

Hartland Regular Town Board Meeting September 12, 2023 at 7:00pm

The town meeting was called into session at 7:02PM by Chair, Kurt Nelson. Others present: Supervisor Mark Girdeen, Clerk Polly Remick, Highway Patrolman RJ Duden, 1 resident/guests.

The **minutes** of the August 8, 2023 regular meeting were presented by the Clerk. Motion made by Girdeen to accept minutes, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Monthly bills were presented. Girdeen made a motion to accept and pay all bills. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** – showed \$404,191.14 in the checking account. Total funds available \$404,191.14 less equipment outlay of \$43,903.67, road expense of \$220,284.80, Local Recovery Fund of \$90,747.64 and EI Grant of \$400 for an adjusted balance of \$49,255.03. A motion was made by Girdeen to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

RJ's Road and Road Work Report

- Chip seal on 650th is complete. Scotts Construction did a great job.
- Blade patching with the county has been rescheduled to this week due to scheduling issues with Monarch Paving. Finished up today 330 tons blade patched and 40 ton smear patched.
- Brenner's hillside project is completed.
- The last parts for the wing supports on the Sterling truck were welded up and ready for snow.
- Sterling Truck had a brake job done at the county shop. Three of the four rear brake chambers were in need of replacement.
- Town of Ellsworth board members stopped to tour the shop/hall setup. They are considering building a new shop.
- Lee Skog concerned with heavy truck traffic on the bridge in need of replacement.
- Having issues with someone doing burnouts/digging holes in the road on 730th St just south of the Bethlehem Church. Since school has been back in session problems have subsided.
- Still out hand patching weekly.
- Mowing will start next week in the low areas. Everything else first part of October.
- Spoke with Steve Hines about hauling out the scrap metal before snow flies again. He's going to get back to RJ.
- Spoke with Samantha about the dump hours. It would be great to move them to 8AM -Noon. Most of the regular folks are there right away at 10am and not many if any at all show up after Noon.
- Checked on tire replacement cost for the Sterling. Bauer Built is cheapest by a fair margin. They also have a new pricing program directly through Michelin that would save us roughly another \$1,000. Polly is filling out the applications needed.

Old Business

Chair Nelson provided the following bridge projects update --

- Construction funding from the state on both of our bridge projects was increased to 100% on construction only (not engineering), up to the previously set dollars limits for each project. SMA's have been revised, signed and will be returned to the state.
- 490th Street -- There is an operations meeting on the 490th Street bridge project on October 5th.
- 570th Street – RFQ's are going out this week and will be due back on October 4th. The bridge committee will review them on October 5th.

Ambulance Committee Update – Mark Girdeen stated that there was nothing to report since the committee meets on a quarterly basis and there has not been a meeting since last month's report.

Fire Department Report – Don Acker reported on behalf of Jay Acker that the fire department had to purchase a larger four-wheeler to be able to use it for the purpose intended. The previously purchased unit was not able to adequately handle the potential rough terrain.

New Business

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The clerk reported that the two properties that were expiring out of the Managed Forest Land tax program are being re-enrolled for another 25 years.

The clerk reported that the county has issued a CUP for a state patrol wireless tower. The tower is being located at an existing site. The existing tower will be torn down and a new one built in its place.

Cedar Corp sludge application. This is a repeat of a previously granted application. The routes are the same. The board was concerned about the wear and tear on the road and tabled the application until this can be further addressed. This will be on the October meeting agenda when there will hopefully be a representative of Cedar Corp. present to discuss concerns.

Replacement for Board Supervisor, Brian Webster. Kurt Nelson nominated Don Acker as supervisor to replace the vacancy created by Brian's passing. Don accepted the nomination and a vote was taken. The Board chair, supervisor and clerk voted unanimously to appoint Don Acker to finish out the 2023/2024 term.

Public Comment

Correspondence

- The August building and/or sanitary permit reports was presented.
- Companion Animal Control Report – There were three calls regarding dogs at large. One resulted in an impoundment of two dogs. The Board has instituted a policy that the animal control rep must obtain permission from a board member or the Highway Patrolman before responding to any calls regarding loose dogs in the Town of Hartland.

Upcoming Events

Open Book – September 13, 2023, 2-6PM, Town Hall

Board of Review – September 20, 2023, 6-8PM, Town Hall

Next regular Town Board meeting October 10, 2023 7:00PM

Motion was made by Girdeen to adjourn the monthly meeting. Seconded by Nelson. Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Polly Remick – Clerk