

Town of Hartford  
Annual Town Meeting  
For Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

The meeting was held at the Town Hall beginning at 8:00am June 12, 2012.  
Lianne Bedard read the greetings of the annual town meeting warrant.

**Article #1:** A motion was made by Daryl Boness to elect Richard Dyer as moderator To preside at said meeting. This nomination was seconded by Lianne Bedard. No other nominations were received. Lianne called for the election of the moderator.

**Vote by written ballot:** Three votes for Richard Dyer.  
Richard took the Oath of office then he read the following Article

**Article #2:** To elect by secret ballot one Selectman for a term of three (3) years and one RSU # Director for a term of three years.

Richard showed that the ballot box was empty.  
Richard locked the ballot box and declared the polls opened.  
Richard closed the polls at 8:00pm.  
Results of the secret ballot election:

**Selectman, three year term: Expiring June of 2015**

<b>Lee C Holman</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Steven Edward Elsman</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Shawn Patrick White</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Blank ballots</b>	<b>3</b>

**RSU#10 Director, three year term: Expiring June of 2015**

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<b>Shawn Patrick White</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Blank Ballots</b>	<b>18</b>

Richard recessed the meeting until June 14, 2012 at 7:00pm.

June 14, 2012 at 7:00pm, Hartford Town Hall the town meeting was reconvened.

Richard Dyer appointed Stephen Wight Deputy Moderator for the remainder of the meeting. Deputy Moderator, Stephen Wight took his oath of office and shared the results of the municipal election read the election results.

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**Armand Frank Rowe** conceded in writing therefore **Shawn Patrick White** was elected.

<b>School Budget vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>83</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>97</b>
	<b>Void</b>	<b>10</b>

**Article 3:** To elect and/or appoint the following Town Officers for the ensuing year or to take any other action thereto:

A motion was made by Lee Holman to nominate the board of selectmen as General Assistance Director. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Lee Holman to nominate the board of selectmen as Board of Assessors. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by John Plumley to nominate **Dan Maddox** as Budget Committee member.

A motion was made by Lee Holman to nominate **Barry Langer** as Budget Committee member.

A motion was made by Judy Hamilton to nominate **Neil Hanley** as Budget Committee member.

A motion was made by Dan Maddox to nominate **Harley Swanson** as Budget Committee member.

A motion was made by Zoe Cowett to nominate **Leslie Boness (Withdraw)** as Budget Committee member

A motion was made by John Plumley to nominate **Robert L'Heureux** as Budget Committee member.

A motion was made by Neil Hanley to cease nominations. This Motion was seconded by Zoe Cowett.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Neil Hanley the five (5) remaining nominees to be the Budget Committee for the ensuing year. This Motion was seconded by Zoe Cowett.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 4:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$127,632.00** though taxation to be placed in the Summer Road account. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 5:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$50,000.00** though taxation to be placed in the Future Summer Road account. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 6:** A motion was made by Leslie Boness to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$24,333.00** though taxation to be placed in the Salt Shed Loan account. This motion was seconded by Neil Hanley.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 7:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to authorize the Board of Selectman to enter into a multi-year contract for the Winter Sand Contract. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Adams.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 8:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$6,750.00** from the fund balance to cover the over-expenditure in the Winter Roads account for fiscal year 2011-2012. This motion was seconded by Peggy Matthews.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 9:** A motion was made to amend the \$211,695.00 to \$211,965 by Lianne Bedard. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Adams.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$211,965.00** though taxation for the Winter Roads account. This motion was seconded by Peggy Matthews.

**Vote by show of hands on amended article: Yes**

**To accommodate the out of town visitors, a motion made by Dan Maddox to move to the Social Service Articles.** Articles 49, 52, 56, 58 were acted upon out of order numeric, results are in numeric order

**A motion** was made by Dan Maddox to allow out of town speakers from Western Maine Transportation and the American Red Cross. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 10:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$86,375.00** though taxation for the Contracted Solid Waste Curbside pickup & Recycling services and Transfer Station operation costs. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 11:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$4,725.00** though taxation for the Animal Control Account and apply the total amount of revenue received, associated with animal control, against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation to reduce the tax commitment. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 12:** A motion was made by Dave Bowen to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$35,798.00** though taxation for the Public Safety Account. This motion was seconded by Lennie Eichmann.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 13:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$118,383.00** though taxation for the Administrative Account. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 14:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$4,750.00** though taxation for the Legal Fee Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness. Amendment to raise **\$1,294.37** made by Lennie Eichmann and seconded by Arthur Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes as amended**

