Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s meeting

August 7, 2014

 Minutes

7pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen Margaret Poskus, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, CEO Bill Kennedy, Constable Charles Merritt, Road Committee members Alan McNeil, Dan Maddox, Harley Swanson, Ordinance committee members Daryl Boness, Lennie Eichman, Morrill Nason, reporter Mary Standard, and resident, Alyssa Boness.

1. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A request was made by Dan Maddox that the board hold an executive session regarding personnel. Lee motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405 subsection 6(A) at 7:05pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to exit executive session at 7:32pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

No action was taken.

1. Reports
2. Road report: Jeremy reported on the Gurney Hill Road repair. He stated that ledge will have to be blasted. Lengthy discussion continued about the road project bid process including writing of bids, placing bids, who is qualified to write bids, liability for deaths caused by road repair projects that have not gone out to bid, paving bid process, etc.
3. CEO report: Bill shared approved permits and asked if a permit application fee should be waived from a resident for a replacement deck since the original deck was removed over 10 years ago (without notification to the town) and has been taxed for over 10 years. Lee answered that the fee would not be waived and he should apply for abatement for the past three years taxes. Lee motioned to request further information before processing a junkyard application. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
4. ACO report: none.
5. Planning Board report: Morrill gave a report of the planning board concerning tree cutting and suggested that the shoreland zoning ordinance be amended to allow the state to oversee forest management.
6. RSU 10 Director report: none.
7. Unfinished business
8. Tractor bids revisited: Lee explained the error that occurred at the previous board meeting concerning highest bidder on the chipper attachment. She apologized for the error and made a motioned to accept the bid of $577.95 for the chipper attachment to David Bowen. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
9. Road committee road work bid request: After a lengthy discussion the board asked the road committee for an inventory list of work to be done for the bid committee by August 19, 2014. The road committee and bid committee will meet on the 19th at 7pm.
10. Dumpster issues: the board asked Lianne to respond to dumpster complaints and suggest tips on how to control the dumping issues.
11. Ordinance committee list of ordinance amendments: the board approved the list to include: revisions to the building lots ordinance, road standards ordinance, solid waste ordinance, and administrative ordinance. The board and the ordinance committee will meet on August 12, 2014 at 7pm.
12. Planning Board wages: Margaret motioned to pay a planning board member $10.00/hour with a limit of 21 hours to organize the planning board records located in the town hall. Lee second. All in favor=3.
13. Open session
14. Morrill stated that the Church Street sign was replaced but there is a (Hartford Community) Church sign and post in the ditch.
15. New business
16. Oxford County budget committee caucus: Lee asked the board to attend the caucus on August 27, 2014 6pm at the courthouse in South Paris to support her in her bid for the County Budget Committee member position.
17. Local road Assistance Program Report: the board signed the 2014/15 certification that funds received will only be spent on capital improvements.
18. General Assistance Audit: Lee met with the GA auditor last Friday and passed the audit.
19. Buckfield Fire Services Contract: the board signed a one year contract with Buckfield Fire in the amount of $12,127.50.
20. Curbside Service Addendum: the board signed the previously approved two year extension for curbside pickup.
21. Lee motioned to approve the July 17, 2014 selectmen minutes. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
22. Lee motioned to approve Warrants 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
23. The board reviewed correspondence
24. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Margaret Poskus Date

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Cathy Lowe Date