



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, VT 05001

Present: Simon Dennis, Selectboard Chair; Richard Grassi, Selectboard Vice Chair; Dennis Brown, Selectboard Clerk; Dan Fraser, Selectboard Member; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member; Jameson Davis, Selectboard Member; Kim Souza, Selectboard Member; Brannon Godfrey, Town Manager; Lana Livingston, Administrative Assistant; Hannah Tyler, Director of Public Works; Chief Kasten; Lannie Collins; Geraldine Williams; Gayle Ottmann; Jordan Cuddemi; Scott Neal; Michelle Wilson, Assessor.

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I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

II. Order of Agenda

Item #6 will be moved up to follow item #3.

III. Selectboard

1. Set the Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Tax Rate

**Selectboard Vice Chair, Dick Grassi made the motion
That the Selectboard accept:**

- **The General Highway Fund with:**
 - **\$0.9661 for Rate,**
- **The County Tax with:**
 - **\$0.0075 for Rate,**
- **The Restricted Appropriation with:**
 - **\$0.0159 for Rate,**
- **The Local Agreement Rate with:**
 - **\$0.0020 for Rate,**
- **Total Town Tax:**
 - **\$0.9915 for Rate,**
- **Education Homestead Tax Rate of \$1.6575;**

- **Education Non-Homestead Tax Rate: \$1.6663;**
- **Total Town and Education Homestead Tax Rate: \$2.6490;**
- **Total Town and Education Non- Homestead Tax Rate: \$2.6578;**
- **Total Appropriation 2019-2020 Fiscal Year: \$13,739,481.**

Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion, All were in favor the motion passed.

2. Solid Waste Transfer Station Operations

Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis made the motion to not accept any C&D materials at the Hartford Transfer Station until we know what Lebanon, NH is doing. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson second the motion. 6 members voted yah, 1 nay (Simon Dennis). The motion passed.

3. Parking Meters

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion to advise the staff to proceed with an RFP for parking meters in downtown White River Jct. Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Final Draft of Strategic Priorities

Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown made the motion to approve the Final Draft of the Selectboard's Strategic Priorities after Jameson Davis' were added. Selectboard member, Kim Souza seconded the motion. 3 members (Fraser, Dennis & Brown) voted yah and 4 (Grassi, Davis, Souza & Johnson) voted nay. The motion did not pass.

During the discussion it was decided that Brannon Godfrey would work on the clarifying the items better. The list will come back to the Board for further review.

5. 5th Charter Review Committee and Charge

Selectboard Member, Kim Souza made the motion to approve the 5th Charter Commission Charge as amended. Selectboard Vice Chair, Dick Grassi seconded the motion. Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown made a friendly amendment to remove item k. Clarify Floor Meeting and Australian Ballot Topics. Ms. Souza and Mr. Grassi both accepted the amendment. All were in favor and the motion passed.

5th Charter Commission Charge

Term: *The term of this commission shall end upon completion of the charge; not later than March 7th, 2020.*

Constitution:

This joint advisory committee will be constituted of seven citizen members. There shall be one member of the Selectboard and two members of the public appointed by the Selectboard, one member of the School Board and two members of the public appointed by the School Board, and one member of the public appointed jointly by the Selectboard and the School Board. Each member shall have equal weight in discussion and voting.

Charge:

1. *Process previously-made Charter revision recommendations into a revised charter to present to both the Hartford School Board and the Hartford Selectboard no later than November 30, 2019.*
2. *Giving special attention to the 4th Charter Commission's Memo dated 12/02/16, the issues to be reviewed should include:*
 - a. *Petition Language*
 - b. *Town Manager's Duties/Responsibilities/Authorities*
 - c. *Elected Officials Section Cleanup*
 - d. *Commissions/Committee Section Cleanup*
 - e. *Clerk Section Cleanup*
 - f. *Recall Vote Process*
 - g. *Board Member Absence Clarification*
 - h. *Quorum Language*
 - i. *Cleanup Internal Conflicts*
 - j. *Agreement with Open Meeting Law and State Statute*
 - k. *Clarify Budget Revote Process*
 - l. *Clarify Tied Election Process 4 Committee Charge Cont.*
 - m. *Other amendments, at the discretion of the Commission.*
 - n. *Any modifications recommended by the School Board*
3. *Submit a brief report to the Selectboard to explain the recommendations no later than November 25th.*
4. *To communicate with public about the recommendations as appropriate at public forums. In order to conform with the open meeting laws, committee meetings will be warned recorded and open to the public.*

6. Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness

Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser made the motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness as amended. Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Hartford Committee on Homelessness Charge

Term: *The term of this commission shall end upon completion of the charge; not later than March 7th, 2020.*

Constitution:

This advisory committee will be constituted by seven citizen members who will live or work within the Town of Hartford. There shall be one Selectboard Liaison who may or may not choose to be a committee member. Each member shall have equal weight in discussion and voting.

Charge:

1. *To work with area service providers to learn about the state and needs of Hartford Homelessness Population.*
2. *To research what other Towns in Vermont or elsewhere have done to support people experiencing homelessness.*
3. *To collaborate with parallel committees and/or delegates from the Towns of Lebanon, Hanover, Norwich or other regional Towns to discuss possibilities for a Regional Solution.*
4. *Submit a brief report to the Selectboard to explain findings and recommendations no later than February 8th, 2020.*
In order to conform with the open meeting laws, committee meetings will be warned recorded and open to the public.

V. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting (Motion Required)

Selectboard Vice Chair, Dick Grassi made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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.


