



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, VT 05001

**This meeting will be conducted in compliance with
Vermont Open Meeting Law with electronic participation.**

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- I.** Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting
- II.** Public and Selectboard Comments
- III.** Act 164 - Marijuana bill/sales in Town Question to put on Ballot (motion required)
- IV.** Approval of 2021 Town Meeting Warrant Language (motion required)
- V.** 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.

****** The two documents the Board will be considering are Titled:**

- 1. Warning for Annual Town Meeting**
- 2. Warning for Annual Town & School District Meeting Day**

Addition to warning if applicable:

ARTICLE 25. Shall the Town of Hartford permit and regulate the operation of cannabis establishments within the Town?

**WARNING
FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2021**

Voting by Australian ballot is to be held on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021**, at the Hartford High School Gymnasium.

Budget Discussion/Candidates Night is to be held remotely **Monday, February 22, 2021, at 7:00PM.**

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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 2, 2021. POLLS OPEN AT 7:00AM EST AND CLOSE AT 7:00PM EST.

DUE TO EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, VOTERS ARE URGED AND ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE AND EARLY BALLOTS FROM THE HARTFORD TOWN CLERK (802-295-2785 oneil@hartford-vt.org) ON AND AFTER FEBRUARY 10, 2021.

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; Selectboard Member for remaining one year of three year term; Selectboard Member for remaining one year of three year term ; West Hartford Library Trustee for remaining four years of five year term. (By Australian ballot)
2. Shall the Town authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$17,416,344 (plus any appropriations voted below) of which \$2,593,299 shall be raised by non-tax revenue, \$608,120 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 Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) to be paid to **Green Mountain**

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in support of senior volunteer programs? (By Australian ballot)

8. 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)
9. 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)
10. 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)
11. 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)
12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) to be paid to **Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)** 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)
13. 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)
14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800) to **Tri-Valley Transit**, for providing transportation services? (By Australian ballot)
15. 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)
16. 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)
17. 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)
18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be paid to **Windsor County Mentors** for youth mentoring services? (By Australian ballot)
19. 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)
20. Shall the Town authorize the expenditure of exactly \$111,600 of Local Option Tax Revenue Funds for the purpose of assisting various organizations owning or in control of Cemeteries in said Town, to be divided, per their request, as follows? (By Australian ballot)
 - Hartford Cemetery Association – \$75,600
 - Quechee Cemetery Association – \$14,500

- Mt. Olivet & St. Anthony's Cemeteries Association – \$17,800
- West Hartford Cemetery Association – \$3,700

- 21.** Shall the Town authorize the expenditure of exactly \$62,000 of Local Option Tax Revenue Funds for a VHF Simulcast Radio System Lease Payment for the Hartford Fire Department and Hartford Police Department? (By Australian ballot)
- 22.** Shall the Town of Hartford establish the Town of Hartford Climate Action Reserve Fund pursuant to 24 VSA 2804, and appropriate thereto from the Local Option Tax Reserve Fund the sum of \$60,000 to be used for financing Town initiatives in support of climate change mitigation and adaptation? (By Australian ballot)
- 23.** Shall the Town collect General and Highway Tax and the Town School District's Tax on real estate in two installments, the first being on or before August 20, 2021, and the second installment being on or before February 11, 2022, through the Treasurer? (By Australian ballot)
- 24.** Shall the Town pay its Town officers from the General Fund, effective July 1, 2021, 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? (By Australian ballot)

Dated at Hartford, Vermont this _____.

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Joe Major, Selectboard Member

Emma Behrens, Selectboard Member

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**WARNING
FOR
ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING DAY
2021**

The citizens of Hartford who are legal voters are hereby warned to meet on **Saturday, February 27, 2021**, at **10:00 AM** for the purpose of transacting Town business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

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The purpose of the Town business meeting being to discuss the following:

1. To receive the reports of the Town Officers.
2. To do any other necessary and proper non-binding business.

NOTE: The Annual Town and School District Meetings will both convene at 10:00AM. EST on Saturday, February 27, 2021. The School Meeting will immediately recess and be held following the conclusion of the Town Meeting.

Dated at Hartford, Vermont this 19th Day of January, 2021.

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