



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 16, 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; Phil Kasten, Police Chief; Scott Cooney, Fire Chief; Gail Ostrout, Finance Director; Dawna Nadeau, Finance; Lisa O'Neil, Town Clerk; Sherry West, Asst. Town Clerk; Stephenny West; Lori Hirshfield, Director of Planning & Development; Scott Hausler, Director of Parks & Rec.; Dillon Walsh, IT Director; Paula Nulty, Human Resource Director; Michelle Wilson, Assessor; Brenda Lamphere, Planning. There were 128 people that signed into the meeting. The total Hartford residents were 58 and non-residents were 70.

CATV Recording Part 1. <http://catv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/8869?channel=1>
CATV Recording Part 2. <http://catv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/8868?channel=1>

- I. **Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting:** Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Chief, Scott Cooney led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Local Liquor Control Board:** Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis recessed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Local Liquor Control Board for the Town of Hartford.
 1. **New** – Wolf Tree Hospitality LLC DBA Wolf Tree, 40 Currier Street, White River Junction, VT 05001. (1st Class)

Selectboard Vice Chair, Dick Grassi made the motion to approve the 1st Class Liquor License for Wolf Tree Hospitality LLC DBA Wolf Tree, 40 Currier Street, White River Junction, VT 05001. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion. 5 were in favor and 2 abstained (Souza & Fraser) the motion passed.

Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis closed the Local Liquor Control Board and reopened the Selectboard meeting.

IV. Order of Agenda: Item V. 6. Consent Agenda was moved up to follow item V.3.

V. Selectboard

1. Citizen, Selectboard Comments and Announcements:

Citizen comments: Ken Parker from Hartford commented on sharing municipal resources within the immediate area. If the Towns consolidated resources it would be best for all the Towns. Such items as a fire ladder truck and solid waste.

Selectboard Comments: Selectboard member, Jameson Davis reported that he met the new Vermont Director of Racial Equity, Xusana Davis.

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson thanked everyone for coming out tonight to be at this meeting.

2. Appointments:

- a. Consider the Re-Appointment of Erik Krauss to a three-year term to the Hartford Energy Commission beginning on July 16, 2019 and ending on July 15, 2022.

Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis made the motion to re-appoint Erik Krauss to a three-year term to the Hartford Energy Commission beginning on July 16, 2019 and ending on July 15, 2022. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Town Manager's Report: Significant Activity Report period ending July 16, 2019.

Town Manager, Brannon Godfrey reported on the activity for the last 2 weeks. The full report can be accessed at this link:

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/163>

4. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances

- a. Discussion on Fair & Impartial Policing Policy Amendments

Police Chief, Phil Kasten presented an overview of the Police Department and the proposed policy amendment.

There was discussion and testimonies presented and read on both sides

of this issue by both Hartford residents and non-residents. (Please see the CATV recording of the meeting.)

At the end of the discussion Selectboard Chair agreed to hold a vote on this at the next regular Selectboard meeting on July 30th and he also agreed to expand the workgroup to include additional proponents of the amendment.

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made a motion to repeal the 5th Charter Charge with the intent to draft a new one. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion. 3 members voted Yah (Johnson, Davis & Souza). 4 members voted Nay (Dennis, Brown, Grassi & Fraser). The motion did not pass.

- b. Ladder Truck Purchase (Motion Required) *Not addressed at this meeting.*
- c. Adoption of State Template for Town Road and Bridge Standards (Motion Required) *Not addressed at the meeting.*
- d. Wilder Well #1 Pump Station Expansion Contract Award (Motion Required) *Not addressed at this meeting.*
- e. Ratification of Strategic Priorities List (Motion Required) *Not addressed at this meeting.*

5. **Commission Meeting Reports:** There were no commission reports.

6. **Consent Agenda (Motion Required): Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Approve Payroll Ending: 7/13/2019

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 7/2/2019 & 7/9/2019


Approve A/P Manifest of: 7/12/2019 and 7/16/2019

Selectboard Meeting Dates of:

- Already Approved: 7/30/2019, 8/13/2019 and 8/27/2019

7. **Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis made the motion to close the Selectboard meeting at 11:30 PM. Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Du", is written above a horizontal line.