



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, September 2, 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; Vice-Chair Mike Hoyt; Clerk Ashley Andreas; Erik Krauss; Tim Fariel; Ida Griesemer; Miranda Dupre; John Haverstock; Matt Osborn; Chris Holzwarth; Peter Zendron; Will Adler

Present on Zoom: Heidi Duto, Dan Fraser

JAM LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/@junctionartsandmedia>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting at 6:00 pm by Chair, Mary Erdei
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Vice-Chair Mike Hoyt
- III. Local Liquor Control Board: None.
- IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None
- V. Order of Agenda- there were no changes to the Order of Agenda
- VI. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment
 - a. Peter Zendron discussed the housing shortage and concerns over the perceived interaction between local police and federal authorities.
 2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements
 - a. Ida Griesemer welcomed Tim Fariel as the newest member of the Selectboard.
 - b. Mary Erdei welcomed Tim Fariel and thanked all applicants who sought to fill the Selectboard vacancy.
 3. Appointments

Renewal: Selectboard Vice-Chair Mike Hoyt made the motion to re-appoint Nancy Trottier to the Housing and Homelessness Committee for a Two Year Term beginning September 2, 2025 and ending September 1, 2027. Selectboard Member Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Renewal: Selectboard Member Ida Griesemer made the motion to re-appoint Dillon Bianchi to the Hartford Planning Commission for a Three Year Term beginning September 2, 2025 and ending September 1, 2028. Selectboard Vice Chair Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 4. Town Manager Report
 - The first Bugbee Building Committee meeting has taken place. The Next ones will take place on September 11 and September 25 at 4:30 pm at the Bugbee Senior Center.
 - Departmental budgets were due to be submitted on August 29. After internal review, they will be presented in a binder for the Selectboard in early October. Department Heads will begin presenting their budget proposals on October 28.
 - The Town Manager will be out of the office on vacation from September 17 thru September 26, with Chief Cooney serving as Acting Town Manager for that period.

Significant Activity Reports Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=520>
 5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances
 - a. Review and Approve Revised Conservation Commission Bylaws. Planner Matt Osborn presented the proposed revisions to the bylaws. Selectboard Chair Mary Erdei offered up several suggested edits to make the revisions gender neutral.

Motion by Selectboard Vice-Chair to approve the revised bylaws (to include

- Mary Erdei's suggestions). Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
- b. Consider Request to Revise Hartford Wastewater Reserves Allocation for Nutt Lane Railroad Crossing. **Selectboard Member Erik Krauss made the motion to authorize any necessary engineering expenses with Otter Creek Engineering within the project's approved budget and for the Town Manager to execute any necessary change orders or contract amendments to allow for the timely completion of the project. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
 - c. Consider Reallocation of Selectboard Liaison Assignments. Following discussion, it was agreed that new Member Tim Fariel would serve as Liaison to the Planning Commission and would replace Ashley Andreas as Liaison to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, while Ashley Andreas would apply to serve as Liaison to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness.
 - d. Continue Discussion/Planning of Public Engagement Event. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Selectboard would participate in a Meet & Greet event in White River Junction on the evening of Friday, October 3.
- VII. Consider Appointment of Town Manager to represent Town at VLCT annual meeting at Town Fair. **Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre made the motion to appoint the Town Manager to represent the Town at the VLCT annual meeting at Town Fair. Selectboard Member Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
- VIII. Commission Reports:
- a. Ida Griesemer noted recent activity of the Energy Commission, with topics ranging from geothermal energy, the EV Expo, Styrofoam Recycling (October 4) and window dressers.
 - b. Erik Krauss noted that there are two vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission.
 - c. Mary Erdei summarized the first Bugbee Building Committee meeting and the Committee's officers.
- IX. Consent Agenda **Selectboard Vice-Chair Mike Hoyt made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0 (Fariel abstaining).**
- Approve Payroll Ending: 8/30/2025
Approve A/P Manifest: 8/28/2025 & 9/4/2025
Approve Meeting Minutes of: 8/19/2025 and 8/26/2025
Future Meetings Approved: 9/16/2025; 9/30/2025
- X. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting
Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Selectboard Member Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.



Ashley Andreas, Selectboard Clerk
September 2, 2025 Meeting