

2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 10:00 AM

The citizens of Hartford who are legal voters are hereby warned to meet on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Hartford High School Gymnasium for the purpose of transacting Town business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

Present: Town Moderator, Chuck Wooster; Selectboard Chair, Mike Hoyt; Selectboard Vice Chair Dan Fraser; Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza; Selectboard Members, Ally Tufenkjian, Lannie Collins, Mary Erdei; Acting Town Manager (ATM), Gail Ostrout; Acting Assistant Town Manager, Paula Nulty; Town Clerk, Lisa O'Neil; Town Staff; Members of the general public; Members of the Town and School Meeting Committee; Members of the School Board

Town Moderator, Check Wooster, opened the Annual Town Meeting at 10:11AM.

Mike Hoyt made the motion to receive the reports of the Town Officers. Kim Souza seconded the motion. Ayes have it. The motion was adopted.

Mike Hoyt made the 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, 2023, and the second installment being on or before February 9, 2024, through the Treasurer. Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. Ayes have it. The motion was adopted.

Mike Hoyt made the motion to vote what compensation the Town will pay its Town officers from the General Fund, effective July 1, 2023, pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Section 932: Moderator \$100 per meeting; Board of Civil Authority \$50 per four hour shift or any part thereof; Treasurer \$16,000 per annum; Selectboard \$75 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. Mary Erdei seconded the motion. Becky Cholet amended the motion to increase by \$25 Moderator, Civil Authority, Board of Civil Authority. Russ North seconded the motion. It did not pass. The motion as originally presented passed.

Exec Director of Sr Solutions spoke about services offered in the community.

Brett Mayfield, resident, Chair of Public Health Council of Upper Valley, spoke about services offered in the community.

Executive Director of Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley spoke about services offered in the community.

Joseph Trottier, resident, spoke about paving amount in budget.

Mike Hoyt, Selectboard, spoke about paving budget.

Gail Ostrout, ATM, clarified paving amounts: FY24 budgets \$775k in reserve account, any FY23 excess will be deposited in reserve account as well.

Gabrielle Lucke made motion to adjourn, Mr. Scott Holmes seconded. Ayes have it. Adjourned 10:49AM.