

Town of Hartland
Selectboard Meeting
October 6th, 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, Clyde Jenne, Jim Rielly, and Trace Tancreti.

Others present in person: Sherry Clarke, BJ Mattson, Highway Foreman and Christine Knippenberg

Others present via Zoom: Tom Ayers from The Vermont Standard, Amy Ashline, and Curt Peterson.

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:** Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 15th Regular Meeting and Executive Session meeting. Trace seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Phil made a note to correct the information regarding the Town Plan; to clear up that the hearing will be warned in the Valley News. Additionally, note that the Tax Sale was a Delinquent Tax Sale. Jim made a motion to accept the orders through today, October 6th. Tom seconded the motion. There was discussion. All voted in favor.
- II) **Adjustment to Agenda:** None
- III) **Public Comments:** None
- IV) **Old Business:**
 1. **Town Highway 8:** John gave background information regarding the portion of Town Highway 8, the Class Four section, and information obtained from the town's attorney. There was discussion and questions from the Selectboard.
 2. **Open Meeting Law Training:** There is an Open Meeting Law Training for all boards, committees, and Town Employees. Jim Barlow will be providing the training and John will work on finding a date for the next few weeks.

V. New Business:

1. Windsor County Sheriff's Office Update; Ryan Palmer: Ryan came to discuss the police presence in Hartland and the types of calls occurring in town. There was discussion of burn bans, DUIs, traffic stops, weapons, drug activity and mental health calls. There was discussion of community policing and presence at Old Home Day and Halloween. There were questions and comments from the Selectboard.

2: Town Highway 10-Wheeler Replacement: John gave information, noting that there are two estimates for the truck replacement. One from ATG and one from Reeds. BJ gave information and answered questions from the Selectboard. There was discussion of warranties. Jim made a motion that we approve the purchase of the Western Star Truck and Viking Plow for \$214,391.00 from ATG of Westminster under Vermont State Contract 43586. Clyde seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Lead, Asbestos, and Radon Inspection Reports; 29 Brownsville Rd: John gave information noting that this was done with due diligence as property owners, and not a part of the transaction occurring between private parties. The Lead Report showed exterior Lead paint, and the interior was below the threshold. The Asbestos report has a few areas where it was detected, such as a flooring area and the boiler room door. Lastly, the Radon testing that was completed showed acceptable levels. Less than 4 is the acceptable range, and the testing came back between 3.0 and 3.8. There was discussion of air circulation. The perspective tenants are aware of these results.

4. Windsor Early Childhood Education Center Proposed Lease: Phil opened the discussion, noting that there is a proposed lease. The perspective tenants have seen this proposed lease. There is language recommended by the town attorney. There was discussion of the term. Currently leases have typically been yearly. There was discussion about rent. Jim made a motion that we authorize the Town Manager to finish negotiating this lease between the Town of Hartland and the Windsor Early Childhood Education Center, including the term and annual price increases.

VI. Town Manager Update: John gave the update, noting there has been increased concern at the 4 Corners Intersection of Brownsville Road and Mace Hill Rd. There was discussion on potential next steps to include writing a request to the engineers at VTrans to complete a road study. John will write a letter and present it at the next meeting. Sherry Clarke made a comment, as well as Cheyenne Latimer. We should receive the Three Corners Intersection lights in December. We are looking into installation. Appropriation Requests went out last week. We received feedback from the Fire Department that the process can be onerous each year. There is a question regarding if the Selectboard can remove this process for them. This will be brought to the town lawyer for more information. The audit reports were provided today for the Selectboard, and this will be on the agenda at the next meeting. There is a community breakfast

this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. where recycling will be discussed. This Wednesday and Thursday John will be out for conferences.

Executive Session minutes to follow.

Minutes taken and submitted by Cheyenne Latimer.