

Town of Hartford
Selectmen Meeting
July 19, 2007
Minutes

Meeting was held at the Hartford Town Hall at 6:30pm.

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Lee Holman, Hope McCabe, Clerk Lianne Bedard, Canton Lake Association members Judy Hamilton, John Convey, Elizabeth Convey, Paul Bernier, Residents Peggy Poskus, Beverly Murphy, Norman Parks, Canton Selectmen Jackie Conant, Malcolm Ray, Rick Graves, Lisa Cummings, Herb Harding, Canton Water District Deborah Hutchins, Canton residents Mike Ranhoff, Richard Ray, Brian Jordan, Robert Turnbull, Rick Brea, Reporter Mary Standard.

I. David called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A. The Hartford Board of Selectmen met with the Canton Board of Selectmen, Lake Association and the Canton Water District to discuss action concerning the Dam at Whitney Brook. David suggested forming an entity between the three boards or associations to work on a solution to the Dam problem. Rick Graves suggested identifying members of the group. The following board/association members volunteered to meet together: David Bowen, Hope McCabe, Lee Holman, Lisa Cummings, Bick Brea, Jackie Conant, Brian Jordan, John Convey, Judy Hamilton, Paul Bernier, Mike Ranhoff, Robert Turnbull, Rick Graves, John Conant (Canton sewer dept.).

The first meeting is scheduled to be held July 24, 2007 6:30pm at the Canton Town Office.

Paul Bernier stated that Bruce Bryant is willing to help. He is waiting for the towns to come up with a solution so that he may help move forward on the issue. John Convey suggested raising money for legal fee expenses etc. incurred by Lake Association members and others. John suggested that Canton open a checking account for this purpose and donations will be deposited into this account. Paul Bernier stated that \$3,000.00 in donations was offered to this cause. Rick Graves suggested deciding on ecological goals. Deb Hutchins stated that the effects on the water quality cannot be determined at this time. There are many variables that could effect the condition of the water such as weather. Deborah stated that the recent drinking water tests have been stable. No problems that stand out.

Ray Fortier's engineer's report was due to the Town of Canton last Friday.

Mike Ranhoff stated that he believes the DEP and MEMA would like to see a different owner of the Dam. Mike stated that there are two things that need to be done. 1. Stabilize the lake now. 2. Look at a long term solution. Paul and Mike have been looking into installing a sand bag barrier at the mouth of the lake for a temporary solution. Mike has submitted an application for a permit to do the work and an erosion plan, emergency action plan, diagrams, time of installation and removal, photos, notice in newspaper and Mike has paid a \$270.00 permit fee. The sandbags can be in place between May 15th and September 30th. There is no additional cost since the project has been paid for by Mike and Paul Bernier. A

public hearing will have to be scheduled before work can be done.

II. Open Session: Lianne shared that the Recreation Committee is planning to install a swing set at the Hartford Town Office. Lianne has left a message with MMA Risk Mgmt. to check on guidelines for playgrounds but has not heard back yet. Tabled.

III. Reports

A. Road Report: Jeremy Johnson submitted a road report to the Selectmen stating that he has reclaimed the hot top on Farrand Hill Road and Davenport Rd. at a cost of \$12.00/yard. Grading will be completed when the hydraulic ram is repaired. Camp road will be ditched beginning on Monday and possibly a section of Church St. Jeremy is looking into road widths of town roads.

B. CEO Report: Not present. Selectmen reviewed one building permit.

C. ACO Report: Not present.

IV. New Business

1. Cemeteries/Beverly Murphy: The hiring of Mr. Jarvis to paint the cemetery fences was discussed. Beverly suggested purchasing signs for all cemeteries. The Cemetery Committee agreed on 12x18 white with black lettering. Jeremy is to order the sign posts.

Sparrow Cemetery was ditched and the culvert was placed. The area is now washing out. David spoke with Jeremy about this and suggested rip rap. Beverly suggested curlax with seed underneath. The curlax costs \$50.00/roll and two rolls are needed. David will speak with Jeremy about this. Beverly will ask Jeremy to help move old cemetery posts to edge of new section also.

2. Historical Book purchase: Selectmen agreed to purchase the Wars of Hartford Maine book, A Brief History of Hartford Maine (original given to Herford, England visitors) and a book which includes Arthur Harvey's federal court experience (title unknown at this time).

3. URIP Certification: Selectmen signed authorization forms to receive URIP funds.

4. Grant writing Seminar: cancelled.

5. Resignation: Lee motioned to accept the resignation of Gail Benevuta as Appeals Board Member. David second. All in favor=3.

6. Appointments: Tabled.

7. Sympathy cards: Selectmen signed one card to a resident.

V. Old Business

8. Sand Salt Shed Update: Lee attend the meeting with John Cleveland, Brandy Peers, and David Trask at the Sand Shed last week. The grass is beginning to grow and it was decided to give it more time. Trask was given a key to the sand shed so that he may grind the tar down so that the overhead door closes tightly. The cracks in the foundation were mentioned at the meeting and Trask stated that we should wait to see if they worsen. Silicone can be used to seal the cracks at a later date. Guidelines are needed for the maintenance of the sand shed. Lianne will ask John for samples from other town's projects.

- 9. Quarterly/End of Year Budget Report: Selectmen reviewed. Lianne noted that the end of year budget adjustments have not been made yet. The auditor is scheduled to arrive on Monday.
- 10. Checking Reconciliation: Selectmen reviewed.
- 11. David motioned to approve minutes of 7-5-07 Hope second. All in favor=3.
- 12. David motioned to approve Warrants 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. Hope second. All in favor=3.
- 13. Selectmen reviewed correspondence.
- 14. David motioned to adjourn at 8:20pm. 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