Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Budget Workshop

Approved Minutes

March 11, 2024

7pm

Hartford Town Hall

Present: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, and Road Commissioner Bim McNeil.

Present via Zoom: Residents Dan Larochelle, Lennie Eichman, and Sheila Harrington (non resident).

1. Susan called the workshop to order at 7:00pm.

2. Discussion included: Swim lesson funds available in current year budget should be spent before June 30th, road budget includes money for Church Street repair, Darrington Road repair including an amount for gravel at the end, Davenport and Goding Road need repair and gravel, Gurney Hill Road needs ditching past the Gammons residence, Mahoney Road needs gravel and possible paving, 7% increase in road budget from current year, winter sand bid can wait-we will budget the same amount as current year and make sure the contractor fills the salt shed before June 30th, we will send a letter to the current winter sand contractor stating that he must fulfill his contract, there have been many complaints concerning the condition of Mahoney, Church, Tucker, Darrington Roads, and overlay is needed on Perry and Green Acres Road so it was suggested to contact the State to see if we can restructure the current Road Bond to borrow an additional $1,000,000.00 for this purpose or apply for a new road bond, the Board agreed to recommend a $2.00 increase in hourly wages for the CEO, Road Commissioner, and the maintenance position, as previously discussed a $1.00 increase will be included for the new Deputy Clerk position, the Board will research the cost for new equipment to improve Zoom meetings-we do have a projector and screen, Susan will contact Chris Sanborn (IT person) for a quote, Lee will contact the Town of Buckfield, the town hall currently has funds budgeted in current year to move the ramp out further, the Board agreed to include an article in the town meeting warrant to allow the funds from the sale of a tax foreclosed property to be placed in the legal reserve since we spent a large sum for attorneys on the situation due to incorrect lien filings in 2019-2020 and an application for bankruptcy, the Board noticed that some social services did not request funds from town meeting and the Town Clerk stated that she does not contact social services when requests are not received, the Town Clerk inquired about have the Town buyout her vacation since she is unable to use vacation time and will lose the accrued time-Susan will contact MMA Legal.

Susan adjourned the workshop at 9:20pm.

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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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