



## TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 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; Miranda Dupre; Michael Eigenbrode; Mary Erdei; Scott Cooney; Janet Potter; Andrew Winter; Jason Merrill; Matt Osborn; Lexi Webster; Bob Potter;

**Present on Zoom:** John Haverstock; Marie Alvin

**Absent:** Ashley Andreas; Tim Fariel

- I. Selectboard Meeting Called to Order by Selectboard Chair Ida Griesemer at 6:01 PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Scott Cooney
- III. Local Liquor Control Board:
  1. Consider the Renewal Application of Jake's Quechee Market, Inc., 7161 Woodstock Rd. (Route 4), Quechee, VT. 05059 (2nd Class, Tobacco License)
  2. Consider the Renewal Application of Public House at Quechee Gorge, LLC d/b/a Public House at Quechee Gorge, The (CKA), Quechee, VT. 05059 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption)
  3. Consider the Renewal Application of Quechee Pizza Chef, 5893 Woodstock Rd., WRJ, VT. 05001 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption)
  4. Consider the Renewal Application of REDCAN, 129 South Main St., WRJ, VT. 05001 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption)
  5. Consider the Renewal Application of Vural Oktay, Inc., d/b/a Tuckerbox & Cappadocia Café, 186 South Main St., WRJ, VT. 05001 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption)

**Selectboard Member Mary Erdei moved to approve the renewal application of of Jake's Quechee Market, Inc., 7161 Woodstock Rd. (Route 4), Quechee, VT. 05059 (2nd Class, Tobacco License), the renewal application of Public House at Quechee Gorge, LLC d/b/a Public House at Quechee Gorge, The (CKA), Quechee, VT. 05059 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption), the renewal application of Quechee Pizza Chef, 5893 Woodstock Rd., WRJ, VT. 05001 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption), the renewal application of REDCAN, 129 South Main St., WRJ, VT. 05001 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption), the renewal application of Vural Oktay, Inc., d/b/a Tuckerbox & Cappadocia Café, 186 South Main St., WRJ, VT. 05001 (1st Class, 3rd Class, Outside Consumption). Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

- IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None
- V. Order of Agenda: There were no changes

**VI. Selectboard**

**1. Public Comment**

Marie Alvin on Zoom, via email due to connection issues expressed concern about Project Outreach and needle collection.

**2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements**

Mary Erdei thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Day Monument Dedication and people's service to the Town, and expressed concerns about land conservation.

Ida Greisemer welcomed people to attend an event about extreme heat and vulnerable

populations in Hartford on Friday 5/29.

Miranda Dupre recommended people visit Veteran's park to see the new memorial.

3. Appointments
4. Town Manager Report Significant Activity Reports

#### Paula Nulty's Resignation

HR Director and Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, Paula Nulty, has announced her resignation. We greatly appreciate her 8 years of service to the Town and we wish her well as she begins a new chapter. This position is currently being advertised and we hope to find a successor as soon as possible.

#### 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.

The Town has extended the deadline for applications willing to serve on the Opioid Fund Grant Review Committee. If you are interested, please let the Town Manager know. We are particularly interested in hearing from public health professionals and those with a lived experience of the toll taken by opioid use/abuse.

#### Memorial Day

Thanks to Mary Kay and Dennis Brown and the other members of the Hartford Monument Committee for arranging a meaningful and moving Memorial Day event at Veterans Park, at which a new memorial monument in honor of Korean War Era, Vietnam War Era and 1975-2025 Era veterans was unveiled.

#### Town Hall HVAC Assessment and Overhaul

As we know, the heat pumps here at Town Hall are beyond their useful life and are functioning particularly poorly (if at all) on the second and third floors. At the next Selectboard meeting, on June 9, the Selectboard will be asked to approve a contract with a bidder to serve as the Town's consultant as the Town seeks bids from contractors to address the problem once and for all.

