



SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Thursday, July 2, 2026, 3:45 PM

Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street

White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall and virtually on Zoom. All SB members were present. Alex Torpey from Re-Think Local was present. Heidi Duto was present in the room before executive session began, no one was present on zoom.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:48 pm by Chair, Ida Greisemer.
- II. Order of Agenda: Vice Chair, Erik Krauss proposed we discuss a date change for 8/11/2026 Selectboard Special Meeting on Affordability. Due to the primary election on 8/11/26, we will move this meeting to Wednesday 8/12/26.
- III. Public Comment:
 - a. Heidi Duto expressed frustrations that the Town Manager Selection Committee zoom meetings were inaccessible. She had reached out to the Committee Chair and was disappointed the issue was not corrected. She asked the Board to please provide any publicly available information on the selection process.
 - b. Alex Torpey from Re-Think Local responded that we initially received 30 applications for the position. 10-12 candidates were screened in the first round by the Chair of the Committee and the consultant. 7 candidates were interviewed in the second round by the full Committee. 3 candidates were interviewed by the consultant and the Selectboard in the final third round.
- IV. Executive Session: Personnel (Interview Candidates for Town Manager)

In order to allow for interviews and a discussion and evaluation of applicants to serve as Hartford's next Town Manager in executive session, Ashley Andreas, Clerk 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 moved to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Sections 313 (a)(3). Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

No action was taken, the Board announced that they provided feedback to the recruiting firm to proceed with a tentative offer and contract negotiations for the TM position.

Mary Erdei left after executive session.

Miranda Dupre moved to end Executive Session at 7:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Tim Fariel. The motion passed 6-0 (Mary Erdei Absent).

V. Adjourn the Meeting

Tim Fariel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12. Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 (Mary Erdei absent).

Ashley Andreas, Clerk