

Town of Hartford
Selectmen's Meeting
Approved Minutes
May 5, 2026
Hartford Town Hall & YouTube
6:30pm

Present: Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Aaron Harvey, Nicholas Tiff, Town Clerk Lianne Bedard, Constable Steve Elsmen, residents Margaret Matthews, Rebecca Elsmen, Sybilla Pettingill, Lee Holman, Rodney Harlow, and Jennifer Christianson.

- I. Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag.
- III Cathy motioned to approve minutes of the April 21, 2026 Selectmen's Meeting & April 30, 2026 Selectmen's Workshop. Aaron second. All in favor=3.
- IV Cathy motioned to approve Warrant 20 (includes Recreation Reserve, FEMA Reserve, & Veteran's Memorial Reserve Expenditures), Warrant 21, Payroll Warrants April 22, 2026 and April 29, 2026. Aaron second. All in favor=3.
- V Reports
 - 1. RSU 10 Director Report: None.
 - 2. Road Commissioner Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the Road Commissioner (attached). A Board member stated that Spencer Paving will charge the Town close to the same prices included in a previous bid.
 - 3. Constable Report: None.
 - 4. CEO Report: None.
 - 5. ACO Report: None.
 - 6. Fire Warden Report: None.
 - 7. Treasurer Report: The Board received expense and revenue summary reports, a check was received from CMP in the amount of \$4361.98 for a claim of damage of the electronic salt shed building door, the Board directed an invoice for a RSU#10 withdrawal committee consultant to be paid to the Town of Buckfield out of the legal account (included in the \$10,000.00 previously approved legal expense), and the Board agreed to order 350 town reports. A Board member requested weekly FEMA balance reports.
 - 8. Road Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 - 9. Planning Board Approved Minutes: The Board reviewed the approved 4/6/26 minutes.
 - 10. Ad hoc Planning Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 - 11. Ordinance Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 - 12. Cemetery Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 - 13. Solid Waste Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 - 14. Recreation Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 - 15. Buckfield Hartford Sumner Withdrawal Committee Approved Minutes: None.
 - 16. Budget Committee Approved Minutes: The Board reviewed approved minutes of 4/9/26 and 4/16/26
- VI Calendar Reminders
 - 1. Recreation Committee Potluck Dinner 5/8/26 6pm
 - 2. Absentee Ballots Available 5/9/26
 - 3. Recreation Committee Mtg. 5/11/26 6:30pm
 - 4. Recreation Committee 250th Celebration Planning Mtg. 5/17/26 1pm
 - 5. Selectmen Mtg. 5/19/26 6:30pm
 - 6. RSU#10 Withdrawal Committee Mtg. in Buckfield 5/7/26 & 5/21/26

Aaron motioned to add culvert orders to the agenda. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

Aaron motioned to add RR bed signs to the agenda. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

Aaron motioned to add town hall rental refund to the agenda. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

VII Unfinished Business

1. Tax Acquired Property: Tabled.
2. Housing Grant/Building Permit Ordinance: Tabled until the town attorney states whether or not we are required to update the building permit ordinance since we no longer have a comprehensive plan.
3. Community Action Grant Application: Tabled. Digital signage is not included in this grant round.
4. Proposed Ordinances Certifications: Cathy motioned to certify the proposed Administrative Ordinance as written. Aaron second. All in favor=3.
5. Town Meeting Warrant: See below
6. Generator Service: Tabled.
7. Maintenance Position: Cathy motioned to hire Loando Brann as a maintenance employee. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.
8. Junkyards: The Board discussed the new Junkyard Ordinance, which requires license holders as of June 2025 to reapply for licenses. A Board member and the CEO inspected a previously licensed junkyard on Town Farm Road and other properties owned by the applicant. The Board member stated that there are many violations to the new ordinance and a new application must be submitted. The property owner stated that he did not understand why he was not notified of the site visit.

VIII New Business

1. Curbside Waste pickup/Pettingill: A resident requested that the following article be included in the town meeting warrant: “ Shall the town continue to provide curbside trash pickup and appropriate \$108,000.00 for that purpose” (does not include bulky collection) and stated that eliminating curbside services without voter approval is not right.
No action taken.
2. Road Contract: Aaron motioned to accept an updated contract from Johnson Excavation LLC. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.
3. Hartford News Deadline 5/15/26: Nicholas will forward the Hartford Happenings letter to Hartford News.
4. Quit Claim Deed/Tax Acquired 2023-Curley: Aaron motioned to approve the quit claim deed to Kathleen Curley. Cathy second. All in favor=3.
5. Oxford County Tax Commitment: Nicholas motioned to accept the county tax commitment in the amount of \$252,728.00. Aaron second. All in favor=3.
6. MMA Legislative Policy Committee Nominations: No action.
7. RSU#10 Warrant: Aaron motioned to sign the RSU#10 Warrant and Notice of Election. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.
8. ~~Sanitation~~ Public Safety Account over expenditure: Aaron motioned to use contingency to cover the public safety account over expenditures. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

From above: Town Meeting Warrant: Cathy motioned to approve the town meeting warrant. Aaron second. All in favor=3.

9. Town Report: Aaron motioned to accept the town report as written. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

Added 1: Aaron motioned to purchase culverts for Town Farm Road in the amount of \$41,508.00 from Hood Farms to be expensed from the FEMA funds. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

Added 2: The Board suggested purchasing ‘pass at own risk’ and ‘not a thru way’ for the RR bed. Tabled.

Added 3: Aaron motioned not to refund the 5/2/26 town hall rental deposit. Nicholas second. All in favor=3.

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Road Report
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We have started road repair on Town Farm Road between Rte. 219 and Maine Mold Machine including ditching, replacing culverts, and preparing for paving.

Submitted by,

Bim McNeil
Road Commissioner