

Town of Hartford  
Public Hearing  
Minutes  
May 26, 2026  
Hartford Town Hall & YouTube  
6:00pm

- I. Cathy Lowe, Chair of the Board, called the public hearing to order at 6pm with approximately 32 attendees.
- II All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag
- III Town Meeting Warrant Articles/ordinance amendments: The Board took turns reading articles of the town meeting warrant that will be voted on at the June 9, 2026 Municipal Election and June 13, 2026 Annual Town Meeting.  
Discussion included left over FEMA funds to be used for summer road projects. A Board member shared a power point of estimated costs associated with creating a new transfer station on Gurney Hill Road. The cost of the proposal from TRC to handle the permitting and planning is \$71,000.00 minus \$4,000.00 that the Board paid out of current year budget for a vernal pool study, site work estimate is \$60,814.00, compactor lease \$11,425.00, fence \$11,350.00, electrical \$14,950.00, and miscellaneous costs \$15,000.00 which equals \$180,539.00. Bulky waste collection will remain an annual event. Household trash and white metal would be allowed at the proposed transfer station. Estimated annual cost to operate the proposed transfer station: (wages, compactor, electric, plowing, porta potty, recycle fees, hauling of trash) \$50,812.32 plus tipping costs the total would be estimated at \$100,190.00. The Board member stated that the contract with Archie's Inc. expires June 30, 2027 and both parties have the option to consider a two-year extension of that contract. The town has not received the results of the vernal pool study done at the site to determine whether or not the site is suitable for a transfer station. The State is working to pass an Extended Product Refund Program which will allow the town to receive a refund of the cost to process recyclables. A Board member stated that the amount of tonnage collected is determined by the percentage of how full the trucks are not by weight. The Board member stated that all contracted work and hauling would be placed out to bid. Comments included prior transfer station violations, convenience of curbside collection, and correspondence with Archies confirming they will agree to extend the contract.  
While reviewing the social services articles it was stated that we should not be approving funds for political groups.
- V Candidate Night: Cathy Lowe, candidate for Selectmen introduced herself and shared some history of her town service.
- VI Cathy adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Minutes prepared by,

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Town Clerk