Town of Hartford

September 3, 2020 Agenda

7:00 PM Selectboard Meeting

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

 Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan

Others: Cindy McNeil, Raymond Hunter, Richard Dyer, Lennie Eichman, Arthur Harvey, Catherine Blake, Dave Bowen, Ramsey Ludlow, Lee Fernald, Tim Kirwan and Jeff Stern.

**I Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**II Review meeting minutes from**:

1. Selectboard Meeting on August 20, 2020: Lee moved to approve, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

2. Special Selectboard Meeting August 27, 2020: Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd, all in favor.

3. Emergency Selectboard Meeting August 31, 2020: Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd, all in favor.

**III Review Warrants**:

A/P Warrant #6, #7 and payroll warrants: Lee moved to approve, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

**IV Reports:**

1. RSU 10 Report: No report

2. Road Report: No report, Lee noted that blasting and culvert work had been done on Town Farm Rd. Cathy noted that Cary Hill Rd had been completed with culvert work and a turn-around for school buses and plow trucks. On a side note regarding road work, Lee noted that a large crane had been at the end of her road and the decking has been put down for the bridge there as well. As far as easements go, Cathy volunteered to look into the wording of some of the easements that MMA has in order to establish an easement between the town and some residents where easements should be in place.

3. CEO Report: The CEO turned in a report regarding some tree cutting applications that have been approved as well as other work checking on land owner requests. Pinewood Drive washout problem was reported as there has been a significant amount of water sheeting across the road into Canton Lake near the boat launch. The CEO has drafted a letter that the Selectboard agreed to edit prior to sending to the 4 property owners on Pinewood Drive. Jeff Stern noted that the proposed grant and cost sharing match from the town could help property owners with getting this issue resolved.

4. ACO Report: No report.

5. Planning Board Report: Minutes were received from the June meeting noting that a request for a disc golf course on Goding Rd had been approved.

6. Ordinance Committee Report: Request they put pesticide/herbicide ordinance on their list and please start meeting again. Lennie noted that she had been in contact with a couple members of the committee and they were looking forward to meeting again.

7. Fire Warden Report: No report, however it was noted that there was recently a fire off from Perry Road that burned 10-15 acres of land. Several towns responded as well as community members working into the night and morning hours to contain the blaze.

8. Treasurer Report: Town Clerk spoke with RHR Smith about getting a letter for the Town Report. RHR Smith has informed the town office clerks that they are unable to work on completing the rest of the audit until sometime in November due to a back log from the pandemic.

**V Calendar Reminders:**

1. RSU #10 School Board Meeting September 24th at BJSHS and Facebook Live 6:30 pm

2. Town Meeting: September 19, 2020 HSES Gymnasium 9:00 am

3. Local Election: September 15, 2020 Hartford Town Hall 8am to 8pm

**VI Unfinished Business:**

1. Pratt Hill Culvert Grant update: Cathy/Application due by November 16. Cathy has received that application and will continue talking with Shelley from AVCOG to help with the completion of the application. Jeff Stern also noted that he may be able to help with this as well.

2. Former Transfer Station property: Lee spoke about some of the options that had previously been discussed as to the direction the town should take to possibly use or sell the lot. More discussion will need to take place once Town Meeting is over and more focus can be given to the property.

3. Legislative Policy Committee: The Town Clerk noted that the slate of members has already been approved for the 2020-2022 Committee. Arthur noted that he had truly enjoyed serving on this committee and that given the opportunity he would serve again.

**VII Open Session:** Tim Kirwan noted that a clean-up of Hartford Beach had been completed. He also noted that he was concerned about the leaning trees over the boardwalk. Lee said that it had been decided by the Recreation Committee not to remove any additional trees until after the summer traffic has slowed in case damage is done to the boardwalk with the removal of the trees. Cathy said that she would contact Brandon McNeil about a timeframe this fall that might work.

**VIII New Business:**

 1. Thompson Brook Culvert DOT Report: Jeff Stern spoke about the possibility of the Stream Crossing Grant and other grants that may be able to help with this project. Jeff will speak with his supervisor about working with the town to work on these grants.

**IX Appointments/Resignation:** Lee moved to re-appoint Nancy Sullivan to the Ordinance Committee, Cathy 2nd, all in favor. At the August 27th Selectboard workshop the Town Clerk gave her resignation effective September 11, 2020. Lee moved to formally accept with regret the resignation, Cathy 2nd, all in favor. Lee noted that she will work on placing an ad for the position as well as contact the former Hiring Committee members to reconvene once applications have been received.

**X Training:** Lee moved to approve $45 for 2 members of the Board of Appeals to take an online webinar through MMA for Boards of Appeal.

**XI Review Correspondence:** All correspondence has been reviewed.

**XII Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date