

## **2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 10:00 AM**

**Conducted in compliance with Vermont Open Meeting Law with electronic participation**

Present: Town Moderator, Chuck Wooster; Selectboard Chair, Dan Fraser; Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza; Selectboard Member, Joe Major; Town Manager, Tracy Yarlott-Davis; School Board Chair, Kevin Christie; School Board Clerk, Russell North; School Board Members: Peter Merrill, Nancy Russell, Michelle Boleski; Town Clerk, Lisa O'Neil; Town Staff, Paula Nulty; ECFiber Chair, F.X. Flinn; Hartford School District Staff; Members of the general public

Absent: Selectboard Members: Rachel Eden, Emma Barrows; Selectboard Vice-Chair Simon Dennis

Town Moderator, Chuck Wooster, opened the Annual Town and School Meeting at 10AM, and shared the rules and procedures to be followed.

The Moderator called the Town Meeting to order.

Dan Fraser accepted reports of Town Officers.

Dan Fraser introduced new Town Manager Tracy Yarlott-Davis, who welcomed communication from residents.

Phillip Jackson of Hartford voiced concerns of harassment of selectboard member. Kim Souza and Dan Fraser voiced support and pledged to address issue.

Michelle Boleski questioned if the Selectboard had a quorum.

F.X. Flinn gave a presentation on ECFiber.

Moderator stated that the Selectboard did not have a quorum, but was not germane to meeting.

Mike Morris spoke to funding of Wellness Coordinator funds being used for legal costs associated with the Welcoming Hartford Ordinance (WHO). Kim Souza stated funds were spent on the WHO; no grant funds were lost due to the WHO.

Lannie Collins requested apology from Kim Souza for previous statements regarding funds associated with WHO. Kim Souza stated she had corrected previous Selectboard Meeting minutes.

Moderator declared reports had been received by Town Officers, and Item 1 was concluded. He opened Item 2. At this time there were 41 attendees and 16 participants in the meeting.

Kevin Christie asked F.X. Flinn if broadband roll-out in Vermont had affected ECFiber; F.X. Flinn responded yes it had supported the work, and indicated the CARES Act had also provided funding utilized in Hartford.

Sherry West requested the Selectboard follow the Cemetery Committee guidelines, and has concern of cemeteries being neglected. Dan Fraser stated the Board was aware of the Committee's report and recommendations will be pursued.

Moderator adjourned the meeting at 10:46AM.