

Town of Hartland
Selectboard Meeting
March 16th, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Selectboard Members present in-person: Phil Hobbie, Chair, Tom Kennedy, Vice-Chair, Clyde Jenne, and Trace Tancreti.

Others present in person: John Broker-Campbell, John Tansy, Joie Finley, Kate Donahue, Sherry Clarke, Andre Patenaude.

Others present via Zoom: Helen Esmond, Dan Jerman, Sarah Bruce, Curt Peterson, Crystal Irish and Amy Ashline.

Present from CATV: Rayce Gilbert

The Hartland Selectboard Meeting was called to order by Chair, Phil Hobbie, to act on the warned agenda items.

I. Board Organization:

- Election of Officers: Clyde Jenne nominated Phil Hobbie for Chair. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Phil Hobbie nominated Tom Kennedy for Vice-Chair. Clyde Jenne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Phil nominated Jim Rielly for Secretary/Clerk, Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- Meeting Day & Time: Jim made a motion to continue our current meeting day and time. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor
- Newspaper of Record: Jim made a motion to maintain the Valley News as current paper of record. Clyde seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- Physical Location for Meeting Notices: Jim made a motion to continue our current posting locations. Clyde seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- Rules of Procedure: Jim made a motion to adopt the rules of procedure with adoption of change as discussed. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor. There was discussion.
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- II. Selectboard's Minutes and Orders:** Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 2nd, 2026, meeting. Trace seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Clyde made a motion that we approve accounts payable through today, March 16th, 2026. Trace seconded the motion. There was discussion. All voted in favor.
- III. Adjustments to Agenda:** None
- IV. Public Comments:** Joie Finley from Clay Hill Rd made comments in regard to a pledge read at Town Meeting and spending within the town.
- V. Old Business:**
1. Town Plan, Chapters 8,9,10: Kate Donahue was in attendance from the Hartland Planning Commission to discuss and answer questions from the Selectboard regarding Chapter 8, Regional Context, Chapter 9, Economic Development, and Chapter 10, Forest Blocks and Habitat Connectors. There was much discussion.
 2. Quechee Road Funding: Phil noted that John and Martin have put together a document with three options for getting started on Quechee Road. Phil referenced an engineering study done in 2024 by Pathways. John went over information, noting the estimate for the full road was \$6.4 million. The road was placed in categories of red, orange and yellow, by severity. Red being more emergent. There was discussion of monies currently budgeted and bonds. There was much discussion amongst the Selectboard and John.
- VI. New Business:**
1. **Appointments:**
 - i. Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission Representative: John gave information, noting that no one from the Planning Commission would like to be the representative. Clyde made a motion that John Broker Campbell be our representative and Tom Kennedy be the alternate for two years. Trace seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 - ii. Tree Warden: Phil motion to appoint Greg Chase for the tree warden for Hartland. Clyde seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 - iii. Health Officer: Clyde made a motion to appoint Alan Beebe to be the Health Officer. Trace seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 - iv. Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District: Phil motion to approve John Broker Campbell as the GUVSWM representative. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 - v. Animal Control Officer: Clyde made a motion to appoint Jim Armbruster as the Animal Control Officer for one year. Jim seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. Old Home Days Business Support Letter: Phil gave a brief overview, noting that this letter is to be sent to business owners in town to solicit donations for the upcoming Old Home Days. There was brief discussion.
3. Town Road & Bridge Standards: Tom made a motion that we adopt the 2026 Town Road and Bridge Standards. Jim seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4. Town Highway Financial Plan, TA-60: John explained that this is an Annual Plan signed by the Selectboard.
5. SFY27 Grants in Aid Letter of Intent: John gave brief information. Clyde made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent for SFY27 Grants in Aid. Jim seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

VII. Town Manager Update: John gave the update, noting that we received our new 10-Wheeler Dump Truck. We anticipate the F600 to arrive any day. We replaced the Well Pump and Septic Tank Pumps at the Four Corner's Building. GMP will be here next week to remove the pole out front. We've had a request to have the Legislators to come to a Selectboard meeting to discuss ongoing topics and current bills. We have an Asbestos abatement request for \$3,000 for the items identified in the report. We are working with a neighboring property owner to bring EV charging. There is grant funding we can apply for. John gave an update on Capitol Planning.

VIII. Correspondence: Phil received a letter from Desiree Nargondo, a member from VT Center of Eco Studies. She did the garden plot last year. The letter says they have found an amazing number of statistics and would like to do it for year two.

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Minutes taken and submitted by Cheyenne Latimer.