



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 29, 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; Rick Vincent; John Vickery; Bryan Gazda; Scott Hausler; Jesse Pollard; Anna Guenther; Marc Wilkins; Tim Fariel; Brett Mayfield; Jennifer Kravitz; Peter Zendran; Larry Rogers;

Absent: Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt

Present on Zoom: Lana Livingston; Gail Ostrout; Heidi Duto; Kim Souza; Lannie Collins; Mike Morris; Michelle Boleski;

JAM LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKXbitlggas>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting by Chair, Mary Erdei at 6:00PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by John Haverstock.
- III. Local Liquor Control Board: Selectboard Chair, Mary Erdei recessed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Local Liquor Control Board at 6:01PM.

New:

1. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre made the motion to approve the New Application for ASB, LLC d/b/a The Filling Station, 70 Gates St., White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 1st Class License and 3rd Class License. Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
2. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to approve the New Application for the Quechee Club, Inc. d/b/a Quechee Club, 3268 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for a Tobacco License to sell Cigars in Golf Shop. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Renewals:

3. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to approve the Renewal Application for Crazy Chris's Elixir Corp., 188 South Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 1st Class License and 3rd Class License.
and
4. to approve the Renewal Application for Global Montello d/b/a Jiffy Mart #439, 6800 Woodstock Road., Quechee VT 05059 for a 2nd Class License; Tobacco License and Tobacco Endorsement.
and
5. to approve the Renewal Application for It's About Thyme, LLC d/b/a Thyme Restaurant, 85 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 1st Class License, 3rd Class License and Outside Consumption.
and
6. to approve the Renewal Application for Midway Oil Corporation, d/b/a Mobil, 906 Hartford Avenue, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 2nd Class License; Tobacco License and Tobacco Endorsement.
and
7. to approve the Renewal Application for Montshire Services, d/b/a Bob's Service Center, 4 Ballardvale Drive, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 2nd Class License and Tobacco License.

Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to approve the Renewal Application for Perry Hospitality Group of VT, d/b/a The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm, 1119 Quechee Main Street., Quechee, VT 05059 for a 1st Class License, 3rd Class License and Outside Consumption.
and
9. to approve the Renewal Application for The Skinny Pancake - Quechee, LLC, d/b/a The Skinny Pancake, 7161 Woodstock Rd., Quechee VT 05059 for a 1st Class License, 3rd Class License and Outside Consumption.
and
10. to approve the Renewal Application for Stacy Hopkins, LLC, d/b/a Scavenger Gallery, 41 South Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 2nd Class License.
and
11. to approve the Renewal Application for Quechee Club, Inc d/b/a Murphy's Farm, 593 Murphy's Road, Quechee, VT 05059 for a 1st Class License, 3rd Class License and Outside Consumption.
and
12. to approve the Renewal Application for Quechee Club, Inc d/b/a Base Lodge, 3277 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for a 1st Class License, 3rd Class License and Outside Consumption.
and
13. to approve the Renewal Application for Cumberland Farms, Inc., d/b/a Cumberland Farms #8007, 1167 Hartford Ave, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 2nd Class License, Tobacco License and Tobacco Endorsement.
Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Chair, Mary Erdei closed the Local Liquor Control Board at 6:10PM and reopened the Selectboard meeting.

IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None

V. Order of Agenda. It was noted that there will be no report from the Zoning Commission.

VI. Selectboard

1. Public Comment

Peter Zendran updated issues concerning Palestine.

Michelle Boleski, WRJ attended the Safety Coalition meeting at the PD last Thursday. She found it very informative and thanked the people that put it together and those that attended, including Erik Krauss and John Haverstock. She encouraged the other Selectboard members to attend these public meetings.

Kim Souza, Hartford asked if John Haverstock could give an update on the status and next steps of the FIPP and the Town's Welcoming Ordinance review.

Tim Fariel, WRJ commented that this is a new "Board" and perhaps stepping back and thinking of a format to have to work through all the "stuff" that they are asked to do at every meeting would be beneficial.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Miranda Dupre reminded everyone of the Arbor Day Sale on Saturday 10-12 in the Town Hall Parking Lot.

Erik Krauss reported that he did a “ride-along” with the PD. He wanted to thank Chief Kelley and the PD personnel that participated. It was very informative, and he suggested others might want to do it as well.

Green Up Day is Sat., May 3rd. Bags can be picked up at Town Hall in the Planning & Development Department on the second floor.

