

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
March 15, 2007
Minutes

Present: Selectman David Bowen, Selectman Lee Holman, Selectman Hope McCabe, Clerk Lianne Bedard, Road Commissioner Cathy Lowe, ACO Rick Houghton, Arthur Harvey, Daryl Boness, EMA Director Tom Standard, and David Kraske.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.
- II. David motioned to enter into Executive session concerning employee evaluations pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A). Lee second. All in favor=3.
David motioned to exit executive session at 7:00pm. Lee second. All in favor=3. No decisions were made by the selectmen.
- III. Open session: No comments.
- IV. Reports
 1. Road Report: Cathy stated that there are a few frozen culverts in town. Lee stated that Willie had recommended placing calcium chloride on two frozen culverts. Cathy received one road complaint concerning a tree hanging over Town Farm Road near Paradie Lane.
 - a. AVCOG signs, culverts, pipes/bid application: Lee suggested speaking with Nezinscot Valley Purchasing Authority before joining the bid program. Lee will contact Glen Holmes on Friday. David suggested that if NVPA is not interested, Lee and Cathy should meet to fill out the AVCOG form.
 2. CEO Report: Selectmen reviewed one building permit and one State violations letter concerning logging in wetlands on Swan Pond Road.
 3. ACO Report: Rick has a few cases that he is working on.
- V. New Business
 1. Open Bids for Sale of Fire Truck: Selectmen received and opened two sealed bids for the sale of the Fire Truck.
Gail Williams bid \$500.00
Keith Morrision bid \$411.00
Hope motioned to accept neither bid and look at other options. David second. All in favor=3.
 2. Cert Training April 14 & 28/EMA meeting update: Tom Standard stated that the training would instruct residents how to take care of themselves and neighbors during a disaster and how to form a county team to respond to emergencies and help where needed. Team members would be trained to perform light triage and open shelters. The team will understand the chain of command and will be insured by the county if called to respond by the county. If residents can only attend one of the scheduled classes, they are encouraged to do so for there will be more classes scheduled in the future.

Tom requested that the Selectmen attend a meeting on April 25, 2007. Area Fire Chiefs and Buckfield and Sumner Selectmen will be present to discuss policy procedures. David suggested inviting Turner and Canton Fire Chiefs to the meeting. Tom will contact them.

3. David motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:30pm to discuss matters pursuant to 1MRSA, Section 405, Subsection 6E. Hope second. All in favor=3.

David motioned to exit executive session at 7:40pm. Hope second. All in favor=3. No decisions were made by the Selectmen.

4. Ordinance Committee Report: Daryl Boness and Arthur Harvey met last night for an Ordinance Committee meeting. Jeremy Johnson was excused and had stated to Lianne that he would attend the next meeting. Steve Marston and Alan McNeil were not present. Arthur has been looking for alternates and found that Lennie Eichman was willing to join as an alternate member. David requested that Lianne send certified letters to Alan and Steve inquiring if they are interested in serving on the Ordinance Committee and if they are not, resignations are needed in order to appoint others. The deadline for a response will be March 31, 2007. Arthur suggested that the Ordinance Committee ordinance be repealed so that the Selectmen are not bound to comply with rules of terms.

Arthur displayed an award presented to him as the Organic Inspector of the year and Organic Asset of the year.

5. Sel. & Planning Board Minutes 2/15/07/Judy Hamilton: Judy was not present but had emailed officials concerning the minutes of the 2/15/07 Selectmen/Planning Board meeting concerning the subdivision ordinance. She believes that items in the minutes are incorrect. David, (referring to the Lakeview Subdivision App.), stated that the road application fee is set up to cover any administration costs including the CEO's time inspecting the road. Jack Plumley figured he would visit the site less than 10 times, and believes the \$200.00 fee is sufficient. Daryl asked whether or not the fee included engineer costs. Lee answered no, the applicant is responsible for all costs. Arthur stated that the Planning Board is meeting with Heidi Linscott on April 2, 2007 at 6pm and feels that she may have the same opinion. David and Hope will try to attend this meeting.

David recommended accepting the \$200.00 Road Application Fee. David asked if any information was missing from the road application? Arthur stated that the Planning Board would decide at the next meeting whether or not the application is complete. One clarification is that the Planning Board needs to know whether or not Pinewoods Drive is to be used for the subdivision or not. Perhaps guardrails could be placed to block off access to the road from the main subdivision entrance. Arthur shared that Ferg Lee suggested if Pinewoods Drive was brought up to town standards, the road could be used and we may want to include a clause to allow this. David believes that the CEO has

authority on all erosion issues whether or not the road is included in the subdivision plan or not.

A Planning Board meeting will be held on March 27, 2007 at 7pm to speak with Scott Williams, Lake Quality Specialist. Lee asked Arthur why Judy was requesting a Planning Board meeting on the 20th of March? (Officials received many emails and phone calls concerning this issue). Arthur stated that she should talk to Judy about that; there are strong feelings in place. David stated that he spoke with Judy and she had wanted to meet to get things ready before the meeting with Scott Williams. Selectmen made no changes to the 2/15/07 Selectmen minutes.

6. Rescue Coverage: Hope spoke with Glen Holmes about fire/rescue coverage. Glen is putting together an estimate of cost for more coverage in Hartford. Hope stated that the Turner Fire Dept has moved from North Turner to Turner Center and takes longer to get to Hartford. Calls for Turner Rescue have to go through Oxford RCC, Turner RCC and then Turner Rescue. Tabled until the next Selectmen's meeting.
7. Request/Hartford students trip: Two high school students from Hartford have won first place in Maine for the DECA marketing Competition and are now planning to travel to Florida for the National competition. They are asking for help paying for the trip. Lee suggested contacting the girls and offer to allow them to hold a fundraiser at the next Goodwill Supper. They will have to contact Lee beforehand for advertisement of the event. Lianne will contact them.
8. County Tax Figures: Hartford's share of the 2007 County Budget is \$62,303.00. The 2006 figures were \$57,167.00
9. General Assistance Reimbursement rate: The rate is now set at \$27,690.00. If Hartford goes over the threshold, we will receive 90% reimbursement from the State for all GA distributions. If we are under the threshold we receive 50% reimbursement from the State.
10. Training: David motioned to approve \$80.00 to allow Judy Hamilton and John Convey to attend a Planning Board and Appeals Board Workshop. Hope second. All in favor=3.
David motioned to allow Judy Hamilton and Terry Smith to attend a Subdivision and Site Review Workshop at the cost of \$60.00 total. Hope second. All in favor=3.
David motioned to approve 8hours of training for Lianne with R.H. Smith. Hope second. All in favor=3.
11. Equipment Savings Account Int. Rate: Lianne is to check current CD Rates.
12. Bulk Mailing/Tax Reminders: Selectmen added the Town Meeting Hearing date of June 5, 2007 to the bulk letter to be sent next week with the tax reminders.

VI. Old Business

