Town of Hartford

December 17, 2020

7:00 PM Selectboard Meeting

**I Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:04PM

**Present: Cathy Lowe and Lee Homan.  Lori Swan joined the meeting at 7:08.**

Also present: Tim Kirwan, Tom Hamilton, Jen Bonaventura, Raymond Hunter, Richard Dyer, Lennie Eichman, and Arthur Harvey. Polly Chasse joined the meeting briefly.

**II         Review meeting minutes from**:

Selectboard Meeting on December 3, 2020 Lee moved, Cathy 2nd, All in favor=2.

**III        Review Warrants**:

A/P Warrant #15: Lee moved, Cathy 2nd, All in favor=2 A/P Warrant 16 Lee moved, Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3, Payroll warrants: Lee moved, Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3.

**IV        Reports:**

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard Dyer reported that he had spoken with a member of the school board and that they had not begun work on the 2021-2022 budget due to COVID issues, cases in the district.

2. Road Report: Cathy Lowe reported that there was a complaint from John Curtis regarding Green Acres Road not being on the list of roads to be addressed.

3. CEO Report: None at present

4. ACO Report: None at present

5. Planning Board Report: The Planning Board did not meet due to the power outage. Members are needed for the board. Tom Hamilton brought up an issue that he had wanted to present to the Planning Board and was invited to summarize it for the Selectboard. The Planning Board is seeking members at this time.

6. Ordinance Committee Report: The committee met 12/15/20 and minutes were taken. Various committee ordinances were discussed.

7. Fire Warden Report: None at present

8. Treasurer Report: None at present

**V         Calendar Reminders:**

1. The town office will be closed Christmas Eve and for a half day New Year’s Eve.

**VI        Unfinished Business:**

1. Paul Bernier bus turn-around – Cathy: The Selectboard finished the school bus turn-around agreement letter. Lee suggested one adjustment and Lee moved to approve as amended. Cathy 2nd, All in favor=3.

2. Committee members are needed for future town office planning committee: There are no new members at present. Lennie Eichman will post the need on Facebook.

3. Town Clerk/Administrative position/interview committee: The Selectboard have Christine Mumau so far and have approached Cheryl Dubois. The deadline for resumes is December 28, 2020. The committee will likely meet in early January 2021.

4. Road Bond: Maine Bond Bank/Application process/calendar – choose Bond Counsel. Lee suggested Bernstein Shur as they have two counselors available and offered good service in the past. There is no sense of the cost until a firm has been contacted. Lee moved contacting Bond Counsel, Lori 2nd, All in favor=3.

5. Returned check policy: A policy decision was deferred to the January 7, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.

**VII      Open Session:**

1. Polly Chasse raised the issue that the food trailer outside the town office was in the way of the plow crew. Cathy to address it with the plow crew. The trailer has been wrapped for the winter.
2. Tim Kirwan reported on Lake Anasagunticook Association progress: Social activities were curtailed, but LAA did other work. People reported more and larger fish. The lake is stable and not exhibiting any major new concerns. Dissolved oxygen stable. Have a grant to work on the lake watershed with Jeff Stern. LAA is tracking ice in and ice out. One concern of the Association is the lack of updating of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. There are plans to collaborate more with the Bear Pond Improvement Association.
3. Cathy informed Lori and Lee that the fire and rescue contract with the town of Turner needed to be signed. Scheduled for Monday.

**VIII     New Business:** 

1. Generator fuel planning: The generator ran out of fuel after 35 hours of power outage. We have a 50-gallon tank and need a bigger one. The current provider will not deliver one until spring. . We are currently paying $3.95 per gallon. Issue was tabled for more information. Need to shop around for prices and service. Selectboard members to contact providers.

2. Use of town hall by boards and committees: Question whether town boards and committees should be meeting at the town hall given that outside groups are not allowed. Discussion of Food Bank happening in the kitchen of the town hall and whether that could continue and how. Lori to contact the Maine Municipal Association for advice.

**IX        Appointments/Resignation:**

Richard Dyer resigned from the Ordinance Committee and the committee is waiting for his resignation letter.

**X         Training: None at present**

**XI        Review Correspondence: None at present.**

**XII      Adjourn:**

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date