



Hartford Happenings

Information from your Municipal Officials

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Taxes

**The second half of real estate tax was due
on May 1, 2025**

School Budget Vote

**RSU#10 Budget Vote in person May 28, 2025 6:30pm
Mountain Valley High School**

Hearing

**Public Hearing & meet the candidates
June 3, 2025 6pm @ Hartford Town Hall**

Voting

**Municipal Election, Recall Election, &
RSU# 10 Budget Referendum will be held
@ Hartford Town Hall
June 10, 2025 8-8**

**Annual Town Meeting
@ Hartford/Sunner Elementary School
June 14, 2025 9am**



Bulky Waste

**2025 Bulky Waste Collection
June 19, 2025**

**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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Contacts

Town Officials

Select Board

Susan Goulet (Chairman)
Kathleen Landry
Cathy Lowe
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Town Clerk, Tax Collector,
Treasurer Lianne Bedard
207-388-2674

Deputy Clerk, Deputy
Treasurer,
Deputy Tax Collector
Barbara Robinson
207-388-2674

Deputy Clerk, Deputy
Treasurer,
Deputy Tax Collector
Jaylene Gonyea
207-388-2674

Road Commissioner
Bim McNeil
207-740-2750

CEO Scott Mills
207-415-4381

Constable Jon Assam
207-388-2674

Animal Control
Brandon Holmes
743-9554 option #0

Fire Warden Baxter Tardif
207-330-8465

RSU 10 Director
Chad Culleton
207-224-7054

General Assistance Welfare
Director Board of Selectmen
207-388-2674

State/County Officials

Maine Senate

• Joseph E. Martin (Republican-Rumford)
• District 19
• 313 Ellis River Rd
• Rumford, ME 004276
• Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov
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Maine House of Representatives

• Tammy L. Schmersal-Burgess (Republican-Mexico)
• District 77
• 53 Summit Street
• Mexico, ME 004257
• Tammy.Schmersal-Burgess@legislature.maine.gov
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County Judge of Probate

• Jarrod S. Crockett (R-Bethel)
• 439 East Bethel Road
• Bethel, ME 04217
•

County Register of Probate

• Jennifer McPhee Dilworth (R-Norway)
• PO Box 349
• Norway, ME 04268
•

County Treasurer

• Elizabeth Watson Calhoun (D-Oxford)
• PO Box 156
• Oxford, ME 04270
•

County Register of Deeds

• Cherri Lee Crockett (R-Bethel)
• PO Box 253
• Bethel, ME 04217
•

County Sheriff

• Christopher R. Wainwright (R-Canton)
• 94 Staples Hill Road
• Canton, ME 04221
•

County District Attorney

• Neil E. Jr. McLean (R-Turner)
• 45 Orchard Way
• Turner, ME 04282
•

County Commissioner

• Timothy Greg Turner (R-Buckfield)
• District 3
• PO Box 417
• Buckfield, ME 04220
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Board of Selectmen

The Hartford Select board is proud to serve the people of Hartford. We are dedicated to listening to the challenges facing our residents and look for opportunities to bring solutions in a fiscally responsible manner.

Over the past year, it has been our goal to update our business policies and Town Ordinances.

As a part of that goal, we have updated our Fund Balance Policy, updated Road Project procedures and payment systems, created OSHA required Safety Data Sheet books for Office & Hall, and updated job descriptions for Constable and Maintenance positions. The Ordinances that have been updated (or created) are Administrative Ordinance Part II, Building Permit Ordinance, Junkyard Ordinance, Planning Board Ordinance and a Solar Ordinance. A BIG BIG thank you for the many hours Daryl Boness and the Ordinance Committee has spent getting those many ordinances completed.

We have used grant money to purchase a new computer with software, a new lap top, updated internet bridge, as well as microphone and camera system to use for recording of Select Board meetings.

Not all ideas we put forward are going to be popular. With that in mind, we have heard the voices of our community and will continue with our Elected Road Commissioner position as voted in our special March town meeting.

With the rising costs of everything around us, the Select Board and Budget Committee has worked hard together, to come up with a responsible budget. We have recommended many cuts to funding requests and social services. Every area of the budget has been reduced. We are asking our residents to consider donating to their favorite charities and local groups on their own this year. Our Community based groups are always looking for volunteers to be a part of a fund raiser or donate raffle items/services as they can afford.

We are proud to live in a very GIVING community!

The Select Board would like to thank Scott Mills, our Code Enforcement Officer, for his many years of service to our town. Scott is retiring this year and we wish him the very best in his upcoming travel and relaxation plans.

Jaylene Gonyer and Jon Assim are new to the Hartford Town team working out of the Town office. Jaylene has brought great knowledge in website and social media platforms and Jon has already begun finishing up many outstanding projects like emergency exit light installation, exterior lighting repair and rapairs in the town garage.

The Select Board is pleased to have Brandon Holmes, our new Animal Control Officer, join our team this spring. He is off to a great start with detailed Animal control reports and timely coverage of concerns.

Our focus in 2025-26 will be looking for energy efficiency funds to update the Town Hall. We also will be looking for grant funds to create more handicap parking and better accessibility. A new sound system for meetings is also on our list of wants.

Respectfully submitted, your Hartford Select Board



Cathy Lowe, Sue Goulet & Kathy Landry



We welcome you to attend our Selectboard meetings in person or watch on YouTube. They are 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>

Beach Passes

Remember to purchase a Beach
Parking Pass
at the town office before visiting our
beach.



[Click here to view Beach Rules](#)

The Beach is officially open on
Memorial Day Weekend



The Pine Tree or No Tree Plates will be available beginning May 1, 2025.
Residents will receive their new plate at time of reregistration.
If you have reserved a vanity plate please bring the new plate with you to the town
office at time of reregistration.
If you have reserved a low digit plate please bring the new plate and the letter
from the State of Maine with you to the town office at time of reregistration
Don't forget the mileage and insurance card!



The Office Crew



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Annual Town Meeting Information

Recall Petition Information

A petition was submitted by Jeremy Johnson on March 8, 2025 to recall Kathleen Landry as Selectboard member. As required by ordinance a second petition was created and was available for signatures at the Town Office until April 22, 2025. The number of signatures required to bring this to a vote was 116. 123 valid signatures were collected and the Board voted to hold the recall election on June 10, 2025.

Reasons for Recall as listed on the original petition of Jeremy Johnson:

1. Unprovoked harassment in the form of threat of law enforcement in public, prior to the November 13, 2024 Ordinance Committee meeting of which I am a member.
2. Failure to behave toward community members with integrity and civility; failure to uphold #17 in the newly updated Code of Ethics, i.e. To Promote Trust, Cooperation, or Positive Relations.
3. Failure to uphold #8 in the newly updated Code of Ethics i.e. To encourage Expression of Opinion and Open Communication. I will encourage the expression of diverse opinions from all segments of the community, fostering open lines of communication and engaging with the public in a constructive manner.

Town of Hartford



Municipal Buildings

Annual Report of the Municipal Officers
for the year ending June 30, 2025

Click on photo to view report



RSU#10 Budget Vote (in person)
May 28, 2025 6:30 pm
Mountain Valley High School in
Rumford
67% of your tax bill is comprised
of School Budget.
Hartford's share 2025-2026=
\$1,690,721.26 if approved

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Annual Town Meeting Information

A Public Hearing will be held on June 3, 2025
6pm @ Hartford Town Hall
to review all town meeting warrant articles,
to review ordinances listed below:




Amended Ordinances
Administrative Ordinance Part II
Building Permit Ordinance
Ordinance to Establish the Planning Board

Proposed Ordinances
Junkyard Ordinance
Solar Ordinance
&
Meet the Candidates
for the offices of Selectman and Road Commissioner



**Annual Election, Recall Election,
& RSU#10 Budget Referendum**
6/10/25
8-8
Hartford Town Hall
&
Annual Town Meeting
6/14/25
9am
Hartford/Sumner Elementary School



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VOTE



3 Ballots to be voted 6/10/2025

Municipal Candidates to appear on the ballot

Candidates for Board of Selectmen—3 year term

Susan Goulet

Aaron Harvey

Candidates for Road Commissioner—2 year term

Alan McNeil

David Theriault

RSU # 10 Budget Ballot

Yes or No

Recall Ballot

**Do you authorize the recall
of Kathleen Landry
from the position of Selectboard member?**

Yes or No

**Hartford residents vote at the Hartford Town Hall
4190 Main Street, Hartford, Maine 8–8 on 6/10/2025
Absentee ballots available on 5/10/25 and processed at the polls @2:00pm**

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Bulky Waste Collection June 19, 2025

**1 pickup truck load maximum
allowed per household
(total of all bulky waste)**

**Maximum Tires allowed at curbside is 8 tires at
\$10.00 each**

Fees to be paid at the town office

**Bulky Waste will not be collected at
vacant lots that do not have homes located on them**

**Refrigerators and Freezers must have doors removed
or secured and fees must be paid at town office for any items
containing freon.**

**Please do not place items at curbside
until June 5, 2025**

**[Click here to view the solid waste ordinances and policies
of the Town of Hartford](#)**



Buy Nothing Sale

May 31, 2025 9-4

June 1, 2025 11-2

Hartford Town Hall

Bring usable items to the Town Hall on May 30th 4-7

This event will help reduce the cost of the Bulky Waste Collection

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Community Highlights



🌟 Hartford's Interim Animal Control Officer 🌟

We're excited to welcome Brandon Holmes as Hartford's Interim Animal Control Officer (ACO) 🐾

Brandon currently serves as the ACO for Buckfield, Sumner, Stoneham, and West Paris. With hands-on experience handling a wide range of animal-related situations, including stray pets and livestock, welfare concerns, and public safety matters, he is dedicated to ensuring both animals and residents receive the support they need.

Brandon is known for his proactive approach, community engagement, and commitment to responsible pet ownership.

Over the coming weeks, he will be working closely with the town to address any ongoing cases and ensure a smooth transition in animal control services.

📞 Contact ACO Holmes

For animal-related concerns, please call (207) 743-9554 opt 0.

Let's give him a warm welcome 🐶🐱



Thank you Lorraine for donating your knitted afgans to residents going through tough times. You are amazing!



Dina Thoma
Hartford Spirit of America
Winner!!
Thank you for all you do for our community!



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Community Highlights



Our Board of Selectmen recently applied for a Community Action Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 to insulate the town hall, upgrade windows and doors, and replace the two old cookstoves.

This grant was approved !

Thank you Susan, Kathleen, and Cathy!

The Board is currently advertising for bids to complete the projects.

Bids are due on June 3, 2025



**Town of Hartford
Request for Proposals
Pratt Hill Reconstruction
GPS Coordinates**

Beginning of Project Area: 44 21 16 N 70 18 13 W

End of Project Area: 44 21 39 N 70 17 28 W

The Town of Hartford is accepting Bids for the construction of Pratt Hill Road. Sealed Bids shall be marked "Pratt Hill Road Construction" and will be due by June 17th at 5pm. Bids will be opened at the June 17th Selectboard meeting at 6:30pm.

Please contact the Town Office for the complete bid specs.

The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids

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Committee members and Town Officials needed

Ballot Clerks
Solid Waste Committee members
Recreation Committee members
Emergency Mangement Director

Please fill out a volunteer form if interested!
Thank you

Detach & send this Completed form to: Town of Hartford
1196 Main Street
Hartford, Maine 04220

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hartford maintains a reserve list of candidates to fill vacancies on various Town boards and committees. For this purpose, the Board of Selectmen is inviting residents interested in serving to make an application.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above)

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

WHERE EMPLOYED _____ WORK PHONE _____

HOW LONG A RESIDENT _____ Please indicate any special qualifications or experience that you think may be helpful in your choice of board or committee.

Signature _____

PLEASE CHECK AREA OF INTEREST

_____ Budget Committee

_____ Road Committee

_____ Planning Board

_____ Any other Committee

_____ Cemetery Committee

_____ Ordinance Committee

_____ Waste Committee

_____ Board of Appeals

_____ Recreation Committee

_____ Ballot Clerk

Any comments or
suggestions: _____



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team work

The Select board thanks all the volunteers that make Hartford an amazing place :)

Planning Board
Board of Appeals
Ordinance Committee
Road Committee, Ad Hoc for Pratt Hill, Bid Committee
Budget Committee
Cemetery Committee
Recreation Committee
Waste Committee
Ad Hoc for Comprehensive Plan
as well as all the many hands that volunteer on behalf of residents
for food bank, our ballot clerks and trustees

There Are Many Other Places to Volunteer!

J. O. Irish Museum
Food Bank
Swap Shop
Sumner Fire Department
Sumner Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
Canton Lake Association

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