Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

March 2, 2023

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Canceled-Public Hearing – Winter Road Closure Amendment/Darrington Road

6:30pm

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, and resident Ken Violette.

Present via Zoom: Selectmen Susan Goulet and Lee Holman, resident Lennie Eichman.

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

II Lee motioned to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 Selectmen’s Meeting. Susan second. All in favor=3.

III. Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 17 and Payroll Warrants of February 22, 2023 and March 1, 2023. Susan second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: None.

2. Road Report: None.

3. Constable Report: The Constable contacted the town office and stated that there is no new business to report.

4. CEO Report: None.

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: None.

7. Ordinance Committee: None.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report: The Board received an up to date expense report.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: A Board member reported on proposed legislation regarding biodegradable pods and funeral fires.

V Calendar Reminders

a. Nomination Papers Available March 6, 2023-1 selectman/1 road commissioner

b. Public Lunch March 16, 2023 11-2

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Legal Counsel-Letters for Junkyard Law violations: Susan motioned to have the town attorney draft letters to be mailed to two property owners who are in violation of the Junkyard Law. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

2. Affordable Housing Law: Lianne attended the virtual hearing on the law which is slated to be in effect on July 1, 2023 and provided notes from the hearing. There were many concerns shared from town officials. The Deadline to submit comments is March 13, 2023.

VII Open Session:

a. Lianne shared that two residents are interested in starting a library or other community service in the old school house on Church Street. It was suggested that we could ask for input from residents on ideas for use.

b. A resident asked whether or not a beach pass fee of $15.00 is required for a second vehicle with the same ownership. It was determined that the fee is required for second vehicles. A Board member suggested charging $5.00 for the second pass. Tabled until the next agenda.

VIII New Business:

1. Budget Review on next agenda or workshop: Lianne suggested that the Board meet before the scheduled Budget Meetings in order to determine the 2023-24 budget recommended by the Board since they were not allowed to do so during last year’s Budget Meetings.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Selectmen’s Meeting to work on the 2023-24 budget on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5pm.

2. Winter Road Closure Amendment/Order of Municipal Officers: Tabled.

3. Secret Ballot Election/ Municipal Officer’s Order: Cathy motioned to accept the Municipal Officers order to hold a secret ballot election for one Selectmen and one Road Commissioner on June 13, 2023. Susan second. All in favor=3.

4. Tax Abatement R7 Lot 48.1: Lee motioned to approve the tax abatement forR07 Lot 48.01. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

5. Recycling Report 2022: The Board reviewed the report.

6. CMP Pole Permit/Stetson & Darrington Rd intersection: Lee motioned to approve the CMP pole permit to place poles on Darrington Road. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IX Appointments/Resignation: None.

X Training: None.

XI Review Correspondence: Will review in person at the next scheduled meeting.

XII Cathy adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date