Town of Hartford

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019

7:PM @Hartford Town Office

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

Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan

Others: Becky Downey, Doug Crist, Bim McNeil, Morrill Nason, Leslie Boness, Dwayne Labrecque, Erin Langlois

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

1. March 21, 2019;

a. Doug Crist questioned notes on Food Sovereignty Ordinance approved from last meeting. He indicated that the policy states that the Town has a policy that states that any new Ordinance should go to the Ordinance committee first and then needs to go before the residents as a warrant at the Town Meeting. Lee indicated that the Maine Food Ordinance was well written and that the board could approve a new ordinance without going to the Ordinance Committee. Leslie questioned why then the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance changes were required to go before the Ordinance Committee, before becoming a warrant for the Town Meeting. Lee indicated that it did not need to go before the Ordinance Committee, but had been getting reviewed by the Planning Board. Doug Crist indicated that due to the Ordinance Policy, neither the Selectboard nor the Planning Board had the authority to just create a new Ordinance and that they should review the Ordinance Policy. Lee made note of this request. Lee moved to approve the minutes of the March 21 meeting minutes, Cathy 2nd; All approved

1. **Review Warrants:** 81, 82, 83 & 84; Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd; All approved
2. **Reports:**
   1. RSU 10 Report – No Update
   2. Road Report – Bim has rented a skidsteer to temporarily smooth out some dirt roads, it is still too early to do any grading as the roads are still holding some frost. He will also be doing a ride along with the Road Committee in a few weeks to go over the roads that he is intending on working on in the next fiscal year.
   3. CEO Report – No Update
   4. ACO Report – Shared report on loose cattle.
   5. Planning Board Report – No Updates
   6. Ordinance Committee report – the committee is working on New Roads Ordinance, to have it ready to be added as a warrant for the Town Meeting.
   7. Fire Warden Report – No Update
   8. Treasurer’s Report – Shared Analysis and Balance Sheet. We also discussed the report that is still not working in Trio to extract the budget information. Lee will help draft a letter to Trio to get this fixed.
3. **Unfinished Business:**

1. Culvert Grant Update – Lori is working on this task and should have an update at the next

meeting.

2. Union Schoolhouse Exterior Wall – Lee suggests we advertise to local contractors

to fix the exterior wall where the addition was removed. Cathy will put together a plan in correlation

with Doug Crist.

3. Grant for new Town Office – Lori continues to work on the details of this and plans an update at

our next meeting. She will have details on who she is working with on the grant.

4. Personnel Policy Update – We received the word document from Christine and Becky will begin

working on updating the Policy. The Selectboard is working on adding a provision for Sick Leave.

This will be ready at our next meeting.

5. Town Report (Annual Report) cover picture – We will be using a picture from the

Irish Bog Memorial, Morrill Nason will submit a picture.

6. Town Report dedication – The dedication will be to the Irish Family for their many

contributions to the Town over the years. The Selectboard will work on the wording for the

dedication.

7. Town report Selectboard letter – will be created by Lee, with the Selectboard reviewing. We will

have an update at the next meeting.

1. **Open Session:**

1. Erin Langlois would like to know the status of her fathers’ property which will be going into foreclosure this year. She is interested in fixing the property to expand her existing Daycare, which she has been running for 13 years in her basement. She feels it would be very beneficial to the area to have a bigger daycare, and has no room to expand at her home. Lee indicated that the board has the authority to sell the property to the heirs or assigns. Lee would be willing to look into letting her purchase for taxes due.

2. Signed card for Robert Maxwell, who passed away on March 28th to be sent to his wife Doreen.

3. Lorraine Parsons sent in an email that she would be meeting with Joe Bedard in regards to creating another veterans memorial. We have run out of space to add another plaque to the existing memorial.

1. **New Business:**

1. Build Maine – Lee shared information submitted by Nate Rudy of the Build Maine organization to sponsor the organization for $500. The Selectboard felt that it was not in the Budget for Hartford and Lee will let him know that we won’t be sponsoring.

2. AVCOG Ballot – The Selectboard voted, our ballot will be mailed Monday.

3. Appointment/Resignation – None.

4. Training - None

5. Executive Session, pursuant to title 22 MRSA, section 4306- Lee moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to title 22 MRSA, Section 4306, to discuss a request for a poverty Abatement at 8:40, Cathy 2nd, All Approved. Lee moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:15, Lori 2nd, All Approved.

Cathy moved to abate a residents 3rd year taxes to avoid foreclosure, Lori 2nd, All Approved.

6. Executive Session pursuant to title 1 MRSA, section 405 (6)(A) – Lee moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to title 1 MRSA, section 405 (6)(A) at 9:40pm, Cathy 2nd, All Approved. Lee moved to come out of Executive Session at 10:40 pm. Lee moved to set a meeting for Tuesday at 10:am to meet with the town attorney. Cathy 2nd, All Approved.

1. **Review Correspondence:**

1. Selectboard reviewed all correspondence

1. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date