Town of Hartford

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

7:PM @Hartford Town Office

**7:00 PM: Selectboard Meeting:**

Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Lori Swan

Others: Becky Downey, Leslie Boness, Doug Crist, Morrill Nason, Bim McNeil, Allen Tripp

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Reviewed meeting minutes from:**

1. February 7, 2019; Lee moved to approve, Lori 2nd; All approved

1. Review Warrants 68, 69, 70 &71; Lee moved to approve, Lori 2nd; All approved
2. **Reports:**
   1. RSU 10 Report – No Update
   2. Road Report – No Update
   3. CEO Report – No Update
   4. ACO Report – No Update
   5. Planning Board Report – No Updates
   6. Ordinance Committee report – Reviewed copies of Town of Fayette road information, shared with Selectboard and Leslie Boness (Road Committee)
   7. Fire Warden Report – No Update
   8. Treasurer’s Report – Move cost of Town Hall Fans to Goodwill Reserve Account, this was signed by Selectboard to move – voted, approved 2-0
3. **Unfinished Business:**

1. Water Filter for Town Hall – Approval will wait until a full board is available.

2. MDOT State Route ice issues – No Update at this time

3. Culvert Grant Update – Lori has an email re: culvert grant, but was unable to review prior to the meeting this evening. She has no sense of the deadline as yet.

4. Payroll Management – Bim shared that he uses a payroll company for his payroll and it has been very effective, as they do all reporting, are able to keep up to date on any tax changes, and it is cost effective. Lee would like to check with a few other Towns, and was not able to do that as of yet. The Selectboard did not make a decision at this time.

5. Re-schedule date for Selectboard workshop – Unable to set date, will wait to hear from Christine.

6. Grant for new Town Office – Lori: She was not able to work on that since last board meeting.

1. **Open Session:**

1. There is a bill LD261 in works to relax posting of roads in the spring, which the Selectboard feels that would detrimental to the Town. They are encouraging people to contract their representatives to voice their concern. This bill could potentially cause a lot of road damage in the Town. Doug Crist suggested that logging truckers should pay for a permit to be on the roads prior to the lifting of the posted roads. Bim is very much against any trucks being on the road before they have been unposted, even when the evening might get to 32 or below, as the ground under the paving is getting soft. Lee will draft a letter, in regards to this bill to be sent to the legislature. Becky will see if there are signs available that do not mention temperatures.

2. Shared Oxford County Tax increase, from $116,963–FY18 to $125,182–FY19

1. **New Business:**

1. Appointment/Resignation - None

2. Training - None

3. Letter-Re: Snow pushed across the roads: We have many residents that have been plowing their snow across the road, or leaving piles at the end of their driveways, which are causing driving hazards, along with damage to snowplow trucks. Bim will submit a list of problem areas and we will contact the constable to follow up with the residents causing these issues. Lee is working on a letter to be submitted to the specific residents.

4. MDOT Paving Agreement Letter for Route Set dates for Budget Committee- The Selectboard will review the document, to be signed at the next meetings.

5. Re-negotiate winter plowing contract- Bim is requesting the Selectboard to renegotiate the McNeil Farm plowing contract from $3,700/mi to $4,100/mi. for next year, and $4,300 for the following year. This will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting with a full board.

6. Discussion for State to take over winter maintenance for Routes 219 & 140- It was determined that the Selectboard should confirm what the Town of Hartford is being paid by mile and if our mileage amounts are consistent. They will also confirm that we are being paid fairly, ie: same as other surrounding towns. Is it different by district? Bim would like to do all or nothing, as he might run into issues with the roads not being done when he is out taking care of the Town roads. Leslie questioned whether he would be willing to do the two state routes at a lower cost than the town roads. Also, maybe we could look into changing how the contract is written. IE: possible to share costs for hardship and disasters such as an ice storm, fuel cost-drastic increase. This will be discussed further at the next Selectboard meeting.

1. **Review Correspondence:**

1. Selectboard reviewed all correspondence

1. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date