

Town of Hartford  
Annual Town Meeting  
For Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

The meeting was held at the Town Hall beginning at 8:00am June 10, 2014.  
Lianne Bedard read the greetings of Warrant for Annual Town Meeting. Lianne Bedard read Article #1 calling for the election of a Moderator

**Article #1:** Lianne Bedard nominated Richard Dyer as moderator to preside at said meeting.

**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.

Richard showed that the ballot box was empty.  
Richard locked the ballot box and declared the polls opened.  
Lianne was sworn in as Deputy Moderator at 4:00pm.  
Lianne closed the polls at 8:00pm.  
Results of the secret ballot election:

**Selectman, three year term: Expiring June of 2017**

Cathy Lowe	99
John Plumley	49
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	153

**School Budget vote:**      **Article 1**      **Yes**    74      **No**    73      **Void** 4

Lianne recessed the meeting until June 14, 2013 at 9:00am.

June 14, 2013 at 9:00am, Hartford Town Hall the town meeting was reconvened.

Deputy Moderator, Scott Cole took his oath of office and shared the results of the municipal election, as previously printed.

**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 Margaret Matthews.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

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

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

Nominations were made for Budget Committee members by Dan Maddox, **John Plumley**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeffrey Murray; by Lee Holman, **Dan Maddox**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bertrand Landry, by Dan Maddox, **Doreen Maxwell**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Boness; by John Plumley, **Leslie Boness**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeffrey Murray; by Lee Holman, **Robert L'Heureux**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Maddox . No other nominations were made beyond the five (5) needed.

**Vote by show of hands for the slate: Yes**

**Article 4:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$218,998.00** though taxation to be placed in the Summer Road account. This motion was seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 5:** A motion was made by Arthur Harvey to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$100,000.00** though taxation to be placed in the Future Summer Road Project Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes 15-9**

**Article 6:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$72,987.36** from fund balance to pay the remainder of the Salt Shed loan. This motion was seconded by Lee Holman.

**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 Jeffrey Murray.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 8:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote appropriate **\$28,000.00** from fund balance to cover over-expenditure in the Winter Road account for fiscal year 2013-2014. This motion was seconded by John Plumley.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 9:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$248,861.00** though taxation for the Winter Roads account. This motion was seconded by Margaret Poskus.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 10:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$86,532.00** though taxation for the Contracted Solid Waste, Bulky Household Waste Curbside pickup & Recycling services and Transfer Station cleanup costs. This motion was seconded by Daryl 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 **\$4,800.00** 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 Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 12:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$62,059.00** though taxation for the Public Safety Account. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 13:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$125,380.00** though taxation for the Administrative Account. This motion was seconded by Margaret Poskus.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 14:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$1,295.00** though taxation for the Legal Fee Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 15:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$11,700.00** though taxation for the Assessing/Tax Maps Account. This motion was seconded by Harley Swanson.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 16:** A motion was made by Leslie Boness to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$12,500.00** 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 Leslie Boness to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$2,917.00** though taxation for the Town Office Account. This motion was seconded by Richard Dyer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 18:** A motion was made by Leslie Boness to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$4,252.00** though taxation for the Town Hall Account. This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Dan Maddox raise as recommended and or requested amounts for these articles **Article 19 thru Article 24**. This motion was seconded by Arthur Harvey.

**Article 19:** To raise and/or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Garage Account, **\$621.00**.

**Article 20:** To raise and/or appropriate a sum of money for the School House Account, **\$644.00**.

**Article 21:** To raise and/or appropriate a sum of money for the Mowing Account, **\$5,649.00**.

**Article 22:** To raise and/or appropriate a sum of money for the Cemetery Account, **\$200.00**.

**Article 23:** To raise and/or appropriate a sum of money for the General Assistance Account, **\$2,000.00**.

**Article 24:** To raise and/or appropriate a sum of money 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.), **\$3,000.00.**

**Vote by show of hands Articles 19 through Article 24: Yes**

**Article 25:** A motion was made by Conrad Ray to authorize the Board of Selectmen to on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of the town owned equipment listed below. Sale or sales of said properties is to be by sealed bid and advertised seven (7) days in advance by posting in two conspicuous public places and by placing an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation. This motion was seconded by James Driscoll.

1978 International Tractor 250A

Mower attachment

Chipper Bar attachment

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

Moderator Scott Cole called for a break in the proceedings, 10:15am

At this time:

Cathy Lowe took the oath of office as a selectman for a term of 3 years.

Budget Committee Members: Dan Maddox, Leslie Boness, John Plumley, Robert L'Heureux; took the oath of office as members of the Budget Committee for a term of 1 year, Doreen Maxwell will take oath at the town office at a later date.

**Article 26:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to enact the attached amendments to the Building Lots Ordinance for the Town of Hartford. Refer to Attachment A. This motion was seconded by Arthur Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: No**

**Article 27:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to enact the attached amendments to the Roads Standards Ordinance for the Town of Hartford. Refer to Attachment b. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: No**

(Recommendation these two ordinances be returned to the Ordinance Committee for clarification so their wording consistent)

**Article 28:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to carry the balance of any grant funds received in 2014/2015 for Emergency Management purposes to general ledger reserve account to be used for the same purposes. This motion was seconded by Bertrand Landry.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 29:** 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 2014/2015 from Overlay. This motion was seconded by Bertrand Landry.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 30:** 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. 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 Lee Holman.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 31:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to 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, 2014 and one half of the tax shall be due and payable May 1, 2015. This motion was seconded by Bertrand Landry.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Dan Maddox act on Article 32 through Article 35 as one. This motion was seconded by Bertrand Landry.

**Article 32:** Fixed an annual interest rate of seven percent (7%) on real and personal property taxes not paid on or before December 1, 2014 and May 1, 2015.

**Article 33:** The Tax Collector or the Deputy Tax Collector is authorized 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 34:** Fixed 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 35:** 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 Articles#32 through Article #35: Yes**

**Article 36:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox 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 **\$145,339.00** against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation (to reduce the 2013/2014 Tax Commitment). This motion was seconded by Arlene Nason.

<u>Fund category</u>	<u>Estimated amount</u>
State Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	\$ 55,747.00
Urban Rural Initiative Program.....	\$ 38,491.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement.....	\$ 18,900.00
Veterans Exemption Return.....	\$ 968.00

Snowmobile Registration Refund.....	\$	595.00
General Assistance.....	\$	Unknown
Homestead Exemption Return.....	\$	30,638.00
Emergency Management.....	\$	Unknown
State Grants.....	\$	<u>Unknown</u>
Total		\$145,339.00

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Dan Maddox act on **Article 37 through Article 43** as one. This motion was seconded by Bertrand Landry.

**Article 37:** To apply the local revenue amount of **\$165,050.00** against the total amount authorized to be raised by Taxation (to reduce the 2014/2015 Tax Commitment).

**Article 38:** To appropriate **\$43,000.00** from the Fund Balance to reduce the 2014/2015 Tax Commitment.

**Article 39:** To raise **\$1,600.00** through taxation for the “The Hartford News”.

**Article 40:** To raise **\$1,000.00** through taxation for the Hartford Recreation Department.

**Article 41:** To raise **\$600.00** through taxation for the Hartford Heritage Society.

**Article 42:** To raise **\$595.00** to contribute to area snowmobile clubs for snowmobile trail and bridge maintenance.

**Article 43:** To raise **\$300.00** through taxation for Hartford Food Bank.

**Vote by show of hands Articles 37 through Article 43: Yes**

The Moderator requested a motion for out-of-town representatives to speak on upcoming Articles moved by Lee Holman and seconded by Arlene Nason.

**Article 44:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will raise **\$400.00** for Safe Voices. This motion was seconded by Arlene Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 45:** A motion was made by Conrad Ray to see if the Town will raise **\$795.00** through taxation for Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. This motion was seconded by Daryl Boness

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 46:** A motion was made by Conrad Ray see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$625.00** for Maine 4-H Foundation. This motion was seconded by Daryl Boness

**Vote by show of hands: No**

**Article 47:** A motion was made by Jennifer Adams to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$1,000.00** for Community Concepts. This motion was seconded by Arlene Nason.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 48:** A motion was made by Jennifer Adams to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$400.00** for Rape Education & Crisis Hotline (REACH). This motion was seconded by Dan Maddox.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 49:** A motion was made by Conrad Ray to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$2,200.00** for Rural Community Action Ministry (RCAM). This motion was seconded by Jennifer Adams.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 50:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$1,078.00** for Seniors Plus. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Adams.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 51:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$400.00** for Seniors Transportation. This motion was seconded by Harley Swanson.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 52:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$1,185.00** for Tri County Mental Health. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Adams.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 53:** A motion was made by Jennifer Adams to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$100.00** for Western Maine Transportation. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 54:** A motion was made by Jennifer Adams to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$175.00** for Western Maine Veteran's Advisory Committee. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 55:** A motion was made by Jennifer Adams to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$300.00** for the American Red Cross. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 56:** A motion was made by Jennifer Adams to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$800.00** for the Zadoc Long Free Library. This motion was seconded by Daryl Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 57:** A motion was made by Dan Maddox to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$100.00** for the MPBN TV. This motion was seconded by Leslie Boness.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 58:** 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.  
Written Ballot required.

**Vote by written Ballot: Yes 12 - No 1**

Motion to adjourn was made by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Adjourned 11:55 am**

Minutes prepared by Barbara E Robinson, Deputy Town Clerk