



Town of Hartland

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MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021

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

Attending: Magi Winslow, Scott Levan, Greg Sottile, Karen Eseppi, Ellen Smith, Chuck Smith, Connie Irwin, Ellen Smith, Fletcher Smith, Mark Sevetz, Peter Sevetz

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

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile– 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.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – Unanimous
To approve Expense Report for July, 2021.

Coronavirus Update – Town Offices

The Town Hall continues to be open to the General Public. Masks are required by all visitors regardless of vaccine status.

Hartland Food Bank

Study of the Nurses Building at Camp Alice Merritt has been completed. It was found that the Nurses Building did not have a septic system and therefore the proposed project to build/move the Hartland Food Bank to that location was deemed “not cost effective”. An inspection was held at Nellie B. West on 7/24/21. It was decided that since Nellie B. West is a Town Shelter it would be a better idea to locate the Food Bank in that Building and to make repairs/improvements with the ARP Federal money allocated to the Town of Hartland. The expenditure of the ARP funds for this purpose fits well with the guidelines and audit of these funds. Several needed repairs will be accomplished immediately as opposed to budgeting money each upcoming budget year in the Capital Line. Some of the proposed projects include building the Hartland Food Bank in the Front of the Building, adding a generator, new windows, pouring a concrete basement floor, heating and cooling system (which should correct the excess moisture problem in the Building), handicap entrance on the kitchen parking lot side, repairs to the chimney inside and outside, handicap shower installation, upgraded alarm/fire system, etc. The newly established Hartland ARP Board will discuss this building project and decide how to move forward.



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Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous

To re-appoint Paul LaChapelle to the Planning and Zoning Board as a Regular Member. Paul's term will begin 8/9/21 and end on 8/9/25.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous

To vote on three (3) Tax Refunds as requested by Cheryl Higgins, Tax Collector.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – Unanimous

To approve the following Tax Refunds requested by Cheryl Higgins, Tax Collector:

1. Robert Eagan 2019 Grand List in the amount of \$98.28 (MV)
2. Ryan Fairchild 2019 Grand List in the amount of \$6.98 (MV)
3. Robert Heintz 2019 Grand List in the amount of \$473.58 (MV)

Scott Levan reported he was asked by Pete Sevetz about Magi Winslow taking the minutes for the Board of Selectmen as well as running the meeting. Scott replied that the Boards have the right to ask for a paid Secretary to handle secretary duties should they want the assistance. Scott promised to request this item be placed on the Agenda for the next regular monthly meeting of the BOS. Ahead of the vote, in discussion, Magi Winslow reported she has handled all minutes, agendas and correspondence for the BOS for almost 30 years with no problem or concerns. She further reported that if there was an error identified in the minutes, the mechanism for correction would be to vote on an amendment to the minutes if there is a correction needed. Magi further felt that a "base" estimate to pay for a Secretary to handle minutes would add well over \$1,000 to the Annual budget and she was not in favor of that if it was not needed. Greg Sottile asked how long Magi had taken the minutes and what the process would be to correct an error. Scott Levan felt this was more of a "harassment" issue and it might be easier to just have someone else do the minutes..

Motion: Magi Winslow – not in favor, Greg Sottile not in favor, Scott Levan in favor.

Motion to hire a paid secretary to handle BOS minutes was defeated.



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Magi Winslow reported she received a call from the daughter of the man who built/owns Foxbrook Road. She reported her father had recently passed and wondered if the Town of Hartland was interested in taking over Foxbrook Rd and making it a Town Road. Since this road is so far from “conforming” to Town road specifications and the fact that it would take close to a million dollars to get it to conform the initial answer was “no”. The BOS consensus was that the cost of upgrading the Road to meet Town road specifications was too much money at this point.

Tokeneke Annual Road Race

A request for approval of a Race for the year 2022 was received. As the Race usually uses the School parking lot and school bathrooms --and bathroom renovations will occur during that time period-- it was decided it would not be a good year to approve the Race.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous Against

To not approve a request from Tokeneke Annual Road Race to stage the Race and run it through the Town of Hartland. If the Race decides to Stage in another Town/location and asks if they can pass through the Town of Hartland, we will bring the request back to the BOS for another vote.

Magi Winslow reported the possible sale of Covanta (processing plant for Hartland trash). More information will be forthcoming.

Concerning the complaint by Pete Sevetz in response to an “Executive Session” procedure in the June 14, 2021 minutes, Magi Winslow reported she did speak with FOI and she felt comfortable with the procedure put forward. On the item stating who actually attended the meeting – even though there were only five total attending the meeting, three of which were selectmen, Magi will amend the minutes to reflect those attending the Executive Session to be Magi Winslow, Scott Levan and Greg Sottile.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – Unanimous

To amend the June 14, 2021 minutes to reflect Magi Winslow, Scott Levan and Greg Sottile attended the Executive Session.



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Magi Winslow reported the Inland Wetlands Commission ordinance change that was voted on at the Annual Meeting in May, 2021, is now in effect. The IWC will now consist of 7 members instead of 8.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – Unanimous
To adjourn the meeting at 8:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Magi Winslow
Selectmen's Office

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