

Town of Hartford  
Selectmen's Meeting  
August 7, 2008  
Minutes

Present: Selectmen John Plumley, Lee Holman, Zoe Cowett, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Reporter Mary Standard, EM Director Tom Standard, Interim CEO Sigrid Houlette, Comprehensive Plan Committee members Judy Hamilton, Peggy Poskus, Planning Board members Darcy Ames, Arthur Harvey, Ordinance committee members Jeff Murray, Daryl Boness, Residents Marjory Kraske, David Bowen, Joe Bedard, Anita Pottle, Grace Goodrow, John Bernier.

- I. Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Open Session: Jack shared a letter from Sun Journal concerning two complaints from residents who stated that whispering and note passing occurred at Selectmen's meetings. Jack stated that it was him who was whispering to Lee about stuff he didn't know how to do. Jack stated "We have been through a difficult time in the last month or two and would like to see us put that in the past. I'm not David Bowen and don't pretend to be and I don't want the town to be broke up into sections. There will be hard times this winter and I would like suggestions on how to help people get oil in tanks". Judy asked permission to choose the rain date of August 16<sup>th</sup> for Lake Days. The board of Selectmen agreed on that date. Judy asked the board to attend A meeting with the core committee and Canton Selectmen on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Canton Town Office. Lee will attend. David Bowen stated that he has concern about a letter sent by Bob Calawa. David shared that he has copies of the ADA standards and the ramp does have the correct slope, handrail, non slip surface and 6x8 flat platform area at the top of the ramp (state requires 5x5), flat area at bottom of ramp. David stated that Lee had disagreed with the ADA standards and Dave asked her to get a state inspection of the work. David shared that Jack Plumley as CEO signed off on all work that was done stating that it was constructed to ADA standards. Jack stated that the handicapped door should stay open and be on a piston but is not necessary. David stated that the construction specs were approved by Lee & Hope and David abstained during the vote and that Lee and Bob sent a letter stating it was not up to ADA standards and he would like to have clarification on the work whether it is or not. The statements that Lee and Bob included in their letter are considered defamation of character and borderline slander. Lee stated that she did not sign or send any such letter. Jack motioned that the ramp itself is up to specs. David stated that the town office door was stated to not be up to security specifications. There are no security specs and Lee & Hope chose the door with a window instead of the steel door. Lee had suggested that she contact Eric Dibner who is an

accessibility coordinator for the state to inspect the ramp. Jack stated that the ramp is up to ADA standards. Grace asked Lee why she would call the state to inspect when the CEO has certified that it was built to ADA standards. Lee answered that she heard from a number of people stating the ramp was not up to specs and why not have the state inspect it at no cost. Jack motioned to rectify this and it (town hall ramp) is up to ADA standards. Zoe second. All in favor=3.

David congratulated Zoe on her win and offered any help to her. David will look into the cost of bars for the town office door.

Jack motioned to pay the Deputy Clerk \$9.50/hour to start. Zoe second. All in favor=3.

Vicky Brown has asked for a recycling bin for the church and wondered if the church would be charged. Jack motioned to donate a bin to the church. Zoe second. Lee would like to check to see if it's ok.

### III. Reports

A. Road Report: Jack read the road commissioners report. Jack will have Rick Houghton handle the beaver problem on the railroad tracks. Lee stated that the large rocks were removed from Hermit Lane and Jeremy is to work on the drainage problem at the town office. Lee stated that Perry Road still needs brush removal at the end of the road. David reminded the selectmen that a top coat will be needed on Pratt Hill and Perry Rd. Jack stated that DOT has agreed to fix the entrance to Green Acres Rd. Lee suggested that the board apply for septic grants. Lianne will print the application for the selectmen to review and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

1. Road Sealing: tabled.

B. CEO Report: Sigrid will send a letter to the owner of the Beedy property concerning violations. Sigrid will send a letter to Dianne Irving regarding the shed placed in shoreland zoning without a permit. The shed must be removed and a certified letter will be sent if there is no response. The matter will be turned over to the town attorney if the matter is not settled. Jack motioned to turn an application from Michael Rose over to the Planning Board regardless whether it is in shoreland zoning. Lee second. All in favor=3. Selectmen reviewed building permits. Jack shared that Sigrid will continue as interim CEO until a replacement is found.

C. ACO Report: not present.

### IV. Old Business

1. Ordinance Committee & Planning Board/updates on ordinance revisions: Daryl Boness asked about the added task of administration ordinance to the ordinance committee revision list. Daryl stated that the committee is currently working on the subdivision, floodplain, and road standard ordinances and have been meeting twice monthly. Jack stated that the recall ordinance is urgent and would like the committee to work on it. Lee added that the term dates are

important and must be dealt with. Arthur suggested that the selectmen make a resolution to follow the state law concerning term dates. Peggy stated that the revised comprehensive plan calls for an administrative ordinance. Daryl asked if the priority for the administrative ordinance was higher than the subdivision ordinance Jack answered yes. Daryl will scope out what is out there for administrative ordinances and report back.

2. New Website/Lee: Lee will look into.
3. ACO overage 2007/08: Lianne stated that the overage in 2007-08 will be taken from G/L instead of fund balance.
4. Comprehensive Plan revision/attorney review: Jack motioned to take questions to MMA first and then the town attorney if needed. Lee second. All in favor=3. Lianne will contact MMA with the questions.

#### V. New Business

1. Shared CEO services/Town of Turner: Jack will invite Eva Leavitt to the next meeting.
2. Canton Lake Dam Bill/Linnell, Choate & Webber: Lee motioned to pay ½ of the bill from Linnell, Choate, & Webber. Zoe second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to pay \$5000.00 of the bill to take the dam by eminent domain. Jack second. All in favor=3.
3. DEP wastewater facilities construction program: no interest.
4. EM Director questions: Jack asked Tom to design plans for fire routes etc for the Town Office and Town Hall. Tom stated that there may be money available for items not budgeted for through the county EMA. Tom reminded the selectmen of the required Nims training. Tom will try to set up training for local officials. Tom stated that the Road Commissioner is required to take the IS700 and IS100.
5. Appointments: Lee motioned to appoint Beulah Brown, Anita Pottle, Jerry Marstaller, David Kraske, and William Scott to the Laura Fogg Irish Trust. Zoe second. All in favor=3.
6. Historical Books/Lorraine Parsons: Zoe motioned to purchase Quilting is Qumforting & Horace Bartlett books from Lorraine Parsons for \$25.00 each. Lee second. All in favor=3.
7. Training: Zoe and Jack will attend the December 4<sup>th</sup> elected officials workshop at 4:30pm in Saco. Lee motioned to allow Lianne to attend the Election Conference on Sept 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> and pay for lodging. Zoe second. All in favor=3.
8. Turner Fire Service Contract: Selectmen signed the contract.
9. Quit Claim Deed/Lien discharge: Selectmen signed a 1996 lien discharge/quit claim deed for Stephen Packard.

10. Disbursement Warrant: selectmen signed the policy allowing any selectman to sign payroll warrants.
- VI. Zoe motioned to approve Selectmen minutes of July 17, 2008. Jack second. All in favor=3.
- VII. Lee motioned to approve Selectmen minutes of July 25, 2008. All in favor=3.
- VIII. Lee motioned to approve Warrants 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14. Jack second. All in favor=3.
- IX. Review Correspondence
- X. Lee motioned to adjourn at 9:55pm. Zoe second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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Jack Plumley

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Zoe Cowett

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