Town of Hartford

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2019

7:PM @Hartford Town Office

**7:00 PM: Selectboard Meeting:**

Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan

Others: Becky Downey, Doug Crist, Arthur Harvey

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Reviewed meeting minutes from:**

1. January 3, 2019; Lee moved to approve, Lori 2nd; All approved

1. Review Warrants 58, 59, 60 & 61; Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd; All approved
2. **Reports:**
   1. RSU 10 Report – Chad Culleton shared his report: At the meeting on the 14th a new middle school math teacher for, also approved is a new PE Teacher for HSES. The wifi will be upgraded for the HSES as well. The policy committee is working on the wellness policy, in regards to giving students enough time to sit and have lunch, at this time it is estimated that they are only getting 10 minutes for seat time. The principles are getting together to discuss the use of recess time being taken away for punishment, which in turn is taking away important physical activity for the student(s). They are working on a different plan for punishment. The fundraising for the playground is ongoing, they have received donations from Norway Savings Bank and Walmart. There are also teacher contract negotiations coming up soon.
   2. Road Report – No Update
   3. CEO Report – 1 Tree cutting permit shared with the Selectboard
   4. ACO Report – Shared report of dog picked up, that had been registered to Hartford. There were questions in regards to the specific dog, and some research will need to be done to confirm who belongs to this dog, as it appeared to have been just wandering in the Buckfield area when picked up.
   5. Planning Board Report – No Updates
   6. Ordinance Committee report – Arthur shared that the meetings will be moved to Sundays until April, to accommodate member schedules. Lennie will be speaking with MMA in regards to roads\drives and how to prevent a driveway becoming a town maintained road and whether the town has “authority” to have wording added to the deeds, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for protection.
   7. Fire Warden Report – No Update
   8. Treasurer’s Report – Shared December balance sheet, signed by Selectboard. Requested that the February 12th Selectboard Budget workshop time be changed to 9:AM, All approved.
   9. Legislative Policy Committee – Arthur’s term has expired, and is hoping that if there is still a seat available, that there might be someone else willing to step in.
3. **Unfinished Business:**

1. Water Test Results/Treatment options – Shared both quotes, the board still has a few questions. We will ask Rocky, of L&L Well Drilling, to attend the next meeting for more clarification.

2. MDOT State Route ice issues – The state spent a day cleaning the ice on Route 219 in front of Kozy Kennels, which is trouble spot. There is also an area near Ricker Hill Road that constantly creates an ice hazard, that needs to be corrected, the Town has had to spend a lot of time re-sanding and maintaining for the MDOT. We will need to draft a letter to confirm what the expectations are to fix this spring. Cathy had spoken with the State engineer about both issues, and will follow up.

3. Culvert Grant Update – Lori indicated that this task was passed on to the road committee, she will attend the next Road Committee meeting to follow up on the progress.

1. **Open Session:**

1. We have had a request from Pat Dunham to use the ballfield for soccer camp this summer. It was suggested that he contact Brian Hooper, who runs the summer softball in regards to sharing the expense of the porta-potty. Lee moved to allow Pat to hold soccer camp at the ballfield, Cathy 2nd, all in favor. It is also implied that the softball and soccer camps will have their own insurance.

2. County accountability, it has been questioned as whether the new Treasurer had been given all of the correct information from the previous Treasurer. Lee will draft a letter of concern and request a copy of the 2017 audit.

1. **New Business:**

1. Hartford News – Selectboard letter for the newsletter- Lee moved to approved, Cathy 2nd, all approved.

2. Appointment/Resignation – None

3. Training - None

1. **Review Correspondence:**

1. Selectboard reviewed all correspondence

1. **Adjourn:** Lee motioned to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Cathy 2nd, all approved.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date