



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 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; Lori Hirshfield, Director of Planning and Development; Hannah Tyler, Director of Public Works; Erik Kraus, Chair of the Energy Commission; Lannie Collins; Linda Cook; Marcy Bartlett; Skip Nalette; Jeff Goodrich; Tom Caudon; Jamie Teague; Jon Felde; David Sherman.

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I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Local Liquor Control Board: Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis recessed the Selectboard Meeting at 6:03 PM and opened the Local Liquor Control Board.

1. Baker Street Inc. Doing Business As: Parker House Inn, 1792 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059. (Third Class License)

2. Perry Hospitality Group of Vermont Doing Business As: The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farms, Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059. (Third Class License)

Selectboard Vice Chair, Dick Grassi made the motion to approve the Baker Street Inc. Doing Business As: Parker House Inn, 1792 Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for a Third Class Liquor License and Perry Hospitality Group of Vermont Doing Business As: The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farms, Quechee Main Street, Quechee, VT 05059 for a Third Class Liquor License. Selectboard Member, Jameson Davis seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 2 abstained (Souza & Fraser.) The motion passed.

Selectboard Chair, Simon Dennis closed the Local Liquor Board and reopened the Selectboard meeting at 6:08 PM.

IV. Order of Agenda: Item 2a is postponed until the October 8th meeting.

V. Selectboard

1. Public, Selectboard Comments and Announcements:

Public Comments: Marcy Bartlett of Wilder made the Board aware of the speeding traffic on Hartford Avenue in Wilder. She asked if the lights on either end of the stretch that goes through Wilder could be fixed. Ms. Bartlett also invited the Board members to stop by and see the renovations being done on the Wilder School. Goods things are happening and she would like the Board to see.

Lannie Collins of Quechee spoke to Chair, Simon Dennis about the comments he, Mr. Collins, made at the September 3rd meeting when he asked for Mr. Dennis to step down as chair and the Board. Mr. Collins asked if indeed Mr. Dennis did send the email expressing concern for nondocumented folks in WRJ and if he did offer sanctuary to these people via the Center for Transformational Practice (CTP). Mr. Dennis said he did send that email and he did offer sanctuary at the CTP. Mr. Dennis does have the authority to speak for the CTP.

Selectboard Comments: Dick Grassi reported that he had “brown water” again. Hannah Tyler, Director of Public Works said that there was indeed a water main break that DPW was currently working on. Alan Johnson said he would be interested in going to the Wilder School project to see the progress. Jameson Davis asked if the Board members did meet at the Wilder School if it could be after 5:30PM so he could attend. Dennis Brown asked if the Town Report could honor Luna Ricker in some way. She is a great loss for the Town.

2. Appointments:

- a. Consider the Appointment of Dillon Bianchi to a 3-year term on the Hartford Planning Commission beginning September 24, 2019 and ending on September 23, 2022.

Postponed until the October 8th Selectboard Meeting.

3. Town Manager’s Report: Significant Activity Report ending September 24th.

Link to the Town Manager’s Significant Activity Report:

<https://www.hartford-vt.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/168>

4. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances

- a. Norwich School District Request for Hartford Sanitary Sewer Extension to Marion Cross Elementary School (info. only)

A presentation was made from the Norwich School District. There was also

input from Brannon Godfrey, Lori Hirshfield & Hannah Tyler.

There are many more questions to be answered and studies to be done. It is not likely that anything will be ready for the March voters. Both sides will continue to go forward to answer the questions that Hartford will have and clarify issues.

b. Solid Waste Operations Update (info. only)

Hannah Tyler, DPW Director presented a slide show of the current condition of the Solid Waste Operations. There are still many questions to be answered but at this time they will continue to operate Tuesdays – Saturdays. Much more analysis will need to be done and creative solutions may be needed to continue to operate. Ms. Tyler will update the Selectboard when more information becomes available.

c. Budget Guidance Memo (workshop) – tabled to the next meeting, October 8th.

d. Consideration to Form a Town & School Work Group to Draft a Climate Emergency Resolution (motion required)

Selectboard member, Jameson Davis made the motion to approve the Hartford Ad Hoc Climate Advisory Committee for a term no longer than December 4, 2019 with the charge as presented. Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson seconded the motion. 5 were in favor, 2 (Grassi & Brown) were not in favor. The motion passed.

Hartford Ad-Hoc Climate Advisory Committee

Term: The term of this commission shall end upon completion of this charge; not later than December 4th, 2019.

Constitution: This ad hoc advisory committee will be constituted by eight members, one Planning Department Delegate, one Resilient Hartford Delegate, one Hartford Energy Commission Delegate, the Energy Coordinator, two School Board Delegates, and two Selectboard Delegates. Each member shall have equal weight in discussion and voting.

Charge:

1. To draft proposed language for a Climate Emergency Declaration, not later than November 5th.
2. To make other recommendations to the School Board and Selectboard as needed.
3. To craft draft language for a Climate Change Mitigation Ballot Initiative for the March 3rd Election, not later than December 3rd.

In order to conform with the open meeting laws, committee meetings will be warned recorded and open to the public.

5. Commission Meeting Reports: Kim Souza reported for HCOREI. They

are reassessing where they are and where they are going. The Planning Commission and Design Review Committee were both discussing 132 Main Street. BCA also met.

Dennis Brown attended the Historic Preservation Commission. They are currently working on a consultation demolition ordinance. They are looking at many options. The Zoning Commission are processing 2 applications. Mr. Brown also reminded everyone that the Drive In Sign will need to be relocated.

Dan Fraser attended the School Board Meeting. There is also a Tree Identification walk on October 12th.

Dick Grassi attended the Parks & Recreation meeting. Hartford is the *smallest* Parks & Rec Department that is accredited in the country. Also, The Parks & Rec Department is always evaluating their programs. This is ongoing throughout the year. There will be a Pool Presentation after the Engineering Study. For a small department, it is amazing what they do.

Alan Johnson reported that the Electric Vehicle event was a success. There were over 400 people that registered and many more that didn't. The conservation Commission's work day was a great success.

Simon Dennis reported on Resilience Hartford's Potato Fest was a success. The village of WRJ won the event with the most growers.

6. Consent Agenda (Mot Req.):

Selectboard Member, Alan Johnson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Selectboard Member, Dan Fraser seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approve Payroll Ending: 9/21/2019

Approve Meeting Minutes of: 9/3/2019, 9/10/2019 & 9/11/2019

Approve A/P Manifest of: 9/20/2019 & 9/24/2019

Selectboard Meeting Dates of:

- Already Approved: 9/24/2019, 10/8/2019, 10/15/2019 and 10/22/2019
- Needs Approval: 11/5/2019 & 11/19/2019

7. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting. (Mot Req.)

Selectboard Clerk, Dennis Brown made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. Selectboard Member, Kim Souza 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.

