

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
January 17, 2008
Minutes

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Hope McCabe, Lee Holman, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Charles Merritt, Plow Contractor William Bragg, Residents Arthur Harvey, John Bernier, Grace Goodrow, Mr. Green, John Dyke, Linda Green, and Diana Young.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- II. Open Session: Lianne shared a letter from Laurence Jordan who decided to decline the appointment to the Planning Board as an alternate member. Lianne shared that the Comprehensive Plan Committee may hold the final hearing on the plan on March 5th at 7pm with a snow date of 3/8. Any changes would be made after the hearing and the plan would then be sent to the state for approval. Final drafts will be available at the town office and on the website.
Lee attended the water improvement meetings.
- III. Reports
 - A. Road Report
 1. Winter Road Conditions: John Dyke stated that the condition of Farrand Hill Road is not good. Residents have to wait for trucks and there is seldom sand on the road. Generally residents have to wait until the storm is completely over before any trucks plow the road. An ambulance would not be able to make it up the road if needed. He has never come to the office to complain before. Mr. Green stated that the day after the storm there was 9 ½" of snow in the road in front of his house. He was on the phone with Lianne at 9:40am when the plow truck showed up. Mr. Green has pictures that show the Canton side of the road is totally sanded when the Hartford side has no sand at all. Mr. Green stated that Eddie Henderson does a great job plowing & everyone else is junk. Jeremy stated that the town has used 120 tons of salt and 1500 yards of sand this year so far. Mr. Dyke is concerned that when the insurance co. visits in March to inspect his sugar shack that the road conditions may affect the policy. Mr. Green had to plow for the school bus to turnaround. Tax payers should not have to plow the roads. Willie stated that he will get to it when he can and the contract states only two trucks are required to be out. David stated that the contract states a minimum of two trucks are to be out or whatever it takes to get the job done. There will be not specifications on equipment in the future contracts. Selectmen and Road Commissioner decided that Willie is to make two passes with the one ton up and down Farrand Road and other back roads during the storms so that they remain passable then return after the storm with the large truck to push snow back. John Bernier stated that Camp Road was not touched until 3pm. Snow has been

dumped in John's dooryard all season. The driver needs to push the snow into the bank or push it around the circle. Willie stated that he leaves snow in everyone's driveway. John explained that the plow truck dumps all of the snow at the end of the driveway when it can be put elsewhere. John also stated that the roads are narrow and there is not enough sand. Very dangerous for drivers. The board of selectmen agreed to give the January 30th payment to the plow contractor today and allow him to receive payments at the second selectmen's meeting each month instead of the end of the month except for the April payment. The April payment is to be made on the last day of the month. Willie stated that he has 4 drivers and a fuel bill of \$5000.00 for December. Hope made a request for more sand to be placed on roads.

B. CEO Report: not present.

C. ACO Report: not present.

IV. Old Business

1. Appointments: Tabled
2. Tax Map Charges: Tabled
3. Town Office Sign: Tabled until after heating season.
4. Cemetery Lots: Lianne researched cemetery deeds at the registry and found one. Hartford Center Cemetery was deeded to the town in 1828. The additional acreage given to the town near Sparrow Cemetery and the Center Cemetery belong to the town. If the town wanted to sell any other lots in cemeteries, we would first have to go through the abandoned cemetery process to be sure no one has a claim on any cemetery or lot. Lianne will check with MMA to see if a claim is made on a lot whether or not the rest of the cemetery can be taken over by the town.
5. Bond Issue/Wagner Tree: Lianne spoke with Mark Armstrong with Wagner Tree Mgmt. He is fine with having a bond requirement. David motioned to require a bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 by Wagner Tree Mgmt. before the railroad track is accessed by the company. Lee second.
6. Town Hall Ramp/Snow Removal: Joey Bedard shoveled the ramp and steps Monday and decided that he would prefer to have his time recorded as community service instead of being paid. High School students are required to perform 10 hours of community service before graduation. Selectmen agreed to this arrangement.

V. New Business

1. Land Sale/R7 Lot 56: Arthur Harvey stated that this lot may be for sale, is located next to the town hall and contains 10 acres. The town shows acreage at .37. Tabled.
2. Selectmen reviewed Bank Reconciliations
3. Selectmen reviewed Quarterly Reports.

VI. David motioned to approve Selectmen Meeting Minutes of 1/3/08. Hope second. All in favor=3.

VII. David motioned to approve Warrants 62, 63, 64, 65, & 66. Hope second. All in favor=3.

VIII. David motioned to adjourn at 8:40pm. Lee second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

David Bowen

Date

Hope McCabe

Date

Lee Holman

Date