

Town of Hartland

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MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021

Meeting was held via Zoom due to coronavirus guidelines/restrictions.

Magi Winslow, Scott Levan, Greg Sottile, Karen Eseppi, Craig Olsen, Peter Sevetz

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:33p.m. by First Selectman Magi Winslow.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan- Unanimous

To approve minutes from previous meeting(s) as presented.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile- Unanimous To approve Expense Reports for May, 2021.

Coronavirus Update – Town Offices

All Town buildings remain closed to the general public but are functioning well and appointments are available for those that might need them. The Library has opened to the public as of June 1, 2021 and will have their Grand Opening on 6/19/21.

The Town Hall Employees will meet on 6/15/21 to discuss safety procedures to be put in place for a tentative building(s) opening on 7/6/21.

EHVFD building will be open to the public as of 7/1/21.

The Treasurer has received funds from CIRMA regarding the East Wing School Roof/Hail Claim.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous

To approve the following appointments as requested by Beatrice Isabelle.

Commission on Aging – 2 Year Term 7/2/21 – 7/2/23

Irene Eseppi, 29 Center Street, West Hartland

David Faye, 57 Old Skinner Road, East Hartland

There are currently two vacancies on the Commission on Aging.



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Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan - Unanimous

To approve a plot change for Mrs. Beth Cole. Change from Plot D19 to D21

A new certificate will be issued to Mrs. Cole and the old one voided.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Carrier have purchased a plot in the West Hartland Cemetery. They will wait until the new/corrected map is available before they finalize their choice. We anticipate the timeframe to be August/2021. We will process the Carrier check.

Magi Winslow and Scott Levan met with Kentucky Blue, our contractor at the West Hartland Cemetery, on 6/8/21. There were two rows found that did not show on the map. Additionally, we identified approximately 30 more graves available in the "median" section and a section for cremation plots on the side of the last driveway to the right. Kentucky Blue will mark the graves in question, and we will remake the cemetery map. Kentucky Blue will mark out the remaining graves in the new section.

Recreation Commission was present to discuss plans for the proposed playscape at Berg Field. To date we have area placement approval from EHVFD (Chief Davis), BOS, IWC, P&Z. Magi Winslow spoke to our Building Inspector concerning the project and how we should proceed. We will contact the Risk Exposure Dept at CIRMA as well. Chain of Events:

Approval of area

Building Inspector procedures

Bids from Recreation Department (at least 2)

Recreation will vote to approve vendor

BOS will sign proposal/contract

Vendor will apply for Building Permit

Recreation will give us a yearly timeline of what they want to accomplish.

Recreation will look towards community donations to help with the costs.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous

To establish a Board to oversee plan/expenditures of federal funds for the American Rescue Plan and County funds. The Board will be named Hartland ARP and will consist of Magi Winslow, Scott Levan, Greg Sottile and Karen Eseppi to start. We will ask six other people to join the Board. We will work with spending guidelines presented by the federal government. Some of the approved expenditures include compensation for essential employees, resident hardships, failed septic and/or air quality systems, Town building repairs, etc., – as they relate to COVID.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – unanimous

To move Agenda item #11 and #12 before the Executive Session so that meeting attendees can address those agenda items.

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Public Comments:

Pete Sevetz asked about the need for sanitizing areas of the Town Hall after visitors. Magi Winslow replied it is up to the employer and we will take the extra care to ensure our employees and residents are kept safe as the Town Hall opens. Masks may be required by people coming into the Town Hall.

Magi Winslow has been working with TransAmerica on behalf of Wade Cole, who passed away in March, 2020. In 1975, Wade was eligible for a TransAmerica Pension Policy through the Town. At that time, Wade made the Town the beneficiary (according to TransAmerica, although they could not find his beneficiary paperwork for the policy). The Town cannot receive the funds, as we are not able to pay taxes as a Municipality, and we felt the benefit should rightfully go to Wade's wife. After over a year of transactions and communications trying to handle this matter, our Town Auditors, King and King, agreed to assist the Town in finding a correct/legal solution. The decision, eventually, was for the Town to issue a resolution for the First Selectman's signature and have the funds released to the Town. The Town will then release the funds to Mrs. Cole and she will be responsible to pay any taxes due. This will require paperwork and filing from both our Auditors and our Town Treasurer.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous
To approve a Resolution for the First Selectmen/BOS to sign an agreement with
TransAmerica so that Wade Cole's Death Benefit Policy funds can be released to the
Town and they can then be released to Mrs. Beth Cole. Mrs. Cole will then be
responsible to pay any taxes due for the benefit amount.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – Unanimous To enter into Executive Session at 8:40p.m.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile - Unanimous

To exit Executive Session at 8:59p.m.

Motion: Magi Winslow/ Scott Levan - Unanimous

To adjourn the Meeting at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Magi Winslow Selectmen's Office

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