Town of Hartford

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

For Fiscal Year

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

The meeting was held at the Town Hall beginning at 8:00 am June 12, 2018. Rebecca Downey read the greetings of Warrant for Annual Town Meeting. Rebecca Downey read Article #1 calling for the election of a Moderator.

**Article #1**: Rebecca Downey nominated Daryl Boness as moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article #2**: To elect by secret ballot one Selectman for the term of three (3) years, and one RSU10 School Board member for a term of three (3) years.

Daryl showed that the ballot box was empty.

Daryl locked the ballot box and declared the polls open.

Daryl closed the polls at 8:00 pm.

Results of the secret ballot election:

**Selectman, three year term: Expiring June of 2021**

 **Loando Brann 42**

 **Lee Holman 147**

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**RSU 10 School Board, three year term: Expiring June of 2021**

 **Richard Dyer 84**

 **Chad Culleton 87**

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**School Budget vote: Article 1 Yes 134 No 52 Blank 11**

Rebecca recessed the meeting until June 16, 2018 at 9:00 am.

June 16, 2018 at 9:00 am, Hartford Town Hall, the town meeting reconvened.

Deputy Moderator, Steve Wight, took his oath of office and shared the results of the municipal election, as previously printed.

**Article 3:** To elect and/or appoint the following Town Officers for the ensuing year or to take any other action thereto:

One General Assistance Director

Board of Assessors

Five (5) Budget Committee Members

One Fire Warden (pursuant to MRSA 25, Part 6, Chapter 315, subsection 2391).

A motion was made by Lee Holman to nominate the board of selectmen as General Assistance Director. This motion was seconded by Cathy Lowe.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Lee Holman, seconded by Cathy Lowe to nominate the board of selectmen as Board of Assessors.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

Nominations were made for Budget Committee and seconded for the following: Dan Maddox

 Doug Crist

 Robert L'Heureux

 Leslie Boness

 Doreen Maxwell

No other nominations were made beyond the five (5) needed.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

A motion was made by Lee Holman, seconded by Cathy Lowe to nominate Clarence Hill as Fire Warden.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money ($630,163) to be placed in the Road Account. Lee motioned to accept as written, Daryl Boness seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote and/or appropriate a sum of money ($226,529) for the General and Administrative Account to cover operational expenses of the Town. Leslie motioned to accept as written, Daryl Boness seconded

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money ($97,544)for the Sanitation Accounts. Lee motioned to accept as written, Doreen Maxwell seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money ($81,098) for the Emergency Services Accounts. Cathy motioned to accept as written, Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to approve moving all unexpended monies at the end of the fiscal year in the Road account to the Road Reserve account. This article will continue in force until such time as the voters of the Town of Hartford vote to repeal it. Arlene Nason motioned to accept as written, Doug Crist seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money ($11,838) for the Social Services account. Doug Crist motioned to accept as written, Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use Overlay for accounts exceeding appropriated amounts, including tax abatements and applicable interest. Leslie Boness motioned to accept as written, Doug Crist seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will adopt the proposed update to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Lee moved to Table until a future date, Arthur Harvey seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the
Town for non-payment of taxes. Sale or sales of said properties is to be by sealed bid and advertised seven (7) days in advance by posting in two conspicuous public places and by placing an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and to execute Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for such property. The Board of Selectmen may, without auction or advertisement, sell to the person or persons to whom a property was taxed at the time the property was acquired by the Town or to their heirs or assigns, such property at the amount of the accrued taxes, interest, lien costs and administrative fees as determined by

State Law and the Board of Selectmen and therefore shall execute and deliver a Municipal Quit Claim Deed for such property. Tom Hamilton motioned to accept as written, Judy Hamilton seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the following dates on which real and personal property taxes shall be due and payable: one half of the tax shall be due and payable on December 1, 2018 and one half of the tax shall be due and payable on May 1, 2019. Christine Mumau motioned to accept as written, Lori Swan seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to fix an annual interest rate of seven percent (7%) on real and personal property taxes not paid on or before December 1, 2018 and May 1, 2019. Doug Crist motioned to amend the amount to the state maximum of 8%. Judy Hamilton moved for vote, Morrill Nason seconded. *The article has been amended to an annual interest rate of eight percent (8%) on real and personal property taxes not paid on or before December 1, 2018 and May 1, 2019.*

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or the Deputy Tax Collector to accept prepayments of property taxes not yet due or assessed and to fix an annual interest rate of zero percent (0%) on taxes paid prior to the due date. 9M.R.S.A. 36, Section 506, amended). Lee Holman motioned to accept as written, Christine Mumau seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to fix an annual interest rate of three percent (3%) on excess taxes paid when tax abatements are issued by the Board of Assessors (M.R.S.A. 36. Section 506A, as amended). Christine Mumau motioned to accept as written, Paula Dobbins seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to accept all revenues from Cost Sharing Projects and from State and Federal agencies. This revenue will be distributed to the appropriate accounts as intended by said agencies. Leslie Boness motioned to accept as written, Christine Mumau seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature, and appropriate and apply the total estimated amount of $168,057 against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation (to reduce the 2018/19 Tax Commitment).

 **Fund Category Estimated Amount**

 State Municipal Revenue Sharing.................. $60,000.00

 Urban Rural Initiative Program...................... $33,757.00

 Tree Growth Reimbursement............................ $ 8,000.00

 Veterans Exemption Return............................... $ 800.00

 Snowmobile Registration Refund....................... $ 500.00

 General Assistance............................................. $ Unknown

 Homestead Exemption Return........................... $65.000.00

 Emergency Management................................... $ Unknown

 State Grants........................................................ $ Unknown

 Total $168,057.00

Arlene Maxwell motioned to accept as written, Christine Mumau seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to apply the local revenue amount of $203,395 against the total amount authorized to be raised by Taxation (to reduce the 2018/2019) Tax Commitment). Christine Mumau motioned to accept as written, Lee Holman seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Hartford by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. Lee Holman motioned to accept, Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of written ballot: Yes 8 No 1**

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Wight, Leslie Boness seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Adjourned 10:23 am**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Rebecca Downey**

**Town Clerk**