



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 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; Michael Eigenbrode; Tim Fariel; John Haverstock; Diane Leigh; Joan Ecker; Anna Geunther; Noah Crane; Mary Kay Brown; Todd Law; Janet Sharkey Potter; John Reid; Pat Autilio; Andrew Winter; Gretchen Rittenhouse; Scott Cooney; Scott Hausler

Present on Zoom: Heidi Duto; Lori Hirshfield; Dan Fraser

Absent: Miranda Dupre; Mary Erdei

Jam Link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/KdPwdenyYAU?si=bw8ut-JuZ1psLjW2>

- I. Selectboard Meeting Called to Order by Selectboard Chair Ida Griesemer at 6:02 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 ASB, LLC d/b/a The Filling Station, 70 Gates St., White River Jct., VT 05001 (1st Class & 3rd Class)
 2. Consider the Renewal Application of Midway Oil Corporation, d/b/a Midway Oil Corporation, Rutland, VT. 05701 (2nd Class, Tobacco License, Tobacco Endorsement)
 3. Consider the Renewal Application of Montshire Services, LLC, d/b/a Bob's Service Center, 4 Ballardvale Dr. WRJ., VT. 05001 (2nd Class, Tobacco License)
 4. Consider the Renewal Application of Perry Hospitality Group of VT, d/b/a The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm, 1119 Quechee Main St., Quechee, VT. 05059 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption)
 5. Consider the Renewal Application of Quechee General Store, 5573 Woodstock Rd., Quechee, VT. 05059 (2nd Class license)

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to approve the renewal application of ASB, LLC d/b/a The Filling Station, 70 Gates St., White River Jct., VT 05001 (1st Class & 3rd Class); the renewal application of Midway Oil Corporation, d/b/a Midway Oil Corporation, Rutland, VT. 05701 (2nd Class, Tobacco License, Tobacco Endorsement); the renewal application of Montshire Services, LLC, d/b/a Bob's Service Center, 4 Ballardvale Dr. WRJ., VT. 05001 (2nd Class, Tobacco License); the renewal application of Perry Hospitality Group of VT, d/b/a The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm, 1119 Quechee Main St., Quechee, VT. 05059 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption); the renewal application of Quechee General Store, 5573 Woodstock Rd., Quechee, VT. 05059 (2nd Class license). Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- IV. Local Cannabis Control Board:
 1. Consider the approval of Cannabis Application by Cloudy Day Farm, LLC for license renewal as a Tier 1 Outdoor Cultivator

Diane Leigh spoke on behalf of Cloudy Day Farm.

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to approve the Cannabis Application by Cloudy Day Farm, LLC for license renewal as a Tier 1 Outdoor Cultivator. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- V. Order of Agenda: There were no changes.
- VI. Selectboard

1. Public Comment:

Mary Kay Brown of White River Junction invited all to attend the Veterans Monument Dedication.

Heidi Duto of White River Junction spoke on Zoom inquiring about the member of the Selectboard present.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements:

Ashley Andreas wished a happy mother's day to all moms.

Tim Fariel expressed appreciation for all who work to help the Town.

Erik Krauss echoed Ashley and Tim's remarks.

Mike Eigenbrode spoke on the success of the Tree Board tree sale.

Ida Griesemer spoke on the RFP for the Opioid Settlement Funds to encourage people to make proposals and applicants for the Grant Review Committee by May 18th.

3. Appointments

- a. Consider the Appointment of Joan Ecker to the Design Review Board for a three-year term beginning May 12, 2026 and ending May 11, 2029

Joan Ecker of Wilder spoke on her application.

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to appoint Joan Ecker to the Design Review Board for a three-year term beginning May 12, 2026 and ending May 11, 2029. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Town Manager Report

Jean Tessier's Retirement

After 37 years on the job, Jean Tessier has announced his retirement from DPW's Highway Division. Thanks, Jean, for so many years of dedicated and hard working service to the Town of Hartford and its residents!

Opioid Funding RFP

The Opioid Funding RFP has been published, posted and emailed to social service providers in the region. If you have an idea for the use of Town Opioid litigation settlement funds and the ability to execute that idea, please submit your proposal to the Town in the manner prescribed in the RFP. If you wish to serve on the Proposal Grant Review Committee, please let the Town Manager know.