Meanwhile, as summer returns to Vermont, temperatures can rise to uncomfortable levels in the upper floors of Town Hall, notwithstanding efforts to address this with portable AC units and fans. Warm temperatures in the workplace may force some staffers to relocate to cooler locales either within Town Hall or elsewhere from which remote work is possible. However, as for front-facing staff who provide services to visiting residents, they have been given permission to perform their work, when desired, on the first floor (in this room) where the temperatures can be more effectively managed. Notices will be published and signage deployed in an effort to communicate these measures and minimize inconvenience to visitors.

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances  
Committee/Commission Updates: None  
Action Items:

- a. Interviews of Twin Pines Housing Task Force Applicants

The deadline for tenant applicants has been extended to June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Applicant Janet Potter interviewed by the Selectboard.

#### **VII. Executive Session: Personnel (Discuss and Evaluate Twin Pines Task Force Applicants)**

**Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to table the executive session for the Personnel for the Twin Pines Applicants until there is a substantial pool of applicants. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

#### **VIII. Selectboard**

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances (Continued)  
Action Items:

- b. Consider Making Appointments to Twin Pines Housing Task Force

This item was tabled, see motion on Agenda Item VII.

- c. Consider and Approve VTrans Bike/Pedestrian Grant for Sidewalk Segment between Interchange and Ballardvale Drive

**Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to approve the 2026 VTrans Bicycle/Pedestrian Program grant application submittal for the additional \$165,783 needed to complete the Route 5 I-91 Interchange Sidewalk Project which includes the use of \$33,157 Town matching funds already in reserve and authorize the Town Manager to sign all necessary documents to apply for and implement the grant on behalf of the Selectboard. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

- d. Consider Approval and Execution of Water Project Loan Documents

A change concerning financial training will be adjusted in the loan applications per discussion.

**Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to sign the State Revolving Loan applications for the Wilder and White River Junction water main improvement projects authorized by the voters on March 3, 2026, and request both the Town Manager and Town Clerk certify the applications for submission to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources by town staff. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

- e. Consider Approval of Twin Pines Housing Memorandum of Understanding and Safety Plan

Andrew Winter presented physical copies of letters of support from the Upper Valley Haven, the VA, HCRS, SASH Program, and WISE.

The Selectboard, Andrew Winter, and Janet Potter discussed the Safety Plan and MOU.

**Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to approve the Pinecrest Apartments Safety Plan dated 5-19-26 and Memorandum of Understanding dated 5-21-2026. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

*Discussion Items (Action May be Taken):*

- f. Discussion of Fire Department Reorganization Plans

Fire Chief Scott Cooney presented the Fire Department Reorganization Plans.

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13409/HFD-Proposed-Reorganization>

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

Erik Kraus and Miranda Dupre gave an update on the Assessment of Boards, Committees and Commissions including soliciting input from committee leaders and/or staff liaisons. This topic will be taken up again at a future meeting.

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/13410/Committee-Review-and-Alignment-Update>

- h. Discuss Affordability Proposals and Plan a Special Meeting with Relevant Committees

**Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to shift the Resilient Hartford update from July to August and shift the Energy Commission update from September to August to combine updates from these bodies with the update from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness into a Special Selectboard meeting focused on addressing affordability. Selectboard Member Mike Eigenbrode seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

**Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to table the second part of the motion. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

**IX. Commission Reports**

Miranda Dupre spoke on behalf of HCOREI on the upcoming Juneteenth celebration.

Mary Erdei spoke on behalf of Sister Cities Committee and the booth for the Block Party on June 17<sup>th</sup> and a logo for a sign is in progress.

**X. Consent Agenda**

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

Approve Payroll Ending: 5/23/2026

Approve A/P Manifest: 5/22/2026 & 5/28/2026

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 5/12/2026

Future Meetings Approved: 6/9/2026 and 6/23/2026

**XI. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting**

**Selectboard Member Mary Erdei moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM. Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

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Ida Greisemer, Selectboard Chair  
May 26, 2026