Town of Hartford

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

7:PM @Hartford Town Office

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

Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe

Others: Becky Downey, Doug Crist, Bim McNeil, Morrill Nason, Polly Chasse, Tim Kirwan, Arthur Harvey, Rene Igo, Joe Roach (Buckfield Town Mgr), Chip Richardson (Buckfield Rescue), Lisa Bennett (Turner Rescue)

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Reviewed meeting minutes from:**

1. March 7, 2019; Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd; All approved

1. Review Warrants 77, 78, 79, & 80; Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd; All approved
2. **Reports:**
   1. RSU 10 Report – No Update
   2. Road Report – No Update, Lee shared that potholes are being filled in around town.
   3. CEO Report – No Update
   4. ACO Report – No Update
   5. Planning Board Report – No Updates
   6. Ordinance Committee report – Arthur shared a discussion he had with the town manager of Fayette in regards to the New Town Road ordinance. He also spoke with Pete Coughlin of MDOT Local Roads Center, who has indicated that the Fayette ordinance is meaningless. Roberta Manter will speak at the Town Hall prior to the Ordinance committee meeting.
   7. Fire Warden Report – No Update
   8. Treasurer’s Report – Shared Analysis and Balance Sheet, also shared the draft warrant for Town Report for the Selectboard to review.
3. **Unfinished Business:**

1. Culvert Grant Update – Lori was not at meeting, no update

2. Union Schoolhouse Exterior Wall – Lee would like to advertise to local contractors

to fix the exterior wall where the addition was removed.

3. Grant for new Town Office – Lori – Lori was not at meeting, no update

4. Letter-re: Snow pushed across the roads – Letter is complete, and has been

approved for the next winter season.

5. Personnel Policy Update – March 13th we met with Christine Mumau to update the

policy, we are working on the final edit.

6. MDOT Paving Agreement Letter for Route 140 – letter has been signed and will

be mailed tomorrow.

1. **Open Session:**

1. Tim Kirwan introduced himself – He is the new President of the Lake Anasagunticook Association, whose primarily is working on protecting the quality of the lake. They will be doing a watershed survey on May 18th to check on erosion. There will be 7 teams, this survey will help them to apply for grants once it is complete. Lee requested more information on the survey to share with the community.

1. **New Business:**

1. Turner Rescue Contract (3 yr) – Lisa Bennett – Lisa shared that the operating budget included wage increases, and expected to increase Revenue by approximately $380,000. There were a total of 68 calls for Hartford in the last year. She encouraged getting the word out about the subscription Plan for services covered only for the Turner area of Hartford. They have requested to go to a 3 year contract for the Turner Rescue, the Fire services would remain at a 1 year contract. Lee mentioned that the 3 year contract would have to be added to the warrant for the Hartford Town meeting to be accepted. The contract would be filed until that is complete.

2. Buckfield Rescue/Fire Contract (3 yr) – Chip Richardson (Buckfield Rescue) also shared a 3 year contract that they would like us to consider. Again, this would have to be added to a warrant to accept 3 year contracts. He also indicated that they could do a Friends & Family CPR training at the Town Hall. Joe Roach (Representing the Buckfield Fire Department) shared that the Fire Department would be staying at a 1 year contract at this time, Lee motioned to sign the Buckfield Fire Contract, Cathy 2nd, all approved. The contract was signed.

a. Doug Crist asked about completing the Town Line Road construction, specifically the Swan Pond culvert. Joe Roach (Buckfield Town Mgr) indicated that Buckfield did not want to replace that culvert and was working on an alternate plan and would like to discuss that with Bim first.

3. Food Sovereignty Ordinance – Polly Chasse requested that we adopt a Food Sovereignty Ordinance for Hartford. Polly shared the Maine ordinance and a list of interested Hartford residents. Rene Igo was also in attendance to support the ordinance. Lee moved that we add the Hartford Local Food & Community Self Governance ordinance to the warrant for Town Meeting, Cathy 2nd, All approved.

4. AVCOG – Hazardous Waste Participation: It was decided to use the Environmental Depot in Lewiston, but not the 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Satellite Collection Program. We have budgeted for our residents to go to the Auburn Depot. Lee moved to use the depot, Cathy 2nd, all approved.

5. Town report (annual report) cover picture – Lee suggested the Fields Bridge, requested suggestions from others. We will take this up again at the next meeting.

6. Town report dedication – Lee requested suggestions from others. We will take this up again at the next meeting.

7. Town report Selectboard letter – Lee will start working on the letter for the Town report.

8. Appointment/Resignation – None

9. Training - None

1. **Review Correspondence:**

1. Selectboard reviewed all correspondence

1. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date