

Town of Hartford  
Selectmen's Meeting  
May 3, 2007  
Minutes

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Hope McCabe, Clerk Lianne Bedard, Ordinance Committee member Arthur Harvey, Julia Samson, Sylvia Cavanaugh and David Ferland.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- II. Open Session: no comments
- III. Reports
  - A. Road Report: Road Commissioner was not present. Selectmen reviewed summer road complaints.
    1. Sam Annis Rd. Drainage Problem: Julia Samson stated that the problem is more severe than she first thought. In November of 2006 ditching took place 75' off the road on her property without her permission. A rock wall was removed and the new ditch diverted water onto her property and caused problems with her garage pad and driveway. Julia stated that the contractor was trespassing on her property. The road commissioner did meet with Julia last week and conveyed that the town would correct the problem. Julia felt that the town did not take her complaint seriously. David stated that the problem would be corrected and he will contact the Road Commissioner and Jeremy Johnson concerning perhaps placing a culvert to divert water from the property. David also stated that the drainage ditch on Julia's property would be filled in. Julia is to contact a Selectmen if she has any questions or concerns in the future.
    2. Hope motioned to put Perry Road, Pratt Hill Road, and Town Farm Road, concerning top coating, out to bid with Buckfield (based on budget meeting discussions). David second. All in favor=2.
  - B. CEO Report: Selectmen reviewed two permits. David stated that an engineer is working on a plan to correct the Pinewood Drive erosion problems. Jack Plumley has sent a Certified letter to Douglas Gagnon, who resides on the road, concerning the problems during the April 15, 2007 storm. David also stated that Jack would inspect the old sand/salt site for cleanup plans.
  - C. ACO Report: ACO not present.
    1. Shelter Cat fees: Lianne contacted the Humane Society in Auburn and found that there is no annual fee for cats. The charge will be \$15.00 per cat. The Allen Hill Shelter charge is \$25.00 per cat. Selectmen agreed to use the Humane Society from now on for stray cats.
- IV. New Business

1. Mowing Bids: 6 bids were received for the mowing of ball fields and cemeteries.  
David McCallister bid \$2,700.00/Dave's Home Improvement bid \$4,790.00/Joseph Bedard bid \$6,650.00/Child Lawn Care bid \$6,230.00/ Alan Girourd bid \$3,800.00/Three Season Lawn Care bid \$4,687.50.  
The bid decision will be made at the May 17, 2007 Selectmen Meeting due to an absent board member.  
David motioned to terminate the contract for the 2006/07 year with Roger Smith due to performance issues. Hope second. All in favor=2.  
Hope motioned to hire Three Seasons Lawn Care for the remainder of the 2006/07year at the cost of \$1,116.00. David second. All in favor=2. A contract was signed for the period of 5/3/07-06/30/07 by David Ferland (three seasons lawn care) and the Selectmen.
2. Tax Acquired property: David motioned to allow the previous owners of R08 Lot 11-4 to purchase the foreclosed property from the town by paying the total taxes due before December 1, 2007. Hope second. All in favor=2.  
If the total is not paid by that date, the Selectmen will decide whether or not to sell the property by bid. Lianne will send them a letter stating the exact amount and due date.  
Lianne has not received a response from the three remaining properties. They must respond before May 10, 2007.
3. Ordinance Committee Request/May 17 meeting @ 6:30w/  
Selectmen: Selectmen agreed to meeting on this date with the Ordinance Committee to develop a work schedule concerning revising ordinances.
4. Emergency Mgmt. Supplies: David stated that he would like the town to purchase a laptop computer, which would be available to committees, boards and officials.  
David motioned to appropriate up to \$1,000.00 from the Software Account for the purchase of a laptop computer.  
Hope second. All in favor=2.  
Julia Samson suggested contacting Steve Elwell, technology staff, from SAD 39 for ordering.
5. Assessing Question: A note was received from Michael O'Donnell stating that an error had been made concerning the taxing and tree growth status of Map R07 Lot 51. The lot has not been assessed for the years 2005 and 2006. The Selectmen agreed that back taxes would be supplemented and any tree growth penalties would be billed.
6. Operation Cleanup: Oxford Cty. Sherriff's office will be sending inmates and guards to clean roadsides on June 4,

2007. The roads to be cleaned are Stetson, Tucker, Mahoney, Berry and Church St.

7. Road Crew applicant: Tabled until next meeting.
8. Training: Selectmen suggested that Raeleen or Peggy attend the Census meeting in Norway on May 15<sup>th</sup> since Lianne will be at a class in Portland.
9. Town Meeting Warrant Draft: Selectmen will review warrant.
10. Appointments: Tabled
11. MMA Executive Committee: Selectmen filled out nomination forms.

V. Old Business

1. Winter Roads: Hope stated that the condition of the roads wasn't very good this year. David suggested holding off on any decisions until next year to see how performance is. Julia Samson stated that she lives on Ricker Hill Rd. and the roads were the poorest this year than they have ever been and she has lived in Hartford for 20 years. She also stated that it was one-lane traffic for most of the day (last storm). If two cars were to meet one would have been in the ditch. David stated that the selectmen have the right to add or delete miles according to the contract.
2. Access Ramp/Town Hall: David presented the bid package for the town hall ramp. The bid due date is 5/17/07 and the project completion date is 6/11/07. Lianne will advertise in Sun Journal.
3. Shelter Fees Cats: see above.
4. Personnel Policy: Selectmen suggested changing the mileage rate to the Federal rate. Will revisit at the May 17, 2007 meeting.
5. Emergency Mgmt. Meeting May 16: informational
6. Contractor Fees for 2007/08: David would like to discuss with the road commissioner setting fees for contractors. He also recommends placing gravel out to bid in the future.
7. Revenue Budget Amounts: Selectmen decided on projections of revenue for the 2007-08 budget.
8. David motioned to approve April 19, 2007 Selectmen Minutes. Hope second. All in favor=2.
9. David motioned to approve Warrants 75, 76, 77, & 78.
10. Items for next agenda:
11. David motioned to adjourn at 10:00pm. Hope second. All in favor=2.

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