Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

October 19, 2023

7:00@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Steven Elsman, Solid Waste Committee member Bonny Bishop, Cemetery Committee member Ken Violette, residents David Theriault, Kathleen Theriault, and Morrill Nason.

Present via Zoom: Road Commissioner Bim McNeil, residents Nanci Weed, and Julia Samson.

I Susan called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

II Susan motioned to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2023 Selectmen’s Meeting. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

III. Lee motioned to approve Warrant 8 & Payroll Warrants October 11, 2023 and October 18, 2023. Susan second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: None.

2. Road Report

a. BRIC Grants/Jeff Sterns: Jeff emailed the Board suggesting the Town apply for BRIC grants since we may not be approved for the entire amount of the grant award but we may qualify for a cost sharing grant. The Board agreed to pursue BRIC grants.

3. Constable Report

4. CEO Report: None.

5. ACO Report: None. Susan will contact the ACO concerning monthly log submissions.

6. Planning Board Report: None.

7. Ordinance Committee: A committee member stated that they met on October 18th and were joined by Gus from DOT who shared valuable information concerning the no spray issue. CMP will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the same topic.

Lee motioned to have the Ordinance Committee review the subdivision ordinance. Susan second. All in favor=3.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report: The Board received the most current expense report. The Treasurer stated that the assessors will return Monday to work on the tax commitment and the auditor is still working on the latest audit.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: A member shared that the committee worked in the Fuller Cemetery today to fix a stone, clean 11 stones, and straighten 4 stones. Next meeting is to be held on November 11th at 8am at the town hall.

11. Solid Waste Committee Report: A member shared that the committee met on September 27th and worked on a resource list. The next meeting is to be held October 25th at 6:30pm.

V Calendar Reminders

1. Solid Waste Committee meeting October 25, 2023 6:30pm

2. Craft Fair October 28, 2023 9-2pm

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Beach Policy 2024: Sale of resident guest passes for 2023 created $2,520 in revenue. The 2024 sticker cost was $70.00. Two swim lesson participant passes were sold in 2023. The Constable suggested purchasing signs and stated that cigarette butts and trash are issues at the beach. Passes for Air BNB’s was discussed.

Tabled until the November 2nd meeting.

2. Heat pump installation-November 27th & 28th:

Lee motioned to install 17 solar panels at the town hall at a cost of up to 34,285.00 which will be funded by a grant. Cathy second. All in favor=3. The contractor has been designated by the CEBE administrators and installation will be completed before the end of the year.

3. Town Hall Refrigerator: The refrigerator is not working well and was making very loud noises so it has been unplugged. The craft fair is on the 28th and they may need a refrigerator.

Susan motioned to purchase a refrigerator for up to $1,000.00 to be paid from the Goodwill Supper Fund. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

VII Open Session:

1. A resident shared information on the ATV Club meeting that was held on October 16th. Brian Milligan attended the meeting and shared valuable information. Brian was the person who removed the ATV signs and instructed the members how to display the signs correctly.

2. Residents stated that stop signs are missing from Town Farm Road, Mahoney Road, Green Acres, and other places. It was suggested that complaint forms be submitted.

3. Susan motioned to allow a benefit dinner to be held at the town hall with no insurance coverage or fees on December 2nd. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

VIII New Business:

1. New Road Name/Bear view Drive:

Susan motioned to name the second road in the proposed Rocky Mountain Way subdivision Bear View Drive. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

2. Regional Animal Control Officer: Due to a shortage of Animal Control Officers, the County is looking into hiring a regional ACO and deputy to cover all of Oxford County and would like input from the Board. No action was taken.

3. Cemetery Deed/Earnest: Mr. Earnest purchased at plot at Sparrow Cemetery. A cemetery committee member probed the plot and with the sexton and found that plot and many others with no stones to be occupied. The front lot at Sparrow can be sold and the first two rows are available in the original section. The committee member would like to create an accurate map of the cemetery and assign rows and plot numbers. Fuller cemetery was also probed and areas of rock were found preventing burials in those spots. Lianne will contact Mr. Earnest and let him know that it may be next summer before a plot can be deeded to him. The cemetery committee plans to work on a cemetery policy which would include prices, lot sizes, cleanup ruled, and may require vaults to prevent sunken graves.

IX Appointments/Resignations: Lee motioned to accept the resignation of John Adams from the Solid Waste Committee. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Tamara McNeil to the Solid Waste Committee. Susan second. All in favor=3.

Susan motioned to appoint Chris Bragg to the Cemetery Committee for a term of five years and as Sexton of town cemeteries with no expiration date. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

X Training:

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

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Road Report

10/19/2023

Work has been completed on Labrador Pond Road including ditching, two driveway culverts, seven 40’x24” cross culverts, gravel, and grading.

We finished Lafoy Road ditching, changed two 40’x24” cross culverts, added gravel, and graded the road.

A turnaround was built for plow trucks on Lafoy Road and the owner has agreed to give the Town an easement for future use.

Gravel was added to Moses Young Road and the road was graded.

Adams Road had an 18”x40’ culvert installed and was ditched and graded.

We then moved to Swan Pond Road to ditch the road and will be installing culverts.

Pratt Hill Road will be smoothed up for the winter and road repair will start in the Spring.

Three driveway permits were issued for Howard Road, Town Farm Road, and Farrand Hill Road.

We installed a 40’x18” culvert on Farrand Hill Road.

I submitted a letter on 10/18/2023, as requested, to the Planning Board and Selectmen concerning the subdivision on Route 219 with my questions and concerns.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner