

Attendees: Alice Bennett, Ariel Arwen, Bill Neukomm, Betsy Kohl, Bob and Diane Bibby, Bill Barrows, Brian Stroffolino, Chico Kaneko, Chris Collier, Chuck Fenton, Courtney Keene, Curt Peterson, Dean and Susan Greenberg, David Baldwin, Elizabeth Craib, Gary Trachier, Helen Esmond, Jerry Hickson, Jessica Cassarino, Jim Reilly, Judith Howland, Julianne Harden, Kate Rohdenberg WISE, Kira Kelley, Laurel Stevenson, Maggie Monroe, Martin Dole, Pat Vlamnynck, Patricia Richardson, Peter Tenenbaum, Rebecca Genovese, Rob Anderegg, Jennifer Grant, Sarah Bruce, Sheila Vowinkel, Stacey Bradley, Susan Boutwell, Tom Kennedy, Lone Minot

Panelists: Matt Dunne, Curtis Atkisson, David Ormiston, Gordon Richardson, Mary O'Brien, Phil Hobbie, Martha McGlenn, Colleen Spence, John Bartholomew, John Sanders, Thomas Bishop (CATV), Brittany Preston, Christine Bourne, Beth Roy, Sarah Stewart Taylor

Matt Dunne called us to order at 9:03

Dunne introduced the new format and rules, specifying that this is not town meeting

Legislative update:

Provided updates on committee membership for each of the members. \$1 billion in American Rescue Act funds to allocate. Municipality funds will be distributed based on population. Two constitutional amendments have passed. Addressing climate change, especially through transportation. Constituent videoconference meeting 5/7 at 13:00.

Review and discussion of Town Meeting articles

Article 1: To elect all Town Officers

No questions or discussion

Article 2: Town budget

David Ormiston provided an update on the budget. Combined increase of 5.1% over last year. Biggest emphasis is continued attention on roads. We need to increase the highway budget to overcome deferred maintenance and establish a good pattern of road repair. Highway equipment must be maintained, much of the budget goes into an equipment fund. The increases in the general fund have been driven by increased healthcare costs and an ordinance administration and planning position. The ordinance administration and planning position will allow us to see when new development takes place in town and keep the Grand List up to date, equitably distributing the cost of delivering town services. This position will also play a key role in ensuring safety for all residents in Town. This position will also take on some day-to-day operations, freeing up the time of skilled employees in Town.

Minot: What is the difference between taxes and expenditures? Is it because of 3 Corners?

Ormiston: Accounting for 3 Corners is done differently. The difference between these two comes from other ways of generating revenue: dams, recreation, etc.

Article 3: CATV appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 4: Cover appropriation

100% increase in building material costs. ~6 urgent repairs conducted in Hartland each year.

Article 5: GMEDC appropriation

Minot: What has GMEDC done for Hartland, recently?

Ormiston: GMEDC hasn't done anything directly for Hartland but is beneficial to the area and would be available to Hartland if we pursued additional economic development

Article 6: RSVP appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 7: Green Up Vermont appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 8: Hartland Community Food Shelf appropriation

Judy Howland: p. 72 of the Town Report has a summary of the Hartland Food Shelf. Thank Carmen Summersall for her years of service for the Food Shelf.

Article 9: Aging in Hartland appropriation

Curt Peterson: Described the demographics of Hartland and what Aging in Hartland does, including the Community Nurses.

Article 10: Hartland Farmer's Market appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 11: Hartland Mutual Aid appropriation

Kira Kelley: Described the philosophy of Mutual Aid. Unmet needs can be met with surplus resources that exist in the community. Hartland organizing volunteers connect people with needs to volunteers and other services that exist

Linda Genovese: It would be nice to have a clearinghouse for social and economic services

Curtis Atkisson: It is our hope that we can serve that purpose, and you can see the description thereof in the Town Report

Article 12: Hartland Rescue Squad appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 13: HVFD appropriation

John Sanders: 6 new members this year. Increased response to fires, decreased response on interstate. 3 paramedics on rescue squad. Increase in rescue calls, many recurring. Fire and Rescue have started working with Aging in Hartland, Senior Solutions, and Mutual Aid to help with recurring calls. 2020 was recapped. Please consider volunteering.

Jennifer Grant: What is a dry hydrant?

Sanders: A hydrant connected to a pond, no pressurized

Mary O'Brien: Are there enough dry hydrants? Can they be sited in brooks?

Sanders: They can be sited in brooks, though it is harder. Individuals can self-fund dry hydrants in working with the Fire Department. Always looking to add more dry hydrants.

Article 14: Headrest appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 15: HCRS appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 16: MAPP appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 17: Public Health Council of the Upper Valley appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 18: Senior Solutions appropriation

Mark Boutwell: Executive Director of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions delivers Meals on Wheels, in addition to other services.

Article 19: SEVCA appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 20: SNSC appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 21: Tri-Valley Transit appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 22: Moover Rockingham appropriation

Sarah Bruce: Is Hartland in Southern Windsor?

Ormiston: We're on the fringe of southern Windsor, but Moover Rockingham does service the Park & Ride

Article 23: The Family Place appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 24: The Ottawaquechee Health Foundation appropriation

Mark Boutwell: OHF last year provided 25 grants to Hartland residents worth over \$30,000 in healthcare services.

Article 25: The Vermont Center for Independent Living appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 26: VNH appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 27: Volunteers in Action appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 28: Bugbee Senior Center appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 29: Windsor County Mentors appropriation

No questions or discussion

Article 30: WISE appropriation

Kate Rohdenburg: Letting us know she lives in town and is available if anyone has questions.

Article 31: Woodstock Area Job Bank appropriation

No questions or discussion

Motion to adjourn made by Phil Hobbie. Seconded by Mary O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 10:59.