Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

September 18, 2014

Draft Minutes

7pm @ Town Office

Present: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Margaret Poskus, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, CEO Bill Kennedy, Road Committee members Leslie Boness, Harley Swanson, Planning Board member Morrill Nason, Reporter Mary Standard, and residents Jason Grant & Brandon McNeil.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Reports
3. Road report: Jeremy will try to tear down some of the old unused beaver dam located on the RR bed to allow water to drain from the bed. The grader is not running. The cost to rebuild the turbo will be 1200-1500 if the core is good. Jeremy and the board discussed renting a grader from Rent It or another town for the remainder of the year. Jeremy reported that CMP has not moved the poles on Gurney Hill Road yet. The crew has covered telephone cables that were exposed on Church Street. Lee suggested writing a letter to Oxford Networks requesting that ground cables be placed on poles. Jason relayed that he is not happy with the culvert work on Berry Road. The water runs onto his property. Jeremy and Harley stated that the work is not complete and work will resume next week. Lee motioned to send the road construction bid proposal to the attorney for review. Margaret second. All in favor=3. Jeremy suggested that general liability insurance certificates be submitted with the bids.
4. RR bed repair/snowmobile club: Jeremy informed the board that the club was performing trail work on the RR bed located on the westerly side of Rte. 140 not the town owned section.
5. CEO report: Bill will begin the annual assessment of lake shore properties soon. Morrill does not agree with the planning board decision to allow the removal of trees on a shoreland property in Hartford. He mentioned appealing the planning board’s decision. Bill stated that he may not be granted an appeal since he wasn’t directly affected by the decision. Bill stated that two trees were not allowed to be removed but the others were to make room for construction since they were damaged and replanting was required.
6. ACO report: none.
7. Planning Board report: none.
8. RSU 10 Director report: none.
9. Unfinished business
10. Curbside Pickup policy: Margaret spoke with Allen Archibault about the problem with dumpsters. Alan was not aware there were any problems since he last spoke with Lee. He stated that if trash was not picked up around the dumpsters to contact him. Lee suggested that the dumpster covers be closed after emptying.
11. Hartford newsletter deadline 9/19/14: Margaret motioned to approve the selectmen’s letter with minor changes. Lee second. All in favor=3.
12. MMA conference: Margaret and Cathy will attend the conference.
13. Open session
14. The board signed a cemetery lot conveyance for Beverly Murphy at Fuller Cemetery. Lianne confirmed that Chris Bragg is the person who prepares graves in Hartford.
15. New business
16. Grader status: Jeremy stated that Rent It charges $1200-$1500 per week or $2890-$3570 per month to rent a grader. Delivery cost is $100.00.
17. Road sign request/Town Farm Road: a resident has requested two signs on Town Farm Road: Children at play and school bus stop ahead. Jeremy will speak with the bus driver. Tabled.
18. Buckfield Rescue contract: the board signed the one year contract.
19. Veteran’s plaque placement: Lorraine Parsons requested that the war of 1812 plaque be placed on the side of the town office instead of the monument. Lee suggested also placing the kiosk on the building. Lianne will find out what size the plaque will be. Tabled.
20. Emerald Ash Borer presentation requested: the board agreed to host the presentation in February or March of next year. The presenter is from Oxford County Soil and Water.
21. Bank reconciliation: the board reviewed the reconciliation.
22. Lee motioned to approve the September 4, 2014 selectmen minutes. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
23. Lee motioned to approve warrants 19, 20, 21, & 22. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
24. Review correspondence: the board reviewed correspondence.
25. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Margaret Poskus Date