

ANNUAL HARTFORD FLOOR MEETING  
HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
37 HIGHLAND AVENUE  
WRJ, VT 05001  
APRIL 1, 2017  
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Town Moderator, Quinn Colgan; Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dennis Brown; Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; Selectboard Member, Rebecca White; Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson; Selectboard Member, Mike Morris; Town Manager, Leo Pullar; School Board of Directors Chair, Kevin Christie; School Board of Directors Vice Chair, Lori Dickerson; School Board of Directors Clerk, Nancy Russell; School Board of Directors Member, Peter Merrill; School Board of Directors Member, Michelle Boleski; Hartford School District Superintendent, Tom DeBalsi; Town Clerk, Beth Hill; Executive Assistant, Eliza LeBrun; Dawn Pullar; Gayle Ottmann; Mike Scelza; CATV; Charlie Merlo

Absent: Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis

The legal voters of the Town of Hartford are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said Annual Town Meeting shall be as provided in the Town Charter and chapters 43, 51, and 55 of title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Town Moderator, Quinn Colgan opened the Floor Meeting at 10:00 am, then he led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Colgan shared the rules and procedures that all attendees need to follow.

The Selectboard meeting was immediately recessed.

Immediately following the School Board meeting, at 10:36 am, Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; called the Selectboard Meeting to order.

1. Selectboard Vice Chair, Dennis Brown; made a motion to receive the reports of the Town Officers. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
2. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; made a motion to vote to collect Town General and Highway Tax and the Town School District's Tax on real estate in two installments, the first being on or before August 18, 2017, and the second installment being on or before February 2, 2018 through the Treasurer. Selectboard Member, Rebecca White; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
3. Selectboard Member, Rebecca White; made a motion to vote what compensation the Town will pay its Town officers from the General Fund, effective July 1, 2017 pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Section 932: Moderator \$100 per annum; Board of Civil Authority \$50 per diem; Lister's \$20.00 per hour; Treasurer \$14,000 per annum; Town Clerk \$67,389 per annum; Selectboard \$50 per meeting, with the Chair receiving \$300 additional per annum and the Vice-Chair receiving \$150 additional per annum; such officials will receive mileage reimbursement in the amount equivalent to the rate authorized by the IRS when a town vehicle is not available to them. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson; seconded the motion.

Resident, Mike Scelza; made a motion to amend the previous motion to state that the Selectboard will receive \$75 per meeting. Resident, Becky Chollet; seconded the motion. The majority voiced vote was in favor, the modification passed.

The amended motion was called to question. The majority voice vote was in favor. The motion passed.

4. No vote was necessary to approve the 2017-2018 Budget as it was passed by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

5. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson; made a motion to appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty Nine (\$869) Dollars to be paid to Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in support of senior volunteer programs. Selectboard Member, Mike Morris; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
6. Selectboard Member, Mike Morris; made a motion to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety Nine (\$999) Dollars to be paid to Vermont Adult Learning in support of adult education. Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
7. Selectboard Vice Chair, Dennis Brown; made a motion to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Five (\$975) Dollars to be paid to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) in support of blind and visually impaired Vermonters. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
8. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; made a motion to appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Forty Five (\$845) Dollars to be paid to Vermont Center for Independent Living in support of Vermonters with disabilities. Selectboard Member, Rebecca White; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
9. Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; asked the Board and Public if there was any other proper and non-binding business to conduct.

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson; shared with the audience that the Breadloaf Corporation won "Best of the Best" awards for energy efficient renovation and construction of the Hartford Town Hall. Mr. Johnson wanted to thank the sitting Selectboard from 2010 to 2015, which included Kenneth Parker, Alex DeFelice, Charles Wooster, Simon Dennis, Richard Grassi, Sandra Mariotti, Mark Donka, Bethany Fleishman, F.X. Flinn, Bonnie Latham, Jeff Libbey, Sonia O'Banion, and Sabino Romano. Mr. Johnson also thanked those residents who participated in the Municipal Building Committee; Robin Adair Logan, John Heath, Jonathan Rugg, Karolina Kawiaka and Susanne Abetti. Mr. Johnson also recognized previous Town Manager, Hunter Rieseberg in his representation of staff thoughts.

Town Moderator, Quinn Colgan; recognized Board of Civil Authority Chair, Kevin Raleigh who read the following resolution.

WHEREAS, STEPHANIE HILLARD has served the Town of Hartford as a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Hartford Board of Civil Authority from 1992 until February 2017, and

WHEREAS, STEPHANIE HILLARD during the past 25 years of service was known by the Board of Civil Authority for her commitment, dedication and professionalism while serving on the board, and

WHEREAS, STEPHANIE HILLARD has chosen not to seek re-election to office at this time, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Civil Authority and the Town of Hartford acknowledge and extend our appreciation to STEPHANIE HILLARD and her family for their understanding and support during the last 25 years, and

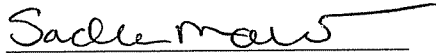
WHEREAS, the Board of Civil Authority and the Town of Hartford are gratefully indebted to STEPHANIE HILLARD for her commitment and service to our community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF HARTFORD:

That STEPHANIE HILLARD be given a vote of appreciation for her 25 years of loyal service and that this resolution be recorded in the Town Records. STEPHANIE HILLARD'S service to the Hartford community has truly made a difference.

Resident, F.X. Flinn asked to acknowledge that the Charter changes voted by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2017 passed, making this the last Floor Meeting to be held after the Australian Ballot Voting Day.

**Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi entertained a motion to close the Town Floor Meeting at 11:00am.**  
**Selectboard Vice Chair, Dennis Brown; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**



Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk