

**TOWN OF HARTFORD  
SELECTBOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6pm

Hartford Town Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rm. 1

171 Bridge Street

White River Junction, Vermont 05001

**Present:** Chuck Wooster, Chair; Richard Grassi, Vice Chair; Sandra Mariotti, Clerk; Alex DeFelice, Selectboard Member; Matt Bucy, Selectboard Member; Simon Dennis, Selectboard Member; Rebecca White, Selectboard Member; Steve Locke, Interim Town Manager; Elizabeth Rathburn, Hartford Town Manager Search Committee; Lannie Collins.

- I. **Call to Order Selectboard Workshop and Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Wooster called the Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Selectboard Budget Workshop to order. Mrs. Mariotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Order of Agenda - No Change to the Order of Agenda.**
- III. **Citizen, Selectboard Comments & Announcements** – Elizabeth Rathburn with the Hartford Town Manager Search Committee spoke briefly regarding the current status of the Town Manager Search. The Town Manager Search Committee has narrowed down the applicants to the 5 and will interview within the next week to narrow down to top 3.
- IV. **Budget Workshop:**
  - a. Public Works & Highway – Funds 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 321, 322, 325, 341, 351  
**Mr. DeFelice made a motion to adopt the Public Works & Highway Budget in the amount of \$3,385,326. Mr. Bucy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
  - b. Solid Waste – Fund 30  
**Mr. DeFelice made a motion to accept the total for Solid Waste – Fund 30 in the amount of \$893,855. Mr. Grassi seconded the motion.** The motion was tabled.  
The Selectboard agreed to finish the revenue on Tuesday.
  - c. Water Fund – Fund 50 Expenses  
**Mr. Dennis made a motion to accept the total for Water Fund - Fund 50 Expenses in the amount of \$1,276,937. Mr. DeFelice seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

- d. Quechee Water –Fund 55 Expenses  
**Mr. Grassi made a motion to accept the total for Quechee Water – Fund 55 Expenses in the amount of \$2,487,806. Ms. Mariotti seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
- e. Waste Water – Fund 60 Expenses  
**Mrs. Mariotti made a motion to accept the total for Waste Water – Fund 60 Expenses in the amount of \$1,695,780. Ms. White seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
- f. Quechee Waste Water – Fund 65 Expenses  
**Ms. White made a motion to accept the total for Quechee Waste Water - Fund 65 Expenses in the amount of 1,178,749. Mr. DeFelice seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

A brief discussion took place between Richard Menge, Public Works Director; and the Selectboard regarding a letter from Holden.

Mr. Wooster asked the Selectboard to discuss and review a letter he drafted in regards to the Budget and upcoming meetings/dates. Mr. Wooster would like to submit the letter to the Valley News to be included in the “Letter to the Editor” section.

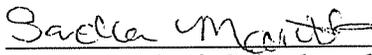
The Selectboard and Mr. Locke discussed the upcoming tax rate.

Ms. White announced and invited the public to attend the Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Hartford Community Coalition meeting.

- V. **Future Selectboard Meeting Date(s):** The Selectboard announced the future meeting dates of 1/19/2016 and 2/2/2016.

VII. **Adjournment:**

**Mr. Grassi made a motion to adjourn the Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Selectboard Workshop at 8:52 pm. Mr. DeFelice seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

  
Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk

All Meetings of the Hartford Selectboard are open to the public. Persons who are seeking action by the Selectboard are asked to submit their request and/or materials to the Selectboard Chair or Town Manager's office no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding the scheduled meeting date. Requests received after that date will be addressed at the discretion of the Chair. Citizens wishing to address the board should do so during the Citizen Comments period; comments from the public on specific agenda items thereafter will be entertained as time and scheduling permit.