Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

May 19, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Loando Brann, Ramsey Ludlow, and Susan Goulet.

Present via Zoom: Residents Polly Chasse, Richard Dyer, Jen Bonaventura, Lennie Eichman, and Raymond Hunter.

I Lee called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

II Lee motioned to approve the Selectmen minutes of May 5, 2022 as written. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to approve the Special Selectmen minutes of May 10, 2022 as written. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

III Lee motioned to approve Warrant 27 and Payroll Warrant of May 11, 2022. Cathy second. All in favor=3. (Payroll Warrant of May 18, 2022 will be tabled until the next meeting due to a delay in receiving the paperwork from Payroll Management).

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: It was reported that Troy Eastman has been chosen as BHS Principal and there was a complaint of certain pictures on the wall of one of the schools.

2. Road Report

A. Thompson Brook inspection report: The Board reviewed the report and will speak to Jeff Sterns about the situation.

3. CEO Report: The Board reviewed a complaint submitted by a resident. No action was taken.

4. ACO Report: None.

5. Planning Board Report: None.

6. Ordinance Committee: It was reported by a committee member that the committee has completed all duties requested by the Board.

7. Fire Warden Report:  None.

8. Treasurer Report: The Board received up to date expense reports. The Board reviewed the April 2022 bank reconciliations and Lianne reported that she has mailed the 2019 tax foreclosure notices.

V Calendar Reminders

1. RSU# 10 Budget Informational meeting BJHS May 25, 2022

2. RSU#10 Budget Vote MVHS June 1, 2022.

3. Public Hearing-Ordinances, Local Option June 1, 2022 7pm @Town Hall

4. Public Hearing-Warrant Articles, Winter Road Closing, ARPA, Candidate night 6pm@ Town Hall

5. Free Sale @ Town Hall June 4, 2022

VI Unfinished Business

1. Quit Claim Deed correction Langlois: The Board signed a replacement deed with the correct margins as required by the Registry of Deeds.

2. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance clarification: At the previous Board meeting Lianne noticed that not all of the changes from the original ordinance were shown on the proposed ordinance. The Board certified the wording of the ordinance with the change that all amended wordage would be noted. Lianne began to update the proposed ordinance to show all changes but only made it to page 18 realizing that it was much too time consuming. Lianne contacted MMA Legal who stated that there is no legal requirement to present a redlined version of an ordinance to the voters but it must be presented in the town meeting warrant articles as the 2022 shoreland zoning ordinance, for example. It has not been presented this way for the upcoming vote. Lee will contact the Planning Board to see if they are able to meet and discuss the presentation of the ordinance.

3. Capital Outlay Cd withdrawal/furnace: Lianne stated that she paid the furnace bill from the following accounts: Contingency Account -$3,000.00 and Capital Outlay CD-$5,250.39. While compiling the paper trail showing the authorization for the withdrawal from the CD she noticed that the Board had approved taking $7,500.00 from the CD and the remainder from the Contingency Account. The Board agreed to honor the original decision as voted. Lianne will withdraw another $2,249.61 from the CD and make the general journal adjustments.

VII Open Session:

1. A resident asked for clarification of the class of the RR Bed, whether it was a town way or not and what the intended use is. It was stated that these questions must be answered before any work is done on the RR Bed. A member of the Board stated that it is not a town way. A Board member shared that work is scheduled to be completed including bridge replacement, grading, and road material.

Discussion continued concerning whether or not to allow log trucks, ATV’s on the RR Bed, using the Bed as a wildlife recreational area, allowing small trucks and cars only to the bridge, preventing vehicles with big tires and “mudders”, requiring bonds for loggers, liability insurance may cover damage by loggers, questions of who has legal easements to the Bed, weight limits, perhaps waiting to see the condition of the Bed once improvements have been completed, and placing obstacles with locks on the bed. A Board member suggested placing a bollard on the Bed.

The Board agreed to include on the next Board agenda “scheduling a public workshop on the subject for input”.

VIII New Business:

1. RSU #10 warrants for election on June 14, 2022: The Board signed the Warrant and Notice of Election for the RSU 10 Budget Referendum and the RSU 10 Referendum to be held on June 14, 2022.

2. MMA Legislative Policy Committee Nominees: No interest.

IX Appointments/Resignation: None.

X Training: None.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed all correspondence and considered discussing the implementation of digital mapping for the fiscal year 2023-2024 at a later date.

XII Lee motioned to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date