



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, August 4, 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; Tim Fariel; Gail Ostrout; Halie Manley; Connie Kelley; Lynn Bohi; Alexis Hudes; Marcy Bartlett; Janet Sharkey Potter; Heidi Duto; Nancy Harve; Scott Hausler

Present on Zoom: Marie Alvin

Absent: Clerk, Ashley Andreas; Mary Erdei

JAM Link: [Hartford Selectboard 08/04/26](#)

- I. Selectboard Meeting Called to Order by Selectboard Chair Ida Griesemer at 6:00 PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Police Chief Connie Kelley.
- III. Local Liquor Control Board: None
- IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None
- V. Order of Agenda:

Item VI 5 C was moved to Discussion.

- VI. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment

Marcy Bartlett, Wilder, spoke on tax bills, needles, and DPW software.

Marie Alvin via Zoom, WRJ, spoke on needles.

Janet Sharkey Potter, WRJ, spoke on needles.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Tim Fariel spoke on the hard work of Town employees.

Erik Krauss spoke on how many items on Town calendar and did a ride along with HPD and his thanks.

Mike Eigenbrode gave his thanks for the work of HFD last weekend.

Ida Griesemer gave her thanks to Gail for her work in the first couple weeks and encouraged Selectboard attendance for the Hartford Police and Emergency Communication awards August 10th. And the Opioid Fund Review Committee is getting ready for the first meeting. VT Primary on August 11th, thanks to the Clerk staff and volunteers.

3. Appointments

1. Consider the Appointment of Alexis Hudes to the Energy Commission for a three-year term beginning August 4, 2026 and ending August 3, 2029

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to appointment Alexis Hudes to the Energy Commission for a three-year term beginning August 4, 2026 and ending August 3, 2029. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Consider the Appointment of Savannah Bailey to the Conservation Commission for a

four-year term beginning August 4, 2026 and ending August 3, 2030

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to appointment Savannah Bailey to the Conservation Commission for a four-year term beginning August 4, 2026 and ending August 3, 2030. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Consider the Appointment of Janet Potter to the Hartford Tree Board for a three-year term beginning August 4, 2026 and ending August 3, 2029

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to appointment Janet Potter to the Hartford Tree Board for a three-year term beginning August 4, 2026 and ending August 3, 2029. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Town Manager Report

I apologize for not having a formal Town Manager Report.

In the past week:

- Reviewing CIP with Staff and will provide consultant with revisions next week
- Budget guidance discussions
- Meeting community members
- Park and Ride
- South Main Parking Lot clean up
- Needles on my list this week
- Opioid requests – National and State approval to then provide to Board and Committee for selection
- Parking meters discussion tomorrow
- Organizational Assessment 8/18 to board
- Communication Media Specialist role and community events and working with IT about Room 1
- HR personnel issues, hiring Planning and Development Director, team building.

Significant Activity Reports: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=572>

5. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

Committee/Commission Updates: None

Action Items:

- a. Consider Renewal of MOU with West Hartford Library Trustees (Parks and Recreation)

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- b. Consider Approving Purchasing Policy Exception for Cellebrite (HPD)

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to approve an exception to the Town of Hartford purchasing policy section 3.7 for the renewal of Cellebrite for the amount of \$23,018.50. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Items (Action May be Taken):

- c. Consider Approval for Wilder Park and Ride Lighting (ESC)

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved that the Hartford Selectboard authorize the Town Manager to acquire lighting equipment for the Park & Ride that is not to exceed \$35,000. Selectboard Member Mike Eigenbrode seconded the motion. Dupre, Eigenbrode, and Griesemer were in favor, Fariel and Krauss opposed and the motion passed.

d. Discuss FYE 28 Budget Calendar

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Kraus moved to adopt the FY 28 Budget Calendar as presented. Selectboard Member Miranda seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e. Discuss FYE 28 Budget Guidance

<https://www.hartfordvt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13593/FY28-Budget-Guidance-1>

Gail Ostrout and the Selectboard discussed the FYE 28 Budget Guidance. Discussion will continue August 18th Selectboard Meeting.

VII. Commission Reports

VIII. Consent Agenda

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

Approve Payroll Ending: 8/1/2026

Approve A/P Manifest: 7/31/2026 & 8/6/2026

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 7/21/2026

Future Meetings Approved: 8/12/2026 (Special Meeting), 8/18/2026 & 9/1/2026

IX. Executive Session: Personnel

In order to allow for a discussion of personnel matters, Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved that premature general public knowledge would clearly place this body and/or persons at a substantial disadvantage, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1) and move to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(d). Selectboard Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss moved to close the executive session with no action taken. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel 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 8:27 PM. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ida Griesemer, Chair