Town of Hartford

Selectmen’s Meeting

Approved Minutes

August 3, 2023

**6:30PM**@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Selectmen Susan Goulet, Cathy Lowe, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Steven Elsman, Cemetery Committee member Ken Violette, residents Sybilla Pettingill, Rebecca Elsman, Al Borzelli, Bonny Bishop, and Nancy Sullivan.

Present via Zoom: Attorney Dan Stockford, residents Nanci Weed, Lennie Eichman, Tim Kirwan, Christine Mumau, David Bowen, Marla Winship, and Sarah Nichols.

I Susan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II Susan motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to MRSA 1§ chapter 13 Section 405(6)(e) to discuss Legal advice/Samson Road Complaint. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

 Susan motioned to exit executive session at 7:03pm. Cathy second. All in favor=3. No action taken.

III Lee motioned to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 Selectmen’s Meeting as amended (additional junkyard compliance date added). Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IV Susan motioned to approve Warrant 2(2023-24) & Payroll Warrants July 26, 2023 and August 2, 2023. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

V Reports

1. RSU 10 Report: A resident reported that Joel Chapman is working to get Meroby school to be involved with a bee program and is working to arrange bus transportation for students.

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

a. Road Contracts 2023-2024: Lee motioned to accept the contract for road material with NADA. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

b. Davenport Road Complaint: The Board reviewed the complaint asking for work to be done on the road due to deterioration. The Road Commissioner is planning to do some repair soon. Susan stated that all FEMA money received in the future will be spent on the appropriate roads.

3. Constable Report: The Constable reported that only 5 warning letters were given out recently and he has been finding them along the road. Steve visits the beach twice per day when the weather is good. It was confirmed that ATV’s also need a parking pass.

4. CEO Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the CEO.

5. ACO Report: None.

6. Planning Board Report: None.

7. Ordinance Committee: None.

8. Fire Warden Report: None.

9. Treasurer Report: The Board reviewed the most recent expense report. It was reported that almost $5,000.00 in checking account interest was earned during July with Northeast Bank. We were receiving approximately $300.00 per month with Androscoggin Bank.

10. Cemetery Committee Report: It was reported that a workshop was held this week at Thompson Yard Cemetery. Five stones were straightened, brush was cut along all borders, and stones were cleaned. Crushed rock was brought in to correct stone bases. All work is expected to be completed in the next few days and this will be the first completely finished cemetery.

VI Calendar Reminders

 1. Planning Board meeting August 14, 2023 7pm

 2. Ordinance Committee meeting August 16, 2023 7pm

 3. Solid Waste Committee August 9, 2023 6:30pm

 4. Food Bank fundraiser/dinner August 5, 2023 5:30pm @ Sumner church

VII Unfinished Business:

1. 2019 & 2020 Tax Foreclosures/Blanchard: 2019 and 2020 foreclosure notices were resent to Blanchard since they were processed incorrectly in the past and Mr. Blanchard failed to abide by the Court decision. According to the Administrative Ordinance Part II the Board has to send a last chance certified letter to Mr. Blanchard once an order to sell the property has been approved by the Board. MMA Legal and Kevin Crosman were contacted for advice and both suggest amending our Administrative Ordinance to be consistent with the new State Law in regards to tax foreclosure sales.

Susan motioned to move forward, send the certified letter to Mr. Blanchard, and when the State is prepared to allow the sale of tax acquired property we move forward with the sale process. Lee second. All in favor=3.

VIII Open Session:

1. Lee asked to add to the next agenda the subject of repair of town office contract, whether it was advertised or went out to bid.

2. A resident asked how it was allowed to remove stumps at the beach parking area and bury them behind the salt shed instead of burying them at the parking area. Why was illegal to bury at parking lot and not the salt shed. The CEO will be asked to look into the situation.

3. A resident stated that he is stepping down as president of the LAA. He will be retiring after serving since 1987.

4. The contractor of the town office repair job asked why discuss the contract since it has been approved and signed and he has time and money already invested in the project. Susan stated that several people were asked to submit estimates for repair and only one was received. The Board addressed the situation at four separate Board meetings and voted legally to accept the estimate instead of placing it out to bid. A resident stated that it should have been put out to bid with bid specs and the estimate accepted was crazy. The estimate includes a new door, new window, support wall, 196 blocks, interior work, labor, etc. The Board agreed to extend the contract deadline to September 15, 2023 due to the delayed internet installation and lock changes scheduled with Fortin’s Lock Service.

5. It was stated that the Bear Pond Dam is being repaired and water is fluctuating. The repair should be finished in a couple of weeks. The Association surpassed the fundraising goal and divers were involved in the repair process. A Board member visited the pond recently and stated that the new boat launch is working great, no jet skis or cigarette boats were on the pond and is quiet. A resident stated that there is still trouble caused by young kids speeding across the pond and the warden has been out several times. Camp Wekeela is working to limit boating during certain hours.

