TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD AGENDA
Thursday, December 19, 2024, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street,
White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting will be conducted in person at Town Hall

The meeting will also be available on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/549799933 - Please mute your microphone.
youtube.com/catv810 – click "live now". If you are calling in from phone dial:
(415) 762-9988 Type in the Room ID: 549-799-933 followed by # Press # a second time and
Press *9 to raise your hand for public comment

I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting (6:00)
II. Pledge of Allegiance (6:01)
III. Local Liquor Control Board: None
IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None
V. Order of Agenda (6:02)
VI. Selectboard
  1. Public Comment (6:03)
  2. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances
     a. Continued Discussion and Finalize FY2026 Budgets (6:10)

VII. Consent Agenda: None
VIII. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting (9:00)

All Meetings of the Hartford Selectboard are open to the public. Persons who are seeking action by the Selectboard are asked to submit their request and/or materials to the Selectboard Chair or Town Manager's office no later than 5pm on the Tuesday two weeks prior to the meeting date. Requests received after that date will be addressed at the discretion of the Chair. Individuals wishing to address the board should do so during the Public Comment period. Please Note: The Hartford Selectboard offers public viewing of meetings live at Town Hall, and additionally as a courtesy generally on YouTube, Channel 1085, and Zoom. If a member of the public has technical difficulties accessing this meeting remotely, please alert us by emailing Selectboard@hartford-vt.org.

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	
Paving	$ (300,000.00)	$ (150,000.00)	$ -	
Building Demo @ Maxfield	$ (80,000.00)	$ (40,000.00)	$ -	
HFD Restoration of items	$ -	$ 25,500.00	$ 48,000.00	See Chief Goney's Memo (attached)
Approp Public Health Council	$ 4,405.00	$ 4,405.00	$ 4,405.00	
TM Salary to 4%	$ 2,664.20	$ 2,664.20	$ 2,664.20	
	$ (372,930.80)	$ (157,430.80)	$ 55,069.20	
Spending Increase	3.44%	4.43%	5.42%	
Estimated Tax Increase %	9.625%	10.926%	12.221%	
Impact on 250K home	$ 279.98	$ 317.83	$ 355.50	

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Scenario # 1

Grand List Amount
$14,232,964

Account	Appropriation	Applied Rate
General Highway Fund	$18,155,439	1.2756
Total	**$18,155,438.63**	**1.2756**

2025 Approved Tax Rate	1.1636
	0.1120

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250k home FYE 2025 Actual	$	1.1636	$	2,909.00		
2026	$	1.2756	$	3,188.98	$	279.98
estimated change	$	0.1120	$	279.98		9.625%

$	22,399,774.63	total budget
$	(3,436,395.00)	service revenue
$	(479,091.00)	UA Fund
$	(126,055.00)	ARPA
$	(120,000.00)	increase in interest from 200k to 320k
$	(5,000.00)	state use 100k to 105k
$	(5,000.00)	state hwy aid 295k to 300k
$	(72,795.00)	disptach fees 500k to 572,795
$	18,155,438.63	tax revenue

Look Back Period of Town Tax Only Change:

Fiscal Year	Town Rate	$ change	% change		Increase on $250K Home
2020	0.9915	0.0188	0.0193	$	47.00
2021	1.0138	0.0223	0.0225	$	55.75
2022	1.0284	0.0146	0.0144	$	36.50
2023	1.0471	0.0187	0.0182	$	46.75
2024	1.0821	0.0350	0.0335	$	87.50
2025	1.1636	0.0815	0.0753	$	203.75

Sepnding Increase		2025		2026		$ Change	% Change
budget	$	21,655,825.44	$	22,399,774.63	$	743,949.19	3.44%

Scenario # 2

Grand List Amount
$14,232,964

Account	Appropriation	Applied Rate
General Highway Fund	$18,370,939	1.2907
Total	**$18,370,938.63**	**1.2907**

2025 Approved Tax Rate	1.1636
	0.1271

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250k home FYE 2025 Actual	$	1.1636	$	2,909.00			
2026	$	1.2907	$	3,226.83	$	317.83	
estimated change	$	0.1271	$	317.83		10.926%	

$	22,615,274.63	total budget
$	(3,436,395.00)	service revenue
$	(479,091.00)	UA Fund
$	(126,055.00)	ARPA
$	(120,000.00)	increase in interest from 200k to 320k
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2025	1.1636	0.0815	0.0753	$ 203.75

Sepnding Increase	2025	2026	$ Change	% Change
budget	$ 21,655,825.44	$ 22,615,274.63	$ 959,449.19	4.43%

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Scenario # 3

Grand List Amount
$14,232,964

Account	Appropriation	Applied Rate
General Highway Fund	$18,585,389	1.3058
Total	**$18,585,388.63**	**1.3058**

2025 Approved Tax Rate	1.1636
	0.1422

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250k home FYE 2025 Actual	$ 1.1636	$ 2,909.00				
2026	$ 1.3058	$ 3,264.50	$ 355.50			
estimated change	$ 0.1422	$ 355.50	12.221%			

$ 22,829,724.63	total budget
$ (3,436,395.00)	service revenue
$ (479,091.00)	UA Fund
$ (126,055.00)	ARPA
$ (120,000.00)	increase in interest from 200k to 320k
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2024	1.0821	0.0350	0.0335	$ 87.50
2025	1.1636	0.0815	0.0753	$ 203.75

Sepnding Increase	2025	2026	$ Change	% Change
budget	$ 21,655,825.44	$ 22,829,724.63	$ 1,173,899.19	5.42%

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TOWN OF HARTFORD

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire/Ambulance/Rescue

Scott D. Cooney, Fire Chief

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December 18, 2024

To: John Haverstock, Town Manager

From: Scott D. Cooney, Fire Chief

RE: Priority Ranking for Restored Budget Funds Request

The original request for restored funds was $79,351. Based on recent changes to proposed funding sources I have reduced my request for restored funds to $48,000. I have ranked their priority below:

#1 Firefighter Emergency Bailout Systems ($14,000): Ensuring the immediate safety of our firefighters, these systems are crucial for quick and safe exit from buildings in emergency situations. Protecting our personnel is the highest priority, justifying its top rank in the budget. (10-221-331-0100)

#2 Portable Radios ($11,500): Effective communication during emergencies is vital for coordination and safety. Portable radios enable seamless contact among team members, which is essential for efficient response and ensuring both firefighter and public safety. (10-221-320-0100)

#3 Station #2 Furniture and Office Equipment ($22,500): Due to increased construction costs, the contingencies for this equipment and furniture were deleted from the initial estimate. Providing adequate working conditions and proper infrastructure is crucial for maintaining operational efficiency and staff morale. (10-221-320-0000)

As the Board is considering Local option tax funds for the vehicle extrication tools ($58,000) and has approved the use of reserve funds for the cardiac monitors ($44,051.02), the request for restored budget funds has been reduced by $31,351.