



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6:00pm
Hartford Town Hall
171 Bridge Street
White River Junction, VT 05001

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Vermont Open Meeting Law with electronic participation.**

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I. Call to Order the Selectboard Meeting

1. Board Reports, Motions & Ordinances

- a. Municipal Pool Project (Motion Required)
- b. Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Coronavirus Response (Motion Required)
- c. Coronavirus Update (information only)

2. Adjourn the Selectboard Meeting: (Motion Required)

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

March 31, 2020

Special Town Selectboard Meeting Item: 1.a

Submitted by: Scott Hausler, Director of Parks & Recreation

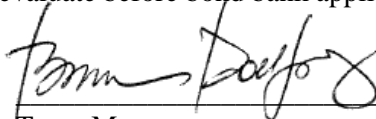
Background: The Pool Committee Chair provided a presentation at Town Meeting that reviewed the two (2) year project history consisting of the establishment of the Ad Hoc Pool Committee, Public Meetings, Community Surveys, Selectboard Presentations, and a Project Timeline. At the 2019 Town Meeting Voters approved by Australian Ballot Voting \$70,000 in Local Options Tax to fund the Preliminary Design & Engineering. At the 2020 Hartford Town Meeting, Town Voters approved, by Australian Ballot Voting, funding for the construction of the Sherman Manning Pool showing full community support for the pool project. The project timeline schedules construction to begin the end of the school year of June 2021, with project completion during the month of June 2022. Limited construction window for the pool will be 3 months in 2021 and 1 month in 2022.

Discussion: Major functions of project planning were completed with the preliminary design and engineering for the Sherman Manning Pool identifying a cost of \$3.3 million. Next steps include final design and layout, permitting, and the selection of a pool contractor. Timeline and estimated funding would proceed as follows:

- Estimated fourteen (14) months out until construction would begin; commencing the month of June 2021. No funds expended from bonds to be issued. Estimated ten (10) months out from signing a construction contract. Agreement would need to be finalized by January 2021 for construction to begin June 2021.
- December 2020, nine (9) months as of today, the application to the VT Bond Bank is due. If we apply for the winter 2021 bond pool, which will actually close end of February 2021, then the first payment of interest only will be November 2021, twenty (20) months as of today. However, the Town will not pay our first full *principal* payment until November 2022, thirty-two (32) months from today.
- The project is at maximum five (5) months from the release of an RFQ for Final Design Build Services for construction of the Sherman Manning Pool. No construction funds necessary at this time. Funding for newspaper advertising will be needed adhering to the Procurement Policy of the Town.
- The project is 2 to 4 months from final on-site material testing services and finalizing a permit application process. Estimate \$4,000 - \$7,000; funding remains in the LOT Fund for these services (est. balance of \$15,000). No additional funding is determined necessary at this time. Possible re-allocation of funds for permit application fees may be necessary if cost exceeds current allocated LOT funding.

Financial Impact: Estimated remaining FY20 LOT allocation of \$15,000. First estimated debt service payment includes interest of \$23,000 due November 2021 (20 months out) and interest payment of \$36,000 due June 2022 (27 months out). First full estimated annual bond payment including principal and interest of \$201,000 November 2022 (32 months out).

Recommendation: No Motion Required. Proceed and evaluate before bond bank application in December.


Town Manager

Attachments: Project Timeline, Memo to Town Manager



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DATE: 03/24/2020

TO: Brannon Godfrey, Town Manager

CC: Dan Fraser, Selectboard Chair

FROM: Scott Hausler, Director 
Parks & Recreation Department

RE: Pool Project Vote

I request this memo be read into record of the Town of Hartford Selectboard meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 24th, 2020.

I understand, from our meeting today, there will be a motion made and a vote requested to delay any work on the new pool project. Additionally, staff will be directed to hold off all efforts for one year following this vote.

Members of the Selectboard need to be aware of the following areas of concern regarding action to delay the pool project by one year:

- The pool project, at its current phase, completed as much of the detailed work necessary to bring the project to the voters for an accurate cost to construct. A major function of the project that has already required considerable work completed by staff.
- Voters approved the project this past month by Australian Ballot and by a majority. Voting to delay work on the project, without public awareness is unfortunate to the individuals, families and children in our community.
- Contractor selection, final design and permitting are the 3 final steps toward completion.
- The Town has not secured any of the bond funding. Expending funds would not take place until early Summer of 2021.
- The project, in its current form, is over 14 months out and likely 6 months out from any formal discussions or negotiations with a potential contractor following a detailed procurement process.
- Voting that directs staff to cease work on the pool project presents a major threat to cost. The Selectboard can expect a price escalation over 4% annually.
- Bringing forward such an important and impactful decision tonight, during our current community climate, causes me concern that such a decision will stop the project from ever moving forward.

As presented, if there truly is a concern that staff time should be limited to situations other than the pool, then you are correct. However, concern for staff time moving forward shouldn't impact our responsibility to the community to fulfill this project as well as accomplish implementation of our supported programs and services to the community. Staff time during the COVID-19 situation already has stretched the ability for planning and project development. We are focusing on priorities within the Department and the Town as we face cancelations, closures and preparing for future park usage.

No time is more important than now for our local parks, trails, open spaces and public facilities. Delaying movement on the project sets the stage to a lost connection with our youth and families. Like parks, recreational facilities, such as an affordable public swimming pool, allow people to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of a connection with people and being outdoors during the summer. All of which are physical activities that reduce stress and improve the overall mental health of our youth and families as they seek a peaceful and safe activity.

