



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street,
White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall

Present: Chair, Mary Erdei; Clerk, Ashley Andreas; Miranda Dupre; Ida Griesemer; Erik Krauss; Brandon Smith; John Haverstock; Lori Hirshfield; Matt Osborn; Alexis Webster; Dana Clawson; Jesse Pollard; Pat Cook; Laura Cooney, Allison Litten; Joan Ponzoni; Tim Fariel; Kim Souza; Peter Zendran; Tad Montgomery; and John Haffner

Present on Zoom: Heidi Duto; Maria Alvin; Drew Waxler; Erik Alling; Rita Seto; Lannie Collins; Jeremy Warren; Michael Redmond; Cori Hirai; Gail Ostrout and Matt Osborn

JAM LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yolzX1-OSZY>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting by Chair, Mary Erdei at 6:00 PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by John Haverstock.
- III. Local Liquor Control Board:
 - a. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Evans Group of Vermont, Inc. d/b/a Evans Expressmart, 1038 North Main Street, White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 2nd Class Liquor License, a Tobacco License and a Vape Tobacco Substitute Endorsement. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - b. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Max Overstrom-Coleman d/b/a Fontinalis, LLC; 27 North Main St., Suite 10, White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 2nd Class Liquor License. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - c. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Max Overstrom-Coleman d/b/a Wolf Tree, 40 Currier Street, White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 1st & 3rd Class Liquor License and an Outside Consumption Permit. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - d. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Phnom Penh Sandwich Station, 7 North Main Street, White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 1st Class Liquor License. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - e. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Little Istanbul, Inc., d/b/a Little Istanbul, 27 North Main St., White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 1st Class Liquor License. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - f. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Quechee Club, Inc. d/b/a/ Quechee Club, 3268 Quechee Main Stret, Quechee, VT 05059 for a 1st Class & 3rd Class Liquor License and an Outside Consumption Permit. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - g. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Summit Stores, LLC d/b/a Three Cat Coffee, 18 & 42 Sykes Mt. Avenue, White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 1st Class, 2nd Class and 3rd Class Liquor License, a Tobacco License and a Vape Tobacco Substitute Endorsement. Selectboard Clerk seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - h. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Summit Stores, LLC d/b/a Quechee Mobile, 3479 Woodstock Road, Quechee, VT 05059 for a 2nd Class Liquor

License, a Tobacco License and a Vape Tobacco Substitute Endorsement. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- i. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Renewal for Blood's Catering & Party Rentals, Inc., 1147 Hartford Ave, White River Jct., VT 05001 for a 1st & 3rd Class License. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None

- V. Order of Agenda** – Selectboard member Brandon Smith made a motion to add a discussion of a Gaza Ceasefire resolution as item 5g of the agenda. Selectboard member Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. There were no other changes to the order of agenda.

VI. Selectboard

1. Public Comment

- a. Tm Fariel spoke of the need to garner data for good decision-making for local projects, such as parking enforcement, the Bugbee Senior Center, etc.
- b. Kim Souza asked about the status of efforts to align Hartford's Fair & Impartial Policing Policy and the Welcoming Hartford Ordinance, and the Town Manager provided an update.
- c. Pat Cook asked about plans for the Wood's Diner parcel.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

- a. Ida Griesemer thanked and welcomed the new Selectboard members.
- b. Erik thanked JAM for its low-cost service to the Town.
- c. Ashley Andreas noted that it is the Week of the Child.
- d. Mary Erdei congratulated Police Chief Kelley on her promotion.

3. Appointments

- a. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas made the motion for the Appointment of Kim Souza to the Town & School Meeting Committee for a two year term beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2027. Selectboard member Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Selectboard member Erik Krauss made the motion for the Appointment of Miranda Dupre to the Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion for a two year term beginning April 1, 2025 and ending on March 31, 2027. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-1, with Miranda Dupre abstaining.

- 4. Town Manager's Report:** <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/12198/Town-Manager-Report-4125>
Significant Activity Reports Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=506>

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

- a. Sister City Committee Re-Cap of Trip to France – presentation by Allison Litten.
- b. Report on Feasibility of Creating a Geothermal Energy District in WRJ – presented by Dana Clawson and Jesse Pollard.
- c. Housing and Homelessness Committee Update on Rental Housing Inventory presented by Alexis Webster and John Haffner.
- d. Town Parking Lot at Pine & Maple Streets - Existing Revocable License Overview/Request to Advertise.

Selectboard member Erik Krauss and Miranda made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to: make any required changes to the proposed License Second Addendum, the draft "Notice of Terms of Conveyance of Municipal Real Estate" and the draft

"Authorizing Resolution and Consent of the Town of Hartford Selectboard," and proceed with the required 30-day public notice requirements. Selectboard member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- e. Safe Routes to School Improvements Discussion - Presented by Matt Osborn.
- f. Review Selectboard's Strategic Vision and Consider Facilitated Retreat

The Selectboard and Town Manager discussed options for group training and it was agreed that the Town Manager would come back at a future meeting with additional suggestions.

- VII. Selectboard member Brandon Smith made a motion that the Chair and Town Manager schedule a special Selectboard meeting for consideration of adoption of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Selectboard member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VIII. Commission Reports

Erik Krauss

Historic Preservation Committee

The Demers Avenue and Victory Circle/Highland Park historic district nomination work is in progress. Earliest possible VACHP review of these nominations is June. The Performing Arts History report was updated with an interview of Bill Bittinger on WRJ Indie Film Festival. The report will be available on HPC page in future. Railroad station weathervane to be installed in protective case in west end of foyer in Town Hall. Erik was asked if the Selectboard plans to appoint a liaison to the 250th Anniversary Commemoration Committee.

Ida Griesemer

Energy Commission Meeting

Looking for volunteers to help coordinate their annual Window Dressers workshop (roles needed: Client coordinator and food coordinator). Electric Vehicle Expo planned for September 6 at Town Hall.

Brandon Smith

Planning Commission Meeting

Resilient Hartford

Clifford Park Food Forest; Quechee Abenaki Food Forest workdays discussed

Ashley Andreas

Zoning Meeting

Mary Erdei

HCOREI

Considering Disability Town Certification

Working on Gender Inclusivity Initiative

- IX. Consent Agenda: Selectboard member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectboard member Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approve Payroll Ending: 3/29/2025

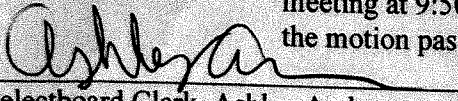
Approve A/P Manifest: 3/28/2025 & 4/3/2025

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 3/18/2025

Approve Revised Meeting Minutes of: 8/20/2024

Future Meetings Approved: 4/15/2025; 4/29/2025; 5/13/2025

- X. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: Selectboard member Erik Krauss made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. Selectboard member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.


Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas
Selectboard meeting, April 1, 2025