Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

Postponed until April 8, 20247:00@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Al Borzelli, Jeremy Smith, Casie Morris, Ken Violette, David Bowen, Kathleen Theriault, Doreen Maxwell, Kathleen Landry, Jason Landry, Steve Elsman, Leslie Boness, Morrill Nason, and Rebecca Elsman.

Present via Zoom: Residents Don, Chad Casey, Robin Farrar, Arthur, Lennie Eichman, Norma House, Sarah, Margaret Matthews, Richard Dyer, Natasha Cote, and Marla Winship.

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

II Lee motioned to approve the amended minutes of the March 21, 2024 Selectmen’s Meeting. Susan second. All in favor=3.

III. Susan motioned to approve Warrant 19 & Payroll Warrants, March 27, 2024 & April 3, 2024. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: None.

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

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: None.

5. ACO Report: None. Susan will contact the ACO concerning reports.

6. Planning Board Report: Letters were sent to property owners and abutters of proposed growth area zoning. AVCOG has been contacted to see if they would prepare growth zoning maps for Hartford but have not responded. The attorney is still reviewing the proposed Building Permit Ordinance amendments.

7. Ordinance Committee: None.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report: One audit bid has been received so far and are due on 4/18/24, ARPA quarterly reports have been completed and the remaining funds must be obligated by the end of 2024, FEMA is sending funds from the December 2022 emergency work that was completed soon and the remaining expenses will be combined with the May 2023 disaster. The funds will be placed into a reserve to be used for summer road maintenance.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: Atlas Preservation will hold a demo at the Pinegrove Cemetery in Canton on 8/12/24 and all are welcome to attend.

11. Solid Waste Committee Report: None.

V Calendar Reminders

 1. April 6, 2024 AED & Narcan Training 2pm

 2. April 5, 2024 Budget Meeting 6pm

3. April 10, 2024 Waste Committee 6:30pm

4. April 11, 2024 Nomination papers due @ 5pm

5. April 15, 2024 ATV Meeting 6:30pm

6. April 15, 2024 Town Office closed for the Holiday

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Bulky Collection June 20, 2024 proposal & guidelines: Discussion concerning the proposal to have an onsite bulky drop-off: The proposal includes two Saturdays in June-sending a notice to taxpayers to use as proof of residency-location to be at the RR Bed parking area or the salt shed area-loader and operator-people to help unload items-12 roll offs-cost would be approximately $14,225.00 with a savings of $13,000.00, lake people pay 60%of taxes in Hartford, we had 80 tons of bulky waste last year and other towns had 40-50 tons, used to be 2 collection days per year and now only 1 and are now saying the piles are too large, curbside collection is all we get for paying taxes since not using the school system, onsite collection would be a hardship for the elderly or for residents with no trucks, offers were made to help residents with hauling items, keep it the way it is, pickers reduce the amount of items collected and the cost to dispose of them, people in other towns have to bring their items to a transfer station so this would not be any different, town would receive money for all of the metal if not picked over, we can bring items to the buy nothing day, trying to save the town money, it takes 18 months to educate and explain to people how change may benefit the town, it would not save the residents money if they have to take items to a site since many would have to pay someone to do it for them, excessive amounts of items have been left at curbside in the past, why can’t we have our own transfer station, Board is looking for Waste Committee members, has not been thoroughly thought out, information was available at the last meeting and this has been discussed at three meetings, residents are able to bring items to Archie’s in Mexico, where do we stop-concerning the budget-everything continues to increase, let the residents decide.

Susan motioned to keep it the same way for this year and look into changes for next year. Lee second. All in favor=3.

2. Quit Claim Deed Nye: Susan motioned to approve the quitclaim deed for Kenneth Nye. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

3. Administrative Ordinance Part II amendments: The Board reviewed the attorney recommendations concerning the ordinance and employees serving as committee members.

Cathy motioned to approve the proposed Administrative Ordinance Part II without adding provisions for employees serving on committees. Lee second. All in favor=3.

4. Order to alter the Winter Maintenance of Darrington Road: Lee motioned to sign the order to alter the winter maintenance closure of Darrington Road (to open the road to winter maintenance). Cathy second. All in favor=2. Abstained=1.

