Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

October 6, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Public Workshop: Town Beach 6Pm

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Susan Goulet, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Bim McNeil, Constable Steven Elsman, Emergency Management Director Dan Larochelle, residents Jeff Beaulieu, Theresa Bennett, Rebecca Elsman, Elizabeth Garcia O’Keefe, Ramsey Ludlow, Sarah Nickels, Ken Violette, Cindy Violette, Lennie Eichman, and Natasha Cote.

Present via Zoom: Residents Thomas Hamilton, Tim Kirwan, Richard Dyer, David Bowen, Dianne Irving, Chad Casey, Leslie Boness, Marla Winship, Rodney Harlow, DJB, and 207NT.

Cathy called the Beach Workshop to order at 6pm.

Discussion included: Installing a camera at the beach, chaining picnic tables to trees or concrete, placing the beach policy on the agenda in November, additional signage for no jumping of old trestle, town property signs, and no docking of boats signs, no liability to Town for injuries on recreational properties, who is responsible for enforcing rules, toxic communication from residents with no authority approaching beach goers checking for stickers, beach should be a peaceful area, Constable was hired to monitor beach, call Constable instead of approaching beach goers, residents helping to enforce rules, full time monitors with wages offset by larger fees, beach goers lying about having stickers, new smaller beach stickers with numbers instead of license plate numbers, allow placement of camper for the summer to house a beach monitor, deed from Patten Corp. requires the Town to create a parking area, excessive cars in cull de sac blocking fire hydrant, should work on parking issue before working on guest pass issue, address parking area at next budget meetings, towing of vehicles, fines, citations, flyers to notify beach goers of rules, Board’s responsibility to create rules for the beach, want to see progress, gates, and creating a committee to spear up parking area project with the Board and Road Commissioner.

I. Cathy called the Selectmen’s meeting to order at 7:01pm

II Cathy motioned to approve the minutes of September 15, 2022 Selectmen’s meeting. Sue second. All in favor=3.

III. Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 7, Payroll Warrants of September 21, 2022, September 28, 2022, and October 5, 2022. Sue second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard reported that the next meeting is on the 11th at MVHS.

a. RSU Warrant for 11/8/2022 Referendum: Cathy motioned to sign the RSU 10 Warrant to construct a new school to be brought to the voters on November 8, 2022. Sue second. All in favor=3.

2. Road Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Road Commissioner.

Bim explained that NE Paving is offering a lower price for paving than what is currently being offered to others up to the limit of the paving contract and suggests appropriating an extra $55,000.00 at a special town meeting in order to pave a portion of Green Acres Road at the contract price in addition to the planned paving.

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: None.

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: The Board reviewed the minutes of the September meeting.

7. Ordinance Committee: Request to have the Board of Selectmen and CEO present at the meeting on Oct. 19, 2022 7pm

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report: The Board reviewed the updated expense report. Budget amounts will be entered as soon as the tax commitment is final.

V Calendar Reminders

a. Ordinance Committee October 19, 2022 7pm

b. General Assistance Ordinance Hearing October 20, 2022 6:45pm

c. 2023 Bulky Waste Date: June 15, 2023

d. Waste Committee meeting October 18, 2022 7:00pm.

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Tax Foreclosure Bid Sale Bishop R02 Lot 8.2: Nine bids were received. The Board opened and read the bids as follows:

1. Chad Culleton bid $9521.00

2. Oliver Winship bid $1251.00

3. Alan McNeil $9100.00

4. Cassidy Bedard bid $9577.00

5. Brian Kasevich bid $1550.00

6. Hayley Kretchmar bid $830.70

7. Michael Spear bid $2200.00

8. Ronald Champagne bid 2711.00

9. Joseph Moscinski bid 4500.00

Sue motioned to sell the foreclosed property described as R02 Lot 8.2 to the highest bidder, Cassidy Bedard, for the amount of $9577.00. Lee second. All in favor=3.

