



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:00pm

Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White
River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall

Present: Michael Hoyt, Chair; Mary Erdei, Clerk; Lannie Collins, Member; Susan Buckholz, Member; Brandon Smith, Member, Ida Griesemer, Member; John Haverstock, Town Manager; Byran Gazda; Chris Holzwarth; Heidi Duto; John Vickery; Rick Vincent; Diane Leigh; Pete Zardin; Carol Lane; Kelly Armbrust; Cori Hirai; Rebecca Clark; Elizabeth Feinbery; Lucy ____; Becca ____; Mingwei Huang

Present on Zoom: Kim Souza, Vice-Chair; Lana Livingston; Maria Alvin

Jam LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMhct749spE>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting at 6pm by Chair, Mike Hoyt.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins.
- III. Local Liquor Control Board
Selectboard Chair recessed the Selectboard Meeting and opened the Local Liquor Control Board.
 1. **Selectboard Clerk, Mary Erdei made the motion to approve New Liquor Licenses for Collaborative Stoke, LLC d/b/a Trail Breaks Taps + Tacos, 5945 Woodstock Rd, Quechee, VT 05059 for a 1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption Permit. Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
 2. **Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to approve Liquor Licenses for the Renewal of: K-B Ventures, LLC d/b/a Jake's Market & Deli, 1477 Maple Street, White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 2nd Class; Tobacco; and Tobacco Endorsement. Selectboard Member, Sue Buckholz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt closed the Local Liquor Control Board.
- IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt opened the Local Cannabis Control Board at 6:05PM.
 1. **Selectboard Clerk, Mary Erdei made the motion for the Renewal of Application #S-000008418, Cloudy Day Farm, LLC for Local Cannabis License. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt closed the Local Cannabis Control Board and reopened the Selectboard Meeting at 6:07PM.
- V. Order of Agenda: Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion to remove item 5.d. (Continued Discussion of Gaza Ceasefire Resolution) from the agenda. There was no second to this motion so the motion failed. There were no other changes to the agenda proposed.
- VI. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment
Marie Alvin, from WRJ, asked how the Safety Survey was available to people that do not have computer/internet access. She asked if there were paper copies available. John Haverstock, Town Manager, replied with the schedule of when the consultants will be in Town in person. This includes: June 19th- Block Party; 6/20 virtual & public session at the HACTC 6-8 on the 20th.

Marie also asked about the Town Light Pole Banner policy. She hopes this is not a place for businesses to advertise. Kim Souza responded that only nonprofits will be allowed as per the policy.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Selectboard Clerk, Mary Erdei asked if the Town Manager, John Haverstock would appoint the staff liaison for HCOREI. It was decided to put this item on a future Selectboard agenda.

3. Appointments

- a. Consider the Reappointment of Tobias Dayman to the Hartford Planning Commission for a three-year term beginning June 11, 2024 and ending June 10, 2027. This item was tabled until the June 25th agenda so it can be posted on the Town's social media accounts.

4. Town Manager's Report

Wilder Dam Re-Licensing

Town has met with the Town attorney to discuss strategy regarding future interactions with Great River Hydro and will inform the Selectboard if and when a proposed resolution to the concerns raised in the Town's Comment has been generated.

Capital Improvement Plan

Town staff is working to review the history of Town capital planning and to discuss options for moving forward to revive those efforts and to routinize the process of planning for and budgeting for future capital needs. This will hopefully assure that the Town has resources available, when needed, to improve, replace and/or create Town infrastructure to serve the needs of residents in the future.

Tour of Public Safety Complex

On June 5, several Selectboard members toured the Town's Public Safety Complex and met with representatives of the Police and Fire Department and Dispatch leadership. Thanks to Dana Clawson, our Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, for providing his thoughts on energy-related infrastructure. We are working on additional tour opportunities, so stay tuned.

Juneteenth

Town offices will be closed next Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Implementation of Child Care Payroll Tax

The Town will begin paying the new Vermont Child Care Payroll Tax on July 1, 2025. For FY 25, all Department heads have been advised to identify potential savings within their respective departmental budgets amounting to 0.21% (or roughly one fifth of one percent) to accommodate this unbudgeted expense of \$45,607.66. This tax will be reflected within future budgets beginning in FY26.

Implementation of Committee Stipend Program

The Finance Director, the HR Director and the Town Manager have been collaborating on the implementation of the Town's new stipend program for meeting attendance by members of the Town's boards, committees and commissions, which becomes effective on July 1.

