Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s meeting

August 21, 2014

Minutes

7pm @ town hall

Present: Selectmen Margaret Poskus, Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, CEO Bill Kennedy, reporter Mary Standard, road committee member Harley Swanson, and residents Morrill Nason, Jason Grant, Thomas Hamilton, & David Bowen.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Reports
3. Road report: the board reviewed one complaint of a plugged culvert on Mahoney Road which has been resolved. Jeremy reported that mowing and brush cutting is continuing on Church St. and Mahoney Road. Jeremy met with CMP about moving a pole on Gurney Hill Road but no completion date was given. Grading and rock raking is continuing. Mahoney and Berry Road has been marked for dig safe so that ditching may begin. A Culvert on Gurney Hill Road has been marked for dig safe since there is a hole in it. Selectmen agreed to allow Jeremy to repair all projects listed above. Jeremy will inspect a culvert/drainage issue on Berry Road near Jason Grants property. The board agreed to allow Jeremy to mow the edges of the RR bed.
4. CEO report: the board reviewed two tree cutting permits, a garage permit, and a deck permit. Bill placed a stop work order on a new home being built on the discontinued section of Davenport Road until the road has been brought up to standards. Bill submitted a letter to the board concerning placing road work out to bid. Since Bill has worked as an engineer, he warned that hiring an engineer would be very costly. He stated that the local contractors and road commissioner, with all their experience, serve the town well, saved the town countless dollars and suggested the town continue to take advantage of those local assets.
5. ACO report: the board reviewed complaints.
6. Planning Board report: none.
7. RSU 10 Director report: none.
8. Unfinished business
9. Road committee bidding request: the bid committee met and decided not to place all roads listed in the one year plan out to bid as a package. Harley stated that the road committee suggests placing road repair projects out to bids by the hour and revise the current contract to include items in the town of Buckfield contract, insurance requirement of 1,000,000.00, and a section requesting what machinery the contractor may have available. Jeremy suggested leaving the bid open so the board can accept all, none, or some bids.
10. Revised Ordinance committee list: the board revised the list to change the limit on road projects that go to bid to $10,000.00 in the road committee ordinance.
11. Open session
12. David Bowen stated that beach goers are parking in front of the reservoir pond and this is not permitted. He suggested the board work toward creating the required parking area agreed upon in the deed from Patten Corp. in 1990.
13. Lee shared a flyer stating that Buckfield will be holding a special town meeting on August 27th to raise money for the rescue dept. Hartford & Sumner may not have coverage if the money is not approved.
14. Morrill asked whether or not the dumpster on Bear Pond Road was public or private. Lee stated that it is only available to the residents in that neighborhood.
15. New business
16. Beaver Dam removal: Cathy will ask Bill Harmon to inspect a beaver dam on the RR bed. The dam, which is not habitable, is causing flooding on the bed. Morrill stated that Sylvia Mahoney would like beavers released on her land.
17. Privacy & Network security insurance coverage: Lianne will ask for a quote.
18. Roadside spray policy: Jason Grant asked the board if the town had sprayed herbicides on Berry Road. The chemicals have killed half of his bees. Lee stated that the town does not spray roadsides and she will check with MMA to see if the town is allowed to restrict spraying by CMP and its contractors (Lucas, etc...) and under what circumstances any restrictions can be imposed.
19. Bank reconciliation: the board reviewed the bank statements.
20. Lee motioned to approve the August 7, 2014 selectmen minutes. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
21. Lee motioned to approve warrants 104, 12, 13, & 14. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
22. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lee Holman Date

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Margaret Poskus Date

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cathy Lowe Date