



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING**

Friday, January 24, 2020, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, VT 05001

I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting

1. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances

a. Approval of Revised FY21 General Fund Total and Corresponding March 3, 2020 Town Meeting Warning. (motion required)

- The Total FY21 Budget will increase from \$17,481,080 (approved 1/20/20) to \$17,609,830 to correctly compute the service organization appropriations. This correction results in an increase of \$128,750. The corrected FY21 General Fund Budget is an increase of 3.16% over the FY20 General Fund Budget.
- The correction will increase the Town Meeting Warning, Article 2, to \$17,378,103 for operating expenses.

2. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: (Motion Required)

All Meetings of the Hartford Selectboard are open to the public. Persons who are seeking action by the Selectboard are asked to submit their request and/or materials to the Selectboard Chair or Town Manager's office no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding the scheduled meeting date. Requests received after that date will be addressed at the discretion of the Chair. Citizens wishing to address the board should do so during the Citizen Comments period.

**WARNING
FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2020**

Voting by Australian ballot is to be held on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**, at the Hartford High School Gymnasium. Budget Discussion/Candidates Night is to be held on **Monday, February 24, 2020, at 7:00PM**, 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 3, 2020. POLLS OPEN AT 7:00AM EST AND CLOSE AT 7:00PM EST.

1. To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator for one year; Town Treasurer for 3 years; Selectboard Member for two years; Selectboard Member for two years; Selectboard Member for three years; West Hartford Library Trustee for five years. **(By Australian ballot)**
2. Shall the Town authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$17,378,103 (plus any appropriations voted below) of which \$2,713,680 shall be raised by non-tax revenue, \$742,472 by unassigned fund balance transfer, and the balance by property tax revenue? **(By Australian ballot)**
3. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$81,750) to be paid to **Advance Transit** for public transportation services? **(By Australian Ballot)**
4. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be paid to **Community Access Television, Inc.** for video recording of local government meetings? **(By Australian ballot)**
5. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500) to be paid to **The Family Place**, for programs for families with young children? **(By Australian ballot)**
6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,550) to be paid to **Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley**, for organization of volunteers to assist families with new babies? **(By Australian ballot)**
7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be paid to **Good Neighbor Health Clinic and The Red Logan Dental Clinic** for medical and dental care? **(By Australian ballot)**
8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) to be paid to **Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** in support of senior volunteer programs? **(By Australian ballot)**
9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be paid to the **Hartford Community Coalition** for community support/education of mental health concerns, reduction of substance misuse, and the Take A Bite Out Of Hunger community food program? **(By Australian ballot)**
10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be paid to the **Hartford Historical Society** for collecting, conserving and displaying the Town's history? **(By Australian**

ballot)

11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be paid to **Headrest** for information, referral and crisis intervention services? **(By Australian ballot)**
12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$977) to be paid to **Public Health Council of the Upper Valley** for ongoing public health coordination for residents in the areas of substance misuse, elder care, oral health, emergency preparedness and healthy living? **(By Australian ballot)**
13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) to be paid to **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)**, Inc. to assist Hartford in responding to the emergency needs of the community, and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need? **(By Australian ballot)**
14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$4,530) to be paid to **Special Needs Support Center of the Upper Valley** to serve children and adults with special needs? **(By Australian ballot)**
15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800) to **Stagecoach Transportation Services**, a Division of Tri-Valley Transit, for providing transportation services? **(By Australian ballot)**
16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$975) to be paid to **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI)** in support of blind and visually impaired Vermonters? **(By Australian ballot)**
17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$845) to be paid to **Vermont Center for Independent Living** in support of Vermonters with disabilities? **(By Australian ballot)**
18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) to be paid to **Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.** for home health care and hospice care? **(By Australian ballot)**
19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be paid to **Windsor County Partners** for youth mentoring services? **(By Australian ballot)**
20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be paid to **Women's Information Service (WISE), Inc.** for ending gender-based violence? **(By Australian ballot)**
21. Shall the Town authorize the expenditure of exactly \$200,000.00 of Local Option Tax Revenue Funds towards the purchase of a VHF IP Simulcast Repeater System to upgrade the Hartford Fire Department communications? **(By Australian ballot)**
22. Shall the Town authorize the expenditure of exactly \$160,000.00 of Local Option Tax Revenue Funds for the purchase of a parking meter system for downtown White River Junction in the Town of Hartford? **(By Australian ballot)**
23. Shall the Selectboard be authorized to pledge the credit of the Town of Hartford to secure indebtedness evidenced by general obligation bonds or notes, and to make direct payments from the tax increment and other revenue generated within the Hartford White River Junction Tax Increment Financing District in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,666,600, for the purpose of:
 - (1) funding public infrastructure and capital improvements, and paying related costs attributed to such District improvements, namely, the engineering, design, legal, surveying, permitting and

construction of public sidewalk, curb, crosswalks, paving, road, parking, streetscape, landscaping lighting, and drainage, on South Main and Maple Streets;

(2) paying or reimbursing eligible related costs, District administrative costs, audits, advances, interfund loans and third-party public infrastructure costs for such improvements and any previously approved District improvements;

(3) pledging and appropriating the District's tax increment in the amount of \$2,666,600 plus allowable interest and fees, for the payment of such indebtedness, related costs, advances and reimbursements for the South Main and Maple Streets improvements, and any previously approved District improvements; and

(4) using any unexpended proceeds of bonds or notes previously issued or voter authorized, to finance the cost of District improvements and related costs for the South Main and Maple Streets improvement and any previously approved District improvements?

The legal voters of the Town are notified that, of the \$9,203,000 of tax increment secured obligations, including related costs, authorized on March 4, 2014, March 1, 2016, March 7, 2017, and March 5, 2019, to date \$3,137,800 of the tax increment has been pledged, as evidenced by the Town's July 1, 2014 \$900,000 and August 2, 2017 \$2,126,000 Tax Increment Financing District Improvement Bonds, and the Town's (Date, 2019) \$111,800 VT Clean Water Act Revolving Loan.

24. Shall the Town of Hartford issue general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid, for the purpose of making public improvements, namely, the construction of a public swimming pool at the former Sherman Manning Pool located in the Hartford High School athletic complex, at an estimated cost of Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000)?
25. Shall the operation, development, and maintenance of the Town of Hartford's municipal infrastructure and equipment be required to achieve carbon neutrality by 2027?
26. Shall the Town of Hartford advise the Selectboard to adopt the Welcoming Hartford Ordinance, dated September 3rd, 2019?

Dated at Hartford, Vermont this 24th day of January, 2020.

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF HARTFORD

Simon Dennis, Selectboard Chair

Richard Grassi, Selectboard Vice-Chair

Dennis Brown, Selectboard Clerk

Jameson Davis, Selectboard Member

Dan Fraser, Selectboard Member

Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member

Kim Souza, Selectboard Member