



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 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; Tim Fariel; John Haverstock; Lana Livingston; Scott Hausler; Lori Hirshfield; John Haffner; Allison Litten; Laura Cooney; Peter Zendran; Pat Cook; Karen Powell; Sandra Cary; Alan Haehnel; Tim Ohara; Nadine Hodgdon; Debbie Marcus; Ken Parker; Tommy Barel; Trina Tatro

Absent: Clerk, Ashley Andreas; Miranda Dupre

JAM LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57X9bOitwKQ&t=30s>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting at 6:01pm by Chair, Mary Erdei
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by John Haverstock
- III. Order of Agenda: 3.e. Sister Cities Budget Request will be moved up to before 3.a.
- IV. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment None
 2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements
Tim Fariel suggested that all questions by the Selectboard be at the end of the budget presentations.
 3. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances
 - a. FY27 Budget Presentation: Parks & Recreation presented by Scott Hausler
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13054/FY27-Parks-and-Recreation-Budget-Presentation-as-of-111325>
 - b. FY27 Budget Presentation: Planning & Development presented by Lori Hirshfield
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13055/Plng-and-Dev-Budget-FY2027-for-SB-11-18-2025-mtg>
 - c. Public Hearing on TIF District Substantial Change presented by Lori Hirshfield
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13056/SB-11-18-25-Mtg-Agenda-TIF-Substantial-Change-Public-Hearing-and-Action-Item-3c>

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to open the Public Hearing at 8:00PM. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Lori Hirshfield presented the 7 substantial changes for the TIF district.

There were no public comments.

Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel asked if there were any plans to make improvements to Currier Street and to make it a pedestrian street.

Lori Hirshfield said there was not a lot of support to do this. He also asked if improvements to buildings are accounted for – not just new construction. Lori Hirshfield said yes.

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:12PM. Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to Approve the Substantial Change as proposed, and authorize the Selectboard Chair, Town Manager, or staff to communicate this to the Vermont Economic Progress Council for its approval. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d. FY27 Budget Presentation: Town Manager presented by John Haverstock
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13057/1-doc03146520251113131125>

e. Budget Request from Sister Cities Committee presented by Allison Litten and Laura Cooney,
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13058/2-doc03146620251113131153>

Support Staff: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13059/3>
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13060/4-doc03146820251113131249>

Facilities Manager: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13061/5-doc03146920251113131314>

f. Review Selectboard Training Plan and Budget
Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to table the Review Selectboard Training Plan and Budget to a future meeting. Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting
Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:20P.M. Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.


Mary Erdei, Chair
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