

Town of Hartford
Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
July 1, 2021
7PM

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan, Road Commissioner Bim McNeil, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Cindy McNeil, Chad Casey, Ms. Bonaventura, Richard Dyer, Kathleen Landry, Sybilla Pettingill, Christine Mumau.

The board conducted an employee review at 6pm.

- I Lee called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.
- II Lee motioned to approve the June 17, 2021 selectmen minutes. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
- III Lee motioned to approve accounts payable warrants 34 and 35 and payroll warrants from June 23, 2021 and June 30, 2021. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
- IV Reports:
 - 1. RSU 10 Report: none
 - 2. Road Report:
The board reviewed the road report submitted by Bim. (attached).
Lee motioned to take \$1,627.07 from the road reserve account to cover overages in summer roads in fiscal year 2020-2021. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
 - A. Pratt Hill Culvert Grant: Cathy met with Jeff Stern about the grant project and he will be sharing information with his supervisor concerning placing a smaller culvert on Pratt Hill than originally planned. Jeff will get back to us soon. It was stated that the culvert issue is affecting Little Bear Pond.
 - 3. CEO Report: none.
 - 4. ACO Report: none.
 - 5. Planning Board Report: none.
 - 6. Ordinance Committee: none.
 - 7. Fire Warden Report: none.
 - 8. Treasurer Report: the board reviewed the report from Lianne (attached) and the current expense report for year ending June 30, 2021.
- V Calendar Reminders:
 - 1. Elections July 6, 2021
 - 2. Town Meeting July 10, 2021
 - 3. Town office closed July 5, 2021 for the holiday
- VI Unfinished Business:
 - 1. Employee review reschedule: all reviews have been completed.
- VII Open Session:
 - 1. Lori motioned to accept the fire contract from the Town of Buckfield for the term of one year. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
 - 2. Lee shared that Lennie Eichman complained of a party boat with beer and dogs on the shore of the town beach. Lennie Eichman also emailed a list of plate numbers of vehicles parked at the town beach with no beach stickers. No action can legally be taken concerning the plate numbers since the information is confidential with the exception of law enforcement officers. Discussion continued concerning towing vehicles, citations, new signage, etc. Sybilla suggested a written warning before any citation is issued or towing of vehicles.

Tabled until the next meeting.

VIII New Business:

1. Ordinance Committee worklist: the board suggested a no spray ordinance, an amended beach ordinance and a junkyard ordinance. Tabled.
2. Disbursement Warrants: Lee motioned to approve the disbursement warrant for the issuing of State Fees with option B (any one selectman may approve warrants). Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to approve disbursement warrants for the issuing of payroll with option B selected. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
3. Beach Boardwalk repair (labor): the recreation committee has repaired the boardwalk. No action taken.
4. Traffic Concerns/State Roads: Lee shared that a cat was hit by a car and killed in Hartford Center. She worked to lower the speed limit in the past from 45 to 40 and again recently from 40-35. The town has a speed indication sign in the garage that could be used. It was suggested that pedestrian sign be requested and that the Police Departments be contacted to monitor the speed. Cathy will contact the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. Lianne will prepare letters to the State Police and Oxford County Sheriff.
5. Social Media Policy for Employees and Elected Officials: Lee presented a social media policy adapted from the City of Auburn. Her reason for the policy is because of issues with our Facebook page. The new policy requires that three statements be posted on all public social media sites and that no posts are deleted. Christine explained the development of the old town Facebook page and how it was used to advertise for town clerks. Lianne stated that the administrators were Lennie Eichman, Christine Mumau, Lee Holman and recently added Lianne Bedard. Lennie has been removed as administrator this week. Lee motioned to approve the social media policy presented by Lee with noted changes. Lori second. All in favor=3.
6. Executive session pursuant to MRSA 1, section 405(6)(A) to discuss and employee matter. Lianne stated that she was told today that this executive session was concerning her and she was adamant that the issues that the board had with her be dealt with in public. Not executive session. Lee stated that a post was deleted from the old Hartford Facebook site and should not have been. Lianne deleted the post that someone posted as administrator which was political and that it did not come from the town office. Lianne also stated that she has been unable to post any items to the old Hartford Facebook, only make some changes, and has been trying to change the password on the account so that it may be accessed from the town office computer, has emailed Facebook, sent copies of her I.D to Facebook and still has not been able to change the password. She created a new Facebook page for the town that she is able to post municipal information to. After lengthy discussion on the matter Cathy motioned to discontinue the old Facebook and continue with the newly created one. Lori second. All in favor=3.

IX Appointments/Resignation:

1. Lee motioned to appoint Roni-Sue Vachon as Animal Control Officer with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to appoint Morrill Nason as Trustee of the Laura Fogg Irish Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to appoint David Bowen as Trustee of the Laura Fogg Irish Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to appoint Teresa Hinkley as Trustee of the Laura Fogg Irish Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to appoint Marguerite Dudley as Trustee of the Laura Fogg Irish Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to appoint Keith Laroche as Trustee of the Laura Fogg Irish Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Lorraine Parsons as Trustee of the Evelyn Hutchinson Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Lee Fernald as Trustee of the Evelyn Hutchinson Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Arthur Harvey as Trustee of the Evelyn Hutchinson Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Cathy Lowe as Trustee of the Ministerial and School Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Lori second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Conrad Ray as Trustee of the Ministerial and School Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3

Lee motioned to appoint Lee Fernald as Trustee of the Ministerial and School Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3

Lee motioned to appoint Tamara McNeil to the Solid Waste Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2026. Lori second. All in favor=3.

X Training:

XI Review Correspondence

XII Lee motioned to adjourn at 9:15pm. Lori second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

Lee Holman

Date

Cathy Lowe

Date

Lori Swan

Date