

**TOWN OF HARTLAND
ABSTRACT OF TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2017**

Moderator Patricia Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. She asked all who wished to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug Linnell gave instruct for use of the mobile microphones.

State Representatives Paul Belaski and John Bartholomew and Senator Alice Nitka and Senator Alison Clarkson spoke of the various bills that are before the Legislature this session.

Rep. Bartholomew noted that Vermont ranks high in high school graduation rates, low unemployment, new business creation and several other factors. Sen. Alice Nitka spoke of a bill that had passed the Senate stating that the Federal Government won't be able to take over control of the State police and Sheriffs.

Rob Anderegg, chair of the Conservation Committee, presented Karl Kemnitzer with the sixth annual Conservation Committee award. This is presented to people who contribute to the betterment of Hartland. Rob cited many of Karl's contributions to Hartland. His involvement with the energy committee, farmers market and many other town activities.

The Moderator gave a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order which govern town meeting protocol.

ARTICLE 1: Elected, by Australian ballot, Town officers and Town School District officers for the ensuing year. The ballot box will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Town	One 1-year	Patricia Richardson	498
Treasurer	One 1 year remaining	Deborah Olmstead	491
Selectperson	One 3-year term	Matt Peeler	472
Selectperson	One 2-year term	Gordon Richardson	473
Lister	One 3-year term	David Courtney	444
Lister	One 1-year remaining		No Candidate
First Constable	One 2-year term	James D Dow	380
Town Agent	One 1-year term	Judith Howland	474
Town Grand Juror	One 1-year term	Judith Howland	481
Library Trustee	Two 3-year term	April Doherty (Elected)	268
		Colleen Lannon	214
		Sarah Stewart Taylor (Elected)	330
Moderator School District	One 1-year	Patricia Richardson	485
School Director	One 3-year term	Nicole (Nicki) Buck	452
School Director	One 2-year term	Bettina Read	449

ARTICLE 2: Voted to appropriate \$62,250.00 to support the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department, such funds to be raised by taxes.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to appropriate \$16,500.00 to support the Hartland Rescue Squad, such funds to be raised by taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate \$ 1,500.00 to support Stagecoach Transportation Services INC, such funds to be raised by taxes.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate \$39,012.00 to support social service agencies as follows, such funds to be raised by taxes.

Community Nurse Program	5,175.00
Connecticut River Transit	500.00
Cover Home Repair	500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	500.00
Green-Up Vermont	200.00
Hartland Community Connections	4,000.00
Hartland Community Food Shelf	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation	
Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.	3,453.00
Headrest	1,710.00
Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership	2,000.00
SEVCA	3,220.00
The Family Place	200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	160.00
Volunteers in Action	900.00
White River Council on Aging	1,000.00
Windsor County Partners	2,000.00
Women's Information Services	500.00
Woodstock Area Job Bank	300.00

Moved to amend to add Visiting Nurses in the amount of \$ 10,500.00 and the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$ 1,694.00. These were in the final budget figure but had been omitted as they were separate articles in 2016.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to authorize the purchase of 21 RT 12 (property adjacent to the west side of the Recreation Center) in an amount not to exceed \$ 180,000.00 to be financed over a period not to exceed five years. Amended that no significant changes to the property go forward without the approval of plans for changes by a vote of the town.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to appropriate \$ 2,517,000.00, of which \$ 1,866,460.00 shall be raised by taxes, for Highways and General Fund expenses and all other purposes for which the law requires appropriations or the Town may legally vote.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to continue the use of the tabulator for the purpose of counting ballots in Town and School District voting.

ARTICLE 9: Voted not to declare Hartland, Vermont to be designated as a "Sanctuary Town".

ARTICLE 10: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money from the Capital Reserve Fund or a commercial lender for a term of no longer than five years for Town expenses in anticipation of taxes and to execute and deliver their note or notes or Selectboard's orders thereof.

ARTICLE 11; Resolved, that the Town of Hartland, through the FERC relicensing process, has been presented with information on the Connecticut River. If it is shown that there is a causal relationship between the operation of the Bellows falls Dam and/or the Wilder Dam by TransCanada Corporation or subsequent owners resulting in the deterioration of the riverbank or attendant roads or farmland, it is recommended that the Town of Hartland formally request that TransCanada or subsequent owners modify current dam operations and create a mitigation fund to reimburse towns and landowners for any and all damages.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business necessary and proper under this warning:

Gordon Richardson spoke of Bob Stacey's planned retirement and gave a list of Bob's accomplishments in his nearly 20 years of employment by the Town.

Mary O'Brien had scoured past Town Reports to glean the data.

Deborah Luquer mentioned Bob's dogs and that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he treats his dog.

Questions were asked about amending article 6 and if we adopted the amendment.

Matt Dunne gave an update on the Lemax Farm project.

The Clerk announced the upcoming rabies clinic and read the original town meeting Warning from 1763.

There was considerable discussion of the progress of the intersection construction.

Mike Heaney thanked the Moderator for conducting a fair meeting.

Attendance at meeting	218
Voters at Polls	539
Voters on Checklist	2620

Clyde A Jenne
Town Clerk