



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Budget

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall, Room 1
171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall

Present: Kim Souza, Clerk; Lannie Collins, Member; Mary Erdei, Member; Ally Tufenkjian, Member; Lana Livingston; Gail Ostrout; Joe Major; Scott Hausler; Lori Hirshfield; Jeremy Delisle; Kim Nardine-Brown; David Izzo; Sandra Cary; Emily Clough; Tim Fariel; Laura Brooks; Ken Parker; Mark Bradley;

Selectboard Members present on Zoom: Michael Hoyt, Chair; Dan Fraser, Vice-Chair

NOTE: Rocket, Member, arrived at the meeting at 7:46pm.

CATV/JAM Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh6WfSpjGY&list=PLAdkf9ugxof7FGsvb7b8PHLfaNfKZbq-g&index=1>

- I. **Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting** by Chair, Mike Hoyt at 6:01PM.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited and led by Lannie Collins.
- III. **Order of Agenda** – there will be no Executive Session tonight.
- IV. **Selectboard**

1. **Public Comments**

Tim Fariel from WRJ 1. Expressed his concern that the Town is requesting to use LOT money for the cemetery appropriations. He believes the original intent for these monies was to direct it back to the people/businesses that collected it. This has significant impact on those businesses. 2. Mr. Fariel also asked about the economic health of the TIF program and would like an update on the Bonds. 3. He would like to know the financial health of the Transfer Station and its future. 4. What is the health of WABA and how has it be functioning.

Emily Clough of West Hartford asked about the proposal that the West Hartford Library becoming independent effective date of 7/1/24. This was the first she had heard about this proposal. She also requested a procurement card for the Librarian.

Ken Parker from Hartford Village clarified that the LOT money is split between the State (30%) and the Town (70%)

Joe Major from WRJ spoke to the communications from the Town. He suggested centralizing the information and have an information officer also responsible for the information on the website. The website is not working because of how and what information is being added by multiple people.

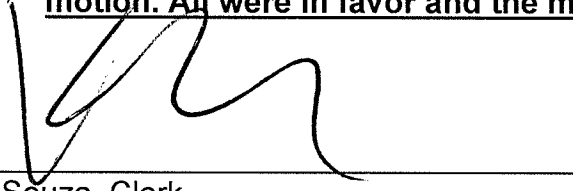
2. Budget Reviews

- a. Town Manager – presented by Gail Ostrout
 - b. Debt – presented by Gail Ostrout
 - c. Appropriations
 1. Hartford Cemetery Association – Ken Parker
 2. Quechee Library – David Izzo
 3. West Hartford Library – Emily Clough
 - d. Budget Recap Discussion #1 – Gail Ostrout
Kim Souza and Lannie Collins asked for salary breakouts in the Town Manager section.
Kim Souza asked for communications funding.
- More discussion followed.

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Executive Session: None

VII. **Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectboard Member Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**



Kim Souza, Clerk
1/5/2023