



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
BUDGET Meeting**

Tuesday, November 22, 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; Ally Tufenkjian, Member; Scott Hausler; Gail Ostrout; Paula Nulty; Joe Turner; Lori Hirshfield;

Participants via Zoom: Dan Fraser, Vice-Chair; Heidi Duto

Absent: Rocket, Member

CATV/JAM Link:

- I. **Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting** by Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt at 6:23PM.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited and led by Scott Hausler
- III. **Executive Session:** Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins 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 Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion to close the Executive Session. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motions:

Ally Tufenkjian moved to ratify that the Hartford Selectboard voted November 1, 2022, to offer Gail Ostrout the position of Acting Town Manager and Paula Nulty the position of Assistant Acting Town Manager, contingent on an agreement of conditions. The board further agreed on November 3, 2022, to accept these conditions:

1. The agreement will continue until a permanent Town Manager is named, or the Board or the acting Town Manager/Assistant Acting Town Manager decides to end the agreement; two weeks' notice by either party is requested.
2. The Board and the Acting Town Manager/Assistant Acting Town Manager will review the arrangement in four weeks to determine if all parties wish to continue with the agreement.

3. The Acting Town Manager/Assistant Acting Town Manager will both have the signatory authority necessary to perform their work.
4. No termination decisions will be made by the Acting Town Manager without consulting the Town Attorney.
5. No significant new projects will be undertaken by the Selectboard that will increase the day-to-day management of Town operations by the Acting Town Manager/Assistant Acting Town Manager.
6. The Police Chief search will include a Selectboard interview round prior to Acting Town Manager making a hiring decision.

2nd by Mary Erdei. 5 in favor (Hoyt, Fraser, Souza, Erdei, Tufenkjian) 1 opposed (Collins).

IV. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion to close the Selectboard Meeting at 8:45. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

Kim Souza, Clerk