

BUDGET DISCUSSION & CANDIDATES NIGHT

Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 7PM

Hartford High School Auditorium

Stream via JAM's YouTube Channel:

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7:00 – 7:05 **Call to Order & Ground Rules Review by Chuck Wooster, Town Moderator**

1. To ask a question, questioners should move to the microphone at the front of each aisle. Questioners should be legal voters in the Town of Hartford. Questioners will be asked to identify themselves and state where they are from.
2. Each questioner will have a 60 second time limit in which to pose a question about either the Town or School budget.
3. Questions will be answered by budget presenters, up to 2 minutes for the primary answer.

7:05 – 7:30 **Town Budget by Mary Erdei, Selectboard Chair, and John Haverstock, Town Manager**

7:35 – 8:00 **School Budget by Cathy Lemire, School Board Clerk, and Jeremy Warren, School Board Member**

8:00 – 9:00 **Candidates to present themselves to the Citizens of the Town**

Moderator will draw names to determine the order of candidates within each group for contested races.

As their name is called, each candidate introduces themselves in a speech of up to 4 minutes.

3 Year Candidate for Town Treasurer - vote for one	2 Year Candidate for Selectboard - vote for two
Joe Major	Ashley Andreas
	Tim Fariel
2 of 5 Year Term W. Hartford Library Candidate - vote for one	Janet Sharkey Potter
No Candidate Filed	
	3 Year Candidate for Selectboard - vote for one
5 Year Term W. Hartford Library Candidate - vote for one	Mike Eigenbrode
Torrelee F. "Fisher-Sass" Sass	
	2 Year Candidate for School Board - vote for one
	Daniel Schapira
	3 Year Candidate for School Board - vote for one
	No Candidate Filed

9:00 – 10:00 **Open Question and Answer Period**

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2. Each questioner will have a 60 second time limit in which to pose a question. Questions may be directed to a single candidate or generally. If the questioner does not specify, the Moderator chooses the primary responder.
3. Questions will be answered by selected candidate(s), up to 60 seconds for the primary answer. Other candidates for the same seat will have 30 seconds to answer.
4. After all members of the public have asked their first question, a second round may commence as needed.

10:00 **Close Meeting**