Town of Hartford

October 1, 2020

7:00 PM Selectboard Meeting

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Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan

Others: Raymond Hunter, Richard Dyer, Christine Mumau, Arthur Harvey, Alan and Lee Fernald, Ramsey Ludlow, and Lennie Eichman.

**I Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**II Review meeting minutes from**:

1. Selectboard Meeting on September 17, 2020: Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd, all in favor.

2. Special Selectboard Meeting September 22, 2020: Lee moved to approve, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

**III Review Warrants**:

A/P Warrant #8: Lee moved, Lori 2nd, all in favor. Payroll warrants: Lee moved to approve, Cathy 2nd, all in favor.

**IV Reports:**

1. RSU 10 Report: School board meeting. No activities due to yellow designation. Will meet in 2 weeks October 8, 2020 6 PM

2. Road Report: No formal report, but paving going on Tucker Rd, Town Farm Rd, and apron at town office. Pine tree issue on Berry Road: Owners don’t want to cut 10 trees as Bim suggested, but willing to cut 5. Cathy suggested going with 5 to see what happens

3. CEO Report: Alan Fernald (report available at the town office) Trash on Camp Road. One person is willing to move his, but not others’ trash. Checked on 131 Berry Road-permit for Mr. Ryan for woodshed granted. On Lakeview – final inspection on septic system. Cary Hill Road, Varney family, New doublewide. All good. Went to see Mr Longway and granted a permit to drop a pine tree that is rotting at 30 feet up on West Cove Road.

4. ACO Report: No report at present.

6. Ordinance Committee Report: Meetings by ZOOM in October 20, 2020 at 6 PM.. Invitation will be sent to the town email list.

7. Fire Warden Report: No report at present.

8. Treasurer Report: No report at present

**V Calendar Reminders:**

1. 1. Town Meeting:  October 3, 2020 HSES Gymnasium 9:00 am

**VI Unfinished Business:**

1. Pratt Hill Culvert Grant update:  Don McLean, state environmental making up contract

2. Easements-Cathy – spoke with Paul Bernier and he doesn’t want an easement. He wants a letter on letterhead that states he is not liable for anything that happens. He’d like to have it for 5 years.

**VII Open Session:**

1. Richard Dyer – Extra School board meeting scheduled. Research showed 10.08.20 6 PM

2. Lee – Social media policy in personnel policy antiquated from back when email was a big deal. Want to think about and construct a good policy around use of social media as it can affect how the town is perceived

**VIII New Business:**

1. Election results: 45 voters to elect a 3 year Selectboard term. Cathy Lowe-41; Doreen Maxwell-2; Isaac Haylock -1; None -1.

2. Jen Garrigan – Mask mandate to enter the school. Anyone not wearing a mask will not be able to enter the school. Concerns among parents that non-school personnel will be in the building. Parents and school personnel working very hard to prevent children from being ill.

Cathy Lowe reported having checked with the town of Sumner regarding their town meeting. They had people who would not wear masks and had a separate section for them. MMA said people could not be prevented from participating in the town meeting without a mask, but could be isolated.

Christine Mumau: Has anyone checked with the RSU regarding no ability to require masks?

Cathy offered to check with the school department.

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3.Citizen concern regarding unsafe intersections. Cathy spoke with MDOT and was informed that the town would have to keep track of the accidents before they could address it. Lee: Cannot have a crosswalk as we don’t have sidewalks. Concern danger of town staff crossing the street to get the mail. Suggested flashing red light on intersection of Bear Pond Road and Main Street. Speed bump? Traffic measurement?

Arthur stated that he believed lack of enforcement was the issue. Asked if there could be an ordinance to install a camera, measure speed, collect fines.

Richard Dyer mentioned that a speed monitor could help and Lee reported that the town had one. Cathy offered to speak with Bim about it.

4.Hiring an interim deputy town clerk. Hire by contract. Christine Mumau had suggested a qualified candidate. Need to decide a rate of pay, decide how the town wants the town clerk job to look, what the town really needs.

Richard asked whether the town was creating new positions and what needed to happen if so. What would the contract position be? Lee: Interim Deputy Clerk. Christine clarified that it would be a temporary position during the recruitment and election period.

Selectboard meeting October 8, 2020 @ 9 AM to address this issue.

5. Rec Committee concerns: People who live on Church Street have been accessing the beach via a path they created. They have had fires, have boats on the beach long-term, inflatable toys, etc. It could be considered adverse possession to be addressed by the town as the town owns the beach.

Cathy suggested that the constable speak with them. Lee asked about the CEO. Ramsey suggested that both go as the beach is the constable’s domain and the bridge over the brook and other issues are in the CEO’s domain. Lee reported that Elizabeth had suggested putting the town swing set nearer to that end of the beach. Liability discussion followed and Lee clarified that the town would not be liable for possible injury on the beach per discussion with MMA.

**IX Appointments/Resignation: None at present**

**X. Training: None at present**

**XI Review Correspondence:** None reported

**XII Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Minutes approves by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date