Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s meeting

May 7, 2015

Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Margaret Poskus, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, CEO Bill Kennedy, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, Reporter Erin Place, and residents Morrill Nason, Doug Crist.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Lee motioned to approve the April 16, 2015 selectmen minutes. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
3. Lee motioned to approve the April 28, 2015 special selectmen mtg. minutes. Margaret second. All in favor =3.
4. Lee motioned to approve warrants 80, 81, 82, 83, & 84. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
5. Reports
6. Road report: One complaint was reviewed concerning Swan Pond Road. Jeremy reported that the turbo has been ordered for the grader and it should be ready to operate next week. The town should be looking for a new grader in the near future. The drainage issue has been corrected on Church Street. Three culverts were installed. Three cross culverts are needed on Church Street, one near Mrs. Marston’s home, one near Pine Shores, and one near the gray barn. Phone lines will be an issue when digging. Also, two culverts are needed on Pine Shore Drive. Currently there is $35,236.00 left in summer roads for 2014/2015.
7. CEO report: the board reviewed one permit.
8. Solar panel question/Doug Crist: Mr. Crist inquired whether or not a permit is needed for solar panels measuring 10x18 which will be placed 6’ above ground. Although the building lots ordinance does not mention solar panels Mr. Crist agreed to apply for a permit and expects to be reimbursed if it is determined that a permit was not needed.
9. ACO report: the board reviewed the report and certificates of training courses attended by Ozzie Hart.
10. Planning Board report: Morrill reported that at the latest meeting a nonconforming lot was discussed.
11. RSU#10 Director report: 2015/16 budget & meeting dates: Informational meetings May 21st 6:30 @ Buckfield High School, May 20th 6:30pm @ Peru, and the Budget Validation (vote) will be held on May 27th 6:30 @ Mountain Valley H.S. Hartford’s proposed school budget is $20,000.00 less than current year.
12. Fire Warden Report: Norm St. Pierre applied for and was granted one mobile defibrillator to be located at the Hartford Town Office.
13. Constable report: Lee reported that Constable, Chuck Merritt would like to the board to clarify what is allowed at the beach such as grills.
14. Unfinished business
15. Salt shed surveillance: Harley and Cathy will meet with a security specialist at the salt shed on May 8th.
16. Town report cover/dedication/selectmen report: the board discussed suggestions for the cover. Tabled.
17. Building permit/road standards ordinance (attorney comments). Lee spoke with the town attorney about the two ordinances and they will email suggested changes.
18. Open session
19. Lee motioned to change the regular board meeting date to May 14th at 7pm. Margaret second. All in favor=3. There will be no meeting held on May 21st.
20. The damage to Jennie Bartlett’s driveway by the plow was discussed. Lianne is to send a letter to the family stating that the damage is the responsibility of the State of Maine.
21. New business
22. Town Hall BYOB permit: canceled.
23. Wind power moratorium ordinance/Lee: No Action.
24. Farrand Hill Road plowing: Lianne is to request that a Canton representative attend a Hartford selectmen’s meeting to discuss the matter.
25. Gurney Hill Road expenses/reserve or current year budget: Margaret motioned to pay all Gurney Hill Road expenses form current year budget (not reserve). Cathy second. All in favor=3.
26. Turner Fire/Rescue contract 2014/15: the board signed the contract.
27. Hartford newsletter deadline May 15, 2015. Lee will work on the selectmen’s letter. Tabled.
28. 2012 Lien Foreclosures: The town owns two properties due to unpaid 2012 tax liens. The board agreed to send a letter asking the prior owners to meet with the board to discuss purchasing their properties back.
29. Resignations: Lee motioned to approve Arthur Harvey’s resignation from the Ordinance Committee. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
30. Appointments: Tabled.
31. Review correspondence: the board reviewed correspondence.
32. Adjourned at 9:30pm

Minutes approved by:

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Margaret Poskus Date

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Cathy Lowe Date