



# Town of Hartland

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## MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

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

Magi Winslow, Scott Levan, Greg Sottile, Karen Eseppi, Ellen Smith, Chuck Smith, Tim Irwin, Mark Sevetz, Peter Sevetz

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:30p.m. by First Selectman Magi Winslow.

Motion: Greg Sottile/Scott Levan– Unanimous  
To approve minutes from previous meeting(s) as presented.

No Expense Report was available for the Month of June, 2021, as the fiscal year is closing and June has not officially been closed as yet.

### Coronavirus Update – Town Offices

The Town Hall has opened (soft opening) as of Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Masks and social distancing will be required to enter the building. Taxes will continue to be collected at the outside “Annex” window. Town Hall employees will continue to make sure the common areas are sanitized.

### Public Comments and Communications:

Mark Sevetz asked about items removed from the Transfer Station on Saturdays when the TS is open. Mark said he complained about this issue several years ago and was told at that time it actually benefitted the Town, as we are charged by the total weight when hauled. Mark said he spoke to Magi specifically at that time – many years ago, concerning this issue. Magi replied she would have turned the inquiries over to Wade Cole, who was First Selectman and also Road Foreman at that time. Tim Irwin replied that he was present at that time in question and Magi was correct in her answer. There was discussion concerning possibility of having an area where residents could “swap” or take useful items. The BOS will check into this idea.

Mark Sevetz complained about the new solar speed indicator that was recently placed on Walnut Hill Road. He claimed it was ineffective and actually made people speed up. Magi reported we had three specific complaints, particularly over the last few years, about speeding on Peck Orchard Rd., Rengerman Hill Rd., and Walnut Hill Rd. Parents and teachers at Hartland School expressed much concern about kids trying to cross the road at Walnut Hill. State Police have been contacted many times over the years but unfortunately there is little that they can do to help the situation.



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Hartland was able to apply and receive a grant for two “speed readers” and they were placed on Walnut Hill and Peck Orchard (the two roads with the most complaints). Scott Levan reported he took vacation time and observed the roads and particularly Walnut Hill Rd., He observed people did slow down for the most part. We have received positive feedback concerning the signs, particularly on Peck Orchard Rd. These signs can be moved to other areas as needed.

Mark Sevetz complained that the drains by his house are getting clogged. Scott Levan reported he had actually checked on them that same day – and they are checked on often. Because of the amount of rain lately, and the amount of water flowing at this point, we will need to wait a bit before they can be addressed again.

Mark Sevetz asked about a recent meeting with the Building Inspector and work being done by the Town at Nellie B. West House at Camp Alice Merritt. Magi reported the meeting with the Inspector was at the “Infirmarium” not Nellie B. West House. We have been looking into trying to repair that building and move the Hartland Food Bank, Cares Closet and Medical Equipment to that Building. We are looking to see if this is feasible. This was Wades “Pet” project and he volunteered his own time and did much of the work so far by himself. No Town Funds to date have been expended towards this project. We will have a determination about this project shortly.

Pete Sevetz asked about the recent employee hired by the Town and why it wasn’t in the minutes. Magi Winslow replied that it was a temporary hire due to an unanticipated employee medical situation. As this was a temporary hire, so that the Highways crew can perform scheduled work, the First Selectman most certainly has the power to do so and it does not need information to be in the minutes. Any permanent interviewing/hiring is done by a “hiring committee” comprised of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, etc.

Motion: Magi Winslow/ Scott Levan – Unanimous  
To adjourn the Meeting at 8:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Magi Winslow  
Selectmen’s Office

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