



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

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, Vermont 05001

*This Selectboard Meeting and Citizen's Comments can be seen in its entirety at:
<http://catv.cablecast.tv/Cablecast/public-site/index.html#/show/5857?channel=1>*

Present: Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White; Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis; Selectboard Member; Dennis Brown; Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson; Selectboard Member, Mike Morris; Town Manager, Leo Pullar; Lana Livingston, Administrative Assistant; Dawn Pullar; Ashley Bennett; Skip Nalette; Scott Cooney, Hartford Fire Chief; Sara Hickey; Noah Detur; Angela Grenier; Michelle Boleri; Jackie & Paul Gordon; Rebecca Sanaves; Rebecca Chollet; Bethany Fleishman; Stacey Hopkins; Olivia Lapierre; Sharonne Henderson; Lauren Simano; Latifa Jaima; Wayne Miller; David Rowlee; Andrea Rowlee; Kim Beebe; Alan Beebe; Luke Harvey; Andrea Peterson; Will Laliberty; Laurie Churba; Anna Fleishman; Lucy Danger; Nancy Gabriel; Halley Kasten; Nancy Heyl; Mila Pinigin; Kemba Russell; John Hall; Nancy Vogele, Maggie Cassidy; Martha McDaniel; Ashley Andreas; Makernel Baker; Kim Souza; William Josler; Jo Alexander; Everett Hammond, Assistant Director of Public Works.

I. Call to Order Selectboard Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.
Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown led the pledge of Allegiance.

Order of Agenda- Move the Local Liquor Control meeting to the end of the agenda.
Adding the Fire Department pinning ceremony.

II. Selectboard

1. Citizen, Selectboard Comments and Announcements:

Firefighter Badge Pinning:

Town of Hartford Fire Chief, Scott Cooney and Town Manager, Leo Pullar presented firefighter Wesley Black with his Firefighter Badge. Wesley's family, friends and other firefighters were in attendance to congratulate him on his accomplishment.

a. Open Discussion – Town of Hartford Race Relations

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi opened the discussion with a welcome to those who came to the meeting to speak on this topic and he looked forward to their comments.

Olivia Lapierre addressed the Board. Ms. Lapierre has lived in the Town of Hartford for the past three years and she has not felt welcome and feels unsafe. Ms. Lapierre presented her plan of three action requests for the Board's consideration. They are: 1. ethics training; 2. policy (a zero-tolerance policy); 3. accountability.

John Hall has been here in the White River Junction for under 1 year. He sees that the Upper Valley is a place that is changing very quickly.

Nancy Gabriel from Hartford said that the White Community needs to educate themselves.

Paul Gordon from Hartford shared his past experiences and recognizes that he will now need to renew his own effort. He called for equal treatment for all people.

Ashley Andreas from Hartford spoke in support of Ms. Lapierre's action plan.

Wayne Miller from White River Junction has been here for 20 years. He sees this as an opportunity to have a learning experience. Mr. Miller also noted that there is no room for ignorance in 2017.

Reverend Nancy Vogel urged the Selectboard Members to implement Ms. Lapierre's suggestions and that having a policy is very important.

Luke Eastman grew up in Hartford. Mr. Eastman believes that this has been a tremendous opportunity for our community that has some really difficult discussions that need to happen. And, discussions that need to continue to happen moving into the future that makes us the community that we really want to be.

Sharonne Henderson, a former citizen of Hartford, moved away from the Town of Hartford due to instances like this. She feels she is safer in Brownsville, VT than when she lived in Hartford. She supports Ms. Lapierre suggestions and would like it to include the School District and the entire town and the State of Vermont.

Ashley Bennett was born and raised in Vermont. She owns a small business and has had this problem her entire life. She would the Board to take into account what Ms. Lapierre has suggested. She sees it as a "long time coming."

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White called for Mr. Morris' resignation. She believes the Community and Board have lost trust in him by his actions.

Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti recognizes that changes need to happen. Policies need to be addressed and the Selectboard Members should attend trainings.

Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis called this a great day for the Town of Hartford. The once invisible has become obvious. He would support following through with Ms. Lapierre's suggestions.

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson believes ethics training is important and necessary. He supports what Ms. Lapierre has suggested and believes that the Town will find a way to move forward.

Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown attended the Saturday training at the Kilton Library and is working on a presentation for a staff meeting at his work place. A lot of good information. He believes that we all should get more passionate, compassionate, understanding and be kind to one another.

Selectboard Member, Mike Morris said he was unaware of this problem in his home town. He also attended the meeting on Saturday at the Kilton Library. He cannot say how sorry he is for being so naïve.

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi has lived in this community since the 70s and has not seen the hurt that was showed at this meeting. There needs to be training and understanding. He supports creating a committee to find the training that the Selectboard and community needs. After much discussion, the board agreed to form a committee of two Selectboard members, five community members and hopefully invite 2 Schoolboard members. This committee will be readdressed at the next Selectboard meeting on February 14, 2017. The importance to find the 5 Community Members was clear.

Appointments: (Mot. Req.)

- b. Interview & Consider Ashley Andreas for a 3-Year Term on the Energy Commission, Term 1/31/2017 to 1/30/2020. (Mot. Req.)

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made the motion- That the Selectboard Appoint Ashley Andreas for a 3-Year Term on the Hartford Energy Commission, commencing on 1/31/2017 and Ending on 1/30/2020. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

- 2. **Town Manager's Report:** (TBD, Board questions, concerns, requests, project updates, etc.) Please see the Town Manager's report in full at this link.

<http://www.hartford-vt.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=79>

Town Manager, Leo Pullar reported that the Town Report is close to being finished and ready for the printers later this week. If the Selectboard Members have any final changes, they will need to be submitted to Mr. Pullar by the close of Wednesday the 1st of February.

The Board agreed that we will not be sending out the Town Report unless requested. The Reports will be available at the Libraries and other public places for the residents to pick up. The Report is larger than last year, it includes the audit and other expanded sections. The cost of printing is within the amount that was budgeted. At the latest, it should be available around February 14th.

- 3. **Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances:**

- a. Review and Approve Request to Submit for Composting Supplies Grant. (Mot. Req.)

Everette Hammond, Assistant Director of Public Works presented the Composting Grant Application Process to the Board. The Town will be requesting \$1000 which would cover up to 50% of the cost of the composters. The remaining 50% would be charged to the customer, which will increase the sales of the composters. The requirement of the grant is that the Town hold one composting workshop through the Master Composters. People that attend the workshop will be able to purchase the composters at 50% off the original price. This will be no cost to the Town.

Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti made the motion- That the Selectboard Authorize the Submission of the Agency of Natural Resources' Composting Supplies Grant Application, and Further, Authorize the Town Manager or his Designated Representative to Complete any Required Documentation as Part of the Application Process. Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

- b. Review and Approve the Warnings for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Floor Meeting. (Mot. Req.)

Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis made the motion - That the Selectboard Approve and Sign the Town Meeting Warning and the Floor Meeting Warning. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

Selectboard member, Alan Johnson commented that he would like to see the Selectboard's compensation increase to at least equivalent to a part-time job. By doing this, there would perhaps be more citizens willing and able to run for the offices. Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown agreed with Mr. Johnson. To have this happen this year it would need to be moved, from the floor, at the Town Meeting.

- c. Review and Approve Delegation of Authority to Town Clerk to Sign Approved Liquor License Applications. (Mot. Req.)

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion- That the Selectboard Authorize Mary E. (Beth) Hill, the Hartford Town Clerk, to Sign Approved Liquor License Applications on their Behalf. Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

- d. Review and Designate VLCT Voting Delegate for Special Business Meeting on February 15, 2017. (Mot. Req.)

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made the motion - That the Selectboard Assign Sandi Mariotti as the Town of Hartford's Voting Delegate at the VLCT Special Meeting on February 15, 2017. Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

4. **Commission Meeting Reports:**

Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown reported that he attended the Historic Preservation Committee meeting. The committee plans to apply for 2 grants. The first grant would be for a total of \$7380.00 and the seconded grant will be for \$10,960.00.

