Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

July 18, 2013

Minutes

Public Hearing: General Assistance ordinance amendment

6:45pm

Present: Selectmen John Plumley, Lee Holman, Zoe Cowett, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Charles Merritt, CEO Bill Kennedy, Reporter Mary Standard, Planning board member Arthur Harvey, and residents, Mike Mickeriz, and Tom Hamilton.

Lee explained proposed changes to Appendix A of the general assistance ordinance. The proposed monthly income allowed to be eligible for general assistant is $543.00 for a household of one, $602.00 for a household of 2, $726.00 for a household of 3 etc.

Meeting

7pm @ town office

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Reports
3. Road report: the board signed a road repair contract with Dave’s Home Improvement. Lee spoke with a DOT representative who stated that if the bridge located on Labrador pond road is entirely replaced the town would be eligible for 50% reimbursement. Replacement is not in the plans and the road commissioner has purchased lumber to repair the damaged planking. An invoice will be sent to the town of Sumner for half of the cost when the project has been completed. Lianne is to send a letter to a resident located on Old Route 140 asking them to remove vehicles from the right of way due to complaints.
4. CEO report: the board reviewed several permits.
5. ACO report: the board reviewed a report from the shelter concerning kittens.
6. Planning Board report: Arthur spoke with MMA concerning grandfathered lots included in the building lots standards. MMA stated that the ordinance should be amended to correct a conflict concerning the wording about grandfathered lots. The board agreed that a permit be issued to Wescott Electric, Main St. Hartford to build an apartment in the existing building.
7. RSU#10 Director report: the board signed the warrant for the RSU 10 budget validation vote to be held July 30, 2013 8am to 8pm at the Hartford town hall.
8. Unfinished business
9. Fireworks/Constable: Charles reported that he received several complaints of fireworks before and after the 4th of July. Livestock are disturbed by the noise and residents may be submitting a petition to ban/control fireworks in Hartford.
10. Beach Parking area: Jack is waiting for the area to be flagged so he may show where wood is to be cut to those interested.
11. Beach Parking enforcement: Charles stated that the beach has been quiet and there have been no problems lately. He is awaiting a call back from the sheriff’s office concerning citations.
12. Open session:
13. The board signed a request from DEP to surrender the license for a solid waste transfer station.
14. New business
15. Lakefield Heights lot sale issue: the board signed a letter prepared by Mike Mickeriz stating that the sale of a .88 acre lot located in Lakefield Heights subdivision does not represent any zoning violations that result in a non-conforming lot. The .88 acre lot is being sold together with an adjacent lot.
16. URIP/LRAP Funds: the board signed the LRAP certification. The town will receive $38,880 in 2013-2014 which is a $9,084.00 reduction from previous years.
17. Transfer station cleanup: the board discussed donating the porta potty to the Hartford heritage society or the clothing center. The porta potty must be removed from the transfer station along with a dog house.
18. Router purchase: the board agreed to allow Dan Maddox to purchase the router at Best Buy for $149.99. Zoe will deliver a sales tax exemption form to Dan.
19. Buckfield Rescue contract: the board signed the one year contract in the amount of $3,450.00.
20. Salt shed reimbursement: the town received a letter from DOT stating that a check will be arriving soon in the amount of $116,920.59 for reimbursement of the salt shed construction. The reimbursement is 52% of the cost of building the salt shed.
21. General Assistance ordinance amendment: Lee motioned to adopt Appendix A as recommended by the state of Maine. Zoe second. All in favor=3.
22. MMA voting ballot: the board filled out the ballot.
23. Training: Lee motioned to allow Lianne to attend the election workshops in Newry to be held September 10th & 11th. John second. All in favor=3. Zoe motioned to reimburse Lee for mileage to the General Assistance free workshop. John second. All in favor=3.
24. Appointments: Lee nominated Leslie Boness as Budget Committee member with a term of one year. John second. All in favor=3. Lee nominated Leslie Boness as Road committee member with a term of one year. John second. All in favor=3. Lee nominated Thomas Hamilton as ballot clerk with a term to expire in Feb. of 2014. Zoe second. All in favor=3. John nominated Lianne Bedard as E.M. Director for a term of one year. Zoe second. All in favor=3.
25. Bank reconciliation: the board reviewed the reconciliation.
26. Lee motioned to approve the July 1, 2013 selectmen minutes. John second. All in favor=3.
27. Lee motioned to approve warrants 95, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. John second. All in favor=3.
28. The board reviewed correspondence.
29. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Zoe Cowett Date