

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
March 6, 2008
Minutes

Selectmen met at 6:30 to fill out employee review forms. Selectmen will meet with employees on March 20th beginning at 6.30pm.

Present: Selectmen David Bowen, Lee Holman, Hope McCabe, Clerk Lianne Bedard, CEO Jack Plumley, Road Commissioner Jeremy Johnson, residents Arthur Harvey, Leslie Boness, Sherman Thomason, Mainland representative Rick Dunton, and potential residents, Sean Latulippe & Michael O'Connor.

- I. David called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II. Open Session: Sean Latulippe is interested in purchasing a house and lot located on R6 Lot 6.1. The house is built on a 2.1 acre parcel with the remaining land being located across the street. He wants to know whether or not he could build across the street at some point in the future. He was informed by the realtor and builder that the lot across the street is buildable. The CEO stated that the entire 8 acre lot opposite the house is not buildable due to being wooded wetlands. Jack stated that he determined that it was wooded wetlands based on vegetation present. Sean stated that he has a soil test for the lot across from the house and the lot is not shown as wetlands on the shore land zoning map. David suggested that Sean contact the septic designer and Jack can contact DEP for an inspection. Sean stated that the closing date is 4/28/08 for the house. Rick Dunton of Mainland suggested hiring a site evaluator. David stated that in his opinion the house should not have been built on the 2.1 acre lot. The house was built in the fall of 2007.
Lee mentioned GA municipal reimbursement guidelines.
Lee also mentioned GA action plan and stake holders group.
Lianne shared that while leaving the office earlier today, a resident met her at the door with a \$100.00 donation in the form of a check for winter sand.
Selectmen agreed to return the check to the resident with a thank you note and invitation to the next meeting.

III. Reports

- A. Road Report: Jeremy shared his logged winter road complaints with the Selectmen. He stated that we are half way through the latest batch of sand and 2/3's way through the salt. Jeremy stated that Willie has pushed back snow banks at intersections and has made some breaks for drainage but he would like to have the town go around breaking more snow banks on the long stretches of road. Willie is to do more intersections and low spots. Selectmen agreed to allow Jeremy to break through snow banks and will be paid through the summer roads account. David stated that if we had more action in this area before the 2007 Patriots Day storm there may have been less damage. Lee suggested sending letters to residents plowing across the town roads. David suggested including in the letter that is against the law and a summons may be issued. Jeremy will be given some copies to hand out. Lianne will

send a letter to a resident on Church St. Lianne received two bills for plowing of town roads. Jeremy stated that the day after the storm in February, the roads were not plowed and the plow contractor could not determine when they would be plowed. Jeremy stated that the roads needed to be plowed so he arranged for the work to be done. Jeremy did speak with Willie about the bills and Willie stated that he wasn't going to do anything about it. David motioned to withhold \$345.00 from the next plow contract payment in order to pay the two invoices. Hope second. All in favor=2; Abstained=1. David stated that in his opinion the future overages in the sand & salt accounts will be placed in the warrant for town approval. Lee mentioned that the Canton High Riders snowmobile club agreed not to leave snow banks in the roads but they are leaving them. David will contact Canton High Riders.

B. CEO Report: Jack stated that Rich Baker will testify on behalf of the town if the Mains issue goes to court. Jack will send a letter to Mains concerning the violations. David suggested that a copy goes to the attorney along with any other paperwork pertaining to the violation.

C. ACO Report: not present.

IV. Old Business

1. Lake Field Subdivision/Rick Dunton: David shared advice from the town attorney Trish McAlister stating that she recommends a CD in the amount of the entire cost of the road construction and estimates from bondable contractors for construction and paving. Trish stated in her letter that the town cannot monitor lot sales so they will not be able to control whether they are sold or not. Rick stated that provisions for the lot sales are included in the agreement. Rick shared that it would be a hardship for the owners to put up \$160,000.00 in a CD. A bond would cost \$10,000.00.
2. Land Split Inquiry/Lee Thompson: Lee is interested in selling a portion of his land and the title company is requesting a document from the Planning Board concerning exclusion from the subdivision ordinance. He will attend the next Planning Board meeting on April 7th.
3. Appointments Road Committee: David motioned to appoint Harley Swanson as Road Committee member with a term expiring 6-30-08. Hope second. All in favor=3.
4. Comprehensive Plan Town Meeting Date: tabled
5. Tax map charges: tabled
6. Fire/Rescue Contract: Selectmen signed the contract for 2008/09 in the amount of \$2,719.00.
7. Winter Roads Budget: discussed in the road report.
8. Radar Speed Trailer: The speed trailer will have to be picked up in Turner on 4-14-08 by Jeremy. Selectmen and Road Commissioner will decide where to place the trailer. It may be

moved around town.

V. New Business

1. Town Hall Rental: A resident has paid to rent the Town Hall for cooking and overnight accommodations only. Our insurance company stated that overnight stays are not recommended. The Board of Selectmen agrees that this shall not be allowed. Lianne will send a letter with a refund of the rental fee. Lianne is also to converse with MMA legal concerning the insurance agent suggestions of requiring proof of liability insurance for all users of the hall. Including the church. Tabled.
 2. Avcog Salt Shortage: the town may order two more loads of salt to meet the 125% of the reserved amount.
 3. Background Check/Concealed Firearms: Selectmen filled out form.
 4. County Tax Projections: Hartford's share of the 2008/09 county tax will be \$68,090. Selectmen signed the assessor's return.
- VI. David motioned to approve the Selectmen minutes of February 21, 2008. Hope second. All in favor=3.
- VII. David motioned to approve Warrants 78, 79, 80, & 81. Hope second. All in favor=3.
- VIII. David motioned to adjourn at 9:10pm. Hope second. All in favor=3.

Minutes approved by:

David Bowen

Date

Lee Holman

Date

Hope McCabe

Date