

Town of Hartford Selectboard Minutes of Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Selectboard Present: Mike Hoyt; Kim Souza; Mary Erdei; Ida Griesemer; Lannie Collins; Sue Buckholz

Selectboard Present via Zoom: Brandon Smith

Others Present: Connie Kelley; Elana Karis; Heidi Duto; Allison Litton; Pat Cook; Lucy Danger; Emily Zandleoni; Laura Simon; Elizabeth Feinburg; Kelly Armburst; Molly Armburst; Brigid Armburst; Cori Hirai

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by chair, Mike Hoyt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lannie Collins

Motion to Renew River Roost Brewery, LLC d/b/ River Roost, 230 S. Main Street, White River Jct. VT 05001 (1st Class, Outside Consumption) License. Motion by Mary Erdei, Second from Sue Buckholz. Unanimous

Motion to Renew Maple Street Catering, d/b/a Big Fatty's BBQ, 180 S. Main Street, White River Jct., VT 05001 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption) License. Motion by Lannie Collins, Second from Sue Buckholz. Unanimous

No Local Cannabis Control Board business

Public Comment: David Briggs continued to update Selectboard on Coolidge Block Project.

Selectboard Comments and Announcements: Commemoration of WW1 and WW2 Monument was well-attended and received at Veterans' Park on May 27, 2024. Upcoming Juneteenth Celebration will take place on June 22, 2024, not June 19, 2024, as the Block Party will be held then.

No Appointments made

Significant Activity Report: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=482>

Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances:

- a) Sister Cities report given by Allison Litten on positive experiences by students to French Sister City.
- b) Abundant Sun Review of Welcoming and Engaging Survey Results compares 2022 survey With 2024 survey. Some positive directions are being made; work continues in the area of Respect (which shows some lack here)
- c) HCOREI Update by Pat Autilio
- d) HCOREI Request for Revision to its Charge: Motion for this advisory committee to be Constituted of Seven (7) members to include one (1) School Board Member, one (1) Select Board Member, four (4) Community Members, and one (1) Student Member from Hartford High School. Each member will have equal weight in discussion and voting. Motion by Kim Souza, Second by Ida Griesemer. Unanimous.
- e) Request for use of Opioid Settlement Funds was by Emily Zandleoni who presented Rationale for using some funds (\$5500) from Opioid Settlement Fund to bring Chris Herren To Hartford High School for a presentation. Motion by Lannie Collins. Second by Kim Souza. Unanimous.

f) Landfill Construction and Demolition Removal Proposal. Chris Holzworth and Brian Gazda discussed the Motion: That the Selectboard waive Section 3.6 of the Purchasing Policy as allowed under Section 3.7 of said policy and authorize the Town Manager to execute contracts with Sanborn Head for \$25,900 and with Hammond Grinding and Recycling for \$392,070 to facilitate the removal and clean-up of the C&D processing area.

Further, the Selectboard authorize the Town Manager to execute change orders or contract amendments in recognition of the uncertainties of the subsurface conditions, and for the payment of the Vermont tax on out of state disposal up to the funding limit of \$557,113.00. Motion by Kim Souza. Second by Mary Erdei. Unanimous.

g) Implementation of New Child Care Payroll Tax. Move that, effective July 1, 2024, the Town of Hartford pay the full amount of the Vermont Child Care Contribution payroll tax, with no requirement that employees pay any portion of this tax. Motion by Ida Griesemer. Second by Sue Buckholz. Unanimous.

h) Discuss Citizen Petition Seeking Gaza Ceasefire Resolution. Proposed Resolution submitted to Town of Hartford Selectboard, requesting vote on June 11, 2024 Selectboard Meeting as an agenda item with possible language changes.

Commission Reports

Ida Griesemer

- **Tree Board:** Working with a landscape architect to plan tree plantings at Lyman Park.
- **Resilient Hartford:** Continuing work on the Abenaki garden and food forest at Clifford Park. Focused on recruiting new members and will be present at the Hartford Community Coalition block party on June 19th.
- **Energy Commission:** Planning an interactive station at the HCC block party where visitors can ride a stationary bike to see how much energy it takes to power different kinds of light bulbs. Working with a student at the Center for Cartoon Studies to illustrate a brochure about the commission's work.

Consent Agenda: Motion to Approve Payroll Ending: 5/25/2024

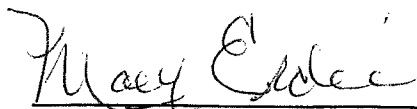
Approve A/P Manifest of 5/24/2024 & 5/30/2024

Approve Meeting Minutes of 5/14/2024 & Corrected minutes
Of Nov. 14, 2023

Selectboard Meeting Approval for 6/04/2024, 6/11/2024,
6/25/2024

Motion by Mary Erdei, Second Kim Souza. Unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn Selectboard Meeting at 9:13 p.m. by Kim Souza. Second by Mary Erdei. Unanimous.



Mary Erdei, Clerk

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