



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

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 pm  
Hartford Town Hall  
171 Bridge Street  
White River Junction, Vermont 05001

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Present: Richard Grassi, Selectboard Chair; Rebecca White, Selectboard Vice Chair; Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk; Simon Dennis, Selectboard Member; Dennis Brown, Selectboard Member; Mike Morris, Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member; Selectboard Member; Pat MacQueen, Interim Town Manager; Lori Hirshfield, Planning Director; Rich Menge, Public Works Director; Michael Vanasse, Hope McLaughlin; Stephenny West; Derek Consentino; J. Brining; Marie S L; Paul Marriell; Michael Burke; John Sesody; Robert Steinberg; Joyce Baldwin; Barbara Steiner; Dave and Liz Duval; Lyn Kaplan; Richard Kaplin; Jorgen Gonzalez; Jane Muther; Dan Clark; Susan Langle; Arlene Bettigale; Lannie Collins; Antonia Richie; Anne Rodia; Arlene Darrow; Pat Tilton; Herbert Muther; Lori Dickerson; Robert Pomeroy; Jane and Stuart Marsti; Tim Lewis; Dave Barrell

**I. Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi called the Selectboard Meeting to Order at 6:04 pm.  
Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**II. Order of Agenda**

- No Local Liquor Control.
- Move Libbi Keith to Selectboard agenda on July 19, 2016 as she was unable to attend tonight.

**III. Liquor Control Board Meeting was not opened as there were no items to discuss.**

**IV. Selectboard**

**1. Citizen, Selectboard Comments and Announcements**

Citizens asked about having an Upper Valley Dog Park discussion, however as it is an open incident, the Town cannot discuss it. But would be happy to listen and hopefully assist and suggest. Ms. Marina Silvio spoke to the Selectboard and Town to please listen to the Dog Park supporters.

Mr. Dave Duval, president of Quechee Lakes Landowners Association read an email about the Pocket Parks, FEMA and the number of starts and stops that have been made prior to the selection. The member is perplexed by the starts and stops of this project.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kaplan have had a second home in Quechee, Mayor in Florida for the last 18 years. Understands what Municipalities are going thru; recommend and economic engine, putting money into one project to create and engine to generate more revenue for other projects.

Selectboard member Simon Dennis called a point of order that Citizens Comments were for items not on the agenda, Pocket Parks are listed later in the meeting. Selectboard Chair Richard Grassi reminded the Board that they had agreed to not take comments once the Citizen, Selectboard Comments section was closed.

Mrs. Kaplan feels that Dewey's Pond is not in a reasonable condition and what is the lay-persons explanation and can volunteers be used to help with this? Mr. Nunez, Parks & Recreation Director explained that the Tropical Storm Irene brought a lot of silt in and caused vegetation and milfoil to grow. Mr. Nunez fears that this will become a marsh. There is a group of students that come in and hand harvests the milfoil for about 4 weeks. The lily pads are good for the fish as they keep the water cool, this is not good for boating or fishing. Mr. Nunez believes it would cost \$250,000 – 700,000 to dredge the Pond. The property itself is owned by the Core of Engineers, leased by the state and cared for by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mr. Lannie Collins remarked that there was a great fireworks display on the 4<sup>th</sup> and that there are a lot of great things being done by all of the town departments. We cannot let individual problems overshadow the good things being done.

Mr. George Gonzalez is a Pocket Park supporter who would like to see something in between done. Had a thought, there appears to be no improvement and seems to be getting worse. But does feel we should be doing something.

Ms. Susan Langley is a resident of Claremont NH and loves it (the dog park). Yes there are issues that we will work on as a community.

Ms. Kaitlyn Cork, uses the dog park everyday. Felt that it would be a shame to shut it down. Selectboard Chair Richard Grassi pointed out that there has been no discussion about shutting the dog park. If people would like to see this on the agenda, the Board will add it at a later date. The Board would rather have the citizens come up with suggestions on how to deal with things like this in the future.

## 2. Appointments

- a) Interview and Consider Michael Vanasse for the one open position on the Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission. **Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti made a motion to appoint Michael Vanasse for one of two positions on Parks and Recreation Commission for 2 years in accordance with the terms of the position. Selectboard Vice-Chair Rebecca White seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard Members were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.**
- b) Interview and Consider Libbi Keith for the one open position on the Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission. Moved to Selectboard Meeting July 19 as candidate was not able to attend and there is a second opening on the Parks and Recreation Department.

## 3. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances

- a) Quechee Pocket Park **Selectboard Member Michael Morris made a motion that staff is hereby authorized to carry out and complete the design and construction of the Quechee Pocket Park Project along the lines of "Concept B-1" as adjusted by staff and/or the approving agencies necessary to**

**complete the project within a \$350,000 construction and engineering budget. In addition to other fends from outside sources. Selectboard Member Simon Dennis seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.**

**4. Town Manager's Report**

- Tax Rate Setting
- IUPE Certification of Public Works and Parks Bargaining Unit
- Maxfield Turn Lane
- Two Donated Batting Cages at Maxfield
- Fireworks
- Quechee Pocket Park
- EMS Response at Quechee Gorge
- Changes to Overtime Rules
- Senator Sanders Tree City Recognition

**5. Commission Meeting Reports – TBD**

**Rebecca White** – did not attend the School Board meeting but Lori Dickerson School Board of Directors Chair shared updates regarding the Charter. Selectboard Member Simon Dennis mentioned that the Selectboard will be constituting a charter Committee of 7 people, 1 representative each from the Selectboard and School Board, 2 board appointees from each board, and then 1 joint appointee.

**Alan Johnson** – gave an update on Efficiency Vermont. They would like to give a presentation to the Board on August 16<sup>th</sup> about the pilot program going on.

**Mike Morris** – attended the Dog Park Meeting.

**Simon Dennis** – attended the Hartford Community Resilience, August 22 – 26 is Resilience week. There will be an open meeting on August 22 from 7pm to 9pm at the Bugbee Senior Center.

**6. Consent Agenda (Mot. Req.)**

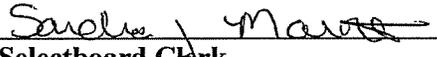
- a) **Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made a motion to approve A/P Manifest of 7/1/16. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.**
- b) **Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 6/21/16, Selectboard member, Mike Morris seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.**
- c) **Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Meeting Dates of 7/8/16, 7/19/16, 8/2/16, 8/16/16, 8/30/16, Selectboard member Simon Dennis seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.**

- 7. Executive Session Selectboard Member Simon Dennis made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Public Officers, in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law requirements, I move that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a Public Officer under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes. As well as to discuss Grievances (other than tax grievances), in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law requirements, I move that the Board find that public discussion of Grievances that premature public knowledge of the discussion of Grievances would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks disclosing its**

strategy and approach to the grievance if it discusses the *Grievances* in public. I further move that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss *Grievances*, under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes, at 7:56 pm. Selectboard member seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.

- Selectboard Clerk Sandra Mariotti made a motion to Close Executive Session at 8:17 pm. Selectboard member Alan Johnson seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard members were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.

V. Adjournment Selectboard member Mike Morris made a motion to close the Selectboard Meeting at 8:18 pm. Selectboard member Alan Johnson seconded the motion. 7 Selectboard member were in favor, 0 were opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.

  
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.