

Town of Hartford
Special Selectmen's Meeting
July 25, 2008
Minutes

Present: Selectmen Jack Plumley, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Chuck Merritt, Reporter, Mary Standard, residents Peggy Poskus, Joe Bedard, Judy Hamilton, Marge Kraske, Zoe Cowett, and Grace Goodrow. Absent: Selectman Hope McCabe.

- I. Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- II. Open Session: Open session was held after all other business: Lee has noticed that many people did not know about the election. Lee motioned to take money to send out a notice to notify registered voters of the election. Jack second. All in favor=2. Jack shared that trees are leaning over the boardwalk at the beach and suggested removing them in the winter after taking the railings off to prevent damage to the boardwalk. Lee suggested obtaining a permit from the CEO before performing work. Judy announced that there will be a Special Town Meeting held in Canton tomorrow at 9am to see if the voters will approve taking the dam by eminent domain. Chuck stated that he has obtained a couple of no parking signs from DOT to place at the beach. He has added the words "without permit" to the signs. A 14' metal pole was also received with the signs. Chuck also stated that he had a call for a DUI at the beach recently which involved a man and a 7 year old juvenile. The man tried to get the juvenile into the car to leave. The police officer did not see the man try to drive but Chuck witnessed the person trying to start the car and the car wouldn't start. The man was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and DUI. Chuck suggested sending a letter to Pine Shore Assoc. about ATV's entering the Hartford Beach from the Pine Shore area. Jack stated that ATV's are not allowed on the beach and if they enter the water at all big fines would be handed down. Grace Goodrow was told to attend the Road Committee meeting concerning her road but she feels the Selectmen are the ones to talk to since they make the final decision on paving. She stated that Ricker Hill Road is being considered for paving and that road only brings in \$7,435.81 in taxes per year. Camp Road brings in \$94,434.92 in taxes per year and needs paving also. Grace stated that Ricker Hill Rd is a through way and other options are available to avoid driving on that road. Camp Road is not a through way and residents have no other option but to drive on the road. Grace stated that the road is narrow and has many potholes on the tarred section. The dirt section has been fine until the last rain storm. Jack stated that it isn't how much tax is paid it is the condition of the road and the usage. Jack shared that Camp Road is on the list of 5 roads needing new pavement. Jack believes that if the work on Stetson road holds up over the winter then we should pave Camp Road in the spring. Jack stated that Camp Road will be the next hot topped road and prepare work on Ricker Hill Road will be starting soon. Lee suggested that

Grace attend the Road Committee meeting since they are working on a five year plan.

- III. Special Town Meeting Warrant: Lee suggested holding the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday August 5th. Grace asked why the election had been postponed. Lee answered that the Board of Selectmen had not signed a warrant for town meeting which is required for municipal elections. Lee stated that the election could have been challenged in court if it was held without posting the warrant. Lee read the advice from MMA legal services recommending to consider the nomination process completed. Grace asked why the warrant was not signed in the first place. Lee answered that many things were going on the night the date was set for the special election and no one thought about signing a warrant. Lee suggested that we move forward from here. Selectmen signed the warrant for an August 5, 2008 Special Town Meeting. Polls will be open 10-8. Absentee ballots will be available on Monday, July 28th. Chuck will post the warrants on Saturday the 26th.
- IV. Town beach parking area damage: Jack inspected the damage to the beach parking area from an overturned vehicle and suggested hiring Jeremy Johnson to clean up the area and place gravel down so that children do not injure themselves on the broken glass. Jack also stated that some trees may have to be removed. Lee was concerned that taxpayers would have to pay the repairs. Lianne stated that she contacted the Maine State Police and officer Wing will return her call when he is able. Lianne suggested forwarding the invoice for reimbursement when the work was completed. Jack stated that the area is marked with grade stakes at this time.
Jack motioned to allow Jeremy Johnson to repair the damage at the town beach parking lot. Lee second. All in favor=2.
- V. Jack motioned to adjourn at 8:00pm. Lee second. All in favor=2.

Minutes approved by:

John Plumley

Date

Lee Holman

Date