**Article 15:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$11,500.00** though taxation for the Assessing/Tax Maps Account. This motion was seconded by Dave Bowen.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 16:** A motion was made by Leslie Boness to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$8,000.00** though taxation for the Revaluation Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 17:** A motion was made by Dave Bowen to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$3,055.00** though taxation for the Town Office Account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 18:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$4,228.00** though taxation for the Town Hall Account. This motion was seconded by Dave Bowen.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 19:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$614.00** though taxation for the Town Garage Account. This motion was seconded by Dave Bowen.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 20:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$5,560.00** though taxation for the Mowing Account. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 21:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to move any unexpended funds raised in 2011-2012 for the Cemetery Account to a reserve account for future cemetery repair or maintenance. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 22:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,200.00 though taxation for the Cemetery Account. This motion was seconded by Arlene Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 23:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000.00 though taxation for the General Assistance Account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 24:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,000.00 though taxation for the Contingency Fund Account. The Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Budget Committee, shall have the authority to approve any expenditure from this account. This motion was seconded by Barry Langer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 25:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to change the position of Road Commissioner from an elected position to an appointed position with a term of one year effective July 1, 2013. This motion was seconded by Daryl Boness. A written ballot was requested.

**Written ballot results: Yes 15; No 26; Blank 1 Article fails.**

**Article 26:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to relocate the Transfer Station from 52 Marble Road to 44 Gurney Hill Road, if the article is accepted the Board of Selectmen will research the cost of relocating the transfer station and possibly place an Article in the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. This motion was seconded by Lennie Eichmann. Motion by Lennie Eichmann to look at other sites failed – no second. The question was called by Dan Maddox and David Bowen.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 27:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to continue the discontinuance of Winter Road maintenance of Gurney Hill Road from 344 Gurney Hill Road (Roger Gammon) to the easterly end of the road until June 30, 2022. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: No**

**Article 28:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to continue the discontinuance of Winter Road maintenance of Darrington Road from 298 Darrington Road (Joshua Jasper) to the northern end of the road until June 30, 2022. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 29:** A motion was made by Lennie Eichmann to enact an attached ordinance entitled Animal Control Ordinance for the Town of Hartford. Refer to Attachment A. This motion was seconded by Dave Bowen.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 30:** A motion was made by Lennie Eichman to amend the Administration Ordinance for the Town of Hartford. Refer to Attachment B. This motion was seconded by Dave Bowen.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 31:** A motion was made by Lennie Eichman to amend the Plumbing and Septic System Permit Fees Ordinance for the Town of Hartford. Refer to Attachment C. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 32:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to carry the balance of any grant funds received in 2012/2013 for Emergency Management purposes to general ledger reserve account to be used for the same purposes. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 33:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will authorize to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year of 2012/2013 from Overlay. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 34:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes. Sale or sales of said properties is to be by sealed bid and advertized seven (7) days in advance by posting in two conspicuous public places and by placing an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation, and to execute Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for such property for such property. The Board of Selectmen may, without auction or advertisement, sell to the person or persons to whom a property was taxed at the time the property was acquired by the Town or to their heirs or assigns, such property at the amount of the accrued taxes, interest, lien costs and administrative fees as determined by State Law and the Board of Selectmen and therefore shall execute and deliver a Municipal Quit Claim Deed for such property. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Motion made by Dan Maddox to vote on Article 35 though Article 39 collectively:** This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Article 35** To see if the Town will fix the following dates which real and personal property taxes shall be due and payable: one half of the tax shall be due and payable December 1, 2012 and one half of the tax shall be due and payable May 1, 2013.

**Article 36:** To see if the Town will fix an annual interest rate of seven percent (7%) on real and personal property taxes not paid on or before December 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013.

**Article 37:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or the Deputy Tax Collector to accept prepayments of property taxes not yet due or assessed to fix an annual interest rate of zero percent (0%) on taxes paid prior to the due date.(M.R.S.A. 36, section 506, amended).

**Article 38:** To see if the Town will fix an annual interest rate of three percent (3%) on excess taxes paid when tax abatements are issued by the Board of Assessors.(M.R.S.A. 36, section 506A, as amended).

**Article 39:** To see if the Town will vote to accept all revenues from Cost Sharing Projects and from State and Federal agencies. This revenue will be distributed to the appropriate accounts as intended by said agencies.

**Vote by show of hands for Article 35 though Article 39: Yes**

**Article 40:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature, and appropriate and apply the total amount of **\$149,834.00** against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation (to reduce the 2012/2013 Tax Commitment). This motion was seconded by Judy Hamilton.

<u>Fund category</u>	<u>Estimated amount</u>
State Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	\$ 62,892.00
Urban Rural Initiative Program.....	\$ 47,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement.....	\$ 12,500.00
Veterans Exemption Return.....	\$ 741.00
Snowmobile Registration Refund.....	\$ 701.00
General Assistance.....	\$ Unknown
Homestead Exemption Return.....	\$ 26,000.00
Emergency Management.....	\$ Unknown
State Grants.....	<u>\$ Unknown</u>
Total	\$149,834.00

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 41:** A motion was made by Neil Hanley to see if the Town will vote to apply the local revenue amount of **\$143,149.00** against the total amount authorized to be raised by Taxation (to reduce the 2012/2013 Tax Commitment). This motion was seconded by Lennie Eichmann.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Motion** made by Dan Maddox to vote on **Article 42 though Article 47 collectively**. This motion was seconded by Arthur Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 42:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$30,000.00** from the Fund Balance to reduce the 2012/2013 Tax Commitment.

**Article 43:** To see if the Town will raise **\$1,250.00** through taxation for the “The Hartford News”.

**Article 44:** To see if the Town will raise **\$750.00** through taxation for the Hartford Recreation Committee.

**Article 45:** To see if the Town will raise **\$600.00** for the Hartford Heritage Society.

**Article 46:** To see if the Town will raise **\$702.00** to contribute to area snowmobile clubs for snowmobile trail and bridge maintenance.

**Article 47:** To see if the Town will raise **\$300.00** for Hartford Food Bank.

**Vote by show of hands for Article 42 though Article 47: Yes**

**Article 48:** A motion was made by Dave Bowen to see if the Town will raise \$0.00 for Safe Voices. This motion was seconded by Jack Plumley.

**Vote by show of hands: No**

A motion was made by Arthur Harvey to see if the Town will raise **\$350.00** for Safe Voices. This motion was seconded by Lennie Eichman.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**The Moderator requested a vote** to allow out-of-town representatives from REACH, and Androscoggin Home Health to speak.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 49:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will raise **\$795.00** through taxation for Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. This motion was seconded by Zoe Cowett.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 50:** A motion was made by Lennie Eichman to see if the Town will raise **\$482.00** through taxation for Children’s Center. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 51:** A motion was made by Leslie Boness to see if the Town will raise **\$1000.00** through taxation for Community Concepts. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 52:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will raise **\$400.00** through taxation for Rape Education & Crisis Hotline (REACH). This motion was seconded by Zoe Cowett.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 53:** A motion was made by Lennie Eichmann to see if the Town will raise **\$1000.00** through taxation for Rural Community Action Ministry (RCAM). This motion was seconded by Lee Holman.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**



**Article 54:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will raise **\$1309.00** through taxation for Seniors Plus. This motion was seconded by Neil Hanley. **Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 55:** A motion was made by Lennie Eichmann to see if the Town will raise \$500.00 through taxation for Tri County Mental Health. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey. **Vote by show of hands: No**

A motion was made by Dan Maddox to amend the amount to be **\$1000.00**. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 56:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will raise **\$100.00** through taxation for Western Maine Transportation. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey. An amendment to raise \$200.00 made by Arthur Harvey seconded by Lennie Eichmann failed.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 57:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will raise **\$175.00** through taxation for Western Maine Veteran's Advisory Committee. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 58:** A motion was made by Arthur Harvey to see if the Town will raise \$0.00 through taxation for the American Red Cross. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: No**

A motion was made by Tom Harvey to see if the Town will raise **\$300.00** through taxation for the American Red Cross. This motion was seconded by Lee Holman.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 59:** A motion was made by Dave Bowen to see if the Town will raise \$0.00 through taxation for the Zadoc Long Free Library. This motion was seconded by Shawn White.

**Vote by show of hands: No**

A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will raise **\$700.00** through taxation for the Zadoc Long Free Library. This motion was seconded by Lennie Eichmann.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 60:** A motion was made by Arlene Nason to see if the Town will raise **\$250.00** through taxation for the Bear Pond Improvement Association. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Article 61:** To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Hartford by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (Estimated LD1 limit \$468,631.00) Written Ballot required.

**Vote by written Ballot: Yes 3 - No 0**

Lee C Holman took the oath of office as a selectman for a term of 3 years  
Shawn Patrick White took the oath of as RSU #10 Director for a term of 3 years  
Budget Committee Members: Dan Maddox, Barry Langer, Neil Hanley, Robert L'Heureux; took  
the oath of office as members of the Budget Committee for a term of 1 year, Harley Swanson  
will take oath at town office at a later date.

A motion was made by Neil Hanley to adjourn at 10:00pm. This motion was seconded by Lee  
Holman

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

Minutes prepared by Barbara E Robinson, Deputy Town Clerk