Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

December 16, 2021

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, ACO Roni-Sue Vachon.

Present via Zoom: Selectman Lori Swan, residents Richard Dyer, Lennie Eichman, Arthur Harvey, and Ray Hunter.

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

II Lee motioned to approve Selectmen meeting minutes from December 2, 2021. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

III Lee motioned to approve A/P Warrant 16 and Payroll Warrants dated December 8, 2021 & December 15, 2021. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IV Reports:

1. RSU 10 Report: The Board discussed the incident at the last school board meeting which resulted in the canceling of school for at least one day and turned out to be not an actual threat to shoot up the school but a Zoom participant’s child playing a video game in the background.

2. Road Report:

a. Rent It Contract: The Board signed the contract for the rental of skid steers and rollers.

b. New Road name/Crag Knoll: A resident inquired on how to go about naming her driveway. According to town ordinances a road name is required if two or more residences on the road and the new town road ordinance states that all new roads must abide by the road standard ordinance. The Board did not act on the request. A Board member stated that she can put up her own sign.

3. CEO Report: none.

4. ACO Report: The ACO was present to complain that the town clerk had issued a kennel license before an inspection was made and other concerns. Lianne stated twice that this issue should be on the agenda as an executive session and received no response. No action was taken.

5. Planning Board Report: none.

6. Ordinance Committee: The December meeting has been canceled. Next meeting will be held January 4, 2021 6pm via Zoom and the first Tuesday of each month following.

7. Fire Warden Report: none.

8. Treasurer Report:

a. Bank reconciliations November: Reviewed by the Board.

b. The Board received an updated expense report.

c. Lianne shared that the 2020-2021 Audit has been finalized and will be available by February 1st . This will be the third audit completed since March 2021.

V Calendar Reminders: Town office will be closed on December 25, 2021.

VI Unfinished Business:

1. American Rescue Act Funds: The Board reviewed the responses to questions asked of MMA Legal. If money is allocated to Hartford business owners, all businesses would be included and the Town would have to adopt an ordinance or vote on a detailed warrant article in order to issue funds. Funds may not be used for prior employee essential pay. It was suggested that perhaps the Budget Committee could meet to discuss the use of funds. Tabled.

VII Open Session:

1. It was requested to allow local parents or grandparents use the town hall to host children activities for 4 hours in the mornings for up to 8 children since school has been canceled frequently and children are restless. Tabled.

2. Newsletter deadline is January 6, 2022.

3. The Board signed the Turner Fire Contract for the current year.

4. The Chair of the Board signed the Audit representation letter.

VIII New Business:

IX Appointments/Resignation: none.

X Training: none.

XI Review Correspondence: none.

XII Lee motioned to adjourn at 8:20pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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Lee Holman Date

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lori Swan Date

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**Road Report**

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**The culvert problems on Lafoy Road and Town Line Road have been corrected.**

**The Road crew has tar patched Perry Road, Pratt Hill Road and Town Farm Road.**

**Submitted by,**

**Bim McNeil**

**Road Commissioner**