

**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD  
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
SENIOR CENTER/MEETING ROOM  
TOWN HALL**

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Town of New Hartford was held on Tuesday April 21, 2015 in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall. First Selectman Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. First Selectman Jerram opened the floor to nominations for Moderator. Motion Penny Miller, second Bob Howson to nominate Reggie Smith as Moderator. Hearing no further nominations, First Selectman Jerram entertained a motion from Denton Butler, seconded by Penny Miller to close nominations. First Selectman Jerram called for a voice vote on the motion to nominate Reggie Smith as Moderator. The motion to elect Reggie Smith as Moderator was unanimously approved.

Moderator Smith read the Call of the Meeting.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 21, 2015  
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM – MAY 5, 2015**

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 21, 2015 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, 2015.
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 5, 2015 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, 2015, be accepted?”

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

Dated at New Hartford, CT this 13th day of April, 2015.

Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman

Alesia Kennerson, Selectman

John H. Casey, Selectman

Donna LaPlante, Town Clerk

Moderator Smith read the Return of Posting and Publication.

**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 14, 2015 and also published in the Register Citizen a newspaper published in Torrington, Connecticut and having a general circulation in the Town of New Hartford, on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.

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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, 2015**

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 5, 2015 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

In accordance with section 7-6 of the Connecticut 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 Smith 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.

David Krimmel commended the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for putting together the budget for the municipality. He felt the increase by the Board of Education was out of line. Board of Finance Chair Jim Fitzgerald asked which school budget he was referring to and Mr. Krimmel said the local Board of Education Budget. Mr. Krimmel believes that is the education budget over which we have the most control and input. He thought we should attack local issues first and then Regional #7 next.

First Selectman Jerram commented that this has been a difficult year and he does not see this budget pattern going away in the future.

## **ITEM NUMBER 2:**

Moderator Smith asked for a motion to approve the following: Resolved, in accordance with this notice, to hold a referendum on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015** 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, 2015 be accepted?”

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

Motion John Burdick, second Steve Roth.

Moderator Smith asked for further discussion.

Bill Baxter asked how will the budgets be listed on the ballot – will there be 2 or 3 questions. First Selectman Jerram said there will be two questions on the ballot. The one in the current motion is the first question and a second question on the Regional #7 budget.

First Selectman Jerram commented that one student at Regional #7 just moved from New Hartford to Barkhamsted and our allocation has been reduced by \$18,000 plus. John Burdick asked if that was the cost of educating a student at Regional and Noel Gauthier, one of our Regional 7 Board of Education Representatives, said “no”, the cost per student was \$16,000+.

Moderator Smith called for a voice vote on the motion to hold the referendum on Tuesday May 5, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Having no other business to conduct, Moderator Smith called for a motion to adjourn this meeting to Referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Motion Denton Butler, Second Alesia Kennerson. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

A True Copy

Attest: Donna N. LaPlante

Town Clerk