TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING SENIOR CENTER/MEETING ROOM TOWN HALL November 27, 2017

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Town of New Hartford was held on Monday November 27, 2017 in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall. First Selectman Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

In anticipation of a request from the First Selectman for nominations for Moderator, Aulay Carlson nominated Bob Howson as Moderator. Bob Howson declined the nomination. First Selectman Jerram then opened the floor to nominations. Motion Penny Miller, second Noel Gauthier to nominate Alesia Kennerson. Hearing no further nominations, First Selectman Jerram requested a motion to close nominations. Motion Penny Miller, second Reggie Smith to close nominations. By show of hands, motion to close nominations passed unanimously. First Selectman Jerram then called for a vote by show of hands to elect Alesia Kennerson as Moderator. Unanimous.

Moderator Kennerson read the call of the Meeting:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING – November 27, 2017 NOTICE OF REFERENDUM – December 5, 2017

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 Monday, November 27, 2017 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, 2017.
- 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, December 5, 2017 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, 2017, be accepted?"

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

Dated at New Hartford, CT this 20th day of November, 2017.

Laura Difelice Garay, Selectman

Donna LaPlante, Town Clerk

Moderator Kennerson then read the Return of Posting and Publication:

RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN 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,

November 21, 2017 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 Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Dated this 27th of November, 2017.

Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman

ITEM # 1: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE TOWN BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017

Moderator Kennerson read into the record the following:

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, December 5, 2017 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 at this meeting, but that if anyone wishes to comment or ask questions on the budget, they may do so at this time.

MaryBeth Greenwood questioned the increase in the Planning & Development Line Item. First Selectman Jerram explained that the Building Inspector position has been increased to full time in order to be

able to handle the increase in permits. John Burdick asked if revenues show an increase, to which First Selectman Jerram indicted that yes, the has been a significant increase in building revenues. Not only is there a significant increase in new housing permits, but insurance companies are requiring inspections on previous work which also increases both the building inspector workload and revenues.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator Kennerson moved on to Item 2.

ITEM NUMBER 2:

Moderator Kennerson then asked for a motion to approve the following: Resolved, in accordance with this notice, to hold a referendum on **Tuesday**, **December 5**, **2017** 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, 2017 be accepted?"

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

Motion Ben Witte, second Tom Buzzi to approve the Resolution. Moderator Kennerson requested a vote on the motion. The Motion carried unanimously by a hand vote.

Having no other business to attend to, Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting to referendum to be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Motion Noel Gauthier, second Bob Howson. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

A True Copy

Attest: Donna N. LaPlante CCTC Town Clerk