



TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 2023, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street,
White River Junction, VT 05001

This meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall

Present: Michael Hoyt, Chair; Kim Souza, Clerk; Lannie Collins, Member; Mary Erdei, Member; Rocket, Member, Ally Tufenkjian, Member; Lana Livingston; Gail Ostrout; Paula Nulty; Connie Kelley; Cathy Melocik; Claudette Brochu; Gaal Crowl; Sandra Mariotti; AnnJane Kemon; Dennis Brown; Jennifer Kravitz; Jason Smoller; Gayle Ottmann; Sara Campbell; Heidi Duto; Matthew Donahue; David Briggs; Peggy Allen; Tim Fariel; Scott Hausler; Janelle Sahutski; Sue Buckholz; Joe Major; Gabrielle Lucke;

Present on Zoom: Dan Fraser, Vice-Chair;

JAM LINK: No video due to technical difficulties.

<https://catv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/32911?channel=1>

- I. **Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting:** Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. The meeting started late because of technical difficulties with Zoom.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Lannie Collins.**
- III. **Local Liquor Control Board: Selectboard Chair, recessed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Local Liquor Control Board.**

New: 1. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei made the motion to approve Northern Stage Company, 76 Gates Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for 1st Class Liquor License. Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.

Renewals:

1. Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion to approve the renewal for Simon Pearce Restaurant, Doing Business As: Parker House Bar/Bistro, 1792 Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for 1st and 3rd Class Liquor Licenses. Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.
2. Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion to approve the renewal for Simon Pearce Restaurant, 1760 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for 1st and 3rd Class Liquor Licenses. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained

(Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.

3. Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian made the motion to approve the renewal for Simon Pearce Glass, 1780 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for a 2nd Class Liquor License. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.
4. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei made the motion to approve the renewal for Simon Pearce, 1792 Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for an Outside Consumption Liquor License. Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.
5. Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion to approve the renewal of Revco LLC, Doing Business As: Revolution, 26 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 2nd Class Liquor License. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.
6. Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian made the motion to approve the renewal for Wolf Tree Hospitality LLC, 40 Currier Street, White River Junction, VT 05001 for 1st, 3rd and Outside Consumption Liquor Licenses. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.
7. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei made the motion to approve the renewal for Evans Group of Vermont Inc. Doing Business As: Evans Expressmart, Route 5 & Airport Road, White River Junction, VT 05001 for a 2nd Class Liquor License, Tobacco License and Tobacco Substitute Endorsement. Selectboard Member Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.
8. Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion to approve the renewal of Midway Oil Corporation, 906 Hartford Avenue, Hartford, VT 05743 for a 2nd Class Liquor License, Tobacco License and Tobacco Substitute Endorsement. Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 1 abstained (Fraser) and 1 recused (Souza). The motion passed.

Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt closed the Local Liquor Board at 6:45PM and reopened the Selectboard Meeting.

IV. Local Cannabis Control Board: None

V. Order of Agenda: No changes

VI. Selectboard

1. Public Comment

Heidi Duto from WRJ spoke to the Board about trusting each other with dignity and respect. She felt attacked at the last meeting by one Selectboard member. She hopes for better in the future. She also asked the Board how many employees does the Selectboard have authority, per the charter. to hire.

Zoom – Michelle Boleski commented on the use of Selectboard Members as references on the applications for the Town Manager Search Committee. There is no rule now but could be looked at a later date. Tim Fariel of Hartford asked for people to look to the bigger issues and stop picking at the smaller ones. Gayle Ottmann said it is all about perception.

2. Selectboard Comments and Announcements

Kim Souza sent her sympathy for Ann Reynolds that passed away. Ann was an HCOREI member and well liked. Kim also had concerns about the way the Library funding was presented. It could have been handled differently. She would like to hear on a future agenda from the Libraries and know more about their structures.

Mary Erdei thanked everyone that came out Monday night and Saturday.

Ally Tufenkjian thanked Public Works for all the work they did for the last storm.