3. Appointments

- a. Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to Re-Appoint Jennifer Kravitz to the Housing and Homelessness Committee for a two year term beginning April 29, 2025 and ending April 28, 2027. Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith made the motion that the Selectboard recommend to the State that it reappoint Brett Mayfield as the Town’s Health Officer for the foreseeable future. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Town Manager’s Report: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/12471/Town-Managers-Report-42925>

Significant Activity Reports link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=508>

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

- a. Zoning Board of Adjustment Update: Cancelled. They will reschedule.
- b. Update on Town-Wide Revaluation Presentation by Assessor, Rick Vincent and John Vickery from Tyler Technologies.
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/12499/HARTFORD-VT->
- c. Review RFP Results on Public Safety Cybersecurity and Award Contract
Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter a contract with Arctic Wolf in the amount of and not to exceed \$49,839.26 from funds budgeted in the IT FY26 budget. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- d. Execute Decision and Order for Hickory Ridge Road Discontinuance and Alteration
Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion that the Selectboard execute the Decision and Order for the Discontinuance and Alteration of Portions of Town Highway #144 (Hickory Ridge) and have the Town Clerk file it in accordance with 19 V.S.A. §711(a). Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- e. Approve Submission of Letter of Intent for VTrans Grant-in-Aid Program
Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion that the Selectboard authorize the Town Manager to execute and submit the Letter of Intent to Participate in the SFY26 Grants-In-Aid Program and to execute any subsequent grant agreement. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- f. Consider Purchasing Policy Exception to Purchase Air Blowers for Quechee Wastewater Plant
Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas made the motion that in accordance with Section 3.7 of the Town Purchasing Policy, the Selectboard waive the

requirements of Section 5 Competitive Sealed Bidding and award the replacement of SBR #1 blower unit replacement to Farrar Inc., Keene, NH in an amount not to exceed \$55,973.60, and authorize the Director of Public Works to accept Farrar, Inc., price quote dated April 23, 2025. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- g. Continued Discussion and Determine Future of Curbside Recycling Program Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion that the Town of Hartford discontinue the Curbside Recycling Program, effective with the end of the current Casella contract on June 30, 2025; and authorize the Town Manager and DPW Director to: (a) notify Casella and assure that there are no premature interruptions of service, (b) notify Town residents of this change and available recycling options, and (c) notify local/regional garbage and recycling haulers of the change. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. 3 were in favor (Erdei; Krauss; Griesemer) 2 were not in favor (Andreas and Dupre) and 1 abstained (Smith). The motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to instruct the Town Manager to work with Staff to reduce proposed FY26 tax rates by the net amount to be saved by the Town in discontinuing the curbside recycling program. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- h. Review Bids and Award Contract on Emerge Building Demolition at Maxfield's
Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to award and sign a contract with Hammond Grinding & Recycling to complete the work as outlined in the tract for a not exceeding and agreed upon amount of \$57,550. Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- i. Review Truck Purchase Bids and Authorize Purchase
Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign for and purchase the truck and its attachments from Benson's Chevrolet as identified in the attached documents for the total cost of \$81,668 which does not include the sale of the truck being replaced or the potential grant for the lift gate. Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- j. Consider Making Arbor Day Proclamation
The Proclamation was read by Chair, Mary Erdei and signed by all Selectboard Members present.

TOWN OF HARTFORD, VERMONT ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION 2025

WHEREAS Vermonters have long recognized the contributions forests provide to the ecological social and economic sustainability of the state; and

WHEREAS Trees in our cities and towns increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS Vermonters are encouraged to become stewards of their own environment by managing forest land, and planting and maintaining trees to improve the quality of life that we all enjoy;

NOW THEREFORE we, the Selectboard, and on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Hartford, do hereby proclaim May 5th, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Town of Hartford and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to support o community forestry program.

VII. Commission Reports – None

VIII. Consent Agenda: Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approve Payroll Ending: 4/26/2025

Approve A/P Manifest: 4/25/2025 & 5/1/2025

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 4/15/2025

Future Meetings Approved: 5/13/2025 and 5/27/2025

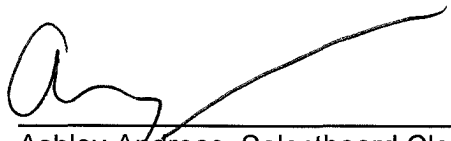
IX. Executive Session: Personnel, Legal, Contracts

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to Move to find that premature general public knowledge would clearly place this body or person involved at a substantial disadvantage, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a) (1). And to Move to discuss a potential contract, personnel matters and legal advice, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 subsections (a)(I)(A); (a)(I)(B); (a)(I)(E) and (a)(I)(F). Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas made the motion to close the Executive Session at 10:04pm. Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

X. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Andreas', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ashley Andreas, Selectboard Clerk
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