

TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, June 24, 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; Erik Krauss; Brandon Smith; Ida Griesemer; Ashley Andreas; Miranda Dupre; John Haverstock; Connie Kelley; Will Furnari, Lori Hirshfield; Scott Hausler; Diane Leigh; Tim Fariel; Marie Alvin; Solange Saxby; Peter Zendron; David Crocco; Emma Roth-Wells

Absent: Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt

Present on Zoom: Bryan Gazda; Wade Masure, Heidi Duto, Michelle Boleski, Kim Souza

JAM LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E30kxwXCqWE&list=PLAdkf9ugxof7FGsvb7b8PHLFaNfKZbq-g>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting at 6:00 pm by Chair, Mary Erdei.
- 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.
Renewals:
 - a. Selectboard Member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve Hanover Consumer Cooperative Society, Inc. d/b/a White River Junction Co-op at 209 Maple Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 2nd Class Liquor License
 - b. To Approve Northern Hospitality LTD Partnership d/b/a Hotel Coolidge at 39 South Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 1st Class and 3rd Class Liquor License
 - c. To Approve Wicked Awesome BBQ at 93 Beswick Drive, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 1st Class License and an Outside Consumption Permit. Selectboard Member Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - d. Selectboard Member Ida Griesemer made the motion to approve KB Ventures, Inc d/b/a Jake's Market & Deli at 1477 Maple Street, Hartford, VT 05047 for a Second Class Liquor License, a Tobacco Substitute Endorsement; and a Tobacco License

e. To Approve Hua Teng Restaurant d/b/a China Moon at 96 Sykes Avenue, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 1st Class Liquor License

f. To Approve Vermont Spirits Distilling Company d/b/a Harry's Lounge, 5573 Woodstock Road, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 1st Class Liquor License and an Outside Consumption Permit. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Chair, Mary Erdei closed the Liquor Control Board at 6:03 p.m. and opened the Cannabis Control Board.

IV. Local Cannabis Control Board Renewal:

a. Selectboard Member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve a Cannabis License Renewal for Cloudy Day Farm LLC #S-000012498. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Chair, Mary Erdei closed the Cannabis Control Board and reopened the Selectboard meeting at 6:07 p.m.

V. Order of Agenda- there were no changes to the Order of Agenda.

VI. Selectboard

1. Public Comment

a. Peter Zendron listed several complaints regarding the Hartford Police Department.

b. Tim Fariel suggested that Town leadership do more to engage in a dialog and outreach with residents

c. Solange Saxby complained about the impact of water line construction in her neighborhood and posed several questions about the project.

d. Kim Souza expressed disappointment in the formatting of the Selectboard packet.

e. Marie Alvin congratulated the Police Department on their big recent drug bust.

f. Heidi Duto complained about storm-related damage to infrastructure in her neighborhood.

g. Mike Morris suggested an exemption on the Transfer Station access charge for those wishing only to recycle.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

a. Miranda Dupre expressed her pleasure regarding the recent Juneteenth celebration.

b. Ida Griesemer noted the upcoming annual HCC Block Party event.

c. Ashley Andreas expressed appreciation for recent Selectboard tours of the DPW facility and Public Safety Complex.

d. Mary Erdei expressed pleasure regarding the recent Juneteenth celebration and noted the recent untimely passing of Sarah Campbell's husband.

3. Appointments

NEW: Selectboard Member Erik Krauss made the motion to appoint Solange Saxby to the Resilient Hartford Committee for a Three Year Term Beginning June 24, 2025 and ending June 23, 2028. Selectboard Member Mirand Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Renewal: Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre made the motion to re-appoint Brandon Smith to the Hartford Housing and Homelessness Committee for a Term Beginning June 24, 2025 and ending March 1, 2026. Selectboard Member Erik Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Brandon Smith abstaining.

4. Town Manager Report

- Clerical Workers Union contract negotiations are ongoing
- Curbside Recycling Program ends on June 30
- Recent Selectboard tours of Town facilities
- Reminders re HCC Block Party and Hartford High Alumni Parade
- Town Offices closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day

Significant Activity Reports Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=513>

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

a. Parks & Recreation Commission Update presented by David Rocco.

b. Public Hearing: Continued Consideration and Adoption of Amended Parking Ordinance. Selectboard Member Erik Krauss made the motion to table the proposed ordinance until the next meeting. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1-1, with Mary Erdei opposed and Brandon Smith abstaining..

c. Review, Consider and Adopt a FY2026 Fee Schedule. Selectboard Member Erik Krauss made the motion to approve the proposed FY26 Fee Schedule as amended to recite a Bugbee annual rental charge of \$5,730. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d. Consider Adoption of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

Selectboard Member Brandon Smith made the motion to approve the proposed Commercial Motor Vehicle Drug & Alcohol Policy, with the change to have the Town bear the split sample charge should the second test be negative. Selectboard Member Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e. Review and Approve Updated Proposed Ad Hoc Bugbee Building Committee Slate and Bylaws Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas made the motion to approve the proposed slate of members of an ad hoc committee to serve on a building committee, with the exceptions and to approve a draft set of by-laws, with the exceptions that (a) The By-Laws provide that members can consider all options for renovation, (b) the Selectboard member serve as a liaison, (c) Dana Clawson serve as a non-voting member, (d) Shawn Lacey be a voting member and (e) two additional residents be recruited to join the committee. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f. Consider Applying for Grant Funding for Lights and Cameras at Wilder Park & Ride

Selectboard Member Erik Krauss made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to seek VTrans grant funding for the installation of lighting at the Park N Ride.

Selectboard Member Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g. Authorize Chair and Vice Chair to Sign FYE Accounts Payable and Payroll Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre made the motion to authorize the Chair and/or Vice Chair to approve and sign fiscal year-end Accounts Payable and Payroll subject to later ratification by the full Board. Select Member Brandon Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VII. Commission Reports None

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

Approve Payroll Ending: 6/21/2025

Approve A/P Manifest: 6/20/2025 & 6/26/2025

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 6/10/2025

Future Meetings Approved: 6/29/2025 (Work Planning Session); 7/8/2025 & 7/22/2025

IX. Executive Session: Update on Clerical Workers Union Contract Negotiations Selectboard Erik Krauss moved to find that there are legal matters involving the Town and premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Town and/or persons at a substantial disadvantage. Selectboard Member Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Selectboard Member Ida Griesemer moved that the Selectboard go into executive session to discuss contractual, personnel and legal matters, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313, subsections (a)(1)(A); (a)(1)(B); (a)(1)(E) and (a)(1)(F). Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Selectboard

Clerk Ashley Andreas made the motion to come out of executive session at 10:15 pm. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre 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 10:17 p.m. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley A', is written over a horizontal line.

Ashley Andreas, Clerk

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