Town of Hartford

Selectboard Meeting

August 20, 2020

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

 Selectmen Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan

Others: Cindy McNeil, Raymond Hunter, Richard Dyer, Nancy Sullivan, Tim Kirwan and Mike McCarron.

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

**II Review meeting minutes from**:

1. Selectboard Meeting on August 6, 2020: Lee moved to accept, Lori 2nd, all in favor

**III Review Warrants**:

A/P Warrant #5 and payroll warrants: Lee moved to approve A/P Warrant and payroll warrants, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

**IV Reports:**

1. RSU 10 Report: Lee mentioned the School Board Meeting that took place on August 10th where the decision was made for students to return to in person schooling with Wednesday as a remote learning day for the purpose of cleaning the school. Parents/Guardians have the option to do all remote learning as well.

2. Road Report: Easements: Lee spoke about being advised by the town’s attorney that we should have easements in place on 3 roads in town. Cathy agreed to speak with Paul Bernier, Lori will speak with the Patenaude’s, and Lee is in agreement to have an easement on her property. Another issue had come up to Lee regarding the extra traffic and large potholes on Town Farm Rd. Cathy will speak to Bim about getting the potholes filled.

3. CEO Report: Alan and Fred met this past Friday. Alan is currently taking classes.

4. ACO Report: The ACO recently submitted a letter for the town report, no other information was given.

5. Planning Board Report: No report

6. Ordinance Committee Report: No meetings scheduled at this time.

7. Fire Warden Report:  No report

8. Treasurer Report: The town office staff continues to work with RHR Smith on getting information on the audit for the town report.

**V Calendar Reminders:**

1. RSU #10 School Board Meeting September 24th at BJSHS and Facebook Live 6:30 pm

2. Town Meeting: September 19, 2020 HSES Gymnasium 9:00 am

**VI Unfinished Business:**

1. Pratt Hill Culvert Grant update: The Selectboard will proceed with the grant process. AVCOG has the information needed for the fall submission.

2. No Spray agreement/Board of Pesticide Control: Lori has not made contact yet. She will call tomorrow or next week.

**VII Open Session:** Lee mentioned that there had been a mattress, sink, couch and other large items dropped off by the dumpster that should not have been put there and the Selectboard may need to contact Archie’s to have the items removed.

 Richard Dyer mentioned that he would like to know how much the mil rate would be affected if the total sanitation budget was removed. Richard asked Lori or the Town Clerk to check on these figures.

**VIII New Business:**

 1. Returnable bin at the Town Office Food Trailer: Lee requested a bin for returnable bottles and cans be placed by the food trailer for donations toward keeping the trailer stocked. Lori and Cathy agreed. Lee will touch base with Nezinscot Food Collaborative (NFC) to let them know this was approved.

 2. Legislative Policy Committee: Lee noted that Arthur Harvey had been on this committee in the past and the Selectboard should be thinking about who to nominate to the committee for the fall when the legislature reconvenes. The Town Clerk will check on the deadline for nominations.

 3. Former Transfer Station property: Gard Twitchell had questions about what the town would be doing with the property. Lori mentioned the possibility of selective cutting on the land with the proceeds going to the town. It was mentioned that Merle Ring could possibly be contacted to determine the value of the wood on the lot. The Selectboard will continue to talk about what is best for the town in regard to the land.

**IX Appointments/Resignation:** Lee nominated Anthony Gray for the Appeals Board to replace Leslie Boness whose term has expired. Cathy and Lori were in favor. Anthony Gray was appointed to the Appeals Board. Richard Dyer mentioned that he would be interested in being on the New Town Office Planning Committee when the group convenes.

**X Training:** MMA has a training on August 26th “Managing Freedom of Access Requests” that would be beneficial for the town clerk. Lee moved to approve the $35 cost, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

**XI Review Correspondence:** Lee spoke about the Climate Change survey that had come in, both Lori and Cathy have also seen the survey. The survey is also an extensive questionnaire that will take some time to complete. Another correspondence item was the Thompson Brook Bridge letter that came in. Lee has forwarded the letter to Jeff Stern, Cathy has shared it with Bim and Tim Kirwan requested a copy that the town clerk will email to him.

**XII Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

**Minutes approved by:**

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**Cathy Lowe Date**

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**Lori Swan Date**