

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
December 20, 2007
Minutes

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Hope McCabe, Lee Holman, Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, Road Committee Member Bob Calawa, Plow Contractor Willie Bragg, and Buckfield Town Manager Glen Holmes.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
- II. Open Session: David volunteered to attend SAD 39 budget meetings beginning January 9th. Hope reported that a RPC meeting will be held on January 8th with Sad 39 & Sad 21. Lee suggested installing weather stripping on town office door. She may have some at home. David will install if Lee brings it in. David suggested replacing the door at some point. Willie Bragg asked to receive an advance on the plow contract in the amount of \$3,000.00. Hope motioned to give Willie the full December payment 11 days early. David second. All in favor=2. abstained=1.
- III. Reports
 - A. Road Report
 1. Road Committee request: MMA has advised the Board of Selectmen to avoid signing the new bylaws of the road committee since they do not abide by the road committee ordinance. The ordinance may be changed at town meeting to allow the road committee suggestions. Jeremy stated that he is willing to assist the road committee with the gathering of information concerning road work such as length of roads repaired etc. This information will be used to figure estimates of future road work costs. Glen Holmes stated that he has spreadsheets for all road work that include notes on each project including how many loads were taken out of each ditch etc. The details are hard to get from the contractors but are important to have. David asked Glen if he was willing to share the spreadsheets with Hartford. Glen will send the sheets to Hartford for review. Jeremy reported that pieces of steel and rocks were found in the winter sand. These items have damaged the winter contractor's equipment. Jeremy suggested including the sand with the plow bid when the time comes.
 - B. CEO Report: not present
 - C. ACO Report: not present
- IV. New Business
 1. Cemetery Lots sales: Beverly Murphy has inquired about various cemetery lots. She suggested advertising the lots for sale. Lianne will research further to be sure that the town has all deeds to the cemeteries. Some cemeteries are very old and no longer have grave markers on several graves.

2. Customer Parking Only sign: Selectmen agree to order a 15 minute parking sign and an office hours sign for the town office. Lianne will inquire at the Sign Guy in Auburn.
3. Town Office Holiday Hours-close 12/24 & 12/31: Selectmen agree to close the town office on these dates.
4. Newsletter/Selectmen's letter: Lee to include warning on plowing snow across roads and will mention universal waste collection on April 17th noon to 6pm at the Buckfield Transfer Station.

V. Old Business

1. Legal Council: David motioned to notify Geoff Hole of his dismissal as town attorney. Hope second. All in favor=3. Hope motioned to hire Brann & Isaacson as the attorney for the town of Hartford. David second. All in favor=3.
2. Regionalization Grant/Lee: Glen stated that the grant offered will pay for a facilitator for regionalization and would cover cost of hiring someone to write agreements. Glen requested that we send him our budget electronically to determine where the common costs are between towns and suggested that we do not apply for this grant until the planning has been completed.
3. RR Bed Access: Lianne is to contact Wagner to let them know that the Board of Selectmen is contemplating requiring a bond or escrow before the logging begins. The Selectmen suggest asking Wagner if this has been required from them before and get a sample from them. Glen suggested having our new council draw up the paperwork.
4. Cleaning position: Selectmen feel that Tina is not interested in the position and the job should be offered to the other applicant.
5. Review Bank Reconciliations Selectmen reviewed the bank account reconciliations.

VI. David motioned to approve minutes of December 6, 2007 Selectmen Meeting. Lee second. All in favor=3.

VII. David motioned to approve Warrants 52, 53, 54, 55, & 56. Lee second. All in favor=3.

VIII. David motioned to adjourn at 9:10pm. Hope second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

David Bowen

Date

Lee Holman

Date

Hope McCabe

Date

