

Town of Hartland
Selectboard Meeting
July 21st, 2025
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Others present in person: John Broker Campbell, Sherry Clarke, and Martin Dole.

Others present via Zoom: Stephen Cone and Stacey Bradley.

Present from CATV: Rayce Gilbert

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

- I. **Selectboard's Minutes and Orders:** Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 30th meeting. Trace seconded the motion. There were corrections made to the minutes, as some of the motions were missing the second. Tom made a motion to accept the orders through July 21, 2025. Jim seconded the motion. There was brief discussion. All voted in favor.
- II. **Adjustments to agenda:** None
- III. **Public Comments:** Sherry Clarke made comments regarding road signs and the Dog Warrant. Phil thanked those involved in Old Homes Day.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 1. **Four Corners Building Update:** John gave an update, noting we received a report back from The Division of Fire Safety with recommendations such as GFCI outlets. The Radon report came back clear, and a Home Inspector had some recommendations pertaining to the roof. We are still waiting for Lead and Asbestos testing to be completed. There was brief discussion.
 2. **Three Corners Intersection Lights:** John noted that there are two quotes currently. In working with a designer, and an electrical contractor out of Maine, the recommendation is going with a stronger battery compacity. We are unsure what these lights will look like installed. John has requested photos. Once we receive these, we can move forward. One quote is slightly above the monies allocated, and one is slightly lower.
 3. **Quechee Road Ditching:** John gave information, noting that in the spring there was a discussion to move forward with working on a smaller component of the Quechee road project, to complete ditch work to help with drainage to keep the road from

deteriorating further. BJ Mattson, Road Foreman, reached out D&D and Green Mountain Flagging for quotes. There was discussion of the work to be done, funding, and next steps. Jim made a motion to approve the contract with D&D excavating for \$36,000 to do ditching work on Quechee Rd. Tom seconded the motion. Jim made a motion to pay \$1,139.11 to Green Mountain Flagging to help with the same project. Clyde seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

V. New Business:

- 1. FY25 Budget Update:** Martin gave an update. There was discussion of Revenues, HS122 Penalties, Tax Delinquency and the Recreation Department. There was discussion of the Highway Fund, grants, and FEMA monies. Martin went over the General Fund and the departments within the town. There were questions and discussion amongst the board.
- 2. FY26 Tax Rate:** John discussed the Tax Rate, noting that it is 3.1364, up from around 2.99. This is around a 5 percent tax increase for the year. There was a brief discussion. Jim made a motion to approve the FY26 Tax Rate of 3.1364 and Non-Homestead 2.1166. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

VI. Town Manager Update: John gave the update, noting that Old Homes Day went well and gave thanks to everyone involved. We are almost through the annual reviews for town staff. The first leg of the audit was completed. In a few weeks they will be back to finish, and we will receive the report in early September. For the Quechee Road, the \$6.4 million project still exists, although there may be opportunities to do some short- and long-term work without going to a bond. There was a discussion of funds and work to be completed. We have a proposed reappraisal contract from NEMRC to be started in 2028 through 2030.

VII. Future Agenda Items:

- 1. North Hartland Covered Bridges:**
- 2. Cemetery Committee:**
- 3. Private Road Policy:**
- 4. Quechee Road:**
- 5. Lull Farm Lane:**

VIII. Correspondence: