



# Town of Hartland

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## MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Attending: Magi Winslow, Scott Levan, Greg Sottile, Karen Eseppe, Jen Kershaw, Brett Watson, Phil Mikan, Susan Pearson, Hank Pearson, Ellen Smith, Peter Sevetz, Mark Brault

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by First Selectman Magi Winslow.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan– Unanimous

To approve minutes from previous Special meeting(s) as presented. The Regular Monthly Meeting for August was cancelled.

The Expenses for the months of June, July and August will be approved at a Special Meeting to be held before 9/21/22. Line item transfers needed to close/balance the books for June, 2022 will be approved at that time.

Treasurer's reports were available for June, July and August, 2022.

As requested by the Second and Third Selectmen, FOI expenses to date are in excess of \$7,000.00. The recent FOI Court Case, Peter Sevetz vs Town of Hartland, was discussed.

### Update Coronavirus/Town Buildings:

Magi Winslow reported masking is now voluntary at all Town buildings. Currently, Boards/Commissions have the option of "in person meeting", Zoom meeting or both. There are still testing kits and masks available if needed. Sanitizer is still available in the Town Hall lobby and in the Offices at Town Hall. If you are showing symptoms of Covid or have been exposed to someone who has Covid, please do not come into the Town Buildings or attend Town events until it is safe to do so. The Board of Selectmen sincerely thanks you for your patience and your consideration. The BOS remains watchful as it relates to Town buildings/events and Covid exposures.

### Appointments:

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan - Unanimous

To re-appoint Donald Murray as Alternate Member of Inland Wetlands Commission. Term begins 9/13/2022.

Emergency Manager Jen Abalan Kershaw, Assistant Manager Brett Watson and Phil Mikan were present to discuss Town needs and expectations of Emergency Management in Hartland.



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To approve the donation of a Kiosk Information Sign from the LFSWS. Placement will be decided by the BOS. A letter of introduction from Joshua Mead was read. Joshua will be conducting a “needs” assessment (education and outreach) of Hartland as it relates to the Farmington River and Salmon Brook.

Greg Sottile spoke concerning the Mandated Housing Plan for all Towns in Connecticut. Hartland will be working with Joshalyn Ayers in constructing our Plan. The plan deadline is due to the State by 7/31/23 and addresses limited affordable housing and housing availability.

Magi Winslow reported the first phase of the repair/renovation project at Town Hall is nearly completed. Flooring replaced the old carpet in the entry way, lobby, tax office, town clerks office and old food bank room. Bathroom tile was re-grouted and sealed. All offices and areas that were worked on (including the lobby and hallways) were repainted. The front door was resealed. Broken ceiling tiles were replaced, etc. The remaining areas will be worked next year as the Budget allows.

The Board reported the purchase of a used Mack Plow Truck in excellent condition (with sander and assorted parts) in the amount of \$27,500.00. The purchase of this truck will push off the Highways department need of a new plow truck (as stated in the 10 year equipment plan for the year 2026) for at least 15 years. This will help with the funding of the scheduled purchase of a WHVFD Pumper in the next couple of years.

Magi Winslow reported the finalization of the National Opioid Settlement that Hartland applied for in December of 2021. Connecticut received \$11,939,415.49. \$1,586,000.00 will be divided amongst the Connecticut Towns. Hartland will receive \$570.77.

Hartland Town and Hartland School have locked in heating and fuel prices through the fuel consortium. We are late to do this as we have been watching heating oil and fuel prices for months, hoping they would drop to a lower price. This has not happened. Although the prices are higher than we would like and certainly more than what is in our Budget, we were worried more about the availability of heating oil for the buildings and fuel and diesel for our equipment and the fire departments.

**Motion: Magi Winslow/Greg Sottile – Unanimous**

To approve a request from the Hartland Tax Collector to refund Mr. Gary Lovell of West Hartland the amount of \$164.97 (MV taxes).

Hartland will hold its Flu Clinic (hosted by the VNA and First Church) on October 19, 2022, from 11am to 2pm at the First Church. Please make an appoint with the VNA.

Hartland will hold a “Shred Day” sponsored by Hartland Recreation, First Church and the Hartland Lions, on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 9am to 1pm in the Town Hall parking lot.



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Hartland Household Hazardous Waste Day will be October 8, 2022. A ticket is needed to attend this event. Tickets are available at the Town Hall. Normally the Town provides a Town mailing to notice this event, however, since the information was received late this year, there is not enough time to send a mailing. Magi Winslow will notice this event as much as possible.

#### Communications and Public Comment:

Mr. Brault reported trees on High View Road that should be taken down. Scott Levan will inspect those trees. Hartland continues to remove dead and dying ash trees and other trees deemed to be a safety problem.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Scott Levan – unanimous  
To adjourn the meeting at 9:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Magi Winslow

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