

Town of Hartford  
Ordinance Committee Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
March 12, 2025  
6pm @ Hartford Town Hall

Members Present: Daryl Boness, Jane Quint, Kathleen Theriault, Paula Brown  
Non-members present: ?? Buzzels

Minutes were approved for the February meeting.

Alternate member Paula Brown was seated as a voting member.

We discussed several things before working on the solar ordinance. One item discussed was working on the draft junkyard ordinance provided by the CEO, however, before we can review it, we need an answer from the Select Board as to whether the ordinance should allow new junkyard applications. CEO Scott Mills said he left the ordinance ambiguous on this expecting the Select Board to decide.

A second item that needs clarification and possible action by the Select Board concerns a change in the Building Permits Ordinance that went to the Select Board already. CEO Scott Mills emailed about changes of the word "shall to must" that he felt removed flexibility the CEO had but he preferred to allow the CEO position to have that flexibility. His comments follow: "...this removes the power of discretion from the enforcement officer which the state allows all enforcement to have by law. I disagree with the shift of power."

We decided Daryl would raise these issues with the Select Board for their decision so we could proceed with the appropriate changes to the two draft ordinances.

We discussed the new items Daryl had suggested for the Solar Ordinance. We approved Article 5 section A. We discussed the remainder of the items under Article 5 but decided to hold action on them to let people check against what other town's solar ordinances had for process items and application requirements so we could give more thought to the draft list. We will finalize these at the next meeting and develop the standards that will need to be met. Mrs. Buzzel provided the Committee with a copy of the Town of Greene's solar ordinance.

Also, we realized time is running out to get things to the Select Board if they are going to get on the June warrant. Thus, we agreed that we should call a special work session for March 27th at 6 pm to make further progress on the solar ordinance and possibly the junkyard ordinance too. We will still have the normally scheduled meeting in April and could call another working session after that if needed.