

Town of Hartland  
Selectboard Meeting

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Jim Rielly and Trace Tancreti.

Others present in person: John Broker-Campbell, Laura Stone and JB McCarthy from VTrans. Todd Sumner, Kelly LaVinge and Josif Bicja from Hoyle & Tanner. Craig Smith, Rebecca Gordon, Sharon Viarengo, Tina & Kieth Avery, Alan Beebe, Ed Meacham, Gloria & Bruce Merritt, and Sherry Clarke.

Others present via Zoom: Rita Seto TRORC, Helen Esmond, Kevin Reed, John Tedesco, 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. Selectboard's Minutes and Orders:** Tom made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes from the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Meeting. Clyde seconded the motion. There was a correction to be made; to note that in Section 4, discussion of the Town Plan, all voted in favor except for one Selectboard member. All voted in favor. Clyde made a motion to accept the accounts payable through today, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Jim seconded the motion. There was discussion. All voted in favor.
- II. Adjustments to Agenda:** An adjustment to the agenda was made to include information from our Town Health Officer, Alan Beebe.
- III. Public Comment:** Gloria Merritt asked about public comments on the Town Plan.
- IV. New Business:**
  - 1. Health Officer:** Alan Beebe, Town Health Officer, came to discuss local health concerns. There is a property in town that has not complied, and Alan is bringing this information to the Selectboard for further escalation. Alan gave brief information and answered questions from the Selectboard. Tom made a motion that we allow our Health Officer to serve a warning to the property owners on 46 Mace Hill Rd. Clyde seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**2. VTrans Public Meeting, Willard Covered Bridge:** Laura Stone, from VTrans gave some opening remarks regarding information for Willard Covered Bridge. Staff from Hoyle Tanner presented information collected, they went over the details of the inspection findings, as noted in a previous meeting. The overall bridge construction is a 4(poor). Josif Bicja, from Hoyle Tanner gave recommendations on repairs to the bridge, with cost estimates. Bruce Merritt, Tina Avery, and Sharon Viarengo made comments.

**V. Town Manager Update:** John explained that our Representative for the Connecticut River Watershed Council is stepping down. We will post this position. We are receiving an increase in noise complaints. We are reporting these incidents to the Windsor County Sheriff's office. We anticipate updated numbers from Pathways at the end of the month. When we purchased the bucket loader, we purchased a bucket with the thumb on it. It was \$4,000 and we should have these come out of the equipment fund. This will be on next meetings agenda. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Public Hearing for the Town Plan at 6:00 p.m.

**Correspondence:**

Executive Session minutes to follow.

Minutes taken and submitted by Cheyenne Latimer.