Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

November 3, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Susan Goulet, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Steve Elsman, residents Rebecca Elsman, Theresa Bennett, Rodney Harlow, Waylon Harlow, Tim Harlow, and Ken Violette.

Present via Zoom: CEO Scott Mills, residents Thomas Hamilton, Bonny Bishop, Richard Dyer, Dan Larochelle, Tim Kirwan, Ipad, Lennie Eichman, Sarah, Marla Winship, Mary Cousins, and Natasha Cote.

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

II Cathy motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(e) legal consultation Foreclosure/Bankruptcy. Lee second. All in favor=3.

Cathy motioned to exit executive session at 7:15pm. Lee second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to go with the CT. attorney, object to the Chapter 13 filing, and to file a motion from relief from the state. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

III. Cathy motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(a) personnel matter at 7:16pm. Lee second. All in favor=3.

Cathy motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:50pm. Sue second. All in favor=3. No action taken.

IV. Sue motioned to approve the minutes of October 20, 2022 Selectmen’s meeting and October 25, 2022 Public Hearing/Automobile Recycling License renewal. Lee second. All in favor=3.

V. Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 9 and Payroll Warrants of October 26, 2022 and November 2, 2022. Lee second. All in favor=3.

VI. Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard reported that many programs were discussed at the last Board meeting. He believes the next scheduled meeting will be held on November 14th.

2. Road Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Road Commissioner (attached) and a complaint concerning the condition of Davenport Road. Winter Road Salt ordering delays were discussed. Lianne recently signed up to order salt online and hopes this will be more efficient.

a. Pratt Hill Road Culvert Project: It has been approved to extend the Pratt Hill Road grant until next summer. Our current Engineer has not responded to questions and we may want to hire a different Engineer. It was stated that more grants may be available in the future.

3. Constable Report: One call was received concerning gun shots and the caller was directed to contact the police department.

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

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: None.

7. Ordinance Committee: None.

8. Fire Warden Report: It was reported that Baxter Tardif is available at the time being and Tucker will assist if needed.

9. Treasurer Report: The Board reviewed the expense report which includes the current budget.

VII. Calendar Reminders

a. Planning Board meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022 7pm

b, Waste Committee meeting November 14, 2022 6pm @ town hall & Zoom.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

1. Automobile Recycling License renewal/Harlow: Discussion included: law requires a log of vehicles coming and leaving the property, Fire Marshall should inspect if flammable materials are being stored, only two cars brought to property in the last month, diesel is expensive right now to move cars and metal is not paying much, operational vehicles are allowed to be parked near wells as long as they do not appear to be junk (smashed windshields etc.), need of car dealership license may be needed from State of Maine, taxes are paid up to date, Town cannot regulate hours of operation due to lack of an ordinance, State has a noise law, Michelle McEvilly is the owner on the deed and her name has been added to the application as property owner, the CEO will create a log for the applicant which will be filled out and submitted to the Town Office each month, fuel from vehicles goes to Ricker’s, anti-freeze is used to run older equipment, batteries go to recyclers, Town has been lenient, and neighbors have complained. Cathy motioned to approve the Automobile Recycling Permit for a term of five years contingent that the four pieces of equipment are moved to the recycling area by this Saturday and a log kept from now on. Sue second. All in favor=3.

2. Beach Policy 2023: Tabled. It was suggested to have Lennie Eichman volunteer as a beach monitor. Tabled.

IX. Open Session:

1. RR Bed condition. It was suggested to block large trucks from using the RR Bed during wet weather. Cathy and Bim will inspect the RR Bed.

2. The new caseworker for the Worker’s Compensation Case has motioned to cancel the upcoming hearing and the entire case.

X. New Business:

1. Town Hall Soup and Sandwich Events 2023 on 2nd Thursdays: Cathy motioned to allow soup and sandwich events at the town hall. Sue second. All in favor=3.

2. Laura Fogg Irish Donation: Lee motioned to approve $300.00 from the Laura Fogg Irish Trust to a resident who recently had a stroke. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3.Quit Claim Deed Jablecki: Cathy motioned to approve a quit claim deed to release liens from the 1950’s 60’s and 70’s to Kaylene Jablecki. Lee second. All in favor=3.

4. Land donation/Pratt Hill Road: The personal representative of Colis Blood has offered to donate the .96 acre property to the Town. Cathy motioned to place an article on the June 2023 town meeting warrant. Lee second. All in favor=3.

XI . Appointments/Resignation: Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Raymond Hunter from the Cemetery Committee and the Waste Committee. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Steve Nelson to the Solid Waste Committee with a term to expire in June of 2027. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

XII. Training: No interest.

XIII. Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed.

XIV. Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

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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Pratt Hill Road repair including ditching, rock removal, mulching, and seeding is done for the season.

NE Paving will pave the top section of Pratt Hill Road next week and we will fill potholes on the lower section with tar patch.

Perry Road has been graded. Fine grading will begin tomorrow. Paving will begin on Pratt Hill Road, Perry Road and Green Acres Road next week.

Bear Mountain Road and Mahoney Road have been graded and ditches have been cleared this week.

Other minor road repair including a small amount of work on Darrington Road will be completed soon.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner