



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD AGENDA
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 7, 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; Ally Tufenkjian, Member; John Haverstock; Lana Livingston; Scott Cooney; Scott Hausler; Gail Ostrout; Steve Backman.

Zoom: Dan Fraser, Vice-Chair; Rocket, Member

JAM Link: [Hartford Selectboard 11/07/2023 - YouTube](#)

- I. **Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting at 6:01pm by Chair, Mike Hoyt**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance recited and led by Fire Chief, Scott Cooney**
- III. **Order of Agenda – there were no changes to the order of the agenda.**
- IV. **Selectboard**

1. **Public Comments - none**

2. **Budget Review (Information Only)**

- a. Fire FY25 Proposed Budget Presentation by Fire Chief Scott Cooney.
Link: https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/9774/Hartford-Fire-FY-25-Budget_FINAL

- b. Parks and Recreation FY25 Proposed Budget Presentation by Parks & Recreation Department Director, Scott Hausler.
Link: <https://www.hartford-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/9775/FY25-Budget-Presentation-FINAL-11223>

3. **Application to Join Welcoming Community Cohort**

Background: Recruitment has begun for the Welcoming and Engaging Communities Cohort 2.0. VLCT & Abundant Sun have agreed to include municipal department heads, as well as town administrators and members of governing bodies. They will accept up to three people per city/town this time around.

Motion: Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian made the motion:

That the Selectboard approve the letter of interest in participating in the 2023 VLCT Welcoming and Engaging Communities Cohort.

and

That the Selectboard delegate Kim Souza, Clerk, to complete and submit the application for participation in the 2023 VLCT Welcoming and Engaging Communities Cohort.

and

That the Selectboard approve participation in the VLCT Cohort by Town Manager, John Haverstock, Selectboard Member, Kim Souza and Deputy Police Chief, Connie Kelley if the program application is accepted by the VLCT Equity Committee.

Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. **Consent Agenda:** None

Executive Session: Review attorney-client communications and status of this legal matter.

Motion 1: At 7:50PM Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei made the motion that to find that there are two pending legal matters involving the Town and premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Town and/or other persons at a substantial disadvantage. Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion 2: Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei made the motion that we go into executive session to discuss attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services, as set forth in 1 V.S.A. Sec. 313(a)(1)(F). Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian moved to exit executive session at 8:18PM. 2nd by Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei. 6 in favor. The motion passed. (Rocket absent)

Selectboard Member, Ally Tufenkjian moved that the Selectboard approve and sign a recommended letter written by Town Attorney, Brian Monaghan, in a confidential employment matter. 2nd by Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei. 6 in favor. The motion passed. (Rocket absent)

VI. **Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting**

Selectboard Member, Lannie Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. Selectboard Member, Mary Erdei seconded the motion. 6 in favor. The motion passed. (Rocket absent)



Selectboard Clerk, Kim Souza
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