



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

(December 2 moved due to Inclement Weather)

Thursday, December 4, 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; Clerk, Ashley Andreas; Ida Griesemer; Erik Krauss; Tim Fariel; John Haverstock; Lana Livingston; Scott Hausler; Connie Kelley; Dillon Walsh; Lori Hirshfield

Note: Vice Chair, Michael Hoyt in at 6:12PM.

Absent: Miranda Dupre

Present on Zoom: Bryan Gazda

JAM LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G93NXzvWQA&list=PLAdkf9ugxof7FGsvb7b8PHLFaNFkZbq-g>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting by Chair Mary Erdei at 6:02PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Police Chief, Connie Kelley
- III. Order of Agenda: There were no changes to the Order of Agenda.
- IV. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment - None
 2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Tim Fariel attended the Hartford School District Meeting during public comment. They are facing some challenges, and he sees a need that the Town keep an eye on it during the budget process.

Ida Griesemer reminded everyone of the deadlines for open positions on the ballot in March. You can check with the Town Clerk for the deadline.

Eric Krauss commented on a posting on ListServ about Community Seed Saver program on Dec. 14th at 1:30 by the Upper Valley Food Co-op. They will speak about sharing seeds and teach how to do it.

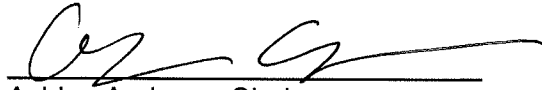
Mary Erdei congratulated Mike Hoyt for being appointed as a Representative for Hartford at the State. She also was interested in Jam's sponsored paJAMa-formal JAMmy Awards.
 3. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances
 - a. Budget Wrap Up #2 – discussion and preliminary straw votes for items to add and also to cut. Wrap Up # 3 on December 9th.
 - b. Consider Proposed Unassigned Fund Policy – discussion only
- V. Executive Session: Continued Discussion of Evaluation of a Town Employee

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion that in order for a discussion of the evaluation of a Town employee. Move to find that premature general public knowledge would clearly place this body and/or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(1) and I move to discuss a potential contract and personnel matters, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(3). Selectboard Member, Eric Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to close the Executive Session at 8:57pm Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VI. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Member, Erik Kraus made the motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 9:00PM. Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Andreas', written over a horizontal line.

Ashley Andreas, Clerk
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