Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

January 22, 2015

Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Margaret Poskus, Cathy Lowe, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road committee member Harley Swanson, and residents Morrill Nason & Thomas Hamilton.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Reports
3. Road report: Lee was not clear about an entry concerning damaged mailboxes on the timesheet of the road commissioner but the issue was resolved. Lee shared that the town does not bear responsibility for mailboxes damaged by the snowplow. Harley complained that the plow drivers drive too fast and need to slow down. Cathy will speak with the contractor. The plow contractor has instructed his drivers to not to drive past any car parked at the side of a narrow road for fear of causing further liability/damage to vehicles. A car that was abandoned in the right of way on Tucker Road was damaged by a plow truck recently. Margaret stated that the road commissioner would like to expend the remainder of the sand budget on winter sand before the sand contract goes out to bid but the plow contractor would like to wait awhile. Harley, on behalf of the road committee, requested that Lianne create the annual customized manual budget expense chart before 1/17/15 so that the expense totals for the prior year are in a simple format. Lianne does not have the time to create the report by that date and believes it is not efficient to prepare the report now and update it again for the budget meetings since it is very time consuming. All information has previously been given to the committee in the available format from the accounting software. Margaret stated that the road commissioner will be working in the office next week to prepare Gurney Hill road repair totals and work on the budget. Harley stated that the road commissioner and one member have only attended one road committee meeting and the road committee member may be deemed resigned.
4. ACO report: None.
5. Planning Board report: None.
6. RSU 10 Direct report: If anyone is interested in taking out nomination papers for RSU10 Director, Selectmen, or Road Commissioner, they will be available March 14, 2015.
7. Unfinished business
8. Road invoice Disbursement policy: Lee motioned to approve the Disbursement Warrant Policy which requires the road commissioner to approve all invoices & timesheets prior to payment as well as the board of selectmen. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
9. Road repair bid process: Cathy motioned to finish the road repair listed on the one year plan with the current road contracts until 6/30/15 and advertise for hourly bids for fiscal year 2015/16. Margaret second. All in favor=3.

Bid process for the fiscal year 2015/16 tabled.

1. Town meeting moderator/printer update: Terry Hayes has agreed to moderate our town meeting to be held on 6/13/15 at 9am @ town hall. Park Street Press has agreed to print the town reports at the same price as last year. The reports will be mailed to residents or registered voters this year.
2. Open session
3. Morrill asked whether or not the town owned chainsaws. The answer was yes.
4. The board agreed to invite Registrar of Deeds Pat Shearman to a meeting to discuss preserving old town records.
5. Lianne and Cathy will attend a NIMs course in Mexico January 28th @6pm
6. New business
7. Winter sand bid process: Lee motioned to advertise for bids for winter sand for the 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 fiscal years with bids due on 4/16/15 @ 5pm. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
8. Hartford Newsletter: deadline is February 5th
9. Training: no interest.
10. Resignations: Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Lennie Eichman from the ordinance committee. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Doreen Maxwell from the budget committee. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
11. Appointments: Lee motioned to appoint Barry Langer as budget committee member with a term to expire 6/30/15. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
12. Lee motioned to approve January 8, 2015 selectmen minutes. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
13. Lee motioned to approve warrants 56, 57, & 58. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
14. Review correspondence: reviewed by board.
15. Adjourned @ 9:45pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Margaret Poskus Date

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Cathy Lowe Date