



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD
EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, January 25th, 2021
9:00pm - 9:30 AM

**This meeting was conducted in compliance with Vermont
Open Meeting Law with electronic participation.**

Read by Selectboard Chair, Dan Fraser:

As Chair of the Town of Hartford Selectboard I find that, due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Scott as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20 and Act 92, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. In accordance with Act 92, there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. However, in accordance with the temporary amendments to the Open Meeting Law, I confirm that we are:

- a) Providing public access to the meeting by [telephone/video/other electronic means], with additional access offered through telephone, zoom and youtube.com. We are using Zoom for this remote meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if desired, participate in this meeting by [https://zoom.us/j/ 83837433566](https://zoom.us/j/83837433566) - Please mute your microphone. If you're calling in from phone dial: 1 646 876 9923 Type in the Room ID: 838 3743 3566 followed by #. Press # a second time. Press *9 to raise your hand for public comment.
- b) Providing public notice of instructions for accessing the meeting. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing this meeting, including how to access the meeting using telephone, zoom and youtube.com in our posted meeting agenda. [Instructions have also been provided on the town website on the "Agendas and Minutes."]
- c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.
- d) Continuing the meeting if necessary. In the event the public is unable to access this meeting, it will be continued to a time and place certain.

Please note that all votes taken during this meeting that are not unanimous will be done by roll call vote, in accordance with the law. Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance of all Selectboard members participating in the meeting.

Present Via Zoom: Dan Fraser, Selectboard Chair; Simon Dennis Selectboard Vice-Chair; Kim Souza, Selectboard Clerk; Emma Behrens, Selectboard Member; Joe Major, Selectboard Member.

Others: Ana Merriman, Laurel Stevenson

- I. Call to Order: Selectboard Chair, Dan Fraser called the emergency meeting to order at 9:02, A.M.
- II. Public and Selectboard Comment
No Citizen Comments.

Selectboard Comments: Joe Major asked if the Town Clerk could attend the meeting to give the Board clarification as what to do about the Selectboard opening created by Alicia Barrow leaving. Dan Fraser responded during the discussion portion.

III. Discussion of amendment to March 2nd Ballot to include vacated Selectboard Seat

Selectboard Chair, Dan Fraser explained that due to the timing of Alicia Barrow stepping down it was important to have the position on the March 2nd ballot. If the Board waits past today's deadline it would not be on the ballot and require the Selectboard to appoint someone to the position, likely to happen after the elections.

Motion: Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza made the motion to approve the amended language for Article #1. To read:

To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator for one year; Selectboard Member for two years; Selectboard Member for three years; Selectboard Member for remaining two years of three-year term; Selectboard Member for remaining one year of three year term; Selectboard Member for remaining one year of three year term; West Hartford Library Trustee for remaining four years of five year term; West Hartford Library Trustee for remaining one year of five year term. (By Australian ballot) pending approval by Town Counsel. Selectboard Vice Chair, Simon Dennis seconded the motion. All were in favor (5) and the motion passed.

IV. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

Selectboard Member, Emma Behrens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

All Meetings of the Hartford Selectboard are open to the public. Citizens wishing to address the Committee should submit their request to the Committee Chair in writing prior to the meeting.