Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s meeting

July 17, 2014

Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Margaret Poskus, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, Ordinance Committee members Morrill Nason and Alan Ray, Road Committee members Harley Swanson, Leslie Boness, Alan McNeil, and residents Thomas Hamilton and Bob Calawa.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Reports
3. Road report: Jeremy stated that the road crew has been cutting brush on roadsides, grading will continue now that repairs have been made to the grader, and stumps have been removed from the edges of Gurney Hill Road. Harley answered a complaint of rocks along Gurney Hill Road from grading. He stated that the shoulder is soft and when it dries out he will move the rocks to the opposite side of the road out of the way. The road committee reported that they have been working on road inventories. He stated that the road committee requests that all roads listed on the one year plan ( Mahoney Road, Sam Annis Road, Howard Road, Stetson Road, Green Acres Road and Thompson Lane) be placed out to bid together. This item will be discussed at the next Selectmen’s meeting. The committee held a workshop last week to inspect Church St., Farrand Road, Thompson Lane, and the proposed beach parking area. There was talk of paving Thompson Lane and cost share with Pine Shore Association but the committee feels the road does not need pavement at this time. The committee would like to review the agreement with Pine Shore Association to see if angled parking along Thompson Lane would be sufficient in place of a new parking area. A resident gave permission to the town to create a water turnout on his property on Farrand Hill Road. Jeremy stated that he had planned to correct the drainage issue on the road for years but since the work has to go out to bid he was not allowed to do the work. Leslie suggested we swap the plowing of Farrand Hill Road with the Town of Canton. Lianne has discussed this issue with the Town Administrator of Canton and will check back with him. The Gurney Hill Road work was discussed including the hauling of asphalt and gravel. Lee asked Jeremy if he had the list of work to be completed on Gurney Hill Road with estimates which would serve as a contract for the job. Jeremy stated that since the contractors who are working on Gurney Hill Road have signed hourly contracts with the town and he is supervising the work as road commissioner, he would not sign a contract for the this particular project. He stated that the project would cost $40,000-$50,000 depending on how much ledge that will have to be blasted. Jeremy was given the Gurney Hill Road plans drawn up by Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation.
4. CEO report: none.
5. ACO report: the board reviewed the report from the ACO.
6. Planning Board report: none.
7. RSU#10 Director’s report: none.
8. Unfinished Business
9. Tractor & Attachments bid opening: the board opened seven bids:

Wesley Brown bid $1175.00 for the chipper and mower attachments

Morrill Nason bid $420.00 for the chipper attachment

James Keach bid $1701.00 for the tractor and mower attachment. $250.00 for the chipper.

David Bowen bid $577.95 for the chipper attachment or $1695.59 for the tractor and both attachments.

Roland Berry bid $303.03 for the tractor and mower attachment. $100.00 for the chipper attachment.

Kevin Chamberlain bid $850.00 for the tractor and both attachments.

McNeil Farms Inc. bid $2008.00 for the tractor. $1060.00 for the mower attachment. $408.00 for the chipper attachment.

Lee motioned to sell the chipper to Morrill Nason for $420.00, the tractor to McNeil Farms Inc. for $,2008.00, and the mower attachment to McNeil Farms Inc. for $ 1,060.00. Margaret second. All in favor=3.

(it was discovered after the meeting that Morrill Nason was not the highest bidder on the chipper attachment. The motion will be revisited at the next scheduled selectmen’s meeting).

1. Open session
2. Thomas Hamilton asked the board if the six desks at the school house could be stored somewhere else to make more room for the clothing center. The Hartford Heritage Society will be asked if they would like to temporarily store the desks at the museum.
3. Thomas Hamilton reported on the water quality of Lake Anasagunticook. Currently the water clarity is at four meters. If the quality drops any lower it could affect the property value around the lake.
4. Lee shared a complaint from a Pine Shore subdivision resident. The dumpster located in the subdivision was overfilled last week and they inquired about a larger dumpster or more frequent visits to empty it. Lianne spoke with Alan from Archie’s who stated that the dumpster was overfilled only once, it is not a reoccurring problem and no change is needed at this time. Alan stated that he monitors all dumpster usage.
5. Bob Calawa stated that during this meeting the board talked about everything but got nothing done. The three board members have power to do things and have control of the finances.
6. New Business
7. Revised Ordinance Committee list of proposed ordinances: tabled.
8. Ordinance Committee/Selectmen meeting date: the board and ordinance committee will meet July 29, 2014 7pm @ the town hall to discuss the ordinances to be worked on.
9. Planning Board member wages request: Tabled.
10. MMA ballot for Annual Election of Vice President & Exec. Com. Members: the board voted the ballot.
11. Appointments: none.
12. Bank reconciliation: the board reviewed the bank reconciliation and statements.
13. Lee motioned to approve the July 3, 2014 Selectmen minutes. Cathy second. All in favor=2. (Margaret had to leave the meeting prior to this agenda item).
14. Lee motioned to approve Warrants 3, 4, 5, 6, & 103. Cathy second. All in favor=2.
15. Review Correspondence: the board reviewed the correspondence.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Margaret Poskus Date