



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Thursday, November 6, 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; Miranda Dupre; Ida Griesemer; Tim Fariel; John Haverstock; Lana Livingston; Bryan Gazda; Mark Bradley; Gaal Shephard Crowl

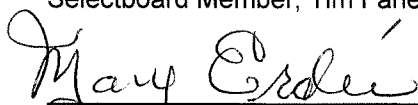
Present on Zoom: Erik Krauss

Absent: Clerk, Ashley Andreas

JAM LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bK5sdmQzTaM&list=PLAdkf9ugxof7FGsvb7b8PHLFaNFkZbq-g>

- I. Call to Order of the Selectboard Meeting by Chair, Mary Erdei at 6pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Fire Chief, Scott Cooney.
- III. Order of Agenda – there were no changes to the order of the agenda.
- IV. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment: None
 2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements: None
 3. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances
 - a. Ratify Emergency Decision to Authorize Spending on Fire Alarm Problem
Presented by Fire Chief, Scott Cooney.
Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel made the motion that the Selectboard retroactively approve the emergency purchase authorization made by the Fire Chief, Finance Director and Town Manager on November 2, 2025, for the immediate repair and replacement of the Town's municipal fire alarm receivers, which suffered a catastrophic failure rendering the system inoperable. This emergency action included the purchase of the AES IntelliNet Network Control Center (INCC) Software, including the Self-Monitoring Bundle and Maintenance plan, at a total cost of \$23,000. The purchase was necessary to restore critical public safety infrastructure and ensure continued alarm monitoring for municipal and private fire alarm clients. Funding for this purchase is available within the Fire Department's approved FY26 budget. The Selectboard acknowledges the urgency of the situation and supports the Fire Chief, Finance Director and Town Manager's decision to act in the interest of public safety. The Board further directs the Fire Chief to continue efforts to recover any unused funds from the cancelled SIS software contract. Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Fire Chief reported that a refund of \$11,666 will be issued from the cancelled SIS software.
 - b. FY27 Budget Presentation: Bugbee presented by Executive Director, Mark Bradley.
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13040/Bugbee-FY-2027-Budget-Proposal---Hartford-Selectboard>
 - c. FY27 Budget Presentation: Department of Public Works/Highway presented by Director of Public Works, Bryan Gazda
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13041/FY27-Public-Works-Budget-Powerpoint>
 - d. FY27 Budget Presentation: Department of Public Works/Enterprise Funds (Solid Waste, Water, Wastewater) presented by Director of Public Works, Bryan Gazda
- V. Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:00PM. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.


Mary Erdei, Selectboard Chair