



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:00pm
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; Jameson Davis, Selectboard Member; Dan Fraser, Selectboard Member; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member; Kim Souza, Selectboard Member; Brannon Godfrey, Town Manager; Lana Livingston, Administrative Assistant; Lannie Collins; Gail Ostrout; Michael Redmond; Sandy Mariotti; Alicia Barrell; Mike Chamness.

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- I. **Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting:** Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Local Liquor Control Board:** N/A
- IV. **Order of Agenda:** Item 3.c. will be removed from the Agenda.
- V. **Selectboard**

1. Public, Selectboard Comments and Announcements:

Citizen Comment: Lannie Collins from Quechee, asked how Simon Dennis could be contacted as he is no longer using email. Mr. Dennis said you can call him at 802-295-3353.

Selectboard Comments:

Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser of Dan & Whit's, who organizes the annual fundraiser, reported that the community-based effort collected 20,660 pounds of food, \$231,915.00 in donations, plus \$150,000 in matching funds from the Byrne Foundation, for a 2019 total of \$381,915.00 from individuals and the roughly 60-70 Upper Valley businesses and restaurants that participated. Over the seven years the 19 Days has been running, it's raised \$1.6 million.

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dick Grassi thanked the many people that made the Warrant Information Night at the High School on January 13th a success.

Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis remind everyone that “Visible in VT” is at the Quechee Library through the 31st. On Saturday, the 25th there will be a panel discussion that he will participate in. Also, JAG Festival 4.0 will be at the Briggs Opera House February 7&8 and at the Hopkins Center in Hanover on February 9th.

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson reported that the Teen Center in WRJ will be closing the end of February.

2. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances

a. FY21 Budget and 1 Year CIP Wrap UP

The Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness presented to the Board a draft of their final report of “Homelessness in the Upper Valley.” In the report was an attachment that outlined how the Budget Request of \$15,000 would be allocated. There is no clear plan on how or who would distribute the funds.

Amendments to the Budget (continued from the 1/14/2020 meeting.)

Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser made the motion to add \$15,000 for the Homelessness Committee to the budget. Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Kim Souza made the motion to include in the budget the \$69,868 for a Wellness Coordinator. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion. 6 were in favor and 1 (Brown) was not in favor. The motion passed. Dan Fraser suggested contacting Norwich because they are looking for a Health and Wellness Expert for 8 hours a week. Perhaps that person would also work for Hartford. Kim Souza mentioned that she had spoken to a person from Shelburne, VT that has a program and they would be willing to come to a Selectboard meeting to share what they are doing successfully.

The Special Event Trailer had no motions to remove it from the budget so it stays in the budget.

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion to add to the budget \$8,000 for 2 lighted speed limit signs for Wilder. Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dick Grassi made the motion to add \$15,000 to the budget for Maxfield Softball Field Lighting. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. This is an annual amount that will be paid for in 7 years.

Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis made the motion to add \$38,000 to the budget for Maxfield Safety Netting. Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. FY21 General Fund Budget Approval

Selectboard Member, Kim Souza made the motion to approve the FY21 General Fund Budget totaling \$17,481.80 to be funded with \$2,329,750 in no-tax revenue and \$742,472 of Unassigned Fund Balance and \$14,408.858 to be raised by taxes. Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dick Grassi seconded the motion. 6 were in favor and 1(Brown) was not in favor. The motion passed.

Selectboard Member, Kim Souza made the motion to accept net expenses of \$17,249,353 for Budget FY21 General Fund. Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dick Grassi seconded the motion. 6 were in favor and 1(Brown) was not in favor. The motion passed.

c. FY21—FY26 Capital Improvement Plan Approval (Motion Required)
Removed from this agenda and will be addressed at a later date.

d. Adoption of FY21 Enterprise Fund Budgets

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson Made the motion to approve Fund 14 Parking with a budget of \$50,000 Expenses and Revenue; Fund 30 Solid Waste Fund with a budget of Expenses \$952,630 and Revenues of \$922,184; Fund 50 WR Water Fund with a budget of \$1,175,385 Expenses and Revenues of \$1,167,831; Fund 55 Quechee Water Fund with a budget of \$435,553 of Expenses and Revenues of \$437,285; Fund 60 WR Wastewater Fund with a budget of Expenses of \$1,849,967 and Revenues of \$1,893,237 and Fund 65 Quechee Wastewater Fund with a budget of Expenses of \$1,389,520 and Revenues of \$1,386,140. Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown seconded the motion. 7 were in favor and the motion passed.

e. Approval of 2020 Town Meeting Warning

Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser made the motion to accept the Draft February 29, 2020 Town Meeting Day Warning and the Draft March 3, 3030 Annual Town Meeting Warning both as presented. Selectboard Member, Kim Souza seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Commission Meeting Reports: TBD

Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis asked the Bord if they are all ok with the revised copy of the "Letter from the Selectboard" for the Town Report. There was a general nod of heads to accept the letter.

4. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting (Motion Required):

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dick Grassi made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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.


