



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall and on Zoom

Present: Michael Hoyt, Chair; Kim Souza, Clerk; Lannie Collins, Member; Mary Erdei, Member; Rocket, Member; Connie Kelley, Scott Cooney; Martha Morse; Gail Ostrout; Sara Campbell.

Zoom Participants: Dan Fraser, Vice-Chair; Ally Tufenkjian, Member;

JAM Link: <https://catv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/31494?channel=1>

I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting by Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt at 6:01PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Connie Kelley.

III. Order of Agenda: there were no changes to the order of agenda.

IV. Selectboard

1. Public Comments

Sara Campbell, WRJ, expressed concerns about what she's witnessed during recent committee appointment interviews. She feels that some questions and the way they've been asked have been aggressive in nature and that this kind of interaction could make potential committee volunteers reluctant to participate in town activities.

2. Budget Reviews

- a. Police presented by Acting Chief, Connie Kelley
- b. Dispatch presented by Acting Chief, Connie Kelley
- c. Fire presented by Fire Chief, Scott Cooney

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Executive Session: Selectboard Rocket made the motion That in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law 1 V.S.A. § 313, I move that the Selectboard enter into Executive Session: To discuss confidential attorney-client communications of which premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or person involved at a substantial disadvantage, and the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Rocket made the motion to close the Executive Session at 8:10PM. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motions from the Executive Session:

Mary Erdei moved to authorize and approve the separation agreement as negotiated with the employee, and to authorize Michal Hoyt as Chair, to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement. 2nd by Ally Tufenkjian. 5 in favor: Hoyt, Fraser, Erdei, Tufenkjian & Souza. 2 opposed: Collins & Rocket. The

motion passed.

VII. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: Selectboard Lannie Collins made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM. Selectboard Vice Chair, Dan Fraser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Souza', is written over a horizontal line.

Kim Souza, Clerk
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