

Town of Hartford  
Selectmen's Meeting  
December 6, 2007  
Minutes

Present: Selectmen Hope McCabe, David Bowen, Lee Holman, Clerk Lianne Bedard, ACO Rick Houghton, CEO Jack Plumley, Planning Board Chair Arthur Harvey, Road Chair Bob Calawa, Attorneys Bryan Dench & Associates, Attorneys Curtis Webber & Jack Conway.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
- II. Selectmen met with Skelton, Tainter & Abbott and associates at 6:00pm/Offices are located in Auburn. David stated the reason for the search for new council is location and cost of commuting from Portland. Mr. Dench stated that municipalities are a large part of the clientele. Hourly fees for municipalities are \$195.00/hr compared to the normal fee of \$225.00/hr. The town will be charged from the time the attorney leaves his office. Mr. Dench is representing Skip Greenlaw concerning the petition to repeal the school consolidation bill.
- III. Selectmen met with Curtis Webber and Jack Conway at 6:30pm. Mr. Webber named towns which they service including Canton, Durham, Mechanic Falls, Isleboro. Rebecca Webber (daughter of Curtis) is also with the firm and specializes in employment law. The firm mainly deals with smaller municipalities. Fees are charged at \$175.00/hr for municipalities. Normal fees are \$200.00/hr. Mr. Curtis charges less for travel time. Approximately \$50.00/hr. Some flat fees are charged for real estate work etc. Selectmen will decide on council at the next meeting.
- IV. Open Session: Selectmen agreed to allow Judy Hamilton to use the Town Hall on Saturday at no charge to hold a gathering after the funeral of her father Albert Adams, a former Selectman. Selectmen agreed to allow Lianne to order Planning and Land Use law books for the CEO, Planning Board, & Appeals Board.
- V. Reports
  1. Road Report: Selectmen read the Road Commissioner's Report and reviewed two road complaints.
    - a. Road Committee request: Bob Calawa requested the Selectmen to sign the amended bylaws for the Road Committee. The Road Committee has added duties to the bylaws including putting together proposals for the Road Commissioner. The Board of Selectmen would have the last word on the proposals. Future work to be done on Tucker Road was discussed. The work looks like it may agree with the FEMA instructions on how & where to repair the problem. Bob would like to have the problem repaired before Spring. Hope motioned to table all items until the next meeting when Jeremy is present. Lee second. All in favor=3.
  2. CEO Report: Jack would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen at the proposed parking site. Jack received the intent to harvest form for the Bayroot lot off the RR Tracks. The wrong lot was listed on the permit. Jack will contact the state for a corrected copy. Jack feels the RR track shouldn't be used for logging since it was voted to use for recreation. He stated that an

escrow is needed to protect the town. Lianne will send the approved article & Selectmen minutes concerning Wagner Forest Mgmt. to MMA for advice. Jack stated that we need an estimate of cost to replace the bridge.

3. ACO Report

- a. David motioned to enter into executive Session at 7:35pm concerning personnel/1MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A). Hope second. All in favor=3. David motioned to exit executive session at 8:15pm. Lee second. All in favor=3. No further action was taken.

VI. New Business

- 1. Regionalization Grant/Lee: Lee stated that Glen Holmes, town manager of Buckfield, was invited to tonight's meeting but did not show up. Tabled.
- 2. Fire Truck Bid opening: Hope opened one bid for the 1974 International fire truck. Gale Williams bid \$500.00. Lee motioned to sell the fire truck to Gale Williams for the amount of \$500.00. Hope second. All in favor=3.
- 3. Planning Bd. Ordinance proposed amendments: Lee motioned to place the amended Planning Board Ordinance on the warrant for special town meeting to be held in January. David second. all in favor=3.
- 4. Floodplain Ins. Map updates: Selectmen will review the updated maps.
- 5. Training: informational, free classes.
- 6. Sympathy Card: Selectmen signed card.

VII. Old Business

- 4. Fire Dept Reserve Account status: Lianne shared that in 2002 it was voted to place the remaining fire dept. funds in a reserve for a future fire department. Selectmen agreed to include an article in warrant for town meeting to allow expenditure or transfer of the remaining balance.

VIII. David motioned to approve Selectmen minutes of November 15, 2007. Hope second. All in favor=3.

IX. David motioned to approve Warrants 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 & 51. Hope second. All in favor=3.

X. David motioned to adjourn at 9:05pm. Hope second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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David Bowen

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Date

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Hope McCabe

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Date

Lee Holman

Date