



**TOWN OF HARTFORD SELECTBOARD & SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARINGS MINUTES FOR PROPOSED BOND FOR THE RENOVATION OF
THE WILDER SCHOOL, PROPOSED PURCHASE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE ON HIGHLAND AVENUE AND
PROPOSED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS BOND.**

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, Vermont 05001

Present: Kevin Christie, School Board Chair; Russell North, School Board Clerk; Peter Merrill, School Board Member; Nancy Russell, School Board Member; Michelle Boleski, School Board Member; Tom DeBalsi, Superintendent of Schools; Simon Dennis, Selectboard Chair; Richard Grassi, Selectboard Vice Chair; Dennis Brown, Selectboard Clerk; Rebecca White, Selectboard Member; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Member; Jameson Davis, Selectboard Member; Kim Souza, Selectboard Member; Leo Pullar, Town Manager; Lana Livingston, Administrative Assistant; Dawn Pullar; Mike Morris; Scott Farnsworth; Asma Elhuni; Dan Fraser; Gabrielle Lucke; Jared Pendak; Hannah Tyler, Director of Public Works; Wayne Elliott, Aldrich & Elliot; Tim Covell, Sr.; Daniel Loskutoff; Susan Loskutoff; Rebecca Chollet; Doug Heavisides.

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Simon Dennis, Selectboard Chair, opened the Public Hearing for the Selectboard @ 6:07 P.M.
Mr. Dennis recessed the Selectboard Meeting.

Kevin Christie, School Board Chair, opened the School Board Meeting @ 6:07 P.M.

I. Call to Order the Public Hearing for Proposed Bond for The Renovation of The Wilder School.

Mr. Christie called to order the Public Hearing for the Proposed Bond for the Renovation of the Wilder School.

II. Proposed Bond for the Renovation of the Wilder School.

Doug Heavisides, Sr. presented the Final Report and Recommendations for the Wilder School to the public.

Recommendation: The committee recommended option #1 to renovate the Wilder School Building to include RAP and HARP. This is the most cost effective proposal. The Bond would be for 5.4 Million.

III. Close the Public Meeting for the Proposed Bond for the Renovation of The Wilder School.

Mr. Christie closed the Public Hearing on the proposed bond for the renovation to the Wilder School at 7:33 P.M.

IV. Call to Order the Public Hearing for the Voter Authorization to Purchase Property Adjacent to the Superintendent's Office on Highland Avenue.

Mr. Christie opened the Public Hearing for the proposed voter authorization to purchase property adjacent to the Superintendent's office at 71 Highland Avenue.

V. Proposed Voter Authorization to Purchase Property Adjacent to the Superintendent's Office on Highland Avenue.

Mr. Merrill presented the proposal to the public. The property is 3,069 square feet on .6 of an acre. It is currently empty but is configured into 3 apartments. The prices is \$315,000 with interest of \$17,120 for a total cost of \$332,120. Mr. Covell has offered to hold the mortgage. The property is located at the South Side of the entrance to the Hartford Main Campus. Possible uses include: Administrative Offices, alternative education spaces and additional parking.

VI. Close the Public Meeting for the Proposed Voter Authorization to Purchase Property Adjacent to the Superintendent's Office on Highland Avenue.

Mr. Christie closed the Public Hearing for the proposed voter authorization to purchase property adjacent to the Superintendent's office at 71 Highland Ave. at 7:50 P.M.

VII. Call to Order Public Hearing Tax Increment Financing District Improvement Bond.

Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis called to order the Public Hearing for the Tax Increment Financing District Improvement Bond at 8:02 P.M.

VIII. Proposed Tax Increment Financing District Improvement Bond.

Selectboard Member, Rebecca White presented the TIF Bond proposal along with Wayne Elliot from Aldrich & Elliot and Leo Pullar.

Overview of the Proposed 2019 TIF Project: South Main St, North Main St & Gates St Construction, and Related Costs -Estimate Cost = \$5,477,000

Rehabilitation or replacement of very old underground sanitary sewer, stormwater, and water infrastructure systems.

Installation of Green stormwater infrastructure and landscaping reduces impact on system, improves water quality and streetscape.

Reconstruction of the roadway, including new and replacement sidewalk, curbing, lighting, bike lanes, crosswalks, and other improvements where needed for improved vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety.

South Main St: ~2,200 ft; North Main St: ~200 ft; Gates St: ~920 ft

South Main Street Retaining Wall Repairs for vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Related costs include such items as, permitting, legal, audits, outside consultants, District administration, project development, and financing estimated at \$100,000 in aggregate.

IX. Close Public Hearing for Tax Increment Financing District Improvement Bond.

Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis closed the Public Hearing at 9:15 P.M.

Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dick Grassi made the motion to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

School Board Member, Peter Merrill made the motion to close the School Board Meeting. School Board Member, Russell North seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.