5. **Consent Agenda (Mot. Req.):**

- a. Approve Payroll Ending 1/29/2017

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made the motion to accept the Payroll Ending 1/29/2017. Selectboard Clerk, Sandi Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

- b. Approve Meeting Minutes of 1/11/2017, 1/17/2017

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes of 1/11/2017 and 1/17/2017. Selectboard Member, Mike Morris seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

- c. Approve A/P Manifest of 1/28/2017

Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti made the motion to approve the A/P Manifest of 1/28/2017. Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay 0 members abstained. The motion passed.

- d. Selectboard Meeting Dates of:

- Already Approved: 2/2/2017 (Public Hearing), 2/14/2017, 2/27/2017 (Pre-Town Meeting), 2/28/2017 and 3/4/2017 (Community Day),
- Awaiting Approval: 3/8/2017 (Organizational Meeting), 3/14/2017 and 3/28/2017.

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Rebecca White made the motion to have the Selectboard meetings on 3/14/2017 (organizational meeting) and a regular meeting on 3/28/2017. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. Discussion about the date of the organizational meeting followed. Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis suggested a “friendly” amendment to Ms. White’s motion that the Board meet on the 8th as an organizational meeting to be followed by regular meetings on 3/14/2017 and 3/28/2017. Ms. White accepted the amendment. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti also accepted the amendment (to her second.) 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

6. **Executive Session:**

Labor Relations Agreements/Contracts:

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion- In accordance with Vermont’s Open Meeting Law Requirements, I move that the Selectboard enter into Executive Session to discuss Labor Relations

Agreements and Contracts under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes. Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Mike Morris made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:24 P.M. Selectboard Vice-Chair seconded the motion.

Post Executive Session Action on Executive Session Topics. (Mot. Req.)

a) Fire CBA:

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion- That the Selectboard approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Hartford and the Hartford Career Firefighters' Association, Local 2905, of the International Association of Firefighters. Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. 6 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 1 member, Sandra Mariotti, Abstained. The motion passed.

b) Banking RFP:

Selectboard Vice-Chair Rebecca White made the motion- That the Selectboard Endorse the Process Used by and the Selection Made by the Town Staff Concerning the Selection of a Banking Institution for the Town of Hartford, understanding that a Formal Announcement will be made on February 1, 2017 after all Organizations Submitting a Proposal have been Notified. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 members vote Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti made the motion to close the Selectboard Meeting. Selectboard Member, Dennis Simon seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members voted to Abstain. The motion passed.

III. Liquor Control Board: Call to order:

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion to open the Liquor Control Board. Selectboard Member, Mike Morris seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 Members abstained. The motion passed.

1. Second Class Liquor License Renewal Applications (Mot. Req.):

- a. Bob's Service Center, 4 Ballardvale Drive, White River Junction, VT 05001
- b. Scavenger Gallery, 41 South Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

- c. Simon Pearce, Restaurant, 1760 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059

Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis made the motion That the Selectboard Approve the First-Class Liquor License Renewal Application for Simon Pearce, Restaurant, 1760 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members Abstained. The motion passed.

- d. Simon Pearce, Glass, 1760 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059

Selectboard Vice-Chair Rebecca White made the motion That the Selectboard Approve the Second-Class Liquor License Renewal Application for Bob's Service Center, 4 Ballardvale Drive, White River Junction, VT 05001 and the Second-Class Liquor License Renewal Application for Scavenger Gallery, 41 South Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 and the Second-Class Liquor License Renewal Application for Simon Pearce, Glass, 1760 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. 7 members voted Aye, 0 members voted Nay and 0 members abstained. The motion passed.

IV. Closing (Mot. Req.)

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion to close the LCB meeting, Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. 7 voted Aye, 0 voted Nay and 0 Abstained. The motion passed.

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

Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk