

Town of Hartford
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020
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Present: Lee Holman, Cathy Lowe, Lori Swan

Others: Cindy McNeil, Lennie Eichman, Lee Fernald, Richard Dyer, Raymond Hunter, Robert L'Heureux, Tim Kirwan, Arthur Harvey

I Call Meeting to order

Lee called meeting to order at 7:02 pm

II Review meeting minutes from:

1. Selectboard Meeting on May 7, 2020

Lee moved to accept minutes, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

III Review Warrants:

A/P Warrant #37 and payroll warrants

Lee moved to approve A/P Warrant #37, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

Lee moved to approve payroll warrants, Lori 2nd, all in favor.

IV Reports:

1. RSU 10 Report: No formal report however it was noted that all school board members were in favor of the school budget except Charlie Maddaus. Buckfield is not open to signing the letter that Sumner/Hartford Selectboards have proposed to send to the School Board regarding concerns about the budget.

2. Road Report: No formal report however it was noted that tree cutting and grading had been done on Camp Rd, Darrington Rd and Tucker Rd.

3. CEO Report: Selectboard met with 3 candidates at the Town Hall earlier this week for interviews for the open position. Lori moved to hire Robert Boutin as CEO, Lee 2nd, all in favor. It was requested that the Town Clerk check records for the previous CEO to determine pay/hrs/etc. before formally offering the position.

4. ACO Report: No report.

5. Planning Board Report: No meetings scheduled at this his time.

6. Ordinance Committee Report: No meetings scheduled at this his time. The Ordinance Committee is looking to have a Zoom meeting soon, it was later determined that the original date set did not give the required 7 day notice and will be rescheduled.

7. Fire Warden Report: There was a report of a resident with a fire without a permit and tires being burned. Canton Fire Dept responded but did not extinguish the fire stating they did not have authority to do so.

8. Treasurer Report: The Town Clerk is currently working with the Budget Committee to provide information for the upcoming fiscal year budget. The town is currently just under in tax payments as compared to the same time last year.

V Calendar Reminders:

1. Daily: Check in with your neighbors

2. RSU 10 School Board Meeting May 26th at 6:30pm via Zoom/Facebook. Annual School Budget Meeting May 27th at 6:30pm MVHS. School Board Meeting June 8th at 6:30pm MVHS. Budget Validation Meeting June 23rd at 6:30pm MVHS Auditorium.

VI Unfinished Business:

1. Future Town Office Planning Committee: Seeking members for future meetings, current members David Stiles, Charmae Gammon and Lennie Eichman.
2. Updated Comprehensive Plan discussion: All current committee chairs are urged to read the current comprehensive plan. Copies will be made and distributed as needed.
3. Pratt Hill Culvert Grant: Tabled, date uncertain, waiting to hear from Shelley at AVCOG.
4. No Spray agreement update: It was noted that the Board of Pesticide Control needs to be notified before bringing the ordinance to Town Meeting. We will work with the Road Commissioner on figuring an amount for mowing state roads every other year.

VII Open Session: Cathy asked if dumpsters had been removed, the Town Clerk confirmed that they have been removed from Bear Mtn, Ragged Jack and West Cove. Archie's will now pick up weekly for those those locations. It was requested to have an article for the Hartford News about curbside pickup and how it affects the budget and taxes. Lennie will research.

Arthur Harvey noted that there was a dangerous tree over the walkway to Hartford Beach. Lennie and Cathy agreed to walk the area and make contact for tree removal if needed. Cathy moved to hire for the tree's removal, not to exceed \$200, Lee 2nd, all in favor.

VIII New Business:

1. Nezinscot Food Collaborative
 - A. Location for community emergency support stand. Lee Fernald will be meeting with Raymond Hunter this week regarding a trailer that he has been built and donated to be put near the Town Office next to the clothing donation bin. RCAM committed to donating items for the stand and there will be a garden in Buckfield to supply Buckfield/Hartford/Sumner stands with fresh produce. It was also mentioned that the stand would possibly have pet food, sanitizer, soap, books and other items for the community.
2. Budget planning discussion: The budget committee is meeting via Zoom on a regular basis and has requested members look at the numbers and try to come up with a way to cut the budget by 5% for items that are not already contracted at a specific amount.
3. School Budget update: Discussion previously had during RSU #10 report.
4. Safety shield proposal from Jim Driscoll: The Selectboard talked about the need for the safety shields when the Town Office reopens and possibly for elections and counting ballots.

IX Appointments/Resignation: None at this time.

X Training:

1. Webinar re: reopening, elections, etc.
2. Webinar re: Internet broadband access bond

XI Review Correspondence: All correspondence reviewed.

XII Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.