Rocket thanked the staff for all they did this last year. He would like to find a way to make town government more accessible for all citizens in all circumstances. He would like to see broader participation and wants to learn how to govern with Joy.

Lannie thanked everyone for their support during his time on the Board.

3. Applications for Appointment to the Town Manager Search Committee

Selectboard 1 to be appointed

- Kim Souza

Town Staff 1 to be appointed

- Scott Hausler, Director of Parks & Recreation
- Connie Kelley, Deputy Chief

Citizens 7 to be appointed

- 1) David Briggs, 12 Hillcrest Terrace, WRJ
- 2) Claudette Brochu, 132 S. Main St., WRJ
- 3) Dennis Brown, 253 Lower Hyde Park, WRJ
- 4) Susan Buckholz, 973 Old Town Farm Road, WRJ
- 5) Sara Campbell, 141 Chellis St., WRJ
- 6) David Davis, 11 Stacey Lane, WRJ
- 7) Matthew Donahue, 2325 Old River Road, WRJ
- 8) Tim Fariel, 144 Worcester Ave, WRJ
- 9) AnnJane (AJ) Kemon, 1584 Dothan Rd., WRJ
- 10) Frank Klymn, 246 Brookside Dr., Wilder
- 11) Jennifer Kravitz, 985 Dothan Road, WRJ
- 12) Gabrielle Lucke, 554 Campbell St., WRJ
- 13) Joe Major, 145 Ozzy Lane, WRJ
- 14) Sandra (Sandy) Mariotti, 528 Fairview Terr., WRJ
- 15) Cathy Melnick, 1807 Hartford Ave, WRJ

- 16) Gayle Ottmann, 114 Larch Lane, WRJ
17) Jason Smoller, 310 Fairview Terrace, WRJ

Motion: Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian made the motion to amend the Charge the Membership section for the Town Manager Search Committee to read: The Committee shall consist of 10 members appointed by the Selectboard, including one member of the Selectboard and two employees of the Town of Hartford. The members of the Committee shall be residents of Hartford, except for the Town of Hartford employees who may be non-residents. The Town of Hartford employees and the Selectboard member will all serve as non-voting members. The Committee shall designate a Chair and Vice Chair by vote of the members. Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Selection of Vendor to conduct Town Manager Search: Tabled

- VII. Consent Agenda: Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Approve Payroll Ending: 3/4/2023

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 2/21/2023

Approve A/P Manifest of: 3/3/2023 and 3/6/2023

Approved Selectboard Meetings: 3/9/2023 (organizational) and 3/21/2023.

- VIII. Executive Session: Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins made the motion that in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law 1 V.S.A. § 313, I move that the Selectboard enter into Executive Session To discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee at 9:00PM. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

At 9:44pm, Lannie Collins moved to exit executive session. 2nd by Ally Tufenkjian. 7 in favor. The motion passed.

Ally Tufenkjian moved to appoint Kim Souza as the non-voting Selectboard member of the Town Manager Search Committee. 2nd by Mary Erdei. 6 in favor. 1 abstained (Souza). The motion passed.

Lannie Collins moved to appoint Scott Hausler and Connie Kelley as the non-voting staff members of the Town Manager Search Committee. 2nd by Ally Tufenkjian. 7 in favor. The motion passed.

Ally Tufenkjian moved to appoint

Gabrielle Lucke

Joe Major

Dennis Brown

Sara Campbell

Tim Fariel

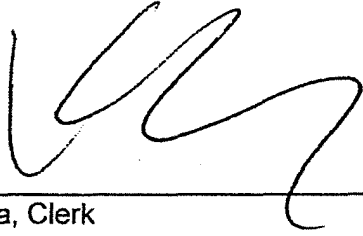
Gayle Ottmann

& Cathy Melocik

to the Town Manager Search Committee.

2nd by Lannie Collins. 7 in favor. The motion passed.

IX. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting
At 9:48pm, Lannie Collins moved to adjourn the meeting.
2nd by Kim Souza. 7 in favor. The motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KS', written over a horizontal line.

Kim Souza, Clerk
3-6-2023