



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, December 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; Clerk, Ashley Andreas; Miranda Dupre; Ida Griesemer; Erik Krauss; Tim Fariel; John Haverstock; Lana Livingston; Marcy Bartlett; Mark Bradley; Scott Hausler; Sue Buckholz; Connie Kelley; Scott Cooney; Dillon Walsh; Stephen Daly; Laura Cooney; Pat Cook; Allison Litten; John Haffner; Lynn Bohi; Jennifer Kravitz; Ann Greenwald; Gaal Crowl; Dana Clawson; Lori Hirshfield

Present on Zoom: Vice Chair, Michael Hoyt; Heidi Duto

JAM LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFTGIE1cwNI&list=PLAdkf9ugxof7FGsvb7b8PHLfaNfKZbq-g>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting at 6:00PM by Chair, Mary Erdei
- 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 Agenda.
- IV. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment
Marcy Bartlett from Wilder brought with her "Wilder water" to share with everyone for support to the Bond Article for Wilder water infrastructure. She also asked for police presence at the Budget and Candidates due to issues that occurred last year.

Allison Litten from Wilder and the Sister Cities Committee asked for a \$2,000 increase to the Sister Cities budget for student travel.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements
Tim Fariel reminded everyone that the budget process has been tough and it takes time to sort it all out. The Board is doing the best they can.

Ida Griesemer agreed that it has been a challenging budget process.

Mary Erdei was grateful to everyone that has worked on the budget. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

3. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances
 - a. Remarks and Funding Requests from Bugbee Building Committee
Presented by Mark Bradley.

Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt made the motion to waive the purchasing policy so that the Bugbee Senior Center can make preparations to repair the building's grease trap. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

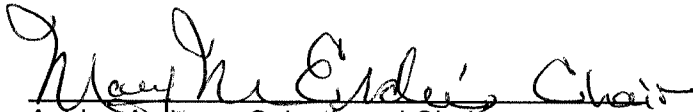
- b. Finalize Tentative Budgets

Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to use 1.2 million from the unassigned fund balance. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel made the motion to utilize the Local Option Sales Tax in an anticipated amount of 1.1 million to offset taxes for the next fiscal year. Selectboard Vice Chair, Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

It was decided to consider a proposal to add a Town Meeting Ballot Article on Curbside Recycling at the next meeting on December 30th.

- V. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: **Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:56PM. Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**


Ashley Andreas, Selectboard Clerk
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