



**TOWN OF HARTFORD  
SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 6pm  
Hartford Town Hall  
171 Bridge Street  
White River Junction, Vermont 05001

**Present:** Chuck Wooster, Selectboard Chair; Richard Grassi, Selectboard Vice Chair; Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk; Alex DeFelice, Selectboard Member; Simon Dennis, Selectboard Member; Rebecca White, Selectboard Member; Pat MacQueen, Interim Town Manager; Eliza LeBrun, TOH Executive Assistant; Lori Hirshfield, Planning & Development Director; Matt Osborn, Planning & Development Planner, Tad Nunez, Parks & Recreation Director; Bruce Riddle, Eric Francis, Vermont Standard; Mike Morris, Philip Hammond, Rotary Club of WRJ; Nancy Russell, Rotary Club of WRJ; Ray Stanford, Rotary Club of WRJ; Jackie Gordon, Paul Gordon, Kat Buxton.  
**Absent:** Matt Bucy, Selectboard Member

**I. Call to Order Selectboard Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance -**

Mr. Wooster called the Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Selectboard meeting to order at 6:00 pm.  
Mr. DeFelice led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Wooster introduced Mr. Patrick MacQueen, Hartford's Interim Town Manager

**II. Order of Agenda – No Change to the order of Agenda.**

**III. Citizen, Selectboard Comments and Announcements -** Mr. Phillip Hammond with the White River Rotary Club read a letter dated February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 out loud. The letter urged the Selectboard to reconsider the recommendation for reduced funding of the West Hartford Library.

**IV. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances -**

a. Purchase of Emerge Property on Rte. 5.

**Mr. Grassi made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sale of the Emerge Property on Rte. 5. with the funds coming from the Maxfield Proceeds and/or the current operating budget. Mrs. Mariotti seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

b. Up-dated Sub Division Regulation Overview –

Lori Hirshfield, Planning and Zoning Director; Matt Osborn, Planning and Zoning Planner and Bruce Riddle spoke before the Selectboard regarding the up-dated Sub Division Regulation Overview.

c. Consider Public Pathway on Latham Works Lane –

Tad Nunez, Parks & Recreation Director along with Kat Buxton spoke before the Selectboard regarding the proposed plan for a Public Pathway on Latham Works Lane.

**Ms. White made the following motion: The Hartford Selectboard moves to express general approval for the concept plan for the three phases of a Hartford River Walk as presented, and authorizes the Town to be the fiscal agent to continue working with citizens of the Town who will care and tend to the trail to further investigate the project's feasibility with the understanding that this does not represent financial commitment by the Town at this time. Mrs. Mariotti seconded the motion. Ms. White, Mrs. Mariotti and Mr. Wooster voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Grassi and Mr. DeFelice voted against the motion. Mr. Dennis abstained from voting on the motion. The motion passed 3 to 2.**

d. Certificate of Highway Mileage -

Rebecca White made a motion to adopt the Certificate of Highway Mileage as presented. Mr. Grassi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e. Warning for Annual Floor Meeting -

Mr. DeFelice made a motion to approve the Warning for Annual Floor Meeting as presented. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f. Certification Posting of the Town of Hartford Notice Bond Hearing -

Mr. DeFelice made a motion to approve the Certification Posting of the Town of Hartford Notice Bond Hearing and authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign. Mrs. Mariotti seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. Town Manager's Report –

Mr. MacQueen spoke briefly to the Selectboard in regards settling into his new position. The Selectboard welcomed Mr. MacQueen aboard.

VI. Commission Meeting Reports –

Mrs. Mariotti reported on the West Hartford Library Trustee meeting she and Mr. DeFelice recently attended. Ms. White reported on the Hartford Energy Commission meeting she recently attended. Mr. Dennis reported on the Hartford Community Coalition and Hartford Community Resilience Organization meetings he recently attended.

VII. Consent Agenda

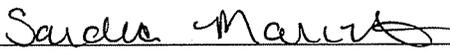
Mr. DeFelice made a motion to approve Payroll Ending in 1/30/2016, the A/P Manifest of 1/29/2016, the Select Board Meeting Minutes of 1/19/2016 and to announce the Future Meeting Selectboard Dates of 2/16/16 and the Town & School Budget Discussion 2/8/2016. Mr. Grassi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VIII. Executive Session (1 VSA 313; Contracts, Real Estate, Personnel, Litigation)

a. Personnel

I. Mr. Grassi made the following motion: In accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law requirements, I move that the Board find that premature general knowledge of the discussion of Personnel would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks disclosing its litigation strategy if it discusses Personnel in public. I further move that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Mr. DeFelice seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IX. Adjournment \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to adjourn the Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Selectboard meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.