IX New Business:

1. Curbside Trash Dumpsters: Discussion: Five households use the Labrador Pond Road dumpster and it has been overfilled lately, there is a refrigerator there, and other items, could build a recycling building, could place covered trash cans out on pickup days, who owns land where dumpster sits, trash truck could pick up at homes since there is room to turnaround, Archie’s would need addresses and how much to collect during a special trip, Buckfield transfer station was discussed and it would be a huge investment to join the two towns at this point. Susan will talk with Archie’s to see if they would be willing to pick up weekly at each household in that area. Tabled.

2. Hall use approval/nonprofit August 12, 2023: Lee motioned to allow Pinpoint of Light (Rose Osborn) to use the town hall on August 12, 2023 without encumbrance of insurance or fees. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

X Appointments/Resignation: Lee motioned to appoint John Adams to the Waste Committee with a term to expire in June of 2026. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

XI Training: None.

XII Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed the correspondence.

XIII Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

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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

August 3, 2023

The road crew has been working on washouts at Town Farm Road Hill when they are able. I have been meeting with CMP about poles being placed on Darrington Road. We are trying to have them set the poles back away from the road.

We will begin a couple of other road jobs soon including washouts on Darrington Road.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil

Road Commissioner

Report from the Code Enforcement Officer

Date: July 31st 2023

Year to Date Report:

Year to Date Building Permits Issued: 13 - last yr. 18

Year to Date Plumbing Permits Issued: 4 - last yr. 15

 Complaints:

See attached documents

Inspections:

None

Other:

 None

Respectfully Submitted

G. Scott Mills

CEO/LPI Hartford, Me

Town of Hartford, Maine Permit Log 2023

7/2/2023

Date Permit Number Last Name First Name Location Purpose

1/12/2023 2023-B-01 Marsters Paula U04-020, 254 Camp Ext Road Tree Cutting

1/21/2023 2023-B-02 Harvey-Garcia Emily U09-26.2, U09-6, 120 Pratt Hill Rd Cabin

1/21/2023 2023-B-03 Pinoski Jacob U7-20.3, 302 Berry Rd Addition

2/20/2023 2023-B-04 Pennini Dorean R5-12, 1734 Bear Pond Road Pool

3/9/2023 2023-B-05 Myers Matt & Heidi R7-40, 57 Bartlet Cabin replacement

3/28/2023 2023-B-06 Airuccello Anthony U13-12.3, 96 Beachway Addition

4/15/2023 2023-B-07 Dyer Ellery U9-31, 143 Pratt Hill Tree Cutting

4/22/2023 2023-B-08 Walker Carla U6-19, 84 Blueberry Tree Cutting

5/18/2023 2023-B-09 Grant Garrick U13-7, 87 Beachway Tree Cutting

6/5/2023 2023-B-10 Brown Robert U3-26, 55 Pinehaven Tree Cutting

6/6/2023 2023-B-11 Diblasio Diane R12-15, 21 Green Acres Garage

6/24/2023 2023-B-12 Cassidy Peter R12-030.1, 283 Darrington Road Deck Extension

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| **Town of Hartford, Maine Plumbing Permit Log 2023** |  |  |  |
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| 7/2/2023 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date | Permit Number | Last Name | First Name | Location | Purpose |
| 2/3/2023 | 2023-P-01 | Salisbury | Debbie | R12-38.9, 9 Adam Lane | Internal Plumbing |
| 4/17/2023 | 2023-P-02 | Hyland Interior Design | R4-15, 233 Gurney Hill Rd | New Septic |
| 4/27/2023 | 2023-P-03 | Goodwin | Ira | U10-10, Bear Pond Rd | Internal Plumbing |
|  | 2023-P-04 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2023-P-05 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2023-P-06 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2023-P-07 |  |  |  |  |

Town of Hartford, Maine Complaint Log 2023

7/25/2023

 Complaint Complaintant Complaint

Date Number Last Name First Name Location Complaint Status

6/5/2023 2023-C-01 Goulet Susan 302 Berry Road Junkyard Violation Open

6/24/2023 2023-C-02 Phillips Cyndi Camp Road / 9 Jordon Way Junkyard Violation / SLZ earthwork Open

6/25/2023 2023-C-03 US Forest Service Little Bear Lane SLZ Tree Cutting Open

7/10/2025 2023-C-04 Borzelli Albert Labrador Pond Road Junkyard Open

7/15/2023 2023-C-05 Jones Bill Swan Pond Road New Camper on propertyClosed