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Town of Hartland
Selectboard Meeting
May 19th, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Selectboard Members present in-person: Phil Hobbie, Chair, Thomas Kennedy, Vice-Chair, Trace Tancreti, Clyde Jenne (Remotely) and Jim Rielly.

Others present in person: John Broker-Campbell, Chris Knippenburg, Gloria and Bruce Merritt, Sherry Clarke, Bob Quaderer and Dan Jerman.

Others present via Zoom: Jay Boeri, Stacey Bradley, and Curt Peterson.

Present from CATV: Rayce Gilbert and Jan Abbott.

The Hartland Selectboard Meeting was called to order by Phil Hobbie, Chair, to act on the warned agenda items.

- **Selectboard's Minutes and Orders:** Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 5th meeting and the May 12th hearing. Trace seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Jim made a motion to accept the orders through today, May 19th. Trace seconded the motion. There was discussion. All voted in favor.
- **Adjustment to Agenda:** Phil noted there will be two Executive Sessions this evening; there will be no action taken. Jim made a motion to add Executive Sessions to the agenda. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- **Public Comments:** Bruce Merritt commented regarding a large tree on Cream Pot Rd and inquired about funds for those who take care of trees that are not a part of town employment. Sherry Clarke made comments regarding this. Chris Knippenburg made comments regarding commissions and committees.
- **Old Business:**
 1. **Station Rd:** John had a meeting with church trustees last Wednesday evening. They are open to putting out clear messaging with large events to make those aware that ticketing can and will occur when parking in no parking areas. BJ will order new signs, and the curb will be painted. Sherry Clarke made comments.
 2. **Hartland Boards & Commissions Pledge:** Phil noted this is ongoing, amendments and revisions have been made at the past few meetings. Tom made a motion to adopt the Pledge as identified at the May 19th board meeting. Jim seconded the motion. All voted

in favor. It was signed by all Selectboard members dated May 19th; with the exception of Clyde, joined remotely.

- **New Business:**

1. **Mikes Liquor License:** Jim made a motion to approve the Second Class Beer and Wine License, the Tobacco Substitute License and Tobacco License for Mike's Store. Trace seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 2. **Four Corners Children's Center Lease:** John gave information, noting Val Raney is looking to retire and sell the business. A new entity would be coming in and expanding slightly.
 3. **Bob Q: Assessment Office Update:** Bob gave an update, noting that things are moving along well and that he has resources at hand.
 4. **Vermont State Police Contract:** John gave information, noting that VSP rates have gone up for the year, as well as Windsor County Sheriff's office. Between the two and the hours we typically have, we should stay within budget. Jim made a motion to approve the Vermont Department of Public Safety Traffic Control Enforcement Services contract starting July 1st, 2025, and running through June 30th, 2026. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Bruce Merritt asked questions regarding the hours provided.
- **Town Manager Update:** John gave the update, noting the trade in estimate for the F550 is \$3,500. There was discussion. The Road Crew has been doing a fantastic job of keeping up with downed trees. The culvert on Mill St that drains off the interstate onto an open field is becoming worse. We have gotten estimates to fill with stone. We have received bids back for the Jenneville Culvert, they have come in higher than anticipated, we have asked to reduce the scope and rebid. We signed a contract with Two Rivers on Road Erosion Inventory. Doug Linnell is contracting with the town in efforts to finish the Grand List lodging with Bob. The Public Utility Commission has closed the ITW filing. The advanced notice has lapsed. If they want to refile, they will need to start the process over again. The Historical Society discussed Monday on funding a heat pump and having the town install it. We received quotes between \$6,500 and \$10,000. John noted there is enough money share the cost with the Historical Society. We will pick a contractor and work with the Historical Society. There are issues concerning trees in town. We continue to have them coming down during these heavy rainfall events. There was discussion, noting we have not appointed a Tree Warden this year. The backhoe continues to need maintenance. We have the opportunity to look at purchasing a new backhoe. There was much discussion. Two Rivers had a discussion at a recent meeting regarding the town plan.
- **Future Agenda Items:**
1. **Three Corners Intersection Lights:**
 2. **North Hartland Covered Bridges**

3. **Cemetery Committee:**
4. **Bird Hill Road:**
5. **Town & Highway Capital Plan:**
6. **Lull Farm Lane:**

Correspondence:

Executive Session minutes to follow.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held on Monday, June 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Cheyenne Latimer