Call for Volunteers to Serve on TPHT Task Force

The Town encourages volunteers to apply to serve on a Task Force to focus on improving tenant services and quality of life in Twin Pines housing within the Town. Specifically, the Selectboard seeks a community member, a school representative and three social service providers. Separately, Twin Pines and Selectboard member Miranda Dupre will recruit up to five TPHT tenants to serve on the Task Force.

Memorial Day

Just a reminder to all that Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Please consider attending a ceremony at Veterans Park that morning at 10:00 a.m. to witness the unveiling of a memorial monument in honor of Korean War, Vietnam War Era and 1975-2025 Era veterans.

Significant Activity Reports: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=563>

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

Committee/Commission Updates:

a. Planning Commission

John Reid gave an update on the Planning Commission: there are very few housing permits and subdivision applications, Act 181 repeal, Planning Commission work done on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

b. Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion (HCOREI)

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13395/HCOREI-May-2026-Selectboard-Update>

Pat Autilio gave an update on Hartford Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion: issues of recruiting members and making quorum; work on Town policies and ordinances through an equity lens, Juneteenth event; possible changes to the Charge.

Action Items:

c. Consider Approval of Nighthawks Lease Agreement for use of Maxfield Park

Scott Hausler and Noah Crane spoke on the Lease Agreement.

Selectboard Member Tim Fariel moved to approve the Facility Use Agreement between the Town of Hartford and the Upper Valley Nighthawks, subject to the Nighthawks being in good standing with the New Hampshire Charitable Trusts Unit of the New Hampshire Department of Justice, and subject to being registered in Vermont as a foreign business entity legally authorized to do business in the state of Vermont, and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d. Consider Proposal to Award Contract for Work to Resurface Sports Courts

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with Advantage Tennis for the Maxfield Courts Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$44,381. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e. Review and Consider Approval of Local Emergency Management Plan

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to adopt the 2026 Local Emergency Management Plan. Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f. Consider Approval of Street Closure for Lily Pond Road Block Party

Janet Sharkey Potter of White River Junction spoke on the event application.

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13397/52826-Lily-Pond-Block-Party>

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to approve the application for authority to conduct an event on a public street or highway for the Lily Pond Block Party event to be held on Thursday May 28th at 6pm. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Items (Action May be Taken):

- g. Municipal Hazardous Waste Collaboration Update

Todd Law spoke on the Municipal Hazardous Waste Collaboration Update.

In recognition that it is not feasible for the Town of Hartford to individually host Household Hazardous Waste collection events, Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the “Hartford Household Hazardous Waste Facility Contract By and Between Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District and The Town of Hartford” and in recognition that the existing HHW Building is the most appropriate location to establish a permanent HHW/VSQG collection facility, authorize staff to pursue repairs and reuse of the building sharing the expenses with GUVSWMD following the Town’s purchasing policies utilizing the existing funding sources (GL 30-971-318-0100 and Grant# 06140-SG-SWIP-2623) while providing regular funding/expense updates to the board. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- h. Consider Approval of Twin Pines Safety Plan

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre joined by Zoom

Discussion of the Safety Plan and MOU

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13398/TPH-Safety-Plan-Memo-and-MOU>

Lori Hirshfield on Zoom, Miranda Dupre on Zoom, Andrew Winter, Gretchen Rittenhouse, Heidi Duto on Zoom, Dan Fraser on Zoom, and the Selectboard discussed the Safety Plan and MOU.

- i. Consider Approval of Twin Pines Task Force Charge

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to approve the proposed Twin Pines Housing Working Group charge and authorize the Town Manager to post applications with a deadline of May 21, 2026 extending the deadline as needed based on the pool of applicants. Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre left the meeting.

- j. Update on Assessment of Boards, Committees and Commissions

Selectboard Member Tim Fariel moved to table Item J Update on Assessments of Boards, Committees and Commissions for a future meeting. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- k. Consider Appointing Selectboard Member Representatives to Serve on Organizational Assessment Project

Selectboard Member Tim Fariel moved to delegate Mike Eigenbrode to serve on the Engagement Team to support the Organizational Assessment and Alignment Consulting Services project. Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- VII. Commission Reports: None
VIII. Consent Agenda

Selectboard Member Tim Fariel moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approve Payroll Ending: 5/9/2026

Approve A/P Manifest: 5/8/2026 & 5/14/2026

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 4/28/2026

Future Meetings Approved: 5/26/2026 and 6/9/2026

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Member Tim Fariel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 PM. Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ashley Andreas, Clerk
April 14, 2026