Town of Hartford

Annual Town Meeting

For Fiscal Year

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

The meeting was held at the Town Hall beginning at 9:00 am June 17, 2017. Betty Plumley read the greetings of Warrant for Annual Town Meeting. Betty Plumley read Article #1 calling for the election of a Moderator.

**Article #1**: Betty Plumley 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, one Selectman for two years (2) and one Road Commissioner for a term of two years (2).

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 2020**

**Cathy Lowe**

**Write in 0**

**Blank 0**

**Selectman, two year term: Expiring June of 2019**

**Clarence Hill**

**Lorelee Swan**

**Write in 0**

**Blank 0**

**Road Commissioner, two year term: Expiring June of 2019**

**Alan Mc Neil**

**School Budget vote: Article 1 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Void \_\_\_\_**

**Betty recessed the meeting until June 17, 2017 at 9:00 am.**

**June 17, 2017 at 9:00 am, Hartford Town Hall, the town meeting reconvened.**

**Deputy Moderator, Scott Cole, 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 change the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position when the current Town Clerk's term either expires or is vacated for any reason. Vote taken by written ballot.

**Vote by show of written ballots: Yes 24 No 6**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money to be placed in the Summer Road Account. Scott Cole motioned to amend the figure $316,000 to $600,000 for both summer and winter roads combined. Leslie 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 to be placed in the Winter Road account. Doug Crist motioned to change the dollar figure to "0". This article combined with **Article 5.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote and/or appropriate a sum of money ($219,072) for the General, Administrative and Safety accounts.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money (**$96,913)** for the Sanitation Accounts. Leslie Boness motioned, Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 9:** 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. Dan Maddox motioned to accept as written. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money ($81,082) for the Emergency Services Accounts. Morrill Nason motioned, seconded by Barry Langer.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money ($12,400) for the Reserve Accounts. Leslie Boness motioned seconded by Lee Holman.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate a sum of money ($10,979) for the Social Services account. Barry Langer motioned to accept, Lee Holman seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 13:** 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.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 14:** 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, 2017 and one half of the tax shall be due and payable on May 1, 2018.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 15:** 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, 2017 and May 1, 2018. Motion to accept by Morrill Nason, seconded by Dan Maddox.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 16:** 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, Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 17:** 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). Motion by Morrill Nason to accept, seconded by Christine Mumau.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 18:** 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. Motion by Dan Maddox to accept, seconded by Morrill Nason.

**Fund Category Estimated Amount**

State Municipal Revenue Sharing.................. $50,000.00

Urban Rural Initiative Program...................... $36,243.00

Tree Growth Reimbursement............................ $ 20,000.00

Veterans Exemption Return............................... $ 1,249.00

Snowmobile Registration Refund....................... $ 300.00

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

Homestead Exemption Return........................... $ 35.000.00

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

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

Total $142,792.00

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to apply the local revenue amount of $177,500.00 against the total amount authorized to be raised by Taxation (to reduce the 2017/2018) Tax Commitment).

Dan Maddox motioned to accept and Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 21**: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money ($60,000.00) from the Fund Balance to reduce the 2017/2018 Tax Commitment. Dan Maddox motion to accept and Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Article 22:** 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. Leslie Boness motioned to accept and Morrill Nason seconded.

**Vote by show of written ballot: Yes 10 No 3**

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Cole

**Vote by show of hands: Yes**

**Adjourned 11:03 am**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Betty Plumley**

**Town Clerk**