

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
August 2, 2007
Minutes

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Hope McCabe, Lee Holman, Clerk Lianne Bedard, CEO Jack Plumley, ACO Rick Houghton, Recreation Committee member Elizabeth Gravalos and resident Darcy Ames.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- II. Open Session: Elizabeth, on behalf of the recreation committee, recommended dump stickers to be required on vehicles at the beach after 5pm since swimming lessons are held during the day and some participants are from out of town. Jack spoke with Terry Hayes who stated Buckfield has a surplus in the Police coverage fund and we could ask them to pay for extra coverage of the beach. David stated that the State Police have been doing a good job monitoring the beach. An arrest was made last week at the beach. David gave the police an estimate for repairing the damage to the board walk and reinstalling the post to be \$110.00. David suggested to require the transfer station sticker at all times. Hope suggested creating a pass for the swimming lesson participants to use. They could place it in the windshield while at the beach. Elizabeth agrees that this may be a good idea. Jack stated that a sign is needed which states residents only. Elizabeth stated that there is money in the budget to purchase signs. David stated that the first step will be to install signs. Lee suggested gating off the pathway to the beach. Hope stated that we would have to have someone available to open and close the gate each day. Rick mentioned that Canton is researching state laws concerning pets at the beach. He feels he needs to find a statute in place in order to summons violators.

David motioned to appoint Lee Holman to attend the Oxford County Commissioners Budget Caucus. Hope second. All in favor=3.

Lee will sign up to allow Hartford to be an outstation concerning general assistance. This means that the G.A. director will verify that incoming G.A. documents are official. David and Hope agreed as long as we have the option to back out at any time.

David reported that the Canton Lake core committee may ask the towns of Hartford and Canton to send a letter to General Libby concerning the condition of the lake. The next core committee meeting will be held on August 7, 2007 6pm at the Canton Town Office.

III. Reports

- A. Road Report: : Jeremy submitted at road report: ditching and culvert replacement on Church St. has been done. Two maple trees were cut on Pine Shore Drive. A culvert was replaced on Berry Road. The grader has been repaired and Wes has been grading. The mower has been repaired. Selectmen reviewed two complaints, one on Church St. concerning ditching and one on Dakin Lane asking for grading to be done sometime before winter. Lee stated that Willie Bragg is concerned that there may be a liability issue when work on the mower is performed by him as a volunteer at his mother's garage. Lianne was unaware of this and was instructed to contact the insurance company concerning liability issues. The repairing of the grader at

Wes Hutchins garage was also questioned. Lee stated that the town garage is not fit to be used.

Selectmen agreed that gravel must go out to bid. The road committee will prepare the bid specs. Hope will attend the Road Committee Mtg on August 7th to inform them.

- B. CEO Report: Jack informed the Selectmen of several issues: Woolford permit denied due to added acreage which is unbuildable. He threatened to take the town to court.

Ryan Harvey received a permit to build a house and it was discovered that the foundation was too close to the property line. The two adjoining lot owners signed a consent agreement to allow the building. The Selectmen decided that this issue must be presented to the Appeals Board for review.

Jack stated that Mike Burke who owns property off Swan Pond Rd is trying to get reimbursed for money spent on gravel for discontinued section of road. The town is not liable for this cost.

Mr. McGinty of Ragged Jack Mtn. Road will be installing a windmill. Jack stated that no permit is needed.

Jack will send a certified letter to Douglas Gagnon concerning the damage to the lake from his road. Jack believes that we should have the road fixed to prevent further damage. We should also amend the current Road Ordinance to protect the town from roads like this one.

Jack stated that a prospective buyer of the rail road bed behind the town office wants to gate the bed off if purchased. The reason for gating is damage done to another camp on the bed and he doesn't want this to happen to his property. Jack suggested having the town purchase the bed which comes with 12 additional acres. Jack will contact the seller to see what stage the sale is in before any decisions are made on the purchase. A special town meeting will have to be called in order to purchase the lot.

- C. ACO Report: Rick stated that he has been working on a dog bite case. He has been trying to determine which dog bit the person. The State has been given the case and is working on it now.

IV. New Business

1. DOT culvert replacement: The Selectmen have no issues with the State replacing a culvert on Main Street between Berman's & Parsons' house.

2. Resignation: Lee motioned to not accept the resignation of Bob Calawa from the Road Committee. Hope second. All in favor=3. David suggested electing a chairman and follow the agenda during meetings to avoid any problems. Lee will speak with Bob about the resignation.

3. Appointment: David motioned to appoint Darcy Ames as alternate Planning Board Member. Hope second. All in favor=3.

4. Sympathy Card: Selectmen signed two sympathy cards.

5. Contracts for Road Work: Tabled. need materials list for David Bragg.

6. MMA election ballot: Selectmen filled out the ballot for MMA officers.

7. Excise reimbursement policy: Tabled for clarification.

8. Cleaning position applications: Selectmen reviewed two applications and plan to meet with each applicant on August 16 beginning at 6:30pm

V. Old Business

1. Code of Ethics amendment: Selectmen agreed to change the wording of #13 with recommendation of MMA Attorney Richard Flewelling.
2. MMA playground requirements: Selectmen agreed that the swingset may not be placed on town property due to the extensive preparation that is required.
3. Salt Shed Maintenance Manual: Lee will add details to the manual. Selectmen require all employees and sub contractors associated with the salt shed to sign for and receive a copy of the maintenance manual. the Road Commissioner and Selectmen are responsible for the maintenance of the shed.
4. David motioned to approve Selectmen minutes of 7-19-07. Hope second. All in favor=3.
5. David motioned to approve warrants 8, 9, 10, &11. Hope second. All in favor=3.
6. Selectmen reviewed correspondence.
7. Hope motioned to adjourn at 8:54pm. David second. All in favor=3.

Mintes approved by:

David Bowen

Date

Lee Holman

Date

Hope McCabe

Date