Town Manager Activities

The Town Manager will be meeting on June 13 with Chamber of Commerce leadership on the topic of improving Town/Chamber cooperation and collaboration.

The Town Manager will be meeting on June 14 with Erica Hoffman of the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.

Significant Activity Reports: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=483>

5. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances

- a. Revaluation Update from the Assessor and Consultant John Vickery from Tyler Technologies.

- b. Quechee Leach Field 5E Replacement
Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion that the Selectboard authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with Nott's Excavating, Inc. for \$150,765 and to approve any necessary and reasonable change orders up to a maximum additional amount of \$15,235 for a total project budget of \$180,000. Selectboard Member, Sue Buckholz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- c. Purchasing Policy Exception for Maple Street Pump Purchase
Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion that the Selectboard waive section 5.0 of the purchasing policy as Xylem Water Solutions USA, is the sole source vendor for Flygt pump in the New England region, and approve the Director of Public Works to execute the purchase order from Xylem Water Solutions USA, dated April 17, 2024, in the amount of \$24,147.50. Selectboard Clerk, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- d. Continued Discussion of Gaza Ceasefire Resolution
After much discussion with the public and selectboard a motion was made. Selectboard Clerk, Mary Erdei made the motion to accept the Gaza Ceasefire Resolution presented by the people that have come before us several times. Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith seconded the motion. 3 were in favor (Smith, Erdei, Griesemer) and 4 were not in favor (Hoyt, Buckholz, Souza, Collins). The motion failed.

Proposed Resolution: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/10274/Copy-of-Proposed-Resolution-submitted-to-the-Town-of-Hartford-Vermont-Selectboard->

VII. Commission Reports: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/2467/Boards-Committees-Commissions>
Mary Erdei, SB Liaison

HCOREI welcomed Beth O'Donnell, who grew up in Hanover, but currently lives in Grantham and is the Director of Community Health at Alice Peck Day where the goals of that program revolve around human-centered needs in the Upper Valley. She gave an example of the current population of Riverview (Twin Pines) where 2/3 of the families who reside there have someone under 18 years of age.

Juneteenth is just around the corner, a joint celebration with Lebanon on June 22. Some speakers may include retiring senator of Windsor County Dick McCormick, also the mayor of Lebanon and possibly Bernie Sanders, but Ethan Lawrence, campaign manager for Bernie. The emphasis for this event will be on fun and less speakers than in the past. There also will be a table at Juneteenth to gather resources for the Anne Reynolds Memorial Award for DEI and social justice.

We are waiting for the School Board to approve the charter changes for HCCOREI recently approved by the Selectboard. The Strategy Matters Safety Assessment survey is open until the end of the month.

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Guest Speaker: Former Conservation Board Member Marty Banak, currently with Trout Unlimited and VINS spoke to the HCC about the erosion of the river bank along the David Chang Conservation Area. Last summer the bank eroded and lost a large chunk of land (150-200 ft) during the July flooding and he wonders if it would be in the best interest of the river and the Conservation Area to plant trees that might shore up the bank with joint funding from HCC and Trout Unlimited.

The board responded with setting the next meeting in July as a field trip to the David Chang Conservation Area to observe the situation and also consider the threatened and endangered plants that might have been on that bank and may be gone.

Green Up Day in May netted over 450 volunteers and a larger group of businesses and organizations that participated. Less tires this year, but we added a discarded water heater in with recyclables.

Upcoming events include the Forest Frolic on June 8th at 10-11 am running concurrently with a Trailwork Day from 8:30 -noon with a grill after for the workers and families attending at the Hurricane Forest. Block Party on June 19th, 5-7:30 pm.

VIII. Consent Agenda: Selectboard Vice Chair, Kim Souza made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Selectboard Member, Sue Buckholz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

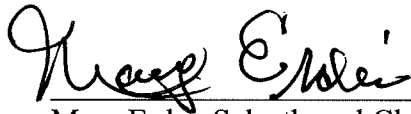
Approve Payroll Ending: 6/8/2024

Approve A/P Manifest of: 6/7/2024 & 6/13/2024

Approve Meeting Minutes of: Amended 5/28/2024 & Amended 6/4/2024

Selectboard Meetings Already Approved: 6/25/2024

**IX. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting
Selectboard Clerk, Mary Erdei made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.
Selectboard Member, Sue Buckholz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**



Mary Erdei, Selectboard Clerk

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