

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
July 5, 2007
Minutes

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Lee Holman, Hope McCabe, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Arthur Harvey, Judy Hamilton, Morrill Nason, Peggy Poskus, Beverly Murphy, Norm St. Pierre, Rick Houghton, CEO John Plumley and Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson.

Selectmen met at 6:00pm to review and discuss an Ordinance Revision List.

Recall Ordinance: John Plumley suggested having the Board of Selectmen present a recall ordinance based on job performance to the residents. David is okay with the ordinance as long as recall petitions can only be submitted due to current job performance. Lee stated that MMA does not suggest including stipulations for recall in the ordinance since they are not valid. The Board will review sample ordinances before deciding to bring an ordinance to the voters.

John will work with the Planning Board on the Shoreland and Subdivision ordinances. They will not go to the ordinance committee. John stated that abutter notification should be clarified. A copy of certified letters to abutters should be sent to the Town Office. A time limit of 30 days to notify abutters should be included

Road Committee Ordinance: Lee stated that a Road Committee member should not be on the Budget Committee. Roads have the largest budget. Hope feels that we have a small group of people willing to serve on committees and we currently have committee members serving on several boards and committees simultaneously. Selectmen will allow the Ordinance Committee to decide whether or not to include the stipulation. Elected members must be changed to appointed members. The Ordinance Committee shall discuss adding alternates or not.

Appeals Board Ordinance is current according Margaret Poskus.

Floodplain Ordinance: Needs to be updated to the state standards. There is a reference guide at the town office.

ACO Ordinance: in the future we may want to instate this ordinance to allow the collection of costs associated with animal control from the pet owners.

- I. David called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- II. Open session: David stated that the Hartford Recreation Committee asked to use Pine Shore Assoc. beach for swimming lessons since the water is deeper there. Lianne prepared a liability release form for the Board of Selectmen to sign.
- III. Reports
 - a. Road Report
 1. Gravel specs: The Road Committee is to prepare the bid specs.
 2. Jeremy stated that Swan Pond Road and the entrance to the T.S. will be graded tomorrow. Jeremy plans to reclaim Farrand Hill.
150yds of reclaim will be purchased from David Bragg at \$14.00/yd. The total cost will be around \$2,000.00. Lee stated that two rocks need to be pushed back from the road on Farrand Hill.
Jeremy stated that Wes Hutchins will fix the shoulders on Ricker Hill Road tomorrow also.
Jeremy, Cathy, and David will meet at Julia Samson's on Saturday at

8:00am to begin work to reroute the drainage on her property. David will bring a release form for Julia to sign to protect Jeremy from claims concerning work he performs.

Jeremy plans to remove trees on edges of roads with an excavator to allow for better ditching. Property owners will be notified by Jeremy before work begins. The tractor will need parts before mowing begins and the sickle bar will be used this year. Beverly Murphy stated that CMP poles need to be moved back around town.

- b. CEO Report: John stated that DEP will visit the Young property on Swan Pond Road next week to look at damage caused by logging over a stream. DEP gave John permission to do work between the town office and the old salt site. DOT will not connect a culvert to the existing one and we may have to install a catch basin and then continue with a culvert. John shared that he met with DEP, MEMA, and FEMA at the Pinewood Road site. A low cost mortgage is available to the owners, Gagnon for road repairs. DEP suggested sending a certified letter to Gagnon concerning violations.

John spoke with Becky Seales concerning the dam issue. She suggested going after the Attorney General. Fortier has water rights to the lake. Many houses were built after the dam was constructed. To take the dam by eminent domain costs money. Repairs will also cost money. John suggested joining with Canton and Canton Water District and go after the A.G. The Mains property is being looked at by DEP. John has a letter from Susan Redman explaining that DEP will handle all issues with Mains.

- c. ACO Report: Rick stated that while working on the unlicensed dog warrant, he stopped at a residence on Paradie Lane and was treated extremely harsh. He was yelled at and told to leave. He returned with a sheriff's deputy to question the resident concerning the dog. There were no trespassing signs posted. Rick stated that if this ever happens again he will issue a summons for impeding an officer. He stated that he has never been treated this way before. Rick has also been dealing with a dog bite incident and will turn over all evidence to the DA's office. It was undetermined which dog bit the child so both dogs were quarantined.

