

Town of Hartford  
Annual Town Meeting  
For Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

The meeting was held at the Town Hall beginning at 8:00am June 9, 2015.  
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, one RSU 10 Board Director for a term of three years, and one Road Commissioner for a term of two 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 2018**

Lee Holman	89
Clarence Hill	63
Write in	4
Blank	4
	160

**RSU#10 School Board Member, three year term: Expiring June of 2018**

Richard Dyer	136
Write in	3
Blank	21
	160

**Road Commissioner, two year term: Expiring June of 2018**

Alan McNeil	62
David Bowen	36
John Plumley	30
Harley Swanson	29
Write in	1
Blank	2
	160

**School Budget vote: Article 1      Yes    90      No 59      Void    6**

Richard recessed the meeting until June 13, 2015 at 9:00am.

June 13, 2015 at 9:00am, in Hartford Town Hall the town meeting was reconvened by Moderator Richard Dyer, he read the results of the municipal election, as previously printed, and appointed Theresa Hayes as Deputy Moderator for the remainder of the meeting.

Deputy Moderator Hayes introduced Representative Richard Pickett of District #116 which Hartford became part of with the new redistricting. He thanked the voters for voting and said the state budget issue would be resolved; please contact him for information and assistance.

Deputy Moderator Hayes said with the voter's permission she would be using the modern manual for conducting Town Meetings, there were no objections. There were two requests from out of town speakers to address the body.

Motion was made by Harley Swanson to allow these out of town guests to address the body; it was seconded and accepted by a show of hands. Paula Robinson, Sexual Assault Service Response formerly REACH and Jim Bouchard, Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice spoke concerning their organizations service to Hartford residents and the need for their requests to be approved.

Motion was made by Judith Hamilton and seconded by Tom Harvey to allow Craig Zurhorst of Western Maine Transportation to speak; motion was accepted by a show of hands. Craig spoke for Western Maine Transportation served 2 residents last year and Community Concepts currently serving 51 residents.

**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 Barry Langer.

**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 Barry Langer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

Nominations were made for Budget Committee members by Arthur Harvey, **Dan Maddox**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Langer; by Lee Holman, **Robert L'Heureux**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fern Langer; by Lee Holman, **Leslie Boness**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Langer; by Lee Holman, **Harley Swanson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Langer; by Harley Swanson, **John Plumley**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Dyer. Several nominations were made and declined (Barry Langer, Morrill Nason, Richard Dyer); five (5) needed.

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

Nominations for Fire Warden by Lianne Bedard, **Norman St Pierre**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judith Hamilton

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 4:** A motion was made by Judith Hamilton to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$150,763.00** though taxation to be placed in the Summer Road account. This motion was seconded by seconded by Barry Langer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 5:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$50,000.00** though taxation to be placed in the Future Summer Road Project Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by Judith Hamilton.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 6:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to authorize the Board of Selectman to enter into a multi-year contract for the Curbside Pickup and Recycling contract. This motion was seconded Margaret Matthews.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 7:** A motion was made by Judith Hamilton to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$244,771.00** though taxation for the Winter Roads account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 8:** A motion was made by Judith Hamilton to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$87,852.00** though taxation for the Contracted Solid Waste Curbside pickup & Recycling services and Transfer Station operation costs. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 9:** A motion was made by Arthur Harvey to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$3000.00** for the purchase of recycling bins. This motion was seconded by seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 10:** A motion was made by Judith Hamilton to see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$3,650.00** from undesignated fund to the Equipment Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by seconded by Barry Langer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 11:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason 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 Arlene Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

Moderator Hayes introduced Toby Martin and Lisa Bennett from the Turner Rescue. Permission was requested for Chief Martin to address the body. Motion was made to allow these out of town guests to address the body it was seconded and accepted by a show of hands. Chief Martin spoke about the level of care (paramedic) and their coordination with Buckfield Rescue and answered questions about cost to individuals with and without insurance.

**Article 12:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$82,339.00** though taxation for the Public Safety Account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 13:** A motion was made by Tom Harvey to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$130,585.00** though taxation for the Administrative Account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 14:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$2,000.00** though taxation for the Legal Fee Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by Margaret Matthews.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 15:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason 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 Lee Holman.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 16:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$3,600.00** though taxation for the Revaluation Reserve Account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 17:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$2,970.00** though taxation for the Town Office Account. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 18:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$4,100.00** though taxation for the Town Hall Account. This motion was seconded by Christine Mumau.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 19:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$622.00** though taxation for the Town Garage Account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 20:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$722.00** though taxation for the Union School Account. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 21:** A motion was made by Tom Harvey to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year lease agreement (3 year lease) with the Hartford Community Church to use the Union School Building as a clothing center. The motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.  
**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 22:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$5,649.00** though taxation for the Mowing Account. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 23:** A motion was made by Richard Dyer to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$350.00** though taxation for the Cemetery Account. This motion was seconded by Conrad Ray.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 24:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$3,000.00** though taxation for the General Assistance Account. This motion was seconded by Judith Hamilton.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 25:** A motion was made by Arlene Nason to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$3000.00** though taxation for the Contingency Fund Account. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 26:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to enact the attached amendments to the Building Standards Ordinance. This motion was seconded by Conrad Ray. The motion was withdrawn. A motion to Table was defeated by a show of hands.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes** to enacting the Building Lots Ordinance for the Town of Hartford referred to as Attachment A

**Article 27:** A motion was made by Judith Hamilton to pass over the attached amendments to the Roads Standards Ordinance for the Town of Hartford. Refer to Attachment B. This motion was seconded by Alan McNeil.

**Vote by show of hands to pass over article: No.**

A motion was made by Barry Langer to enact the attached amendments to the Road Standards Ordinance for the Town of Hartford. See attachment B. This motion was seconded by Conrad Ray.

**Vote by show of hands: No.**

(Recommendation: this ordinances be returned to the Ordinance Committee for clarification to see that the wording is consistent)

**Article 28:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to authorize the board of selectmen on behalf of the Town to execute a quit claim deed for the conveyance of a portion of Map R11 Lot 024-002 (Hartford ballfields) to Thomas Harvey – attachment C. This motion was seconded by Richard Dyer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 29:** A motion was made by Barry Langer to see if the Town will vote to carry the balance of any grant funds received in 2015/2016 for Emergency Management purposes to general ledger reserve account to be used for the same purposes. This motion was seconded by Fern Langer

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Elizabeth Garcia to take Article 41 out of order; this motion was seconded by Alan McNeil.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 41:** A motion was made by Arthur Harvey to raise **\$2,000.00** through taxation for the Hartford Recreation Department. This motion was seconded by Tom Hamilton.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 30:** A motion was made by Judith Hamilton to see if the Town will authorize to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year of 2015/2016 from Overlay. This motion was seconded by Margaret Matthews.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 31:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason 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 Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 32:** A motion was made by Tom Harvey 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, 2015 and one half of the tax shall be due and payable May 1, 2016. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 33:** A motion was made by Tom Harvey to fix an annual interest rate of seven percent (7%) on real and personal property taxes not paid on or before December 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 34:** A motion was made by Judith Hamilton to authorize the Tax Collector or the Deputy Tax Collector is 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). This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 35:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to 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). This motion was seconded by Judith Hamilton.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 36:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason 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. This motion was seconded by Margaret Matthews.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 37:** 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 **\$147,705.00** against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation (to reduce the 2015-/2016 Tax Commitment). This motion was seconded by Christine Mumau.

<u>Fund category</u>	<u>Estimated amount</u>
State Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	\$ 55,937.00
Urban Rural Initiative Program.....	\$ 35,656.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement.....	\$ 20,000.00
Veterans Exemption Return.....	\$ 943.00
Snowmobile Registration Refund.....	\$ 794.00
General Assistance.....	\$ Unknown
Homestead Exemption Return.....	\$ 34,375.00
Emergency Management.....	\$ Unknown
State Grants.....	\$ Unknown
Total	\$147,705.00

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 38:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to apply the local revenue amount of **\$169,350.00** against the total amount authorized to be raised by Taxation (to reduce the 2015/2016 Tax Commitment). This motion was seconded by Judith Hamilton.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 39:** A motion was made by Tom Harvey to appropriate **\$60,000.00** from the Fund Balance to reduce the 2015/2016 Tax Commitment. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 40:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to raise **\$1,600.00** through taxation for the "The Hartford News". This motion was seconded by Conrad Ray.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 42:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to raise **\$600.00** through taxation for the Hartford Heritage Society. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 43:** A motion was made by Tom Harvey to raise **\$794.00** to contribute to area snowmobile clubs for snowmobile trail and bridge maintenance. This motion was seconded by Conrad Ray.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 44:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to raise **\$300.00** through taxation for Hartford Food Bank. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 45:** A motion was made by Tom Harvey to raise **\$250.00** through taxation for Bear Pond Improvement. This motion was seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 46:** A motion was made by Arlene Nason to see if the Town will raise **\$400.00** through taxation for Sexual Assault Prevention (formerly REACH). This motion was seconded by Conrad Ray.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 47:** A motion was made by Judy Hamilton to see if the Town will raise **\$795.00** through taxation for Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 48:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will raise **\$1,000.00** through taxation for Community Concepts. This motion was seconded by Christine Mumau.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 49:** A motion was made by Judy Hamilton to see if the Town will raise **\$2,500.00** through taxation for Rural Community Action Ministry (RCAM). This motion was seconded by Tom Hamilton.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 50:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will raise **\$431.00** through taxation for Seniors Plus. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 51:** A motion was made by Conrad Ray to see if the Town will rise through taxation **\$1,500.00** for Tri County Mental Health. This motion was seconded by Margaret Matthews.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 52:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will raise **\$100.00** through taxation for Western Maine Transportation. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**



**Article 53:** A motion was made by Conrad Ray to see if the Town will raise **\$175.00** through taxation for Western Maine Veteran's Advisory Committee. This motion was seconded by Christine Mumau.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 54:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason to see if the Town will raise **\$100.00** through taxation for the MPBN TV. This motion was seconded by Tom Harvey.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 55:** A motion was made by Lee Holman to see if the Town will raise **\$500.00** through taxation for Lake Region Senior Service. This motion was seconded by Christine Mumau.

**Vote by show of hands: No**

**Article 56:** A motion was made by Morrill Nason 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. This motion was seconded by Fern Langer. \$593,145.00

Written Ballot required.

**Vote by written Ballot: Yes 13 - No 4**

Motion to adjourn was made

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

Minutes prepared by Barbara E Robinson, Deputy Town Clerk