2023 2023-B-15 Brooks Jessica R12-40.4, 249 Stetson Dr New Foundation

8/31/2023 2023-B-16 Brown Robert U13-026, 55 Pinehaven Addition

9/1/2023 2023-B-17 Clavet Alfred U6-16, 56 Blueberry Shed

9/2/2023 2023-B-18 Tororella Frank R13-2, 328 Darrington Camp

9/14/2023 2023-B-19 Taylor John U04-11, 11 Cedar Dr Tree Cutting

9/28/2023 2023-B-20 MunsellAlexanderU07-020,001, 316 Berry Rd Remodel basement

10/6/2023 2023-B-21 Clement Juian U06-22, 107 Blueberry Garage

10/6/2023 2023-B-22 La Finca del Abrazo, LLcR02-21, 109 Howard Single Family

10/30/2023 2023-B-23 Skiekman Robert R01-24, Thurlow Dr Seasonal Cabin (Dry)

11/7/2023 2023-B-24 Kell Tina U05-11, 26 Garden Dr Tree Cutting

11/30/2023 2023-B-25 Ryan Thomas U14-12, 130 Lakeview Dr Tree Cutting

11/30/2023 2023-B-26 Mitchell Kent U08-02.5, 41 Jones Dr Tree Cutting

Plumbing Permits Issued

Date Permit Number Last Name First Name Location Purpose

2/3/2023 2023-P-01 Salisbury Debbie R12-38.9, 9 Adam Lane Internal Plumbing

4/17/2023 2023-P-02 Hyland Interior Design R4-15, 233 Gurney Hill Rd New Septic

4/27/2023 2023-P-03 Goodwin Ira U10-10, Bear Pond Rd Internal Plumbing

7/20/2023 2023-P-04 Fina Del Abrazo 109 Howard Rd New Septic

9/20/2023 2023-P-05 Boness Daryl 41 Green Acres Internal Plumbing

9/28/2023 2023-P-06 Munsell Alexander 316 Berry Rd Interal Plumbing

9/28/2023 2023-P-07 Darling Mike Mt View New Septic

10/3/2023 2023-P-08 Boyd Chris 30 Old Rt 140 New Septic

10/17/2023 2023-P-09 Hurou Jonathan 233 Gurney Hill Internal Plumbing

10/21/2023 2023-P-10 Aleo Bruce 221 Labrador Pond New Septic

11/20/2023 2023-P-11 Boyd Chris 30 Old Rt 140 Internal Plumbing

11/29/2023 2023-P-12 Pratt Brad 196 Darrington Rd New Septic