



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
& SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, Vermont 05001

Present: Richard Grassi, Selectboard Chair; Rebecca White, Selectboard Vice-Chair; Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk; Simon Dennis, Selectboard Member; Dennis Brown, Selectboard Member; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member; Mike Morris, Selectboard Member; Lori Dickerson, School Board of Directors Chair; Paula Nulty, School Board of Directors Clerk; Kevin Christie, School Board of Directors Member; Nancy Russell, School Board of Directors Member; Tom Debalsi, School Superintendent; Leo Pullar, Town Manager; Eliza LeBrun, Executive Assistant; Dawn Pullar, Lannie Collins, Erik Krauss, Peggy Allen, Martha McDaniels, Damon Lane, Stephanie Morse.

I. Call to Order Liquor Control Board/Selectboard Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:02pm. Mr. Grassi noted that there was no requirement for the Local Liquor Control Board this evening. Selectboard Member, Mike Morris led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Order of Agenda

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi noted that the Second Public Hearing for Proposed Charter Amendments was also to take place this evening at 7pm and so the Selectboard Meeting will recess to hold the public hearing at the appointed hour.

Mr. Grassi also noted that prior to approving the Accounts Payable Manifest, the Selectboard would need to go into Executive Session. He noted that there would be no action taken after the Executive Session.

III. Liquor Control Board: N/A

IV. Selectboard

1. Citizen, Selectboard Comments and Announcements: TBD

Quechee resident, Lannie Collins asked the Selectboard if they were aware of the Solar Panels that had been built on property adjacent to his backyard. The Board was familiar with the project. Mr. Collins was concerned as he believed that there was a line of sight mitigation plan included in the site plan for these Solar Panels and asked the Selectboard if they could pursue this. Town Manager, Leo Pullar stated that he recalled the same plan and would reconfirm this with Green Mountain Power. It was suggested that perhaps the project was not yet finished as the line of site mitigation is typically the final piece of solar array projects.

Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis asked the Board if they had ever heard of the relationship between glyphosate and autism. Glyphosate is an active ingredient in Roundup weed killer and is being used at the Maxfield baseball fields near the dugouts. Mr. Dennis will contact a chemist friend to speak with Town Manager Pullar about this more.

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson wanted to reiterate that Chief Kasten has been described as a

breathe of fresh air by his staff, however, Mr. Johnson is concerned over the police departments handling of the graffiti issue at Dothan Brook Elementary School as he feels it was not appropriate of the Police Department to post pictures of the graffiti on Facebook.

Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown went to the Hartford Community Coalition meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016. Mr. Brown was very happy to have gone as he learned new information about the statistics related to overdoses and alcohol. Mr. Dennis also learned that there was recently a party after a local sporting event which involved minors drinking alcohol. The meeting talked a lot about today's culture of parents and coaches regarding alcohol use. It was suggested that if more people will not attend the Community Coalition meetings, perhaps the Coalition should go to the sporting events and talk about these topics between plays. Mr. Brown was also concerned that Health Education in Hartford stops at 9th grade, he feels that high school would be a good time to talk about binge drinking.

2. Appointments: (Mot. Req.)

- a. Interview & Consider Bob Vahey for a 3-Year Term on the Hartford Zoning Board of Adjustment, Term 10/11/16 to 10/10/19.
- b. Consider the Reappointment of Alice Maleski to a 3-Year Term on the Hartford Zoning Board of Adjustment, Term 3/15/16 to 3/15/19.
- c. Consider the Reappointment of Peter Merrill to a 4-Year Term on the Hartford Planning Commission, Term 3/15/16 to 3/15/20.

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made a motion that the Selectboard re-appoint Brett Mayfield, Joan Ponzoni and Havah Walther as members of the Hartford Sister Cities International Committee for three year terms, commencing on 3/23/2016 and expiring on 3/23/2019. Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis seconded the motion. 6 Selectboard members voted in favor, Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti abstained as she was not present.

