



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18, 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; Miranda Dupre; Michael Eigenbrode; Mary Erdei Tim Fariel; Gail Ostrout; Scott Cooney; Halie Manley; Pete Zandron; Jordyn; Scott Hausler

Present on Zoom: Heidi Duto; Marie Alvin; Marcie Bartlett; Dan Fraser; Connie Kelley

Absent:

JAM Link: [Hartford Selectboard 08/18/26](#)

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

Item 5 e will be discussed prior to Item 5 d.

- VI. Selectboard
 1. Public Comment

Pete Zandron, White River Junction, spoke on public safety concerns.

Jordyn, White River Junction, spoke on issues with Putnam's Vineyard.

Heidi Duto, White River Junction, spoke about the Hartford Listserv and Putnam's Vineyard.

Marie Alvin spoke about Putnam's Vineyard.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Miranda Dupre spoke about Putnam's Vineyard.

Mary Erdei spoke about the passing of Coach Christie's wife. And the workshop for young women in computer sciences.

Tim Fariel spoke about Putnam's Vineyard.

Ashley Andreas spoke about Putnam's Vineyard.

Ida spoke about Putnam's Vineyard.

3. Appointments: None
 4. Town Manager Report

Collaboration with HPD & DPW & Planning & Communication Media Specialist on parking meters, parking woes & South Main Street Parking Lot

Collaboration with HPD regarding Public Safety - unhoused individuals, needles, drugs, Wilder Park & Ride, South Main Street Lot, camping & parking, proposed upcoming changes (9/1 agenda)

Town Manager Pop-Up @ West Hartford Library

Noise Complaints from residents - specifically around Casella pickup services

RFP for lights @ Wilder Park & Ride closed & working with DPW on best path forward

FYE 28 Budget Guidance & Development with staff

Collaboration with HPD & DPW & Planning & Communication Media Specialist on South Main Street Parking Lot Exits changing from 1 to 2

Attended the HPD awards ceremony

Reviewed status of FYE 26 audit

Participated in state review/tour of White River W/W plant with DPW & HR Director - more to come on that once the report is complete

Ongoing meetings with HR Director to address vacancies, team building & staff training

Collaboration with Communication Media Specialist to schedule more Town Manager pop-ups as well as community listening sessions over the next 5 months in all 5 villages

Collaboration with HFD on HVAC options for town hall in case it can't be fixed before winter

Attended the Key Ceremony / Habitat for Humanity

Collaboration with Communication Media Specialist & IT Director to determine what our AV options are for room 1

Thank you to staff for all of the collaboration; it's wonderful to have everyone on the boat rowing in the same direction!

Thank you to the community for being so welcoming & willing to revisit having open & respectful communication!

Significant Activity Reports: hartfordvt.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=573

5. Executive Session: Personnel

In order to allow for a discussion of personnel matters, Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moves 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) at 6:38 PM. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to close the executive session with no action taken at 6:50 PM. Selectboard Vice Chair Erik Krauss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

6. Board Report, Motions & Ordinances

Committee/Commission Updates: None

Action Items:

- a. Consider Authorization for the In-Frame Motor Rebuild of Engine 2

Selectboard Member Mary Erdei moved that the Selectboard authorize Reed Truck Services as the vendor for the in-frame motor rebuild of the 2006 engine serving Station 2, acknowledging that the quoted amount of \$31,508.06 is an estimate and that the final cost may require additional funds, with expenditures to be made from budget line 10-221-321-0000. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- b. Consider Awarding the Contract for the Organizational Assessment RFP

Selectboard Clerk Ashley Andreas moved to award the contract to HR Happens as the vendor for the Organizational Assessment and Alignment RFP for \$20,000. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- c. Finalize FYE 28 Budget Guidance

The Selectboard discussed the budget guidance with Gail Ostrout, Scott Cooney, Scott Hausler, Dan Fraser, and Connie Kelley.

Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre moved to adopt the FYE 28 Budget Guidance as amended. Selectboard Member Tim Fariel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Items (Action May be Taken):

- f. FYE 28 Budget Development

<https://www.hartfordvt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13620/FY28-Budget-SB-Inquiries-wResponses>

The Selectboard discussed a list of requests of Town Staff for FYE 28 Budget Development.

- e. FYE 28 Selectboard Training & Budget Needs

<https://www.hartfordvt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13614/SBTraining-Plan-and-Budget-Memo>

The Selectboard training, budget needs, and the Annual Work Plan was discussed.

- d. August 12th workshop Debrief

<https://www.hartfordvt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13619/Summary-of-Affordability-Survey-Responses-August2026>

A summary of the August 12th workshop and survey on Hartford affordability was discussed by the Selectboard.

VII. Commission Reports

Mary Erdei gave an update about the sign for Sister Cities.

Erik Krauss gave an update about few Zoning applications and an update to the Regional Plan with the Planning Commission.

Tim Fariel gave an update about Abatement and Appeals hearings.

Ashley Andreas spoke on the Housing and Homelessness and Big Little Build launch. Resilient Hartford has a work day for the Clifford Park Food Forest.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Selectboard Vice Member Mary Erdei moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectboard

Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approve Payroll Ending: 8/15/2026

Approve A/P Manifest: 8/14/2026 & 8/20/2026

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 8/4/2026 & 8/12/2026 (Special Meeting)

Future Meetings Approved: 8/25/2026 (Braver Angels Workshop), 9/1/2026 and 9/15/2026

IX. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Member Tim Fariel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 PM. Selectboard Member Miranda Dupre seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ashley Andreas, Clerk