IV. New Business

1. Statute Book Bid opening: Selectmen opened one bid for the set of 37 statute books. Tom Emery bid \$10.00. Hope motioned to accept Tom Emery's bid of \$10.00 for the set of Maine Revised Statute books. David second. All in favor=3.
2. Hand rail/Door Town Hall: David ordered a door from Prehung Door Inc. for the side entrance to the town hall. The cost was \$440.00. A stainless steel handrail was installed by David Ferland on the Town Hall near the walkway. The cost was \$375.00
3. Town Beach issues: Hope stated that there has been drinking at the town beach, fighting, and out of towners using the beach. David

- stated that there was a fire the other night. Lee stated that the constable is supposed to be monitoring the beach. Hope suggested beach stickers and leaving cards on cars with no stickers instructing people to obtain stickers to access beach. Morrill suggested using the Transfer Station stickers as beach stickers. Hope shared that there was a broken beer bottle in the water at the beach. Lianne was instructed to compose a letter to the State Police and Oxford County Sheriff to ask for increased coverage. Morrill asked if a gate could be placed to close the beach at 9:00pm. David stated that emergency vehicles would not be able access the area with a locked gate. David also stated that the town was supposed to create a parking lot for residents to use. The cars that park in the culde-sac are blocking access to the dry hydrant. Hope will contact Chuck Merritt about monitoring the beach.
4. Broken Tables/Town Hall: Lee asked for permission to take the broken tables at the Town Hall and use them for a charity yard sale. Selectmen agreed to allow Lee to take the tables.
 5. Wages 2007-2008: Selectmen signed the wage sheet for 2007-2008.
 6. Lake Proposal: Judy suggested joining with Canton Selectmen, Canton Water district and the Lake Association to decide what steps to take concerning the dam issue. David suggested having one member of each board of selectmen meet with the other associations to prevent the need for public notice. Selectmen decided to invite the groups to the July 19, 2007 Hartford Selectmen's meeting at 6:30pm to discuss the issue. Judy will contact the Canton Selectmen, Water district and Lake Assoc.
 7. Resignations: David motioned to accept the resignation of Steven Marston as Ordinance Committee member with regret. Hope second. All in favor=3.
 David motioned to accept the resignation of Morrill Nason as Alternate Planning Board member. Lee second. All in favor=3.
 David motioned to accept the resignation of Judy Hamilton as Planning Board member with regret. Hope second. All in favor=3.
 8. Appointments: David motioned to appoint Morrill Nason as Planning Board member for a term ending 6/30/09. Lee second. All in favor=3.
 Lee motioned to appoint Lennie Eichman as Ordinance Committee member with a term ending 6/30/09. David second. All in favor=3.
 The alternate Planning Board appointment tabled to 7/19/07.
 David motioned to appoint Lianne Bedard as Election Warden. Hope second. All in favor=3.
 9. Quit Claim Deed: Selectmen signed deed to Jeremy Johnson for Map R08 Lot 24. Tax Acquired property.
 10. Cleaning Position: Selectmen agreed to advertise for cleaning

position in the newspaper. Hours will be no more than 4 per month.

- 11. MMA slate of members: No comments.
AVCOG Committee: David motioned to appoint Hope McCabe to the AVCOG Committee. Lee second. All in favor=3.
- 12. Dry Hydrant Grant: Norm stated that a grant he applied for has been approved. The matched grant amount is \$3,250.00. Six dry hydrants are to be installed before October 31, 2007 in order to receive the reimbursement. Norm and Jack will research areas for placement. Permit by Rules will have to be applied for through DEP. According to Wayne Dube, the vertical rise can be no more than 12'.

V. Old Business

- 13. Salt Shed update: Jeremy ordered the concrete barriers for the resident use area. Walls of the barrier must be sealed before use. The Board of Selectmen will meet with John Cleveland, DEP and David Trask at the sand salt shed next week. Date to be determined.
- 14. Public Record Request Policy: Selectmen signed the policy.

- VI. Selectmen reviewed the Checking Account Reconciliation.
- VII. David motioned to approve the June 21, 2007 Selectmen minutes.. Lee second. All in favor=3.
- VIII. David motioned to approve Warrants 96, 97, 98, 99, & 1. Hope second. All in favor=3.
- IX. Selectmen reviewed correspondence.
- X. David motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm. Hope second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

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David Bowen	Date
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Hope McCabe	Date
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Lee Holman	Date