5. Generator: The generator engine is not working, the E.M. Director is working on a grant application for a new generator, and estimates have been received for replacement and repair.

Susan motioned to put a new engine in the generator by Field’s Electric for the cost of $1,834.95 to be paid out of the Capital Outlay Reserve Account. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

6. Dedication/town report: The Board suggested moving the cemetery sexton to the cemetery committee and only include Hartford residents under the Hartford Food Bank (not Hartford/Sumner Food Bank). Lee will get the updated list of current Hartford Food Bank volunteers.

VII Open Session:

1. A resident asked if he could place a Bear Mountain Trail sign on the stop sign at the end of Bear Mountain Road and complained of hikers not being allowed to park along the road. The new area a landowner created for parking is not working well since a hiker could not find the trail from that spot. It was suggested that he contact the Road Commissioner.

2. Cathy agreed to prepare the Board report for the annual town report.

3. The Board signed the return of hearing notices for the annual budget hearing and the building permit ordinance zoning hearing.

VIII New Business:

1. ATV Kiosk Request: The local ATV club asked permission to place a kiosk at the RR Bed parking area. The kiosk would be locked, include maps, town office hours, and would be funded by the club. It was suggested that information be included about the multi service trail and horse and rider notification. A resident suggested that the parking area be cleaned up and trailer removed.

Susan motioned to allow the ATV club to produce a kiosk after sharing the plan with the Board. Lee second. All in favor=3.

2. Broadband Grant Funds: A resident requested that the Board resume work on the Broadband issue which they received a $4,000.00 grant for. Discussion: First light stated that the minimum high speed is 25 per second and a resident only receives 10 per second, the grant is for planning and surveys etc., Lee will contact Brent Hadley and Mia Purcell. Tabled.

3. Personnel Policy/Vacation time: The Town Clerk has earned over the maximum amount of vacation time accrued due to the fact she has not had coverage. Susan contact MMA Legal who stated that it was up to the Board whether or not they delay the deadline to use the vacation time or buy out any of it.

Susan motioned to pay one week of vacation out of the unused retirement budget and direct the clerk to begin taking time off so that she doesn’t lose vacation time. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

 4. AVCOG Ballot: The board voted the ballot.

IX Appointments/Resignations: Lee motioned to appoint David Bowen as Solid Waste Committee member with a term to expire in June of 2027. Susan second. All in favor=3.

Lee motioned to appoint Lennie Eichman as Solid Waste Committee member with a term to expire in June of 2025. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

X Training: Lee motioned to approve $190.00 for Jaylene Gonyea and Lianne Bedard to attend the Personnel Practices workshop on May 1, 2024. Susan second. All in favor=3.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Lee motioned to recess the meeting until April 10, 2024 at 7:30pm (to review the attorney’s recommendations to the proposed building permit ordinance if received by then). Susan second. All in favor=3.

Hartford Board of Selectmen Meeting

April 10, 2024

7:30pm

Susan reconvened the April 8, 2024 recessed meeting at 7:30pm.

Recommendations from the Attorney concerning the building permit ordinance amendments have not been received. The attorney plans to complete the review on Thursday.

Susan motioned to recess this meeting until April 11, 2024 at 5:30pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Hartford Board of Selectmen Meeting

April 11, 2024

5:30pm

Present: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Ken Violette and Rusty Goulet.

Present via Zoom: Iphone.

Susan reconvened the meeting, from April 10, 2024, at 5:30pm.

The attorney still has not submitted the amended building permit ordinance recommendations but we should have them on Monday.

Lee motioned to schedule a special Selectmen’s meeting to be held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 5pm to review the attorney recommendations concerning the amended building permit ordinance. Susan second. All in favor=3.

Susan adjourned this meeting at 5:35pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

**Town of Hartford**

**Road Report**

April 8, 2024

The past couple of weeks before the snow storms we smoothed the dirt roads and will be going out again.

Within the next couple of weeks we will work on replacing road signs.
I will have a proposal for the planning of paving roads and I will present the information at the next Board meeting.

We need to measure the length of Darrington Road for the proposed plowing.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner