



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD BUDGET
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, Vermont 05001

Present: Richard Grassi, Selectboard Chair; Dennis Brown, Selectboard Vice Chair; Sandra Mariotti, Selectboard Clerk; Simon Dennis, Selectboard Member; Rebecca White, Selectboard Member; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member; Mike Morris, Selectboard Member; Leo Pullar, Town Manager; Lana Livingston, Administrative Assistant; Dawn Pullar; Lannie Collins; Gail Guernsey; Jeff Arnold; Jen Krom; Heather Albrecht; John Cooley; George and Gabrielle Lucke.

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I. Call to Order Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Lannie Collins, resident of Quechee, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Order of Agenda: There were no changes to the Agenda.

IV. Selectboard

1. Budget Workshop:

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi thanked Tony Gove for removing snow from 132 hydrants.

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi opened the meeting by addressing the citizens in the audience and explaining the Selectboard's budget process.

Many of the citizens that attended addressed the Board about the potential pool closing. Ideas were offered to the Selectboard of ways to repair or replace the pool. One was to apply for a Bond.

Mr. Grassi explained that the pool would be shut down for this coming summer anyway for repairs. As to what to do, repair or permanently close, the Board has not made that decision. Suggestions included forming a committee to address the pool's future.

a. Review Draft Revised Budget

General Fund Background

- Assumes Zero Growth in the Grand List:
 - \$1,331,145,200.00
- Current Tax Rate - \$0.9579 per \$100.00 of Value.

- FY18 General Fund Budget: \$15,284,567.00
 - Goal is 3% Growth or \$458,537.00 over FY 18 Budget - \$15,743,104.00.
- Projected Non-Tax Revenues are Fairly Flat.
 - FY18 Projected Revenues - \$2,559,132.00.
 - FY19 Projected Revenues - \$2,542,727.00.
- Goal Budget Leaves \$13,200,377.00 to be Raised By Taxes.
 - Tax Rate Rises 3.4 Cents to \$0.9917.

Recommend Budget

\$15,729,441.10

- Increase of \$444,874.10 (2.9%) Over FY18 Budget.
- Leaves \$13,186,714.10 to be Raised by Taxes.
- Equates to a Tax Rate of \$0.9906, an Increase of 3.3 Cents.
- Request is \$13,662.90 Under 3% Increase Goal.

b. Review Enterprise Fund Budgets

- Solid Waste Fund (Fund 30)
 - Expenditures - \$871,731.31
 - Revenues - \$890,418.00
- Water Fund (Fund 50)
 - Expenditures - \$1,798,037.01
 - Revenues - \$1,827,500.00
- Quechee Water Fund (Fund 55)
 - Expenditures - \$1,036,644.54
 - Revenues - \$1,039,054.00
- Waste Water Fund (Fund 60)
 - Expenditures - \$2,111,528.19
 - Revenues - \$2,115,000.00
- Quechee Waste Water Fund (Fund 65)
 - Expenditures - \$1,475,073.55
 - Revenues - \$1,477,753.00

c. Final Review/Adoption of Budget

Budget Impacts, Must Funds, Not Funding and What does it Buy was discussed.
No changes from the last Budget meeting.

d. Approval of Enterprise Fund Budgets

Selectboard Comments:

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi asked the citizens to keep the emails coming to the Board for any issues they would like to comment on. The Board takes all correspondence seriously. The Boards members all voiced their opinions and ideas about funding or not. At the end of the discussion, the Board agreed to pass the Budget as presented by Town Manager, Leo Pullar.

Selectboard Vice Chair, Dennis Brown made the motion:

That the Selectboard approve the Fund 30, Solid Waste Fund, operating budget of \$871,731.31, and That the Selectboard approve the Fund 50, White River Junction Water Fund, operating budget of \$1,798,037.01, and

That the Selectboard approve the Fund 55, Quechee Water Fund, operating budget of \$1,036,644.54, and

That the Selectboard approve the Fund 60, White River Junction Waster Water Fund, operating budget of \$2,111,528.19, and

That the Selectboard approve the Fund 65, Quechee Waste Water Fund, operating budget of \$1,475,073.55. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

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That the Selectboard adopt the Fund 10, General Fund, operating budget of \$15,729,441.10.

Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.


V. Future Selectboard Meeting/Workshop Date(s):

1/11/2018 (Budget Workshop), 1/16/2018 (Regular Meeting), & 1/30/2018 (Regular Meeting)

VI. Close the Selectboard Meeting (Mot. Req.)

Selectboard Member, Mike Morris made the motion to Close the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Selectboard Vice Chair, Dennis Brown 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.



Richard A. Grant