Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s meeting

October 15, 2015

Minutes

6:45pm Public Hearing-General Assistance ordinance

7:00pm @ town office

Present: Selectmen Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Margaret Poskus, Road Commissioner Alan McNeil, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Reporter Erin Place, RSU 10 Director Richard Dyer, Planning Board member Arthur Harvey, and resident Judy Hamilton.

Lee called the hearing to order at 6:45pm and explained the proposed changes to the General Assistance Ordinance. The changes include new maximums for Appendix A, B, C & D.

Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1. Lee motioned to approve the October 1, 2015 Selectmen minutes. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
2. Lee motioned to approve warrants 26, 27, & 28. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
3. Tax Commitment 2015-16: The board signed commitment papers setting the mil rate at $17.70 for the 2015/16 tax year down from previous year’s $19.25 per thousand of valuation.
4. Reports
5. Road report: the board reviewed the report submitted by the road commissioner. Alan stated that Lane Construction was fine grading Stetson Road today and plans to begin paving Monday. Church Street and Gurney Hill maintenance will begin a week from Monday. Grader is almost ready. A radiator hose is needed. Margaret relayed that Berry Road has potholes that need to be filled. The board was informed of a full tank of oil or off road fuel at the garage that should be used or pumped elsewhere.
6. CEO report: the board reviewed three permits.
7. ACO report: none.
8. Planning Board report: Arthur commented on the recent letter received by the planning board from Camp Wekeela concerning expanding the dining area. Arthur stated that six years ago the same request was received and after consulting with MMA legal, the planning board decided the camp was a commercial enterprise and could not expand and the Appeals Board had agreed with the Planning Board. Arthur stated that some members of the current board are more lenient and may want to allow the expansion if a permit is received. Arthur is concerned with water quality, motor boat use, etc. An application for expanding has NOT been received by the planning board.
9. RSU 10 Director report: Richard will be attending the Maine school management conference Augusta next Wednesday and Thursday. There was a federal student nutrition guidelines presentation at the most recent board meeting. The presentation shared what snacks students are allowed to purchase and some school board members disagreed with offering coffee for sale to students. Richard shared a list of percentages of children in our district with certain disabilities. Speech therapy will be offered online at BHS. There is also a life skills program in Rumford where kids will go out into the community to learn. Richard shared that the bus driver union agreement has been settled. The next director’s meeting is to be held Oct. 26th at 6:30pm.
10. Constable report: none.
11. Fire Warden Report: none.
12. Treasurer report: none.
13. Unfinished business
14. Camp Road turnaround: Lee visited the Bernier property and stated that the barrier is still in place. Lee will contact Mr. Bernier to invite him to meet with the board.
15. Beach Stickers/Fees/Public Hearing: Tabled until January 2016.
16. Open session
17. The board reviewed photos of the rail road bed submitted by Jeremy Johnson showing that the recreation committee did not trim the bushes this year. Arthur noted that mowing was needed near the pond.
18. Lee approved stream crossing training for the road commissioner. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
19. New business
20. General Assistance ordinance amendments: Lee motioned to adopt appendixes A-D as recommended by the Dept. of Human Services. Margaret second. All in favor=3.
21. RCAM: Judy handed out a RCAM newsletter and stated that Hartford is well represented in the food coalition. An empty bowl dinner will be held at the town hall on November 21st.
22. Appointments: Lee contacted Art Lavoie who stated that Clarence Hill has been appointed as fire warden for the town of Hartford and is able to issue permits at this time. Clarence Hill @ 207-402-9577.
23. Review correspondence
24. Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Margaret Poskus Date

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Cathy Lowe Date