Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

February 16, 2023

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Susan Goulet arrived at 7:50pm due to car problems, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Ken Violette, and Theresa Bennett.

Present via Zoom: Attorney Kevin Crosman, residents Leslie Boness, Sarah Nickels, Dan Larochelle, Natasha Cote, Lennie Eichman, Marla Winship, and Mary Cousins.

I Cathy called the meeting to order at 7pm.

II Cathy motioned to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 CEBE Public Hearing and the February 2, 2023 Selectmen’s Meeting. Lee second. All in favor=2.

III. Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 16 and Payroll Warrants of February 8, 2023 and February 15, 2023. Lee second. All in favor=2.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: It was reported that school will begin after Labor Day and the bedbug situation at the Hartford/Sumner Elementary School has been resolved.

2. Road Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Road Commissioner (attached).

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: None.

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting.

7. Ordinance Committee: It was reported that the committee will contact CMP and DEP about the no spray ordinance. The messy yard ordinance was tabled and it was suggested that the town enforce the junkyard law instead. The committee suggested petitions for new ordinances. A resident commented that if the committee is assigned work by the Board of Selectmen they should do the work and not table it. The committee proposes setting guidelines for bulky waste. 10 days before the date of the bulky pickup up residents would be allowed to place items out by the road and any items not picked up must be removed within 7 days from the bulky pickup date. Lianne suggested composing a letter to Archie’s listing what is acceptable for them to pick up.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report

 a. Bank Reconciliations January 2023: The Board reviewed the bank reconciliations.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: Ken shared a photo of the stone received from the Veterans Administration. Two later requests for stones were rejected due to lack of evidence that they served in the military. Ken is researching in different areas to find the information. Nancy Sullivan offered to donate $30.00 to cover the cost of research through an agency.

V Calendar Reminders

 a. Town Office Closed Monday, February 20, 2023-Holiday

 b. Public Hearing March 2, 2023 6:30pm/Winter Road Closing Amendment

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Lee motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA 405 (6) (E) Bankruptcy/Foreclosure attorney consultation. Cathy second. All in favor=2.

Lee motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:45pm. Cathy second. All in favor=2.

Lee motioned to authorize the town’s attorney to move forward with the Blanchard Bankruptcy situation as advised by the attorney. Cathy second. All in favor=2.

2. AED Defibrillator Battery Replacement: It was suggested that we replace the battery rather than purchase an updated version of the AED device since the cost of a new device is approx. $5,000.00. Sue motioned to purchase the battery for the AED device at a cost not to exceed $200.00. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3. Town Report Cover/Dedication: Lee motioned to allow Lennie Eichman to go ahead and take picture of the Hartford Newsletter group for the cover of the 2023 town report. Sue second. All in favor=3. Lee will work on the dedication to the Newsletter group.

4. Spirit of America Award 2023: Sue motioned to nominate Lorraine Parsons as the winner of the 2023 Hartford Spirit of America award. Lee second. All in favor=3.

5. Junkyard update/Harlow: The deadline to comply with the conditions of permit approval letter was February 14, 2023. It was reported that all equipment was moved to the recycling areas by the deadline. Cathy motioned to issue the permit to Rodney and Tim Harlow on February 23, 2023 at 11am during a Special Board meeting at the town office. Lee second. All in favor=3.

VII Open Session:

1. Ken thanked Susan for the well written Cemetery Committee article for the Hartford Newsletter.

VIII New Business:

1. Affordable Housing Law: A webinar Hearing will be held on March 1, 2023 on the subject. Lianne has registered and suggested others register also. Tabled.

IX Appointments/Resignation: Cathy motioned to appoint Anthony Pirrucello as an Alternate Appeals Board member for a term to expire in June of 2023. Lee second. All in favor=3.

X Training: Lee motioned to approve $65.00 for Lianne to attend the Mental Health First Aid Training on April 6, 2023. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

Town of Hartford

Road Report

February 16, 2023

Hartford roads have been posted due to the warm weather.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner