

**ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
Senior Center/Meeting Room  
New Hartford Town Hall  
APRIL 23, 2019**

First Selectman Dan Jerram opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Town of New Hartford was held on Wednesday April 23, 2019 in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall. First Selectman Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

First Selectman Jerram opened the floor to nominations for Moderator. Motion Joe Petrarca, second Steve Sekulski to nominate Alesia Kennerson as Moderator. First Selectman Jerram asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion Lou Helt, second Rob Jerram to close Nominations. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

First Selectman Jerram called for a voice vote to elect Alesia Kennerson as Moderator. The motion to elect Alesia Kennerson Moderator was unanimously approved.

Moderator Kennerson read the Call of The Meeting and the Return of Posting and Publication.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 23, 2019  
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM – MAY 7, 2019**

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Hartford, CT hereby notifies all electors and citizens entitled to vote in Town Meetings in said Town of New Hartford, Connecticut that the Annual Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall, 530 Main Street, in New Hartford for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon the Town Budget recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.
2. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, to adjourn said budget meeting at its conclusion and to submit Item number 1 on the call of this meeting to be voted upon using voting tabulators on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Electors residing in the Voting District #1 shall vote at the New Hartford Town Hall, 530 Main Street in New Hartford. Electors residing in the Voting District #2 shall vote at the South End Fire House, 20 Antolini Road in New Hartford. Voters qualified to vote at town meeting who are not electors shall vote at their respective polling places. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk, 530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT and will be counted at their respective polling places. The question to be voted upon shall be placed on the ballots as:  
“Shall the Budget of the Town of New Hartford including General Government, New Hartford Board of Education and Capital Expenditures, recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, be accepted?”

Voters approving the question will vote “Yes” and those opposing the question will vote “No.”

Dated at New Hartford, CT this 15th day of April, 2019.

Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman

Alesia Kennerson, Selectman

Eric B. Claman, Selectman

Donna LaPlante, Town Clerk

**RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION  
OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**

I, Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman of the Town of New Hartford, Connecticut, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing Notice of the Annual Budget Meeting/Notice of Referendum to be posted on the Town signpost on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 and also published in the Hartford Courant a newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut and having a general circulation in the Town of New Hartford, on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2019.

Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman

Moderator Kennerson read Item#1

**ITEM # 1: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE TOWN BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019.**

The Board of Selectmen, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 7-7, have removed item # 1 from the call of this meeting and adjourned such vote on the budget to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

In accordance with section 7-6 of the CT General Statutes, as amended, only an elector of the town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran who would be entitled to vote at the meeting would be entitled to vote at the referendum.

Moderator Kennerson explained that there will be no action taken regarding the proposed budget, but that if anyone wishes to comment on the budget, they may do so now.

Aulay Carlson questioned why the legal line item in the Board of Finance Budget was \$10,000, but was zeroed out this year. Dan explained that there is a line item for legal fees for Town Counsel in another portion of the budget. Mr. Carlson questioned if the Board of Education budget has a line item for legal expenses. Moderator Kennerson said the budget presented tonight just lists a total expenditure for the Board of Education and does not break down specific items. Mr. Carlson then questioned who removed the Board of Finance Legal item? First Selectman Jerram responded the Board of Selectman removed the item and the Board of Finance agreed.

Regina Wexler, Chairman of the Board of Finance said that the budget as presented in its entirety is recommended by the Board of Finance.

First Selectman Dan Jerram commented that the General Assembly has not finished their work yet, so some of the items on both the Revenue and Expense side are still unknown. To be cautious, the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance have included an expense item of \$42,270 should the town have to cover a portion of the teacher's pension fund. The Education Grant Funding reduction is also covered in the budget in the amount of \$106,000. Mr. Jerram also noted that the LOCIP Grant of \$62,726 will be used exclusively for paving.

Hearing no other comments or questions, Moderator Kennerson moved on to Item Number 2.

**ITEM NUMBER 2:**

Moderator Kennerson asks for a a motion to approve the following: Resolved, in accordance with this notice, to hold a referendum on **Tuesday, May 7, 2019** between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm using **machine vote** to vote on the following question:

“Shall the Budget of the Town of New Hartford including General Government, New Hartford Board of Education and Capital Expenditures, recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 be accepted?”

Voters approving the question will vote “Yes” and those opposing the question will vote “No.”

Motion Lou Helt, Second Carlene Jerram.

Moderator Kennerson called for a voice vote. Unanimously approved.

Moderator Kennerson stated that since there is no other business to conduct, she would entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting to Referendum to be held on Tuesday May 7, 2019.

Motion Lou Helt, Second Carlene Jerram

Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned to referendum at 7:15PM.

A True Copy

Attest: Donna N. LaPlante, Town Clerk