



MINUTES
Emergency Selectboard Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2025 5:00 pm

Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Jct., VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall

Present: Mary Erdei, Chair; Mike Hoyt, Vice Chair; Erik Krauss, Member; Miranda Dupre, Member; Brandon Smith, Member; Heidi Duto; Sonia O'Banion; Laura Petto; Jayne Summarsell; Crystal Pearson Moses; Tammie Stammers; Willima Mann; Brian Horan; Amanda Metivier

Absent: Ida Griesemer, Member; Ashley Andreas, Clerk

I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting by Chair, Mary Erdei at 5:00PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Gail Ostrout

III. Public Comment

Heidi Duto, from WRJ, raised questions about notice of meeting and why July 8 meeting was postponed.

Sonia O'Banion raised concerns about notice for meeting and asked why July 8 meeting was postponed.

Crystal Pearson-Moses asked when Assessment appeals would be heard by BCA.

Laura Petto, from WRJ, asked about the assessment and tax rate-setting process.

Brian Horan from Hartford, asked about assessment and impact on taxes.

William Mann from Quechee, suggested it was premature to set tax rates with assessment appeals ongoing.

IV. Order of Agenda: There were no changes to the order of agenda.

V. Selectboard

1. Set Tax Rates for FY2026

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to set the tax rates for FY2026 as follows:

The Fiscal Year 2026 General Highway Fund with:

- \$16,761,924.52 for Appropriation,
- \$2,614,549,500 for Grand List,
- \$0.6411 for Rate,
- and \$16,761,924.52 for Revenue;
- The Fiscal Year 2026 County Tax with:
- \$116,026.97 for Appropriation,

- \$2,614,549,500 for Grand List,
- \$0.0044 for Rate,
- and \$116,026.97 for Revenue;
- The Fiscal Year 2026 Restricted Appropriations with:
- \$211,393 for Appropriation
- \$2,614,549,500 for Grand List,
- \$0.0081 for Rate,
- and \$211,393 for Revenue;
- The Fiscal Year 2026 Local Agreement Rate with:
- \$25,714.39 for Appropriation
- \$2,614,549.50 for Grand List,
- \$0.0010 for Rate,
- and \$25,714.39 for Revenue;
- Total Fiscal Year 2026 Town Tax:
- \$17,115,058.88 for Appropriation,
- \$0.6546 for Rate,
- and \$17,115,058.88 for Revenue;
- Education Homestead Tax Rate \$1.2590
- Education Non-Homestead Tax Rate: \$1.1916
- Total Town and Education Homestead Tax Rate: \$1.9136
- Total Town and Education Non-Homestead Tax Rate: \$1.8462
- Total Appropriation 2025-2026 Fiscal Year: \$16,503,783

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Approve Tax Bill Flyer

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to include the draft flyer, as amended, with tax bills. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VI. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Member, Brandon Smith made the motion to close the Selectboard Meeting at 5:34pm. Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed


 Mary Erdei, Chair of Selectboard

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Mike Hoyt, Vice Chair of Selectboard