**Town of Hartford**

 **Special Town Meeting**

**April 1, 2021**

**6:30pm**

**Hartford Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**State of Maine**

**County of Oxford**

25 residents were present for this meeting.

The meeting was opened at 6:30pm and Lee Holman read the greetings:

To: Isaac Haylock, Deputy Town Clerk, for the Town of Hartford

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of Hartford, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Hartford Town Hall on the 1st day of April, 2021 to act on articles 1 through 5. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

**Article 1**: Lee motioned to elect a Moderator to preside at said Meeting. Richard Dyer nominated Daryl Boness as moderator. No other nominations were received.

**Vote by paper ballot: Daryl Boness=3.**

**Article 2:** Daryl read the article in full. Richard Dyer motioned to see if the Town will vote to (1) Approve a capital project consisting of paving and/or overlay of the pavement on certain roads identified by the Road commissioner, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) appropriate the sum of $1,400,000 to fund the project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $1,400,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town.

This motion was seconded by Lennie Eichman.

Discussion: Leslie Boness read a statement written by Doug Crist concerning the timeline of issuing bonds and stated that the bonds are not available at this time. Leslie stated that she is against this article. Alan McNeil stated that the reason for this special town meeting is to correct the wording of the article which has been approved twice before. Residents suggested waiting for a shorter loan term and, it was explained that the payments would be made by annual appropriations.

Daryl called for a vote after discussion ended.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes, article passes.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE: This project and the amount of the bond issue were previously approved at the annual town meeting held on September 29, 2020. Bond counsel has requested that it be re-authorized in the form presented here, which includes the attached Financial Statement as required by 30-A MRSA Section 5772.

**Article 3.** Richard Dyer motioned to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multiyear contract for snow and ice removal.

This motion was seconded by Al Borzelli.

Discussion: it was confirmed that the number of years of each contract would be three years with a two year option if agreed by the board of selectmen and contractor.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes, article passes.**

**Article 4.** Al Borzelli motioned to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multiyear contract for the supplying of Winter Sand.

This motion was seconded by Richard Dyer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes, article passes.**

**Article 5**. Lennie Eichman motioned to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multiyear contract for the Hauling of Waste and Recyclables.

This motion was seconded by Pauline Chasse

**Vote by show of hands: Yes, article passes.**

Daryl adjourned the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Minutes prepared by:

Lianne M. Bedard

Town Clerk,

Hartford, Maine

FINANICAL STATEMENT

1. TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: $0

b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan): $0

c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved: $1,400,000

2. COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

 Principal $1,400,000

 Interest $ 145,000

 Total $1,545,000

3. VALIDITY

The validity of the bonds and the voter’s ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

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 Town Treasurer

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Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the voters of Hartford qualified to vote in ‘Town affairs by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Hartford Town Office, the Hartford Town Hall, Facebook and Email all being conspicuous public places on March 24, 2021which is at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Meeting.

Dated at Hartford, this 24th day of March 2021

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Isaac Haylock, Deputy Town Clerk

 Attest:

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 Lianne M. Bedard, Town Clerk