Town of Hartford

February 18, 2021

7:00 PM Selectboard Meeting

**I           Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present were: Selectboard - Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan**.** Also present**:** Arthur Harvey, Richard Dyer**,** Tim Kirwan, Lianne Bedard, Catherine Blake, Chad Casey, Jen Bonaventura, Raymond Hunter, and Lennie Eichman

**II         Review meeting minutes from**:

Selectboard Meeting on February 4, 2021. Lee moved acceptance, Cathy 2nd, All in Favor =3

**III. Review Warrants**

A/P Warrants #21 and payroll warrants Lee moved approval, Cathy 2nd, All in favor=2.

**IV Reports**

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard reported that the next meeting is on 2/22/21 and would touch on the budget. Could be viewed 1-2 days later on Facebook/RSU 10 .

2. Road Report: No report at present

3. CEO Report: Ad placed. Resumes due by March 3, 21.

4. ACO Report: None at present

5. Planning Board Report: Planning Board met 2/01/21 with two cases before them. There was a request for minutes to be posted on the Hartford website.

6. Ordinance Committee:  Scheduled 2/23/21 @ 7 PM

7. Fire Warden Report: None at present

8. Treasurer Report: None at present

**V         Calendar Reminders:**

Town office reopens Monday 2/22/21 for regular hours.

**VI        Unfinished Business:**

1. Road Bond: Lee Bragg from Bernstein Shur joined the meeting by telephone to explain the rationale for applying for the fall issue from the Bond Bank and obtaining a short-term commercial loan in the interim to save on interest. (Copy of his email available by request)

2. Reschedule a town meeting to reauthorize the Road Bond. Two articles will be needed: #1 to elect a moderator and #2, the Road Bond Article (Article available by request). Lee moved holding the town meeting March 18, 2021just prior to the Selectboard Meeting in order to authorize the Road Bond.

3. Town Office Staffing Dilemma: Lee reported on having spoken with a Marc Roy of Berry, Talbot, and Roger, a financial firm. He said that it would be at a cost of $45-55,000. Lee shared that Isaac had put the town on notice that he would be leaving in weeks rather than months. Selectboard will meet for a workshop session. Discussion of Town Clerk position and salary. Selectboard to hold a workshop 2/25/21 @ 10 AM.

**VII      Open Session:**

1. Lee reported that Jeremy Johnson has been building duck boxes designed to attract Wood Ducks and would like to put them around water bodies in town, such as by the Irish Bog and possibly by Bunganock Stream (near Lennie’s property).

**VIII     New Business:** 

1. Planning Board Request for software: Needed for keeping records as need easier access to them. The Selectboard will check into software used by other towns. Cathy to contact Sumner and West Paris. Lee to contact Fayette and Turner. Lori to contact Canton and Livermore.

2. Budget Committee Planning:  Will send email to nudge the committee and to determine best meeting dates/times.

**IX        Appointments/Resignation:**

            None at present

**X    Training:**Need to sign new Planning Board members up for the MMA training.

**XI        Review Correspondence:**

Letter from Flanders Electric that generator battery due for replacement. Lee moved $100 for new generator battery, Lori 2nd, All in favor=3.

**XII      Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date