

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
Approved Minutes
April 21, 2026
Hartford Town Hall & YouTube
6:30pm

Present: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Aaron Harvey, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Steve Elsmann, residents David Bowen, Lennie Eichman, and Lee Holman.

Absent: Selectman Nicholas Tiff.

- I. Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II Executive Session was canceled.
- III All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag
- IV Cathy motioned to approve minutes of the April 7, 2026 Selectmen's Meeting & April 16, 2026 Selectmen's Workshop. Aaron second. All in favor=2.
- V Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 19 including a Recreation Reserve expense of \$40.00, Payroll Warrants April 8, 2026, & April 15, 2026. Aaron second. All in favor=2.
- VI Reports
 1. RSU 10 Director Report: None.
 2. Road Commissioner Report: A Board member reported that work will begin on Town Farm Road next week.
 3. Constable Report: None.
 4. CEO Report: None.
 5. ACO Report: None.
 6. Fire Warden Report: None.
 7. Treasurer Report: Current expense reports, revenue reports, and FEMA balances were shared with the Board.
 - a. Bank Reconciliation March: The Board reviewed all 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: The Board reviewed minute of the 3/23/26 meeting.
 12. Cemetery Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 13. Solid Waste Committee Approved Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the 3/19/26 meeting.
 14. Recreation Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 15. Buckfield Hartford Summer Withdrawal Committee Approved Minutes: None.
- VII Calendar Reminders
 1. Recreation Committee Movie Night 4/22/2026
 2. Budget Committee Mtg. 4/23/26 6pm
 3. Ordinance Committee Mtg. 4/27/26 6pm
 4. Cemetery Committee Mtg. 4/28/26 6pm
 5. Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee Mtg. 4/30/26 6:30pm
 6. Budget Committee Mtg. 4/30/26 6pm
 7. Real Estate Taxes Due 5/1/2026
 8. Planning Board Mtg. 5/4/2026 6:30pm
 9. Selectmen's Mtg. 5/5/2026 6:30pm
 10. RSU Withdrawal Committee: Thursday May 7th (Buckfield)
- VIII Unfinished Business
 1. Tax Acquired Property: No action.

3. Community Action Grant Application: Tabled.
3. Transfer Station proposal: A Board members stated that it would cost \$128,000.00 to create a transfer station at 44 Gurney Hill Road. This estimate will be shared with the budget committee.
4. Hartford Happenings Mailing & Board letter: Cathy motioned to accept the Board letter and content for the Hartford Happenings and approves the mailing of the document. Aaron second. All in favor=2.
5. RR Bed/Eichman: A resident is concerned that vehicles are traveling the RR bed since they may cause damage to the road, run over turtles, etc. and suggested that the road be closed to ATV's also until 5/15 of each year. A Board member stated that the road is a right of way to property owners who access land via the road. No action.
6. Housing Opportunity Grant Phase I & Phase II: Tabled.
7. Town Meeting Warrant: Tabled. Aaron motioned to schedule a Board Workshop for April 30, 2026 5pm at the Town Hall to review the town meeting warrant.
8. Proposed Ordinance Amendments/attorney review: Cathy motioned to send the amended Administrative Ordinance to the attorney for review. Aaron second. All in favor=3. Aaron motioned to approve the proposed amended Administrative Ordinance Part II and the proposed amended Planning Board ordinance to be included in the town meeting warrant. Cathy second. All in favor=2.
9. Maintenance Position: Tabled.
10. Generator Service: Tabled.

IX New Business

1. 2023 Tax Lien Foreclosures: Cathy motioned to give the prior owner of U12 Lot 33 the option to purchase the property back in exchange for all taxes owed. Aaron second. All in favor=3.
2. Notice of Public Hearing & Return of Notice: The Board signed the Notice and Return of the 5/26/26 Public Hearing.
3. Junkyard License 327 Town Farm Road: A Board member discovered that the Junkyard Ordinance that was adopted in June of 2025 required all current junkyard license holders to reapply in September of 2025. Aaron motioned to send a letter to a prior license holder notifying them of the rule changes. Cathy second. All in favor=2. The Town may have to refund a portion of the 5-year license fee that was paid in 2022. The Town Clerk will send a letter to the resident.
4. Bottle Collection Trailer/Brann: Aaron motioned to allow the Recreation Committee to place a bottle collection bin at the Town Office from May 1st to August 1st and to allow Mr. Brann to place a bottle collection trailer at the Town office from August 1st to snowfall. Cathy second. All in favor=2.
5. Recreation Committee request to use Town Hall: Aaron motioned to allow the Recreation Committee to hold potluck dinners at the Town Hall on the second Friday of each month. Cathy second. All in favor=2.
6. Audit FY 2026 Engagement Letters: Aaron motioned to accept Ron Beaulieu as our new auditor. Cathy second. All in favor=2. The Board signed the engagement letters.
7. Road Sign request: The Buckfield Town Manager is working to install a sign to deter traffic from using the old road located at the end of Town Line Road due to the condition of the road.

X Appointments/Resignation

1. Budget Committee resignation: Cathy motioned to accept the resignation of Richard Dyer from the Budget Committee with regret. Aaron second. All in favor=2.

XI Training: None.

XII Review Correspondence: The Board reviewed all correspondence.

XIII Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Town meeting warrant, proposed ordinance (administrative part II), Town report, generator, maintenance position, housing grant, community action grant, tax acquired property, and junkyards.

XIV Communications: None.

XV Cathy adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Minutes approved by:

Cathy Lowe

Date

Aaron Harvey

Date