

WARNING
FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2017

Voting by Australian ballot is to be held on **March 7, 2017** at the Hartford High School (Gymnasium). Budget Discussion/Candidates Night is to be held on **Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hartford High School (Auditorium).

The legal voters of the Town of Hartford are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said Annual Town Meeting shall be as provided in the Town Charter and chapters 43, 51, and 55 of title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017. POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. EST AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M. EST.

1. To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator for one year; Selectboard Member for two years; Selectboard Member for three years; Lister for three years; Lister for three years; Lister for three years; Library Trustee for five years; Library Trustee for five years; Library Trustee for five years; Library Trustee for remaining three years of a five year term; Treasurer for three years; Trustee of Public Funds for one year; Trustee of Public Funds for two years. (By Australian ballot)
2. Shall the Town authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$15,058,002 (plus any appropriations voted below and on April 1, 2017 at the Annual Floor Meeting), of which \$2,559,132 shall be raised by non-tax revenues. (By Australian ballot)
3. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Fifty (\$77,050) Dollars to be paid to **Advance Transit** for public transportation services. (By Australian ballot)
4. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred (\$15,800) Dollars for the purpose of assisting various associations owning or in control of **Cemeteries** in said Town, to be divided as follows:

Christian Street Cemetery Assoc.-Six Hundred (\$600) Dollars
Hartford Cemetery Assoc.-Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars
Quechee Cemetery Assoc.-Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars
Mt. Olivet & St. Anthony's Cemeteries Assoc.-Three Thousand Eight Hundred (\$3,800) Dollars
West Hartford Cemetery Assoc.-Nine Hundred (\$900) Dollars
(By Australian ballot)
5. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be paid to **COVER Home Repair, Inc.**, for qualified home repairs. (By Australian Ballot)
6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred (\$9,500) Dollars to be paid to **The Family Place**, for programs for families with young children. (By Australian ballot)
7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty (\$4,550) Dollars to be paid to **Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley**, for organization of volunteers to assist families with new babies. (By Australian ballot)
8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars to be paid to **Good Neighbor Health Clinic and The Red Logan Dental Clinic** for medical and dental care. (By Australian ballot)
9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be paid to **Hartford Historical Society** for collecting, conserving and displaying the Town's history. (By Australian ballot)
10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand (\$7,000) Dollars to be paid to **Headrest** for information, referral and crisis intervention services. (By Australian ballot)
11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five (\$9,995) Dollars to be paid to **Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern VT, Inc.** for outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services. (By Australian ballot)
12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars to be paid to **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), Inc** for reducing the hardships of poverty. (By Australian ballot)
13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars to be paid to **SPARK! Community Center** for providing a center and programs for people with disabilities. (By Australian ballot)
14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred (\$6,800) Dollars to be paid to **Stagecoach Transportation Services** for transportation services. (By Australian ballot)

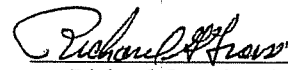
HARTFORD TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
This 29th day of Feb. 2017
at 8:30 AM
Recorded in Bk 29 Pg 605-606
Mary E. Hill Town Clerk

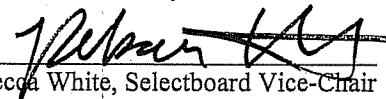
15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two (\$41,882) Dollars to be paid to **Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.** for home health care and hospice care. **(By Australian ballot)**
16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$3,500) Dollars to be paid to **Windsor County Partners** for youth mentoring partnerships. **(By Australian ballot)**
17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars to be paid to **Women's Information Service (WISE), Inc** for ending gender-based violence. **(By Australian ballot)**
18. Shall the Town of Hartford and the Hartford Town School District amend the Town Charter as summarized below:
 - § 123A-103. **Particular powers - Matters subject to regulation and ordinances.**
 - § 123A-201. **Town Meeting** – Provides for the call and conduct of pre-town meeting, annual town meeting and floor meeting.
 - § 123A-202. **Elected officers** – Provides for the election of Town officers and their compensation.
 - § 123A-203. **Duties of elected officers** – Provides for the appointment of a Town Clerk, Town Assessor and Trustees of Public Funds.
 - §123A-302. **Duties of appointed officers; Town Manager** – Enumerates the duties of the Town Manager.**(By Australian ballot)**
19. Shall the Selectboard be authorized to pledge the credit of the Town of Hartford through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,926,000, for the purpose of funding the engineering and/or construction of public sidewalk, road, streetscape, water, stormwater, sanitary sewer, and South Main Street retaining wall improvements within the Hartford White River Junction Tax Increment Financing District, and for paying or reimbursing eligible related costs, advances, interfund loans and third party public infrastructure costs, and to pledge and appropriate the District's tax increment in the amount of \$1,926,000 plus allowable interest and fees for the payment of such bonds and notes and for making such payments and reimbursements?

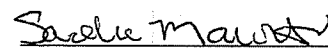
The legal voters of the Town are notified that, of the \$1,800,000 of tax increment secured obligations authorized on March 4, 2014 and March 1, 2016, to date, \$900,000 of the tax increment has been pledged, as evidenced by the Town's July 1, 2014 \$900,000 Tax Increment Financing District Improvement Bond. **(By Australian ballot)**


Dated at Hartford, Vermont this 17th day of January, 2017.

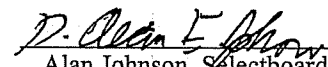
SELECTBOARD MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF HARTFORD

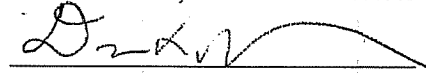

Richard Grassi, Selectboard Chair

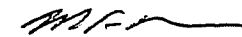

Rebecca White, Selectboard Vice-Chair


Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk


Simon Dennis, Selectboard Member


Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member


Dennis Brown, Selectboard Member


Mike Morris, Selectboard Member