



Town of Hartland

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MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

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

Attending: Magi Winslow, Scott Levan, Greg Sottile, Karen Eseppi, Jen Kershaw, Susan Murray, Hank Prussing, Peter Sevetz

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

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

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – Unanimous
To approve Expense Reports for December, 2021.

As requested by Scott Levan and Greg Sottile, Magi Winslow reported that \$849.49 was spent on FOI from our Legal Line in December, 2021. These charges were related to the Mark Sevetz VS Board of Selectmen case. Mr. Sevetz did not withdraw his complaint as agreed upon with the FOI Court, which forced the Town to file for a last minute continuance and the need to overnight paperwork. The case was eventually withdrawn. Charges related to the Peter Sevetz VS Board of Selectmen FOI case are ongoing at this point. A new court date will be selected shortly.

Update Coronavirus/Town Buildings:

The State of CT has left decisions up to the individual Town Governments to institute Covid protection for residents/employees. We continue to be concerned about the Delta and the new Omicron variant and transmission. Masks, social distancing and sanitizing are required for employees and visitors at this point, and for any meetings or events in Town Buildings – which will be subject to prior approval. The BOS will reassess each month to make sure employee and resident safety are maintained. Hartland is currently in “red” status for Covid infection reporting. HS Officer Jen Kershaw reported that Hartland has received a small shipment of covid test kits and masks. Jen Kershaw and Magi Winslow scheduled and were present for a “pass out” of kits and masks to Town residents in the School Parking lot in East Hartland and also at the Library Building parking lot in West Hartland on Friday evening 1/7/22. A few more kits and masks have been distributed to First Responders in the Fire Departments and to Town Employees. The remainder of the kits are currently being distributed to residents in need via Town Hall or delivery (one per household) until our supply is depleted. The Board of Education has a separate supply of covid kits at the School.



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Karen Eseppi reported she has gone over the new guidelines from the State for the AARP Funds. Our Project for the new food bank and for the upgrade of the Town Shelter at Nellie B. West House fits into the current guidelines and work will continue at that building again. There has been interest in the "loss of revenue" (through AARP Funds) for the Town. We are currently having our Town Auditor look into the formula used to qualify the amount as this reimbursement would benefit the entire Town. The AARP funds will cover the cost of our Town Auditor in this project.

Sue Murray and Hank Prussing, Hartland members of the Lower Farmington and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Committee, were present to update the BOS about work that has been completed currently and many possible ideas for the future. Sue discussed grant possibilities for Hartland. The BOS thanks both Sue Murray and Hank Prussing for their dedication and support to the Town of Hartland with the work and projects that have been accomplished through this Committee. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Peter Sevetz asked Magi Winslow if he will be endorsed by the Town as Open Burning Official going forward. Magi Winslow reported Chris Davis, Chief of the EHVFD will be endorsed as the main Town Open Burning Official. Peter will take the training/testing as well, to assist Hartland and Chris Davis as Open Burning Official. Magi Winslow will also take the training/testing. Thank you Pete Sevetz for your past work for the Town as Open Burning Official and for continuing to serve.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – unanimous
To adjourn the meeting at 8:29p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Magi Winslow