



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, December 30, 2025, 6:00pm

(Rescheduled from 12.23.2025)

Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street,

White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall

Present: Chair, Mary Erdei; Miranda Dupre; Ida Griesemer; Erik Krauss; Tim Fariel; John Haverstock; Lana Livingston; Scott Hausler; Stephanie Waterman; Mitchell Spenier; Chuck Wooster

Present on Zoom: Ashley Andreas, Clerk joined the meeting at 6:45PM; Bryan Gazda; Lori Hirshfield

Absent: Vice Chair, Michael Hoyt;

JAM LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHLQy9PIMDg>

- I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting by Chair, Mary Erdei 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.

Selectboard Chair, Mary Erdei recessed the Selectboard and opened the Local Cannabis Control Board at 6:01PM.

- a. **Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre made the motion to approve the Retail Renewal Application for Hidden Grove, LLC for a cannabis license. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All (5) were in favor and the motion passed.**

Selectboard Chair, Mary Erdei closed the Local Cannabis Control Board and reopened the Selectboard meeting at 6:02PM

- V. Order of Agenda – There were no changes to the Order of Agenda.
- VI. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment: Stephanie Waterman of WRJ asked the Board to look at how the new parking meters affect other lots that are not metered. She has noticed that employees from the metered areas are now parking further down the road to unmetered spots. She is concerned that her parking lot will be used by them.
 2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Miranda Dupre enjoyed the Town Employees Holiday video.

Erik Kraus thanked the Town crews for keeping the roads passable during the last storm.

Mary Erdei wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the employees for their past year work.
 3. Appointments
 - a. **Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre made the motion to Re-Appoint John Reid to the Climate Action Steering Team for a three year Term beginning December 30, 2025 and ending December 29, 2028. Selectboard Member,**

Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All (5) were in favor and the motion passed.

- b. **Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to Appoint Mitchell Spenler to the Hartford Tree Board for a three year Term beginning December 30, 2025 and ending December 29, 2028. Selectboard Member, Eric Krauss seconded the motion. All (5) were in favor and the motion passed.**

4. Town Manager Report

Significant Activity Reports Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=544>

Selectboard Meetings

Today's regular Selectboard meeting was postponed from December 23. There will be another regular Selectboard Budget meeting on Tuesday, January 6.

Town Meeting Preparations

Warrant Information Night: Monday, January 12 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, Room 1: Wilder Water Main Project; WRJ Water Project; TIF District Wrap Up; LOT Spending Proposals

Budget & Candidates Night: Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm at High School Auditorium

Town & School District Meeting: Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 am at High School Auditorium

VOTING DAY: Tuesday, March 3 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the High School Gymnasium

Finance Director Position

Interim Finance Director Steve Daly is now working remotely.

Meanwhile, the Town has conducted interviews with three candidates for the permanent Finance Director position.

Public Works Director

The Town has made an offer of employment and we hope that it will be accepted in time to allow for a week or so of overlap with retiring DPW Director Bryan Gazda, who is planning to depart at the end of January.

New Year's Day

Town offices will be closed on Thursday, in observance of New Year's Day.

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

- a. Consider Proposal to Purchase Road Salt presented by DPW Director, Brian Gazda.

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion that in accordance with the Rejection of Bids section contained in the Sealed Bid Proposal, the bid from Eastern Rock Salt, Lowell, MA, in the amount of \$98.50 per ton is rejected and in accordance with Section 3.7 of the Town Purchasing Policy, the Selectboard waives the requirement for competitive bidding for the purchase of approximately 2500 tons of winter rock salt and authorizes the Director of Public Works to sign an agreement with Cargill Salt, North Olmstead, OH at a price of \$98.25 per ton for the 2025-26 snow removal season. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All (5) were in favor and the motion passed.

- b. Review Capital Improvement Plan Request for Proposals and Consider Awarding Contract presented by Town Manager, John Haverstock.

Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion that the Selectboard

accept the proposal from ReThink Local to assist the Town with the development of a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan at a cost of \$20,500 and authorize the Town Manager to move the process forward accordingly considering the conversation that just transpired. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All (5) were in favor and the motion passed.

- c. Consider Approval of TIF Warrant Item for March 3 Australian Ballot and Approval of Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Town Expenditures presented by Lori Hirshfield.
Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion 1. to Approve the revised TIF Warrant language for inclusion in the Selectboard's Town Warrants on the March 3, 2026 Town Meeting Australian Ballot. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All (6) were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to Approve the revised Resolution Declaring Intent to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of TIF Indebtedness. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All (6) were in favor and the motion passed.

- d. FY2027 Budget Process Update and Recap presented by John Haverstock
It was decided to have a Budget Process Recap at the next regular meeting on January 6, 2026.
- e. Consider Proposal to Add a Town Meeting Ballot Article on Curbside Recycling
Selectboard Clerk, Ashley Andreas made the motion that the Selectboard add a ballot item for the March election to ask voters if they would like to reinstate the Casella contract to offer curbside recycling to all the residents to the Town of Hartford. Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. Votes: Yes = 3 (Andreas, Dupre, Griesemer) No = 3 (Krauss, Fariel, Erdei) The motion failed.
- f. Ratify Selectboard Leadership Approval of AP/Payment Manifest for Payroll Ending 12/20/2025; AP Manifest for 12/19/2025 & 12/24/2025
Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion that the Selectboard ratify the actions of Selectboard leadership to provisionally approve the Payroll Manifest of December 24, 2025, the Payment Manifest of December 19, 2025 and the Check Register Payroll ending December 20, 2025. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All (6) were in favor and the motion passed.

VII. Commission Reports

VIII. Consent Agenda Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer seconded the motion. All (6) were in favor and the motion passed.

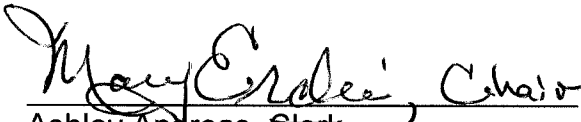
Approve Meeting Minutes of: 12/9/2025; 12/16/2025
Future Meetings Approved: 1/6/2026; 1/20/2026
Special Meeting if Needed: 1/22/2026

- IX. Executive Session: Personnel Matter
Selectboard Member, Miranda Dupre Made the motion that in order to allow for a discussion of personnel matters, 1. I 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). 2. I move to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(3). Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All (6) were in favor and the motion passed.

Note: Ashley Andreas left the meeting at this time.

Selectboard Member, Ida Griesemer made the motion to close the Executive Session at 8:00PM. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All (5) were in favor and the motion passed.

- X. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting
Selectboard Member, Erik Krauss made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01PM. Selectboard Member, Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All (5) were in favor and the motion passed.


Ashley Andreas, Clerk
12/30/2025 Selectboard Meeting