Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s meeting

September 17, 2015

Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen Lee Homan, Cathy Lowe, Margaret Poskus, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Alan McNeil, Road Committee members Barry Langer, Leslie Boness, Dan Maddox, RSU 10 Director Richard Dyer, and residents Adam Boutot, Angel Boutot, Wayne Butler, Louise Campbell, David Campbell.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. Lee motioned to approve the September 3, 2015 selectmen minutes. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
3. Lee motioned to approve warrants 18, 19, & 20. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
4. Reports
5. Road report: the board reviewed the road report submitted by Alan McNeil. Work recently performed includes correcting a Gurney Hill Road complaint, placing gravel on Adams Road to correct a muddy area, gravel on Darrington Road, work on different areas of Church Street, preparing for hot top on Stetson & Old State Route 140, Thompson Lane mulching and gravel, and Woodard Lane culvert installation to correct water problems.

There was a complaint concerning patching on Pratt Hill Road. Margaret traveled the road several times since the patching and reported that the road is fine. Mahoney Road grinding will be discussed at the next meeting.

Alan stated Lane Construction will inspect roads for paving Monday or Tuesday of next week. Gurney Hill Road needs fill in front of the salt shed to prevent a lip when the road is paved. Alan suggested using the summer roads reserve funds to pay for the major work performed on Stetson Road, Old State Route 140, perhaps Howard Road, and the paving planned for next week. Lee motioned to take up to $64,000 for Stetson Road, $22,500 for Old State Route 140, $8,500 for Howard Road and paving cost of $291, 388.30 from the Future Summer Roads Reserve Account. Margaret second. All in favor=3. Total from Reserve=$386,388.30.

1. CEO report: the board reviewed approved permits.
2. ACO report: the board reviewed the report submitted by Osman Hart.
3. RSU 10 Director report: Richard reported on the September 14, 2015 school board meeting. The school board agreed to spend $261,200 for three new school buses as planned. One collective bargaining agreement was settled. Richard reported the number of children from Hartford, Sumner and Buckfield enrolled in RSU#10 is 324 in the elementary school and 228 in the high school. After town meeting RSU 10 received $339,409 from the Department of Education which was unexpected. The board agreed to carry the money forward to keep the budget down next year while reserving the right to use the money in the case of an emergency. Richard volunteered to serve on the building and grounds committee and perhaps the curriculum committee.
4. Planning board report: none.
5. Constable report: none.
6. Fire Warden report: none.
7. Treasurer report: none.
8. Unfinished business
9. Camp Road bus turnaround: Paul Bernier placed barricades on Camp Road blocking the school bus/snow plow turnaround used by the school and town. Lianne contacted Mr. Bernier who stated the barricade is temporary and will be removed before snowfall. He also stated that the old turnaround may be used by the school bus driver and the town may improve the area as needed. Lee stated that she would contact MMA legal, notify the constable to remove the barricade, and requested that Lianne send a certified letter to Mr. Bernier demanding that the barricade be removed immediately to avoid court action. No vote was taken on the subject. Tabled.
10. Open session: none.
11. New Business
12. Resignation: Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Norman St. Pierre as Fire Warden with regret effective October 1, 2015. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
13. Appointments: none.
14. Newsletter deadline: deadline is September 20th. Lee will work on the selectmen’s letter.
15. Town Office hours of operation: Lianne suggested changing the town office hours due to the fact she cannot always open on time due to a second job. The new hours will be Monday 11-5, Wednesday 11-7, Thursday 11-5, and Saturday 11-2 beginning October 1st and will be considered a temporary change.
16. Review correspondence: the board reviewed correspondence.
17. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Margaret Poskus Date