



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

Present: Dan Fraser, Chair; Joseph Major, Vice-Chair; Kim Souza, Clerk; Dennis Brown, Member; Ally Tufenkjian, Member; Michael Hoyt, Member; Lannie Collins, Member; Tracy Yarlott-Davis, Town Manager; Lana Livingston, Administrative Assistant; Jon Bouton; Karen Richardson; David Briggs; Lori Hirshfield, Gail Ostrout; Scott Hausler.

Zoom Comments: Marcy Bartlett; Mike Morris; Erik Krauss

CATV LINK: <https://catv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/18328?channel=1>

- I. **Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting** by Selectboard Chair, Dan Fraser at 6:00 PM.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Selectboard Vice-Chair, Joe Major.
- III. **Order of Agenda:** There were no changes to the order of Agenda.
- IV. **Selectboard**

1. Public Comments:

John Bouton from Berry Hill Road and the Conservation Commission wanted to highlight Hartford Area Career & Technology Center participants in the Natural Resource Program. They have been doing work in the Town Forest. Also, 25 Jr. and Sr. Students have completed a Chain Saw Safety Program.

Karen Richardson from WRJ spoke to the Selectboard about the Gates Street Closure. There is still interest from the residents to see the street reopened. The road has brought access from Sykes Avenue area to downtown for years. She commended the Board on all the beautiful work that has been done to South Main Street leading into downtown WRJ. She hopes that this can continue up Gates Street to the terraces. Joe Major asked her and the other residents to have patience. It is a slow process but it is not forgotten and is being worked on to ensure safety to auto and pedestrian traffic.

Mike Morris from Hartford asked why some employees of the Town are still working from home. Lannie Collins also asked for the number of employees that are working from home. The Town Manger explained that each employee that is working from home has full support from their supervisor to do so.

Marcy Bartlett from Wilder appreciates and respects the accountably effort from Mr. Morris and Mr. Collins however she feels it should not be done in a public forum.

2. Budget Review (Information Only)

- a. Finance - Gail Ostrout, Finance Director

Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/5413/Finance-and-Auditing-FY-23-presentation>


- b. Planning/Zoning – Lori Hirshfield, Planning & Development Director
Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/5414/Plng---Dev-Budget-FY2022-2023-for-SB-10-12-2021-mtg>

Selectboard Member, Dennis Brown made the motion to increase the Hartford Conservation Commission budget by \$3,000 to replenish their funds. Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- c. Parks and Recreation – Scott Hausler, Parks & Recreation Director
Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/5418/PDF-FY23-Parks-Rec-Budget-101221-Final>

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: **Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**



Kim Souza, Clerk