

Town of Hartford  
Selectmen's Meeting  
May 7, 2009  
Minutes

Public Hearing on Floodplain Ordinance amendments 6:30pm @ Town Office  
Regular meeting to begin at 7pm

Present: Selectmen Jack Plumley, Zoe Cowett, Lee Holman, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Reporter Mary Standard, Ordinance Committee members Daryl Boness, Lennie Eichman, Arthur Harvey, Constable Charles Merritt, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, Budget Committee members Leslie Boness, David Bowen, Dan Maddox, Neil Hanley, Robert L'Heureux, Road Committee members, Al Borzelli, Armand Rowe, Steve Elsmann, Residents Mr. and Mrs. Gotham.

The Floodplain Hearing began at 6:30pm. The maps were available for review. Daryl and Lennie explained the changes to the ordinance. Enforcement and the application process were discussed. Daryl explained that after the fact penalties were not included in the ordinance since it may be unreasonable to charge a penalty if the land owner is being fined by the state and is attempting to correct the situation by applying for the permit. It was stated that we may lose our flood insurance if land use activity in floodplain areas is not regulated.

- I. Jack called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- II. Reports
  - A. Road Report
    1. Tire damage: Lee motioned to reimburse Stephanie Dunn the cost of replacing one tire which was damaged from a broken sign post. Zoe second. All in favor=2. Abstained=1.
    2. Salt Purchase: Jack motioned to order one load of salt. Zoe second. All in favor=3.
    3. Selectmen did not act on a salt bid proposal from the State of Maine.
  - B. CEO Report: Jack reported that Dianne Irving has moved the shed out of the buffer zone on Canton Lake. There was no soil disturbance and she was advised to obtain a variance to allow the shed to remain in its current location which is within 5' of the side property line. If no variance is applied for the town should issue a notice of violation. Jack will speak with Bill Kennedy on the issue.
  - C. ACO Report: None.
- III. Old Business
  1. Speed Limit/Hartford Center-Chuck Merritt: Lee motioned to draft an effectively written letter to the state to reduce the speed limit through town and to request limiting engine braking through town. Jack second. Vote =3. Lee motioned to amend the previous motion to leave engine braking out of

- the request. Zoe second. All in favor=3. Lee agreed to work on the letter with Chuck and a copy will be sent to Senator Bryant.
2. Health Officer Term: Lee motioned to appoint Kay Hawkins as Licensed Plumbing Inspector for the remainder of the current term which expires June 30, 2010. Zoe second. All in favor=3. (this motion is to correct the action taken at the April 23, 2009 meeting concerning the Health Officer)
  3. Garage bid specs: Tabled
  4. Town Hall maintenance/purchases/Food Bank Storage: Jack motioned to move the Food Bank into the Town Hall kitchen area. Lee second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to purchase programmable thermostats to replace the old mercury ones. Zoe second. Vote=3.
  5. Town Meeting Warrant: Delayed until end of meeting, see below.
  6. Selectmen letter/Town Report: Jack motioned to accept the report as written. Zoe second. All in favor=3.
- IV. Open Session: Lee announced the RCAM seed distribution date of May 18<sup>th</sup> 1-2 at the Town Hall. Lee motioned to accept two contracts from David Bragg Excavation and Will's Logging for summer road work. Zoe second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to not include the social service request letters in the town report but to have them as hand outs at town meeting. Jack second. All in favor=3.
- V. New Business
1. Quit Claim Deed: Selectmen signed deed to Roger Fortier.
  2. Certified Text of Proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance: Lee motioned to accept the text of the proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Jack second. All in favor=3.
  3. Certified Text of Proposed Budget Committee Ordinance: Lee motioned to accept the text of the proposed Budget Committee Ordinance. Jack second. All in favor=3.
  4. Certified Text of Proposed Dam Inter-local Agreement: Lee motioned to accept the text of the proposed Inter-local agreement. Jack second. All in favor=3.
  5. Certified Text of Proposed Floodplain Ordinance: Lee motioned to accept the text of the proposed Floodplain Ordinance. Jack second. All in favor=3.
  6. Training: no interest
  7. URIP Revenue request letter: Tabled
- VI. Lee motioned to approve April 16, 2009 Selectmen meeting minutes: Zoe second. All in favor=3.
- VII. Lee motioned to approve April 23, 2009 Special Selectmen meeting minutes. Zoe second. All in favor=3.
- VIII. Lee motioned to approve Warrants 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, and 103. Zoe second. All in favor=3.

Selectmen met with the Road Committee, Budget Committee and Road Commissioner at 9:00pm to discuss the 2009/2010 proposed budget.

Jack stated that he spoke with the attorney about the winter plow contract and was told that the contract is binding and if the voters turn the article down it is between our lawyer and his lawyer. Jack spoke with the winter plow contractor and suggested 2 trucks and 3 trucks if 6" of snow or more.

All agreed to drop the \$24,235.00 allotted for future road repair. Armand stated that the three town's school budgets will be reduced by money owed to the towns and this amount will be applied to the budget for the next three years. We will have the final Budget figures after the June 9<sup>th</sup> vote by secret ballot. The Road Committee was concerned that after spending a large amount of time on the road budget and attending two budget meetings that the figures are now being changed. It was stated that the Road Committee voted 4-0 to approve the one year plan to repair Ricker Hill Road and if the Selectmen do not agree it should go to the voters. Beginning Ricker Hill Road in current year and ditching etc on Church Street to prepare for paving was discussed. All agreed to reduce the summer road budget to \$225,765.00, Budget \$0 for Capitol Outlay, \$0 for Equipment Reserve, \$0 for Revaluation Reserve, and reduce Contingency to \$3,000.00. Jack spoke with Cindy Dunn who provided an updated Buckfield Fire Budget figure of \$7,500.00. The total recommended municipal budget now falls \$7,299.00 below the estimated LD1 limit. Dan agreed to adjourn this portion of the meeting at 10:17pm. Neil second. Vote=yes.

Selectmen returned to the regular agenda at this time:

New Business #5. above: Town meeting Warrant: Lee motioned to include \$90,000.00 from fund balance to reduce the 2009/2010 tax commitment. Jack second. All in favor=3. Lee motioned to accept the annual town meeting warrant as written. Zoe second. All in favor=3.

IX. Selectmen reviewed correspondence.

X. Lee motioned to adjourn at 10:43pm. Zoe second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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Jack Plumley Date

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Zoe Cowett Date

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Lee Holman Date