

Town of Hartford  
Selectmen's Meeting  
August 16, 2007  
Minutes

Selectmen conducted interviews with cleaning applicants at 6:30pm & 6:45pm.

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Lee Holman, Hope McCabe, Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, CEO Jack Plumley, EM Director Tom Standard, residents Al Borzelli and Peggy Poskus.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- II. Open session: Peggy asked whether or not any other articles will be addressed at the special town meeting in December to vote on the comprehensive plan updates and Peg asked the Selectmen to set a date for the meeting soon. The Board of Selectmen have not yet discussed the special town meeting.  
Lianne reminded the Selectmen of the upcoming newsletter deadline of August 31st.
- III. Reports
  - A. Road Report: Jeremy stated that ditching and bush cutting has been done on Camp Road, Dakin Lane has been graded and mowed. Selectmen and Jeremy agreed to advertise for a laborer position and a chainsaw operator position. Jeremy is scheduled to meet with a blaster tomorrow concerning Stetson Road, Camp Road and Mahoney Road areas. Tucker Road may need blasting but Jeremy would like to ditch first to see what is there. The rate for blasting is \$2,000.00 per day. Some Fema road applications have been completed. The remaining applications will be finalized next week. Lee is concerned that Cathy Lowe is working with Fema instead of Jeremy. Jeremy explained that Sue from Fema preferred to deal Cathy and he does not have a problem with that, but he does have concerns about some of the final totals. Selectmen agree that Cathy may continue to work with Fema. Tom will speak with Sue at her next visit to see if changes can be made. Tom also plans to ask Sue about grants. If she is not willing to allow us to apply for grants there are other grants available. The Road Committee has requested that the Selectmen appoint two alternates. David stated that the request to add alternates was on the list given to the Ordinance Committee. Until the change is approved, alternates cannot be appointed.
    - a. Equipment Maintenance insurance coverage: Lianne contacted MMA Risk Mgmt. concerning employees working on equipment at their property. MMA does not approve of this practice. The property is not covered if any damage occurs.  
David motioned to accept a liability release form from Wesley Hutchins concerning equipment maintenance and review any future situations as they come up. Hope second. All in favor=3.
    - b. Summer Road Contracts: David Bragg has submitted a material list. He and Johnson Excavation dated the contract to expire 12/31/07. Selectmen preferred to have the contract expire 6/30/08 but are willing to accept it as

dated and will review the new contract in the spring.

c. Road Employee Position: Lianne will place an ad for the position.

- B. CEO Report: Selectmen reviewed one building permit. Jack received a complaint about a new camp off Andrews Drive. The owner must remove a small section of the lot from tree growth and install a silt fence on an abutters rock wall.

Jack discussed the Pinewood Drive problem with the Selectmen. Ross Cutless, engineer, called Jack and asked him to hold up until Jack hears from the owner of the property. Jack wants to send Gagne a certified letter concerning violations from damage to the lake. Jack stated that we cannot make him repair the road but DEP can. Selectmen agree to allow Jack to send the letter to Gagne.

Mr. Harvey who filed an appeal concerning building too close to the property line will attend the next appeals meeting to discuss the situation.

- C. ACO Report: not present.

#### IV. New Business

1. Dry Hydrant locations: Jack suggested Mickeriz property near boat launch, Therriault property on Laplante Drive, Stetson Road at iron bridge, Spring Road, and Jacks own farm pond. Selectmen's suggestions were, Harveys, Rosenbergs, or Borzellis on Tucker Road. Tabled until next meeting.
2. Canton Lake Dam: Jack stated that the Town of Canton wants him to take Fortier to court on violations. Canton has a letter of consent that stated that the town would not administer penalties as long as Fortier complied with the letter, which he has not. Judy Hamilton sent an email with the question "can a town co own or own land outside of the municipality". Lianne will contact MMA with the question. Judy also left a petition at the town office asking Gen. Libby to place the dam under municipal control.
3. Youth Sports Status: Lianne recently found that Youth Sports was using the Town's Federal ID number. The auditor has insisted that they apply for their own number immediatly or have all accounting go through the town office. Selectmen agreed to require Youth Sports to obtain their own Federal ID number.
4. Town Hall Door Installation: Hope will prepare bid specs for the next meeting.
5. Land Purchase/Railroad track: Tabled.
6. Recreation Com. use of Town Hall: Lee was concerned that the instructor for yoga classes, which was sponsored by the Recreation Committee, was not charged the rental fee for using the Town Hall. Belly dancing classes, not sponsored by the Recreation Committee, held in the past were charged the fee. Lee also requested a scholarship system for residents who cannot afford to attend classes. David stated that the Recreation Committee would be responsible for managing a scholarship system.
7. Nims Acceptance: Selectmen accepted the Nims plan in order to be

considered for homeland security grants.

8. Federal Surplus property Application: Selectmen completed the form.
  9. CERT Team Request: The cert team has requested \$100.00 for misc. cost concerning training, postage etc. Selectmen stated that money was not appropriated for this cause but if we had receipts for postage we may be able to help.
  10. Sumner Homeland Security Grant: not addressed (old)
  11. FEMA/Hazard Mitigation Grant: Tom stated that there is a State competition for mitigation grants at this time. Tom will meet with Jeremy to begin the application process. Lianne will assist with past work done on roads and cost of that work.
  12. Resignation/Planning Board Alternate: David motioned to accept the resignation of Terry Smith as alternate Planning Board member. Lee second. All in favor=3.
  13. Appointments/Appeals Board: David nominated Doreen Maxwell as Appeals Board member with a term expiring June 30, 2011. Hope second. All in favor=3.
  14. Winter Roads Payment Amendment 2007/08: David and Hope signed the updated winter roads payment schedule which includes the amounts recently approved to plow new sections of Gurney Hill Road and Darrington Road.
  15. Reimbursement of Excise Tax: Lianne contacted MMA who stated that the newly passed law allowing the refund of excess excise tax paid when transferring, requires that excise be reimbursed in each case even if the excise was paid in another town. The Board of Selectmen can decide whether or not to place this issue on the warrant for town meeting approval. This will be addressed at a later time.
  16. Cleaning Position: Tabled
- V. Old Business
15. Sand Shed Operating Manual: Selectmen approved the manual. Lee suggested laminating a copy to display at the sand shed.
  16. Residents Sand Structure/Sealing: David stated that we were supposed to have been left some sealer at the sand shed but it is not there. David will talk to Jeremy about purchasing the clear sealer and sealing the rear wall of the resident use shed. David also stated that the rebar must be cut and the lawn is not growing well.
  17. David motioned to approve the August 2, 2007 Selectmen Minutes. Hope second. All in favor=3.
  18. Review Reconciliations: Selectmen reviewed reconciliations of all checking and savings accounts.
  19. Selectmen reviewed the correspondence.
  20. David motioned to approve Warrants 11, 12, 13, & 14. Lee second. All in favor=3.
  21. David motioned to adjourn at 9:26pm. Hope second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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David Bowen

Date

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Lee Holman

Date

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Hope McCabe

Date