Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

June 16, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Lori Swan, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Bim McNeil, newly elected Board member Susan Goulet, and resident David Bowen.

Present via Zoom: Residents Chad Casey, Ramsey Ludlow, Lennie Eichman, and Richard Dyer.

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

II Lee motioned to approve minutes of the June 1, 2022 Public Hearing and the June 2, 2022 Public Hearing and Selectmen’s meeting. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

III Lee motioned to approve Warrant 29 and Payroll Warrants of June 8, 2022 and June 15, 2022. Cathy second. Lianne pointed out that two residents asked for refunds of bulky stickers and this AP warrant includes the refunds. The Board agreed to approve the refunds and add the issue to the next regular Board meeting agenda. All in favor=3.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: Discussion included the voting results for the school budget and new school. It was noted that many voters apparently were not aware that the new school would be almost completely paid for by grants.

2. Road Report

a. Pinewood Drive erosion issue: The Board discussed the erosion issue which tends to cause a large amount of gravel to wash into the lake. It was shared that there are grants available to homeowners with erosion issues. A Board member requested a letter to be mailed to the homeowners to inform them of the problem and of grants available. (at the end of the meeting it was discovered that Jeff Sterns is working with the homeowners to resolve the problem).

b. AVCOG Winter Salt Bid Results: Lee motioned to accept the AVCOG winter salt bid from Morton Salt Inc. of $88.27/ton for the 2022-2023 season. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

c. A request was received to replace children at play signs and hidden drive signs on Berry Road.

3. CEO Report: None.

4. ACO Report: None.

5. Planning Board Report: The Board reviewed the minutes of May 2, 2022.

6. Ordinance Committee: None.

7. Fire Warden Report:  None.

8. Treasurer Report

a. May 2022 Bank Reconciliation: The Board reviewed the bank reconciliations.

b. Lianne reported that the current year audit has begun and is scheduled for completion the week of August 22, 2022.

V Calendar Reminders

1. Town Meeting June 18, 2022 9am

2. HHS yard sale June 25, 2022 9-2

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Preparation for Town Meeting: Arrangements were discussed for town meeting presentations & awards.

VII Open Session:

1. The Board signed a CMP 1190 form for a resident who was in attendance.

2. A resident in attendance shared concerns about people driving around town and taking metal from bulky waste piles and the fact that many piles became huge overnight and seems to be a pattern at certain homes. A Board member stated that the town does not save money on metal recycling and benefits from the picking. The Board member stated that Waste Committee members are needed in order to work on issues and mentioned the Free Sale made $157.00 in donations and the amount may be matched by a grant through Walmart. The donations will be used to stock the Food Shed.

VIII New Business:

1. Swim Lesson season passes: A resident shared concerns of the practice of allowing people from other towns receiving passes to use the beach after swimming lessons are finished. A Board member shared that the practice is recommended by the Recreation Committee and to have the families down there has improved the tenure of the beach. It was shared that posts have been seen on Facebook telling people to sign up for swimming lessons to get passes to the beach for the season and Patton Corporation included in the deed to the Town that only Hartford residents and their guests are allowed to use the beach. Discussion included taxes paying for road, boardwalk, porta potty, swim lessons families contribute financially, fees not equal to the cost of instructors in the past, opinions that once lessons over-guests not allowed, and does a guest have to visit the beach with the resident?. A Board member was not comfortable making a decision without the Recreation Committee members present. Tabled until the Special Selectmen’s meeting of June 27, 2022 @ 7pm.

2. Maintenance Position: Lianne was instructed to advertise for the position on social media with a deadline for applications of June 30th. A Board member will speak to Jason Vaugh of the Canton Fire Department to see if they would act as Fire Warden for the Town of Hartford. Lianne spoke the Art Lavoie who suggested that we contact local towns to see if they are willing to share a Fire Warden. A Fire Warden does not have to be a resident of our town.

3. Constable Position: Lianne was instructed to advertise for the position on social media with a deadline for applications of June 30th.

4. Order of Municipal Officials: Lee motioned to approve the updated Order of Municipal Officers instructing the Tax Collector to apply all tax payments to the oldest tax due. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

5. Special Board meeting date: 2022-23 Appointments: The Board agreed to hold a Special Selectmen’s Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7pm at the Town Hall for the purpose of appointing certain officials so that they are in office and able to perform duties on July 1, 2022 and to decide on the issue of swim lesson season passes. (Date was changed after the meeting to Monday June 27, 2022 @7pm).

IX Appointments/Resignation: Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Clarence Hill as maintenance employee with regrets. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Clarence Hill as Fire Warden with regrets. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

X Training: none.

XI The Board reviewed correspondence:

XII Lee motioned to adjourn at 8:40pm. Lori second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Susan Goulet Date

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Road Report

June 16, 2022

The road crew has been working on Perry Road all week.

We have been removing large rocks from the road, replacing cross culverts, ditching, blasting a lot of ledge.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner

Report from the Code Enforcement Officer

Date: June 31th, 2022

Year to Date Report:

Year to Date Building Permits Issued: 15 - last yr. 23

Year to Date Plumbing Permits Issued: 13 - last yr. 18

Open Complaints:

1) Pinewood Rd; Lee Holman reported there was a problem at the intersection of Pinewood and Rt 140 with gravel being washed onto the road causing a potential hazard.

I looked at the site and learned the rain was not only washing gravel onto Rt 140, but was also washing out the base of Rt 140 on the lake side of the road. It was also causing sedimentation erosion into the lake.

Being a state road, I consulted Maine DEP to discuss options. I was told he would look at the problem next time we had heavy rain.

During a different conversation with Jeff Stearns, I mentioned this issue and he may want to look at it to see if there was anything he could do through his program. Jeff told me he had been working with Lee and Bim on this and had already contracted with someone to fix the issue sometime in July. I asked him to let DEP know the issue was being addressed so they can close the case.

Other:

None

Respectfully Submitted

G. Scott Mills

CEO/LPI Hartford, Me