Hartford Happenings

Information from your Municipal Officials

available electronically & at the Town Office

October 2025

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Planning the Future of Hartford
Get involved! Tell us how you'd like the Town to move forward!
Complete the survey as part of the Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee process to help determine the future of Hartford. Your responses to these questions will help guide the work of the committee. Copies are available at the Town Office and will be at the Town Hall on Election day. Please return your copy to the Town Office when completed, preferably by December 1, 2025. If more than one person in your household would like to fill out the survey, you may submit additional copies. Thank you for your participation.
The Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee

Hartford Referendum Election
&
State Referendum Election
November 4, 2025
8am to 8pm
Hartford Town Hall

Real Estate Taxes are due 12/1/2025 & 5/1/2026

Town Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10-5 & Saturday 10-1
Town of Hartford, 1196 Main Street, Hartford, Maine 04220
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YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@HartfordMaine/streams

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Board of Selectmen

Greetings, Fellow Citizens,

Autumn is upon us! As cooler temperatures settle in and vibrant colors surround our quiet community, we're reminded of how fortunate we are to call Hartford home. As the year draws to a close, we're not just looking ahead to winter's chill – but to the promise and potential that Hartford holds.

There are several exciting upgrades underway at the Hartford Town Hall. The windows and doors are being replaced, and new insulation is being installed to make the building more energy efficient. These improvements were made possible through grant funding, and we're grateful for the support. Additionally, the utility pole in the Town Office parking lot will soon be removed, making the area easier to navigate and much simpler to maintain during the winter months. A separate grant was also awarded providing the opportunity to install security cameras at the town buildings. Several roads have also seen recent improvements, including ditching, grading, and paving work to enhance safety and accessibility.

We understand the ongoing challenges and frustrations surrounding solid waste services. Please know that we've been in regular communication with our provider to improve this situation, and we are actively exploring alternative options for the future should they become necessary.

Lastly, the discussions regarding the school withdrawal have concluded. It is now up to the voters to make their voices heard on November 4th.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and commitment to our community.

Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Aaron Harvey, & Nicholas Tifft

We welcome you to attend our Selectboard meetings in person or watch on YouTube.
They are the held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

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Town Clerk News

Visit the Town Website to View the Beach Rules
https://www.townofhartfordmaine.com/beach.html

Rabies Clinic

Saturday, November 15, 2025
9am–11am
Hartford Town Hall
$20.00 per vaccination

Service provided by
Turner Veterinary Service

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND THE
250TH CELEBRATION PLANNING MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2026 1PM
HARTFORD TOWN HALL
to discuss events for the

250th CELEBRATION OF AMERICA
PARADE & ACTIVITIES
to be held
July 4, 2026

EXHIBITORS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Hartford has applied for a grant for the following items:

Digital Sign to be located outside the town office
Text Alert system to notify residents of important events
Generator to service the office and town hall
Repair of the town garage chimney/roof leak

We should receive a decision in January 2026

Town Office Hours
Monday 10–5
Tuesday 10–5
Wednesday 10–5
Saturday 10–1

Phone
207–388–2674
Fax
207–367–9309

Property owners have 185 days from the tax commitment date to apply for a tax abatement if they believe their property assessment is incorrect.

The Office Crew

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Taxes

Taxes are due
12/1/25
&
5/1/26

Tax bills will be mailed in November and will be viewable on the Town website

Town Meeting/Elections

Hartford Referendum Election
November 4, 2025
8–8
Hartford Town Hall

Municipal Officers' Order to Place a Question on the Ballot for a Secret Ballot Referendum Election

Municipality of Hartford, Maine
Municipal Officers' Revised Order
30–A M.R.S. § 2528(5); 20–A M.R.S. §1466(1)

The Hartford Select Board, following receipt of a petition signed by at least ten percent of the number of Hartford voters who voted at the last gubernatorial election, orders that a secret ballot referendum be held in the Town of Hartford on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to vote upon the following question:

Question: Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the Board of Directors of Regional School Unit 10 and with the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to expend $50,000, and authorizing the Select Board to issue notes in the name of the Town of Hartford or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Hartford in an amount not to exceed $50,000 for this purpose?

___YES ____NO

Absentee ballots will be available October 4, 2025
Absentee ballots will be processed at 2:00pm at the polls.

Dated September 3, 2025
Municipal Officers

online absentee ballot request:

https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/ballot_begin.pl

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QUESTION 1: "Do you want to change Maine election laws to eliminate two days of absentee voting, prohibit requests for absentee ballots by phone or family members, end ongoing absentee voter status for seniors and people with disabilities, ban prepaid postage on absentee ballot return envelopes, limit the number of drop boxes, require voters to show certain photo ID before voting, and make other changes to our elections?"

QUESTION 2: "Do you want to allow courts to temporarily prohibit a person from having dangerous weapons if law enforcement, family, or household members show that the person poses a significant danger of causing physical injury to themselves or others?"

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https://www.maine.gov/sos/sites/maine.gov.sos/files/inline-files/MaineCitizensGuide2025.pdf

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