Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

December 15, 2022

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Susan Goulet, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, residents Ken Violette and Sara Nickels.

Present via Zoom: residents Natasha Cote, Dan LaRochelle, Richard Dyer, Brenda Burmeister, Mr.Hoellerman, Connie Hoellerman, Lennie Eichman, and Marla Winship.

I Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II Cathy motioned to approve minutes of November 30, 2022 Special Selectmen’s Meeting and December 1, 2022 Selectmen’s meeting. Sue second. All in favor=3.

III. Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 12 and Payroll Warrants of December 7, 2022 and December 14, 2022. Susan second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: Richard reported on the last School Board meeting. The town of Andover is in the process of becoming an unorganized territory which could take up to 1 ½ years. They will no longer be a part of RSU 10. It was stated that the children will be able to attend their choice of schools. The School Board narrowed down the name of the new school to be Mountain Valley Community School but the decision was tabled until the next meeting. Richard also reported that the NMEA test results showed that the students tested better than previously including attendance.

2. Road Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Road Commissioner (attached).

a. Gurney Hill Road winter maintenance complaint: A complaint was received about the frequency of plowing of Gurney Hill Road (dirt section to the last house past the cemetery). Cathy read the Town of Hartford Winter Road Plowing Policy which states the first roads to be cleared are Routes 219 and 140, next high traffic secondary roads such as Church St. , Perry Road, Town Farm Road etc., next the low traffic secondary roads, finally the roads that have only a few residences on them. The Hoellerman’s stated that someone is at their house Mon-Fri and some weekends and the last storm which dropped 3” the road was plowed to the Ludlow residence only. Cathy stated that if dirt roads are not frozen they are not usually plowed (too soft). Lee shared that her road was not plowed during that storm and that is normal since the road was not frozen. The Hoellerman’s stated that they live at the highest elevation in Hartford, the road was a sheet of ice and reported that it is in ongoing issue and requested that the town plow at least to the cemetery. They realize that they are not the first to be plowed but never plowing that section of road is not ok. Cathy will monitor the road and relay the information to the Road Commissioner.

3. Constable Report: None.

4. CEO Report: None.

5. ACO Report: The rabies clinic on December 10th issued 66 vaccinations. Susan shared that the ACO stated that the contracted animal shelter is not taking any animals at this time and the ACO will contact the complainant, who submitted a complaint at the last meeting, when the shelter is able to take cats. Lianne called the shelter today since they were due to be paid and the shelter said that they are accepting animals from contracted towns, however, the animals may have to be held in pet carriers until spaces become available. Susan relayed from the ACO that if a resident traps a cat, she cannot pick it up. The ACO must trap the animal herself. Lianne stated that the law book states the same. Susan will contact the complainant from the prior meeting and if anyone would like to donate pet carriers it would be helpful.

6. Planning Board Report: None.

7. Ordinance Committee: None.

8. Fire Warden Report: None. It was requested that the Fire Warden be notified that reports are expected occasionally.

9. Treasurer Report

a. Bank Reconciliations November 2022: The Board reviewed the reconciliations.

b. Rabies Clinic report: 66 participants at the December 10th Clinic.

V Calendar Reminders

a. Town Office closed December 26, 2022 for the Holiday

b. Town Office closed January 2, 2022 for the Holiday

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Junkyard License update/Harlow: It was reported that the equipment has not been moved to the designated area yet. Discussion included: issue a cease and desist order, legal counsel, CEO enforces the law, more vehicles being brought in, large truck full of metal and 7 trucks, camper, and harvester now located near well, land not in applications name, timeline needed, not a typical recycling business, and the Town of Rome has experience in this situation.

Lee motioned to contact town attorney in regards to the Junkyard issue. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

The Selectmen may contact the Town of Rome.

Sue will call MMA Legal for advice before contacting our regular attorney.

VII Open Session: None.

VIII New Business:

1. Post Office/resident complaint: Lee received a letter from the Postmaster stating that she must move her mailbox to the end of her road due to the fact mail is frequently delivered in a van. Lee and her neighbors sent a letter to the Postmaster, and government officials stating that the mail box would not be moved and she is still receiving mail to this date.

2. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(a)(1) complaint concerning proposed appointment: Lee motioned to table executive session to a date uncertain. Susan second. All in favor=3.

IX Appointments/Resignation: None.

X Training: None.

XI Review Correspondence: None.

XII Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date

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Road Report

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The road crew has completed tar patching on Darrington Road, Davenport Road, and Pratt Hill Road.

We have graded and rock raked Mahoney Road, Tucker Road, and Dakin Lane. The others will have to wait until Spring since we ran out of time.

A culvert has been replaced on Cowett Road.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner