Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

September 2, 2021

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Bim McNeil, residents Richard Dyer and Theresa Bennett.

I Lee called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

II Lee motioned to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 19, 2021. Lori second. All in favor=3.

Cathy motioned to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 5, 2021.Lori second. All in favor=2.

III Lee motioned to approve A/P Warrant 5 and Payroll Warrants dated August 25, 2021 and September 1, 2021. Lori second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports:

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard shared that the mask requirement was passed by one vote and there has been a lot of disagreement from parents/residents.

2. Road Report: The report (attached) submitted by Bim was read aloud. It was shared that the work on the Darrington Road culvert depends on the weather and water levels. It was noted that although the Board approved the purchase of two deer crossing signs to be placed on Tucker Road, a resident purchased three signs himself and installed them. The Board wishes to thank him.

a. Lee motioned to approve the road construction contract with Hood Farm LLC. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

b. The Board reviewed a road complaint concerning cars parked in road on Tucker Road and a statement from the owner of the vehicles. The Board stated that the owner of the vehicles has been contacted about the issue.

3. CEO Report: The Board reviewed the report (attached) submitted by Scott Mills. It was requested that complaints received for code violations be submitted in writing. The Board will contact Scott for clarification.

4. ACO Report: none.

5. Planning Board Report: It was reported that a permit was denied at the last meeting. A resident asked whether or not the planning Board was working on the Shoreland ordinance amendments. The Board will contact the Planning Board concerning this matter.

6. Ordinance Committee: none.

7. Fire Warden Report:  none. A resident requested that the website refer people to the Hartford Newsletter for a list of committee members. A Board member stated that all Board members should be listed on the website and on a real website, the public could request information and receive responses via email. Lianne will list all committee members on the website.

8. Treasurer Report: The Board received an updated expense report.

V Calendar Reminders:

 1. Town office closed Monday, September 6, 2021 (Labor Day)

 2. Planning Board meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2021 7pm@Hartford Town Hall

 3. Food Bank Monday, September 13, 2021 9:30@Hartford Town Hall

VI Unfinished Business:

 1. Personnel Policy amendment: Tabled.

 2. Retirement Plan adoption: Tabled

 3. Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant Program: Tabled until budget season.

 4. MMA Property & Casualty Pool Risk Reduction Grant Program: no interest.

 5. Cell Coverage Mapping, LLC: Tabled.

6. Lee motioned to adopt the remote Meeting Policy. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Board members will attend the next Buckfield Board meeting to view their set up and determine whether or not the town should budget $1,000.00 for a microphone and wide screen monitor in order to hold effective Zoom meetings.

VII Open Session:

1. Lee motioned to approve a catering application from Lisa’s White Flour Catering for a wedding to be held in Hartford. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

2. Lianne shared information from Pete Pilsbury concerning the Bear Pond Dam. The dam will be opened early on September 20, 2021. It has been determined that the dam is in need of major repair since the concrete is eroding. Once the water has been drained, it will be determined whether or not temporary repairs can be made to allow utilization of the dam through 2022. The Association is working with the Town of Turner to see if the American Rescue Funds can be used to repair the dam. Hartford may want to consider this option also.

 VIII New Business:

1. The Board agreed to hold a public hearing for the General Assistance Ordinance amendments on September 16, 2021 6:30pm @ the Hartford Town Hall.

2. The Town of Hartford has been awarded a bond from the Maine Bond Bank. Lee motioned to approve the following:

(1) That a project consisting of paving and/or overlay of the pavement on certain roads identified by the Road Commissioner, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto, is hereby approved.

(2) That the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board be authorized to issue a general obligation bond or bonds to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in an amount not to exceed $1,400,000, for the purpose of funding the project.

(3) That the Treasurer and Chair be further authorized to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate, place of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including the execution, sale, and delivery of said securities against payment, therefore.

(4) That the Treasurer and Chair be further authorized to execute a Loan Agreement with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in such form as the Bank may require; that the Town Clerk is directed to affix the corporate seal thereto and attest the signatures of the Treasurer and Chair, and to file a copy of said Loan Agreement, when signed, with the records of this meeting, although the attesting and affixing of the corporate seal thereto shall not be deemed essential to the validity of the Loan Agreement; and that the bonds are hereby sold to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank at par.

(5) That the Select Board hereby confirms its determination that the term of the Bond does not exceed 120% of the economic life of the Project.

(6) That the bonds are designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" of the Town under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(7) That the Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents and certificates, and to take any and all actions, including affixing the seal of the Town, as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the full purpose and intent of the foregoing vote.

. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3. Lee motioned to approve the Real Estate Tax Recommitments for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 to Lianne Bedard, Tax Collector and Treasurer. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IX Appointments/Resignation:

X Lee motioned to approve the expense of Lianne Bedard attending the Voter Registration workshop October 12, 2021 and the Election Workshop on October 13, 2021 via Zoom. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

XI The Board reviewed correspondence:

XII Lee motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm. Cathy 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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Lori Swan Date

**Town of Hartford**

**Road Report**

**September 2, 2021**

**The road crew has finished the work on Cary Hill road and Old Route 140. The two roads are ready for paving.**

**Work on Gurney Hill Road has been completed. The work included repairing washouts.**

**All of the roadside mowing has been completed.**

**Road signs and stop signs have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive.**

**Work to be completed in the upcoming two weeks will include Camp Road and the Darrington Road culvert project.**

**Northeast Paving will resume paving in approximately three weeks.**

**Submitted by,**

**Bim McNeil**

**Road Commissioner**