



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16, 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, Michael Hoyt; Ida Griesemer; Erik Krauss; John Haverstock; Lana Livingston; Will Adler; Torrelee Fisher-Sass; John Reid; Bryan Gazda; Dana Clawson; ChiCo Eastridge; Cedar; Clerk, Ashley Andreas joined the meeting at 6:05PM.

Present on Zoom: Tim Fariel

Absent: Miranda Dupre

JAM LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upKooCt48bk&list=PLAdkf9ugxof7FGsvb7b8PHLFaNfKZbq-g>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting by Mary Erdei, Chair at 6:00PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by John Haverstock.
- III. Local Liquor Control Board: None
- IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None
 - Order of Agenda – add Ashley Andreas Application to the Appointments and remove the Executive Session.
- V. Selectboard
 - ✓1. Public Comment - None
 - ✓2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Erk Krauss commented on the Tax Appeals process. There were 26 (1 withdrawal) with 6 separate sessions to review. He was impressed with the process by the Town Clerk, Assessor and the BCA. This was a fair hearing which was a lot of work. He would like to see how to do better in the future. It is not too early to begin the conversation.

✓Tim Fariel agreed with Erik Krauss. The process was a ton of work and it was very professional and thorough.
 3. Appointments:
 - a. **Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to appoint Torrelee Fisher-Sass to the West Hartford Library Board of Trustees for a term ending on March 3, 2026. Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
 - ✓**Added item: Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to appoint Ashley Andreas to the Housing and Homelessness Committee for a term ending on March 3, 2026. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. 5 were in favor and 1 (Andreas) abstained. The motion passed.**
4. Town Manager Report

Town Manager's Report Bugbee Building Committee

The Bugbee Building Committee met again on Thursday, September 11 at 4:30 pm and will meet again on Thursday, September 27 at 4:30 pm. All meetings are taking place at the Bugbee Senior Center and are open to the public.

Budgeting

The Town Manager has spent most of the first half of September meeting with the Department Heads to discuss their budget proposals in detail. The budgets will be revised based upon these discussions and then will be merged into a single budget notebook to be

circulated to the Selectboard in early October. The Town Manager will provide a budget overview at the October 14 Selectboard meeting and Department Heads will present their budget proposals to the Selectboard over several regular and special Selectboard meetings beginning on October 28.

Motor Vehicle Accident at Transfer Station

I regret to report that a Hartford resident died at the hospital following a leg injury sustained at the Hartford Transfer Station on Saturday, September 6. While the investigation is ongoing, it appears that the victim, who was standing behind his vehicle showing his bulk waste to staff, was struck by another vehicle which had been waiting in the queue.

Finance Department Closure

The Finance Department will be closed on Friday, September 19.

Selectboard Outreach Event

On Friday, October 3 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, members of the Selectboard will be available for a Meet & Greet opportunity at The Filling Station, located at 70 Gates Street. Come out and meet your local government officials while enjoying the vibrancy of downtown White River Junction! Light appetizers will be provided, but drinks are your own responsibility.

Town Manager Absence

The Town Manager will be out of the office on vacation from Wednesday, September 17 through Friday, September 26. Hartford Fire Chief Scot Cooney will serve as Acting Town Manager during this period.

Significant Activity Reports Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=521>

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

a. Update from the Climate Action Steering Team Committee

Presented by – John Reid

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/12906/5a-Climate-Action-Committee-Update>

b. Public Meeting 1 of 2 on Town's Solid Waste Implementation Plan. Presented by Bryan Gazda.

Chair, Mary Erdei opened the Public Meeting at 6:58PM.

There were no public comments.

Chair, Mary Erdei closed the Public Meeting at 6:59PM.

Board comments: Erk Krauss would like to see the disposal rate that is meaningful by being more representative,

c. Consider DPW Request to Waive Purchasing Policy to Purchase Wastewater Disinfection System

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt 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 TrojanUV3000Plus Gen 3, SCC PLC and HMI upgrade in the amount of \$30,053.89, to Trojan Technologies, London, Ontario Canada, and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a limited service agreement for this phased upgrade.

Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- d. Consider DPW Request to Waive Purchasing Policy to Conduct Groundwater Testing at Landfill

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss 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 FY 26 landfill water quality testing to Sanborn Head Associates, Burlington, VT in the amount of \$35,700, authorize the expenditure or transfer of \$7, 700 from Fund 30 Landfill Closure Reserve Fund, and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a limited service agreement for this testing. Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- e. Consider Main Street Museum's Request to Hang Light Pole Banners presented by Cedar.

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to approve Main Street Museum's request to hang Light Pole Banners from October 3rd to November 2nd, 2025. Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. 5 were in favor and 1 (Erdei) abstained. The motion passed.

- f. Consider Request for In-Kind Donation to "Gory Days" Event presented by ChiCo Eastridge.

Selectboard Member, Erik made the motion to approve the amount of \$448. There was no second – the motion failed.

Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas made the motion that the Board approve the in-kind donation of \$896.00 for the Gory Days event. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. 5 were in favor and 1 (Krauss) was not in favor. The motion passed.

✓VI.

Commission Reports – Erik Krauss reported for the Conservation Commission. There is still time to submit names for the Conservationist of the Year Award.

✓VII.

Consent Agenda: **Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt 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: 9/13/2025

Approve A/P Manifest: 9/12/2025 & 9/18/2025

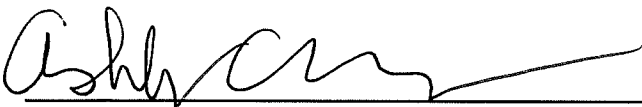
Approve Meeting Minutes of: 9/2/2025

Future Meetings Approved: 9/30/2025; 10/3/2025 (Outreach Event); 10/14/2025; 10/28/2025

VIII. Executive Session: There was no Executive Session.

✓IX.

Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: **Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**



Ashley Andreas, Clerk

Selectboard Meeting on September 16, 2025