- 3. Town Manager's Report:** (TBD, Board questions, concerns, requests, project updates, etc.)
Mr. Pullar shared the Town Manager's Highlights in his significant activity report for the week of October 25, 2016. [\(Link Pending\)](#)

4. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances:

- a. Sister Cities International Committee Update on Upcoming Sister Cities Event in France.
Mr. Brett Mayfield is a current member of the Sister Cities Commission. The Commission felt that they should all be officially reinstated for clarification. Selectboard member, Dennis Brown asked Mr. Mayfield to share what the commission does as he was unfamiliar with it.

Mr. Mayfield explained he the Town formed the commission over 9 years ago. There had been a recommendation to partner with the city of Croatia. However, the commission's attempts to reach out to this Sister City failed. The new Active Commission went through Sister Cities International to locate the Town of Hartford's new partner, Cenon, France. The goal this year is to make contacts in Cenon within the schools and local businesses.

At this time, the commission only has 3 members and are actively seeking 2 more members.

- b. Town Manager "To Do" List/Project Discussion.
Town Manager, Leo Pullar created a "To Do" list of projects that he has compiled in his time as the new Town Manager. The list is not in any priority order, nor is it complete as it is always changing. This list is focused on things the Selectboard will engage in, provide guidance or approve the final product. Many Tasks Contain Multiple Sub-Tasks. Mr. Pullar invited the Selectboard to add, takeaway or prioritize this list. The goal is to give awareness of things on the horizon.

c. VEIC – 5-Year Energy Action Plan Presentation/Discussion.

5. Commission Meeting Reports:

- Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown attended the Zoning Board meeting – there were 2 set back variances. Mr. Brown also attended the Historic Preservation meeting as well. The Historic Preservation Committee will be meeting with the Hartford Chamber of Commerce to create a brochure for marketing purposes.
- Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson informed the Selectboard that the Town's application to Weatherize Upper Valley was accepted. More information will be provided as the program moves forward. Mr. Johnson also informed the Selectboard about the new Sierra Club group called Ready for 100.
- Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti has not had a group meeting with the libraries recently. Mrs. Mariotti shared with the Selectboard that all of the libraries in Hartford now use the VOKAL system. This allows library patrons to locate a book at one library and have it delivered to another.
- Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis informed the Selectboard that the Town surveys continue to come in. At this time, 600 surveys have been received. Cards will go out this week to remind residents to complete them and inform them where they can find copies. Resident, Lannie Collins felt that 9% return on the own surveys was very poor, that the Town should have a 20% return. It is not clear if there is enough time to send the surveys out again, Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi asked Town Manager Pullar to reach out to the University of New Hampshire contact. Mr. Dennis also shared that the 4th Charter Review Committee held its first meeting and will be meeting weekly now. Mr. Dennis reminded the Selectboard that the Gory Daze Parade is coming up and invited them to participate.

6. Consent Agenda (Mot. Req.):

- a. Approve Payroll Ending 10/21/2016
Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made a motion to approve payroll ending 10/21/2016. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members voted in favor, 0 Selectboard members voted nay, 0 Selectboard members abstained.
- b. Approve Meeting Minutes of 10/11/2016
Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti made a motion to approve meeting minutes of 10/11/16 amended to include the additional recommendations of Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown. Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members voted in favor, 0 Selectboard members voted nay, 0 Selectboard members abstained.
- c. Approve A/P Manifest of 10/21/2016
Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made a motion to approve the A/P manifest of 10/7/2016. Selectboard Member Simon Dennis seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members voted in favor, 0 Selectboard members voted nay, 0 Selectboard members abstained.
- d. Selectboard Meeting Dates of 11/7/2016, 11/15/2016 (Budget Workshop), 11/22/2016, 11/29/2016(Budget Workshop) & 12/6/2016. (Already Approved, No Motion Needed)

7. Executive Session

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:38 pm in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law requirements, pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members voted in favor, 0 Selectboard members voted nay, 0 Selectboard members abstained.

Selectboard member, Mike Morris made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:50 pm. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members voted in favor, 0 Selectboard members voted nay, 0 Selectboard members abstained.

V. Adjournment (Mot. Req.)

Selectboard member, Mike Morris made a motion to adjourn the Hartford Selectboard Meeting at 9:58pm. Selectboard member, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members voted in favor, 0 Selectboard members voted nay, 0 Selectboard members abstained.

Selectboard Clerk