

2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL
37 HIGHLAND AVENUE
WRJ, VT 05001
MARCH 3, 2018

Present: Town Moderator, Quinn Colgan; Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; Selectboard Vice-Chair, Dennis Brown; Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis; Selectboard Member, Rebecca White; Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson; Selectboard Member, Mike Morris; Town Manager, Leo Pullar; School Board of Directors Chair, Kevin Christie; School Board of Directors Vice Chair, Lori Dickerson; School Board of Directors Member, Peter Merrill; School Board of Directors Member, Michelle Boleski; Hartford School District Superintendent, Tom DeBalsi; Town Clerk, Beth Hill; Future Town Clerk, Lisa O'Neil; Executive Assistant, Eliza LeBrun; Administrative Assistant, Lana Livingston; Director of Parks & Recreation, Scot Hausler; Dawn Pullar; F. CATV; Charlie Merlo and company, representatives of the Hartford Historical Society, Hartford Community Coalition, Hartford Energy Commission, Hartford Conservation Commission, Hartford Tree Board, and members of the general public.

Absent: School Board of Directors Clerk, Nancy Russell

The citizens of Hartford who are legal voters are hereby warned to meet at the Hartford High School (Hanley Gym) in said Town on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of transacting Town business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

Town Moderator, Quinn Colgan opened the Annual Town and School Meeting at 10:05am and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Colgan shared the rules and procedures that all attendees need to follow.

The Selectboard meeting was immediately recessed.

Immediately following the School Board meeting, Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 11:00am.

1. Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi asked to receive the reports of the town officers and agencies receiving appropriations.
 - a. Advance Transit – page 105 of Town Report, presented by Van Chestnut. F. X. Flinn asked Mr. Chestnut to explain why Advance Transit does not extend to the Upper Valley Aquatic Center or the Maxfield Playing Fields. Mr. Van explained that A.T. depends on federal funding to expand their routes and there has been no increase to federal funding yet, but Advance Transit is making plans for if and when that happens.
 - b. Cover Home Repair – page 107 of Town Report, presented by Denise Johnson.
 - c. The Family Place – page 107, presented by Posie Taylor.
 - d. Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley – page 109, presented by Karen Morton.
 - e. Hartford Historical Society – page 94, presented by Roy Black.
 - f. Headrest – page 111, presented by Cameron Ford.
 - g. Health Care & Rehabilitation Center – page 111, presented by Whitney Hussong.
 - h. VNA/VNH – page 114, presented by Hillary Davis.
 - i. Windsor County Partners – page 115, presented by Amanda Culp.

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi thanked the agencies for their service and time.

2. **Selectboard Vice Chair, Dennis Brown; made a motion to vote to collect Town General and Highway Tax and the Town School District's Tax on real estate in two installments, the first being on or before August 10, 2018, and the second installment being on or before February 8, 2019 through the Treasurer. Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti; seconded the motion.**

The motion was called to question by the Town Moderator. The majority voice vote was aye. The motion carries.

3. **Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti made a motion to vote what compensation the Town will pay its Town officers from the General Fund, effective July 1, 2018 pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Section 932, Moderator \$100 per annum; Board of Civil Authority \$50 per diem; Lister's \$20.00 per hour; Treasurer \$14,000 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. Selectboard Member, Simon Dennis seconded the motion.**

The motion was called to question by the Town Moderator. The majority voice vote was aye. The motion carried.

4. Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi asked the Selectboard and public if there was any other necessary and proper non-binding business to conduct.

Selectboard Clerk, Sandra Mariotti read a proclamation for Town Clerk Beth Hill into the minutes of the meeting as follows:

WHEREAS, upon the occasion of her retirement from the Town of Hartford on March 6, 2018 the Town of Hartford Selectboard wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Mary "Beth" Hill for her loyal and dedicated service to the citizens and Town of Hartford; *and*

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hill has served the residents of the Town of Hartford since 1992; *and*

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Town Clerk, Mrs. Hill has devoted countless hours to the residents and Town of Hartford and has provided sound experience and judgment while serving the community, *and*

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hill has served with professionalism, a positive attitude and grace under pressure; *and*

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hill has devoted her time, energy and talents to the Town of Hartford, serving with unfailing integrity, dignity, and thoughtful reflection and her career serves as a positive example to all who serve the public; *and*

WHEREAS, the Town of Hartford Selectboard and the citizens of Hartford, are most grateful for the many contributions Mrs. Hill has made during her long career in public service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hartford Selectboard extends to Mrs. Hill best wishes for many years of good health and happiness during her retirement and all future endeavors.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2018 in the Town of Hartford, Vermont.

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi presented Ms. Hill with a plaque in her honor.

Mrs. Hill thanked everyone for their support.

Selectboard Chair, Richard Grassi; also noted that Mr. Colgan would not be seeking re-election as the Town Moderator. Mr. Grassi thanked Mr. Colgan for his service to the Town of Hartford.

5. **Selectboard member, Rebecca White made a motion to close the Annual Town Meeting at 11:50 am. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson; seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Selectboard Clerk