

Town of Hartford  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
March 17, 2026  
6:30pm@ Hartford Town Hall & YouTube

Present: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Aaron Harvey, Nicholas Tiftt, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Realtor Doreen Jackson, residents Steve Elsmann, Lennie Eichman, and Lee Holman.

- I. Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag
- III Aaron motioned to approve the amended minutes of the March 3, 2026 Selectmen's meeting. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.
- IV Nicholas motioned to approve Warrant 17, Payroll Warrants March 4, 2026 & March 11, 2026. Aaron second. All in favor=3.
- V Reports
  1. RSU 10 Director Report: None.
  2. Road Commissioner Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Road Commissioner (attached).
  3. Constable Report: None.
  4. CEO Report: None.
  5. ACO Report: None.
  6. Fire Warden Report: None.
  7. Treasurer Report: The Town has received a General Assistance reimbursement. The Board agreed to refund the unused portion of Community Grant funds.
    - a. Bank Reconciliations February 2026: The Board reviewed bank reconciliations.
  8. Road Committee Approved Minutes: None.
  9. Planning Board Approved Minutes: None.
  10. Ad hoc Planning Committee Approved Minutes: None.
  11. Ordinance Committee Approved Minutes: None.
  12. Cemetery Committee Approved Minutes: None.
  13. Solid Waste Committee Approved Minutes: None.
  14. Recreation Committee Approved Minutes: None.
  15. Buckfield Hartford Summer Withdrawal Committee Approved Minutes: None.
- VI Calendar Reminders
  1. Selectmen Budget Workshop 3/18/26 5:30pm Hartford Town Hall
  2. Solid Waste Committee Mtg. 3/19/26 6:30pm Hartford Town Hall
  3. RSU10 Withdrawal Committee Mtg. 3/19/26 Buckfield
  4. Ordinance Committee Mtg. 3/23/2026 6pm Hartford Town Hall
  5. Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee Mtg. 3/31/26 6:30pm Hartford Town Hall
  6. Budget Committee Mtg tentative date 4/2/26 6pm Hartford Town Hall
  7. Planning Board Mtg. 4/6/26 6:30 Hartford Town Hall
  8. Selectmen Mtg. 4/7/26 6:30pm Hartford Town Hall
- VII Unfinished Business
  1. Digital Communications & Technology Policy amended: The prior approved policy was presented with additional amendments and discussion included clarification of duties. Tabled.
  2. Tax Acquired Sale Offers & Legal Advice: The Board reviewed legal advice concerning the escalation clauses and recovery of legal fees. It was noted that the realtor shall not disclose offers on properties but the Board may disclose the amounts offered. The Board opened a sealed bid received over a year ago on the Nelson property.

Aaron motioned to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest offer on the Blanchard property if the first offer backs out. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

VIII New Business

1. Maintenance Position & Constable Position/review applications/schedule interviews: the Board reviewed two applications for the Constable position and agreed to continue to advertise for the maintenance position until filled. The Board will conduct interviews for Constable on April 7, 2026 at 5pm and 5:45pm. The Town Clerk is to contact the applicants.
2. Audit Bid Opening: No bids were received but a proposal of a contract was received to hire an auditor on an hourly basis. The Town Clerk will request the auditor to attend an executive session on April 7, 2026 to discuss the details.
3. Complaint: Waste Collection: The Board reviewed a waste collection complaint. The Board agreed to allow the Town Clerk respond to the complainant stating that the Board acknowledge the complaint.
4. Annual Town Report Cover: Tabled.
5. Annual Town Report Dedication: Tabled.
6. Annual Town Report Selectmen Report: Tabled.
7. Spirit of America Award: Tabled.
8. Town Seal: A Board member suggested uploading the current town seal to the town Facebook account.
9. Google Business Workspace: Nicholas motioned to explore working with Austin Electronics having him help us get our software more in line with a professional setup. Aaron second. All in favor=3. The Board will reach out to Neal Austin.
10. Winter Salt Bid Process AVCOG & State of Maine: Aaron motioned to estimate 1200 tons of salt for the State and AVCOG salt bids. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.
11. Community Action Grant Application: The Town Clerk will share the online grant application link with the Board. Tabled.
12. Bulky Waste Flyer: Aaron motioned to set a central local bulky collection drop off on June 20, 2026 and June 27, 2026. Cathy second. All in favor=3.

IX Appointments/Resignation

X Training

- a. Town Clerk Records Management: Aaron motioned to allow the Town Clerk to attend Records Management Training by Zoom on May 5, 2026. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

XI Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed correspondence.

XII Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Town report cover, town report dedication, Selectmen’s annual report, Spirit of America award, Bulky Waste flyer, ordinance certifications, maintenance position, auditor executive session.

XIII Communications: None.

XIV Cathy adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe

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Date

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Aaron Harvey

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Date

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Date

Town of Hartford  
Road Commissioner Report  
March 17, 2026

We will be smoothing bad sections of gravel roads with the tractor and grader box this week.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil  
Road Commissioner