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Town of Hartland
Selectboard Meeting
November 17th, 2025
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Others present in person: John Broker-Campbell, Bruce and Gloria Merritt, Martin Dole, Tina Skehan, Rob Sangster, Harriet Dumas, Chris Drain, Bj Mattson, Traci Joy, Meredith Liben, Sherry Clarke, Michelle Rielly, and John Leonard.

Others present via Zoom: Amy Ashline, Cheyenne Latimer 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:** Jim made a motion to accept the Regular meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes from the November 3rd, 2025 Selectboard Meeting. Clyde seconded the motion. It was noted to correct under Town Highway and Culvert Policy, to make clear we are consolidating four separate policies into one. Additionally, we approved the Hartland Farmers Market, four sessions at \$25, totaling \$100. Lastly, under Hartland Volunteer Fire Department; adding the state statutes that require no petition. Jim made a motion to accept the warrants through today, November 17th. Tom seconded the motion. There were questions from the Selectboard. All voted in favor.
- II) **Adjustment to Agenda:** None
- III) **Public Comments:** None
- IV) **Old Business:**
 1. **FY27 Budget:**
 - i. **Hartland Highway Department; BJ Mattson:** Bj presented the proposed Highway Budget to the Selectboard. There was discussion of the increase in costs of material such as salt, ongoing projects, and adding a crew member. There were comments and questions from the Selectboard.

- ii. **Hartland Recreation Department; John Leonard:** John Leonard presented the Recreation Center Budget, noting no big changes in the budget. John went over the costs of programs, participation, and grants. John answered questions from the Selectboard.
- iii. **Hartland Public Library; Traci Joy:** Traci Joy presented the Library Budget, noting some increases are staff related, as well as new budget items such as children's titles and programming. There were questions and comments from the Selectboard.
- iv. **General Discussion:** There was a discussion on other budget items and the ongoing budget discussion, with comments from Finance Administrator, Martin Dole.

V. New Business:

1. 2025 Hartland Town Plan Selectboard Review: John opened the discussion, noting the Town Plan has been passed from the Planning Commission to the Selectboard. There are typos and small errors in the plan, along with public comments and suggestions passed along to the Selectboard for feedback or incorporation into the plan if needed. The Selectboard will review the town plan and hold two additional public hearings to adopt the plan. There was discussion amongst the Selectboard on the chapters of the plan.

VI. Town Manager Update: John gave the update. Thanksgiving is next week, and the town offices are closed Thursday and Friday. We are continuing to work with the engineer in finalizing a design for the culvert at the corner of Jenneville and Densmore Hill Rd. We have a proposal from Chippers to remove the trees at the Weed Rd cemetery. It is \$10,250. Last year we spent around \$14,000 on fireworks. This year for the same show the price is \$20,000. We'll need to make up the difference in the budget. There was a staff breakfast last Friday, it was well attended. We will be doing deck repair on the Martinsville Covered Bridge. VTrans will give an update in the coming months in regard to the bridges in North Hartland.

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Executive Session minutes to follow.

Minutes taken and submitted by Cheyenne Latimer.