Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

August 18, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Susan Goulet, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Jeff Beaulieu and Ken Violette.

Present via Zoom: Residents Richard, Dyer, Lennie Eichman, Nancy Weed, and Jeff ?

I Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

II Susan motioned to accept the minutes of July 23, 2022 RR Bed Workshop and August 4, 2022 Selectmen’s meeting. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

 Discussion: Susan is to contact Beaver Retriever volunteers and ask them to contact Lee to set up a time to meet.

III. Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 4 and Payroll Warrants of August 8, 2022 and August 17, 2022. Susan second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: It was reported that the most recent School Board meeting was short and the School Board entered into executive session perhaps to discuss replacing three principals. It was also reported that Alison Long won a seat on the School Board for the Town of Buckfield and Joel Chapman won a seat on the School Board for the town of Sumner.

2. Road Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Road Commissioner (attached). Lianne will respond to a complaint received concerning the condition of Town Farm Road.

Cathy spoke with Ferg Lea, Alex, Jeff Sterns and the Pratt Hill Road Culvert project may have to be put off for another year due to the fact we cannot get information from the engineers HEBE. Alex suggested contracting with an engineer in Fairfield. John McClain stated that the grant could be used for the engineering cost at a different percentage. More information would be provided during the question/answer period.

3. CEO Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the CEO (attached) and Health Officer (confidential).

4. ACO Report: None.

5. Planning Board Report: None.

6. Ordinance Committee: It was reported that the committee met last Tuesday and elected officers.

7. Fire Warden Report:  It was reported that Baxter has issued at least one permit and is away at this time but he has notified the Canton Fire Department of his absence.

Susan reported that she has contact the Turner Town Manager to discuss changes of the Turner Fire Department and found that the Fire Chief resigned and the Director of the Turner Rescue Service will now also oversee the Turner Fire Department. Some of the fire vehicles have been returned to the North Turner Station, two per diem employees have been hired to fill gaps during the day, and coverage is just as good as or better than before.

8. Treasurer Report: Lianne shared up to date expense reports and stated that 119 thirty day tax lien letters were mailed on August 10, 2022.

V Calendar Reminders

 1. Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 due to the Holiday

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Tax Foreclosures: Lianne reported that due to the fact that all of the certified letters to Manley Dakin were returned and marked unable to forward, she did not send the last-chance letter to Dakin. Lianne did send, as required, two 30 day lien notices for different properties to Dakin and received the return receipts back signed. It was suggested that the Board hold off on selling the Dakin lot so that he may be notified since he is now accepting mail at his address. The Board agreed to table this item until September 1, 2022 so that a certified letter could be sent to Dakin notifying him of the foreclosure and giving him the option to contact the town by September 1, 2022 if he is interested in purchasing the property from the Town.

2. Town Hall Rental Agreement Amendment: The Board signed the amended policy with changes approved at the prior meeting.

3. CEBE Grant agreement: The Board signed a letter addressed to the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy with the Town agreeing to accept them as a service provider to help Hartford apply for the Maine Community Resilience Partnership Program.

VII Open Session:

1. Lee asked for support to be present at the Oxford County Caucus to be held on August 31, 2022 since she is willing to serve on the Oxford County Budget Committee again. Cathy will attend for support. Sue may also attend.

2. Cathy suggested adding a Constable report to each agenda and requiring the Constable to report at least monthly during the summer months. It was reported that a lot of people are giving their parking permits to friends. Susan suggested making a flyer to warn residents that in 2023 there will be new rules and to let residents know they must have a pass and that the beach is monitored.

3. Lianne shared that her and Lorraine plan to search for Revolutionary graves out behind the Swan Pond Cemetery. Ken Violette volunteered to go also. Ken will be accompanying Judy Hamilton and Jane Adams to the Gurney Hill Road Cemetery just in case the person who stops vehicles, questions drivers, and takes photos of license plates and occupants is in the area when they go. Judy and Jane have been working on a database of all cemeteries in Hartford and have shared a copy of the information with the Town Office. All information is available on the Town website. Lee will contact the person who has stopped cars on the Gurney Hill Road which is a public road. It was noted that the Hoellerman’s have not removed the Hoellerman road sign on the section of Gurney Hill Road near the cemetery as they were directed to do by the Board of Selectmen.

VIII New Business:

1. Worker’s Compensation hearing 10/04/22 9am: Lianne shared a summary of the telephone conversation with the MMA attorney and witnesses.

IX Appointments/Resignation: Susan motioned to appoint Rusty Goulet as Cemetery Committee member with a term to expire June 30, 2024. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Raymond Hunter as Cemetery Committee member with a term to expire June 30, 2025. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Cathy motioned to appoint Lorraine Parsons as Cemetery Committee member with a term to expire June 30, 2026. Lee second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Ken Violette as Cemetery Committee member with a term to expire June 30, 2027. Susan second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Raymond Hunter as Solid Waste Committee member with a term to expire June 30, 2027. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Stephanie Frobese as Solid Waste Committee member with a term to expire June 30, 2026. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Lennie Eichman as Solid Waste Committee member with a term to expire June 30, 2025. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

X Training: Lee motioned to approve the funds for Susan to attend the Elected Officials training in Orono. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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

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Work on the RR Bed from Main Street to the bridge has been completed. Material was added to the Bed, Warren Hood donated his time to mow the sides of the Bed and the Recreation Committee paid for the repairs.

Shoulder work and the shimmying of driveway entrances on Stetson Road and Farrand Hill Road have been completed. We are moving to Cary Hill Road tomorrow to do the same.

We met with Jeff Stearns yesterday to go over the plan for the Goding/Darrington Road culvert project and we will begin work on Monday. Once this project is completed we will move to Pratt Hill Road to complete road repairs.

In three weeks we will be meeting with Mr. Abbott to dig test holes for the Pratt Hill Road Culvert Project.

Anyone who has concerns about the condition of the Town Farm Road should be informed that we plan to budget for repairs in the next fiscal year 2023-2024.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Report from the Code Enforcement Officer

Date: August 18th, 2022

Year to Date Report:

Year to Date Building Permits Issued: 18 - last yr. 27

Year to Date Plumbing Permits Issued: 15 - last yr. 23

 Complaints:

1) Town Farm Road - Received a complaint from two different residents regarding 2 trailers, mobile home, and vehicles were parked within the road right of way causing a potential hazard. I sent a notice to the property owner to remove the vehicles.

UPDATE: Owner acknowledged the notice and stated he would take care of the situation within 30 days as required.

2) Town Farm Road – Second complainant reported an additional incident at another location where multiple vehicles, farm, and logging equipment were being stored. She reported this in the past and was told there was no violation. I sent notice to the property owner to apply for a junkyard permit. If they fail to apply for a permit, the Selectboard will need to determine if they want to pursue legal action.

UPDATE: August 17th - A valid Junkyard permit was presented by the operator of the yard. No further action will be taken at this time as the permit is up for renewal October 1st 2022.

2) Bear Pond Road – Report from Turner Rescue of an elderly man living alone in unhealthy conditions. Health Officer was informed as well and will perform an inspection of the residence. Complaint was deferred to the Health Officer for follow up.

Inspections:

Rt 219, Goodwin Driveway – July 12th I inspected Ira Goodwin’s driveway to his new project on Little Bear Pond. I noticed a location where the apron was improperly sloped to the unscarified, undisturbed forest floor. I advised Mr. Goodwin and he stated that Main Land was there the day before and also advised him of the same issue and that he is having the contractor address it. I also reminded Mr. Goodwin of the need to place a berm of erosion control mulch between the site of the new building and the pond before excavation on the foundation. He stated he would.

UPDATE: August 18th all issues have been addressed.

Other:

 None

Respectfully Submitted

G. Scott Mills

CEO/LPI Hartford, Me