

**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of New Hartford was held on Tuesday April 18, 2023. Attendees included Dan Jerram, Alesia Kennerson, Laura Garay, Lynn Florio, Marty Post, Donna Howard, Diana Witte, Noel Gauthier, Karen Gauthier, Michael Jerram, Penny Miller, Kerry Guilfoyle, Mary Beth Greenwood, Steve Unger, Charles Neale, and Carmen Neale.

First Selectman Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

First Selectman Jerram opened the floor to nominations for Moderator.

Motion: Martin Post to nominate Alesia Kennerson as moderator; seconded by Laura Garay.

First Selectman asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations.

First Selectman Jerram asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations by Noel Gauthier, seconded Penny Miller. Unanimous

First Selectman Jerram called for a vote to elect Alesia Kennerson as Moderator. Unanimous.

Moderator Kennerson read the call of the Meeting:

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 18, 2023
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM – MAY 2, 2023**

**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

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, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, immediately following the close of the Annual Budget Meeting which begins at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall, 530 Main Street, in New Hartford, CT for the following purposes:

- 1.) To elect a member to the Stanclift Cove Authority; term to expire June 30, 2026

- 2.) To consider and act upon the recommendations made by the Board of Finance regarding appropriations to be made utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds totaling \$984,400.00.
- 3.) Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, to adjourn said Annual Town Meeting at its conclusion and to submit Item number 2 on the call of this meeting to be voted upon using voting tabulators on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 between the hours of 10:00 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 appropriations totaling \$984,400.00 utilizing funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act as recommended by the Board of Finance be accepted?" Voters approving the question will vote "Yes" and those opposing the question will vote "No."

Dated at New Hartford, CT this 10th day of April, 2023

Board of Selectmen

Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman

Alesia Kennerson, Selectman

Laura Garay, Selectman

RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL 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 Town Meeting /Notice of Referendum to be posted on the Town signpost on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 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, April 11, 2023.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2023.

Daniel V. Jerram, First Selectman

ITEM # 1:

To elect a member to the Stanclift Cove Authority; term to expire June 30, 2026

Moderator Kennerson asked for nominations for this vacancy.

Motion: by Penny Miller to nominate Aaron Jack to serve on the Board of the Stanclift Cove Authority; seconded by Kerry Guilfoyle.

No other nominations.

Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion: Dan Jerram, second Noel Gauthier.

Moderator Kennerson asked for a vote to close the nominations. Unanimous.

Moderator asked for a vote to elect Aaron Jack. Unanimous.

Selectman Jerram noted for the record thanking Aaron Jack for his volunteer service.

ITEM # 2

To consider and act upon the recommendations made by the Board of Finance regarding appropriations to be made utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds totaling \$984,400.00.

The Board of Selectmen, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 7-7, have removed item # 2 from the call of this meeting and adjourned such vote on this item to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, between the hours of 10:00 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 on the ARPA funds approval and opened the floor to questions.

Marty Post questioned if the proposed ARPA Funds were set or if they could be revised.

Selectman Jerram responded that the ARPA Fund recommendations are proposed by Board of Selectmen, approved by the Board of Finance (statutory procedure) then go to the taxpayers at referendum. Mr. Post then inquired why no funds were proposed for the Individual Resident Relief for this year. Mr. Jerram responded that there had been no requests for consideration, that the funds were advertised, and applications were put on the website. No applications were filed.

Jerram explained that the proposed funds cannot be modified at this meeting, that it would require going back to the Board of Selectmen with the change, then back to the Board of Finance with the change. Had the selectmen received even one or two requests, those requests would have been considered and money added. Last year's appropriations remain unspent from last year and are there to help people if they apply. There have not been any applications.

Donna Howard questioned Non Profit Relief (Small) funds appropriated to St. John's Church, how they went about requesting the funds, as she knew nothing about it, and went on to discuss Barkhamsted's appropriations. She asked if any money was available that churches can now ask for and what the appropriate process would be? Selectman Jerram responded that residents were notified by solicitations through several public input sessions last year, feedback was received by St. John's church and that no other churches made requests.

Jerram explained that the Board of Finance recently discussed that funds left unexpended could be transferred to another line item on the list by the Board of Selectmen recommending to the Board of Finance for approval. Statutory Procedure. The timeline for appropriation is the end of 2024 and to be spent by the end of 2026.

She also inquired about as to how one becomes informed of the funds, if any excess funds are available and the deadlines to apply. Selectman Jerram noted that the Budget and ARPA information is posted on the website, suggested attending meetings, subscribing to News and Announcements on the Town website to receive email blasts, and to access meeting agendas and meeting minutes on the website.

Moderator asked for a motion to approve the following: Resolved, in accordance with this notice, to hold a referendum on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023** between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm using **machine vote** to vote on the following question:

“Shall the appropriations totaling \$984,400.00 utilizing funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act as recommended by the Board of Finance be accepted?” Voters approving the question will vote “Yes” and those opposing the question will vote “No.”
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Motion: Penny Miller, second Donna Howard.

Moderator asked for vote. Unanimous.

Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:54 PM to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Motion: by Penny Miller, second by Noel Gauthier;

A True Copy

Attest: *Lynn A. Florio*

Town Clerk