2. Quit Claim Deed Whittemore R11 Lot 14-1: Lee motioned to sell the foreclosed property described as R11 Lot 14.1 to the Cassidy Whittemore, heir, for the payment of all back taxes. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3. Tax Foreclosures: Oct. 1, 2022 deadline Blanchard: Payment was not received by the deadline but a filing of bankruptcy was received on that date. MMA Legal suggested contacting the Bankruptcy trustee and consult with the suggested Bankruptcy attorney. Lee motioned to allow Lianne to contact the bankruptcy Trustee and the suggested Attorney to see how to proceed. Sue second. All in favor=3.

4. Workers Compensation case update: The case will continue once the State appoints a replacement advocate for the complainant. The prior advocate resigned.

5. Emergency Response Plan update: Cathy motioned to adopt the updated Emergency Response Plan. Sue second. All in favor=3.

6. Emergency Operations Plan update: Cathy motioned to adopt the updated Emergency Operations Plan. Lee second. All in favor=3.

VII Open Session:

1. Lee motioned to allow residents use the hall for funeral related functions at no charge but to require the insurance certificate. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

2. Lianne asked whether or not the Board would want to call a special Selectmen’s meeting to commit taxes next week if preparations are finished before the next scheduled meeting. The Board agreed to call a special meeting if needed.

VIII New Business:

1. Petition for Town Meeting: Darrington Road Winter Plowing: A petition was received on September 27, 2022 to call for a vote to plow the remaining section of Darrington Road which was closed to winter plowing at the last annual town meeting.

Discussion included: illegal for residents to provide maintenance on public roads, need cost to prepare road for plowing and for plowing of the road if approved, road has never been discontinued or abandoned, one full time resident lives on the section of road that is not plowed and one family plans to live in their house year round in the near future, the town has saved money by not plowing the road for the past 30 years or so, plowing needed for safety reasons and this has been requested several times over the years.

2. Special Town Meeting warrant request: paving of Green Acres Road & Capital Outlay CD over expenditure: It was determined that the Capital Outlay over expenditure could wait until the annual town meeting. Chad Casey mentioned that a request was submitted to help with the dam repair. Lianne stated that she had not received a request. Chad will forward the request to the town office. It was determined that the Administrative Ordinance Part II which does not include any authority to appoint alternate committee members is not an emergency and can wait until the annual town meeting if needed. Lianne will research the law to see if alternates can be appointed without being included in the ordinance.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Town Meeting on October 17, 2022 at 7:00pm and a Special Selectmen’s meeting on October 7, 2022 at 6:30pm to sign the town meeting warrant. Articles to include are: up to $75,000.00 to fix Darrington Road, cost to plow the road, up to $55,000.00 for paving of Green Acres Road, and Bear Pond Association request to repair the dam.

3. Junkyard Permit Harlow: The Board agreed to hold a public hearing on the Automotive Recycling License of Rodney and Tim Harlow on October 25, 2022 at 7pm Hartford Town Hall. Lianne will work to set up a site visit with the CEO, Harlow and Board members.

4. Alternate Committee members/Administrative Ordinance Part II: Tabled.

5. Bear Pond Dam fund request: Chad Casey stated that the cost would be approx. $19,000.00 to repair the dam and Turner is being asked to assist also. This will be included in the special town meeting warrant.

IX Appointments/Resignation:

a. Fire Warden Position: Lee motioned to appoint Tucker Tardif as Deputy Fire Warden while Baxter Tardif is recovering from an illness. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

X Training: AVCOG Planning Day October 26, 2022: Cathy motioned to approve $35.00 for Dan Larochelle to attend AVCOG Planning Day. Lee second. All in favor=3.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Cathy adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

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Road Report

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Green Acres Road work has been completed. Gravel was added and the road is ready to pave if we decide to do so.

Pratt Hill Road culverts are being replaced and we are ditching and digging out wet areas and backfilling with gravel. The top 500 feet will be paved this fall and other work will be done this Fall and Spring.

Perry road will be paved in about two weeks and also the top end of Pratt Hill Road.

We should discuss paving Green Acres Road to the intersection of Goding Road. It would cost about $55,000.00 and we would have to move the money from fund balance at a town meeting. The price is only good this Fall while they are in town.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner