



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street,
White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall

Present: Chair, Ida Griesemer; Vice Chair, Erik Krauss; Clerk, Ashley Andreas; Mary Erdei; Miranda Dupre; Michael Eigenbrode; Tim Fariel; John Haverstock; Miriam El-Guemri; Lexi Webster; Todd Law; J. Selman; Lori Hirshfield

Present on Zoom: Marie Alvin; Connie Kelley

Jam Link: <https://reflect-catv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/42044?site=1>

- I. Selectboard Meeting Called to Order by Selectboard Chair Ida Griesemer at 6:00 PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss.
- III. Local Liquor Control Board:
 1. Consider the Renewal Application of It's About Thyme LLC, d/b/a Thyme (1st Class and 3rd Class License)
Selectboard Member Mary Erdei moved to approve the Renewal Application of It's About Thyme LLC, d/b/a Thyme (1st Class and 3rd Class License). Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- IV. Local Cannabis Control Board:
 1. Consider the approval of CCB Application #S-000014975 by EMCEE TEA, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Manufacturing for a Manufacturers Tier 3 license
Selectboard Member Mary Erdei moved to approve the CCB Application #S-000014975 by EMCEE TEA, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Manufacturing for a Manufacturers Tier 3 license. Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- V. Order of Agenda: Item 5b Consider Approval of Amended Tree Board Bylaws to be postponed to allow for further revisions.
- VI. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment: None
 2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements
Erik Krauss spoke about Green Up Day to raise awareness.

Ashley Andreas spoke about looking forward to going to the VCDA Housing Conference on April 15, 2026.

Tim Fariel voiced his appreciation for a wonderful Selectboard.
 3. Appointments (6:25)
 - a. Consider the Appointment of Thomas Hankins to the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission for a three year term from April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2029
Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to appoint Thomas Hankins to the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission for a three year term from April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2029. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - b. Consider the Appointment of Bruch Lehmann to the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission for a three year term from April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2029
Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to appoint Bruch Lehmann to the

Hartford Historic Preservation Commission for a three year term from April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2029. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- c. Consider the Re-Appointment of Patrick Autilio to the Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion for a two year term from April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2028

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to appoint Patrick Autilio to the Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion for a two year term from April 14, 2026 and ending April 13, 2028. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- d. Consider the Appointment of Anna Fleishman as a West Hartford Library Trustee from April 14, 2026 until Town Meeting 2027.

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to appoint Anna Fleishman as a West Hartford Library Trustee from April 14, 2026 until Town Meeting 2027. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager's Retirement

John Haverford confirmed his retirement plans and is committed to affording a smooth transition to his successor.

Finance Department

The Town's new Finance Specialist for Accounts Receivable, Victoria Decato, began work on Wednesday, April 8. Interviews are under way this week for candidates for the Assistant Finance Director position.

Town Health Officer

The State of Vermont has appointed Zachary Guthrie-Lloyd as the Town's Deputy Health Officer.

VOSHA Visit to Quechee Wastewater Plant

VOSHA paid a visit to the Quechee Wastewater Facility in October of 2025. We have now received a Citation alleging nine (9) workplace safety violations. Since that VOSHA visit, staff have made numerous improvements and abatement efforts, which we have shared with VOSHA and which we will be discussing with VOSHA at an Informal Conference to be held on Thursday, April 16.

Significant Activity Reports <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=561>

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

Committee/Commission Updates

a. Zoning Board of Adjustment

Stephanie Gile, Chair of Zoning Board and an Act 250 Coordinator for State of Vermont. There is one vacancy on the board. Current members have been on the board for many years, so lots of experience, along with Zoning Administrator Jo-Ann Ells. Few applications this year (2024 - 11, 2025 - 3, 2026 - 3).

Action Items:

b. Consider Approval of Amended Tree Board Bylaws Postponed.

- c. Consider Awarding Contract for Country Lane Repairs

Selectboard Member Mary Erdei moved to award a contract to Blue Mountain Trucking & Excavating and utilizing up to \$52,033,68 of Highway Infrastructure Reserves and \$15,280.26 of Highway Engineering Reserves to fund the local share of the project.

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- d. Consider Acceptance of State Grant for Solid Waste Handling

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to approve the Town Manager accepting the Grant with grant monies be used to offset solid waste activities and costs.

Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- e. Consider Authorizing Community Service Officer to Issue Municipal Tickets

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas expressed opposition to parking enforcement and expressed concerns about blurred lines of the role as health officer versus an enforcement role as community service officer.

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to authorize the Community Service Officer (CSO) Zachary Guthrie-Lloyd to issue municipal ordinance and parking violation tickets. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 1 opposed (Andreas) and the motion passed.

- f. Consider Approval of VCDP Grant – Related Task Force

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13357/Memo-on-VCDP-Grant-Related-Task-Focrc>

Miranda Dupre sought feedback from the Selectboard on what is most important for this task force and several Members spoke up.

Public Comment: Marie Alvin on Zoom spoke about poor communications from Twin Pines Housing, they need accountability and to have a resident site manager.

- g. Consider Approval of RFP for Organizational Assessment and Efficiency Review
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13359/Memo-RFP-for-Organizational-Assessment-and-Alignment-Consulting-Services>
<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13360/RFP-Organizational-Assessment-and-Alignment-Consulting-Services-Draft>

Selectboard Member Mary Erdei recuses herself from discussion and leaves the room.

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to approve the Organizational Assessment and Alignment Consulting Services RFP and direct the Town Manager to issue the RFP on April 17, 2026 and to solicit proposals. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstention (Erdei). The motion passed.

Selectboard Member Mary Erdei rejoined the meeting in person.

- h. Consider Adoption of Amended Code of Conduct

Tim Fariel spoke about next time considering a mediation function for Selectboard John Haverstock mentioned that through VLCT, there is mediation access from the Employee Assistance Program that extends to the Selectboard.

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to adopt the amended Code of Conduct. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Items (Action May be Taken): None

VII. Commission Reports

Ashley Andreas spoke on the Housing and Homelessness Committee that they are working on the Big Little Build initiative, some members are attending the VCDA Conference and a build day for Habitat for Humanity.

Miranda Dupre spoke about HCOREI planning Juneteenth and reviewing ordinances for inclusivity.

Erik Krauss spoke about the Conservation Commission seeking nominations for Conservator of the Year award. Winner to be announced at the HCC Block Party.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Selectboard Member Mary Erdei moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approve Payroll Ending: 4/11/2026

Approve A/P Manifest: 4/10/2026 & 4/16/2026

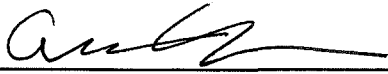
Approve Meeting Minutes of: 3/31/2026 & 4/6/2026

Future Meetings Approved: 4/28/2026; 5/12/2026 and 5/26/2026

IX. Executive Session: Discuss Potential Downtown WRJ Redevelopment (Legal/Contractual Issues)
In order to allow for (a) a discussion of proprietary information, (b) sensitive project hypotheticals, (c) preliminary requests and negotiating positions, and (d) private building information, Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved 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 to discuss potential contractual matters, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 subsections (a)(1)(A) and that the Selectboard go into executive session. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Out of Executive Session: Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to close the executive session at 9:23 PM. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

X. **Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Ashley Andreas, Clerk
April 14, 2026