##### **Town of Hartford**

## **Special Town Meeting**

## **October 22, 2022 9am**

**Hartford Town Hall**

**Minutes**

Forty residents present.

Lianne Bedard opened the meeting and read the greetings and article one.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of Hartford, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Hartford Town Hall on the 22th day of October, 2022 at 9:00am to act on Articles 1 through 3.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said Meeting. David Bowen nominated Scott Cole as moderator. Marguerite Dudley second.

**Vote by written ballot: Scott Cole=3 votes.**

Scott Cole took the oath of office.

Scott resided over the remainder of the meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to $55,000.00 from Fund Balance for the paving of Green Acres Road from the intersection of Main Street to the intersection of Goding Road.

Explanation: To take advantage of the lower contract price of paving and save the town money in the future. It would be feasible to pave the portion of road described above at the lower cost while they are in the area.

Discussion: residents asked the balance of the fund balance-June 30, 2022 it was one million dollars but the voters approved to spend approx. $100,000.00 to reduce taxes, cover overages, and supplement reserves at the June 2022 town meeting. The balance of the checking account is currently approx. $800,000.00, the amount of back taxes owed was not available but it was stated that the town officers are working hard to collect tax lien balances.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $10,000.00 from Fund Balance for The Bear Pond Improvement Association.

Explanation: A request was received from the Bear Pond Improvement Association to ask the Town for funding along with the Town of Turner for repair the deteriorated concrete of the Bear Pond Dam. Repair is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023 depending on funding available.

Discussion: residents asked for the total cost of the dam repair-$60,000.00 for stainless steel and new frame, grants are not available to private dams, fundraisers are ongoing and there was a $15,000.00 private donation, Turner has been requested to donate $10,000.00, and the amount in the articles was determined by the moderator not allowed to be amended.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15am**

**Minutes prepared by Lianne Bedard, Town Clerk**

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