During times of uncertainty, the functions of parks and recreation services are needed now more than ever. We as a staff, are working hard to plan and maintain recreational levels of service when social and physical distancing returns to a normal level. This too covers the important task of maintaining public spaces and planning for future projects like the pool. This is our focus now, and it will continue to consume us.

The decision to delay the pool project by one year following voter approval is an unfortunate and misguided way to proceed. Nevertheless, if that is the Selectboard decision, then it will bring on large price escalation for the project and need to bond additional funds in the future. In the end, and for those reasons, I believe the project may not see completion.

I am hopeful the Selectboard will rethink the decision being made to delay the pool project.



Timeline Following Successful Bond Vote



Complete
D&E
LOT \$

Apply to
Bond Bank

Pool
Construction



3/3/20

8/2020

9/2020

12/2020

1/2021

6/2021

11/2021

6/2022

Bond Vote
Approved
by Voters

Release
RFQ

Award
Contract

Est. First
\$ Payment
on Bond

Pool
Opens

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ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Application for X appointment(s) or re-appointment to: Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on
Coronavirus Response

I. APPLICANT DATA:

Name: Nick Charyk

Address: 6558 VT Route 14
 S. Royalton, VT 068

Telephone: (Home) (Work) (Other) (802) 917-2012

Email Address: nickcharyk@gmail.com

How long have you been a Hartford resident?

Are you a registered voter?

II. EDUCATION:

High School: Thetford Academy Year Graduated: 2004

College 1: Harvard University Degree Earned: Undergraduate

Course of Study: International Relations Year: 2010

College 2: Degree Earned:

Course of Study: Year:

III. WORK HISTORY:

Please list Employer name & address (most recent first)	Dates of Employment	Position held	Job duties
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 See attached Charyk 2020 Resume

IV. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- a. If you were appointed to a board or commission which meet in the evenings, how many nights a month could you serve? Please provide days of the week which you are generally available.
Would you be available for evening meetings?
I have a great deal of availability to work remotely right now, and during the coronavirus crisis I can be available at any time.
- b. Why do you desire to serve on this advisory board/commission, and what skills/training can you contribute?
I have broad experience as a project manager, advocate, and consultant on a host of issues involving local and state government here in Vermont. I am able to help problem solve issues that arise between various levels of government, and help move projects forward.
- c. What are your past experiences in Municipal, State or Federal Government?
I have worked extensively at the legislative level here in VT. I have worked for the Speaker of the House directly, and on numerous legislative issues as an advocate. I have close relationships with legislators, lawmakers, and other relate folks around the state.
- d. What civic or social organizations have belonged to and what positions did you hold?
I have worked closely with many local non profits, including the Junction, Upper Valley Music Center, Main St Museum, and others.
- e. What do you perceive as areas of need in the municipality which could be addressed by either the administration or one of the advisory boards/commissions?
For the purpose of this application, I'm focused on the Coronavirus response effort, and how i can best help the Hartford municipal government support our community in moving through this crisis
- f. What might some solutions be?

- g. Other hobbies/interests: _____
I'm a semi-professional musician, and care deeply about more live music happening in the Upper Valley. I'm also deeply interested in renewable energy, and live in an almost net-zero, solar powered household. My wife and I have two rescue dogs and a cat that we treat like kids.

V. REFERENCES: (Please list three)

Name: <u>Matt Dunne</u>	Telephone: <u>(802) 272-5499</u>
Name: <u>Alison Clarkson</u>	Telephone: <u>(802) 356-7956</u>
Name: <u>David Blittersdorf</u>	Telephone: <u>(802) 777-0146</u>



3/27/2020

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE

DATE

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Nicholas Charyk
(802) 917-2012 - nickcharyk@gmail.com
6558 VT Route 14. South Royalton, VT 05068

Lifelong Vermonter, with ten years of professional experience in the private, non-profit and political sectors. Strong strategic and operational background, and a demonstrated record of fundraising success. Deep experience in marketing, public relations, policy and issue advocacy, earned and paid media work, grassroots advocacy, campaign management, and coalition-building.

AllEarth Renewables - Communication & Public Affairs Manager *(Feb 2018 – Present)*

- Serves on company's senior management team.
- Advises owner on marketing, sponsorship, and strategic giving opportunities.
- Manages all media relationships for company, owner, and related renewable projects.
- Supports the construction of community wind farms, solar tracker arrays, and bringing more efficient energy solutions to market.
- Represents company's interests with legislators, municipalities, and business organizations.
- Directed marketing campaign for public debut of AllEarth Rail fleet, and supervised launch of new AllEarth entity, RENewed Wind and Solar.

Charyk Consulting - Owner *(2016 – Present)*

- Executed direct mail campaigns in Vermont and around the country for political candidates, issues campaigns, and ballot initiatives.
- Wrote content for digital marketing campaigns, direct mail pieces, candidate and organization websites, social media, and other marketing collateral.
- Project managed all aspects of paid canvasses, petition drives, and other community mobilization in support of renewable energy projects.
- Served as project spokesperson for multiple large renewable energy projects.
- Placed positive stories and built relationships with local and statewide media.

Planned Parenthood VT Action Fund - Campaign Manager *(Sept 2016 – May 2017)*

- Fundraised and executed \$400,000 media campaign, including TV, direct mail, and digital.
- Collaborated with the non-profit fundraising team to strengthen relationships with previous donors and cultivate new giving.
- Directed social media strategy, served as spokesperson in media, and issued press releases.
- Core organizer for the Vermont Women's March, and Lobby Day in State House.
- Facilitated collaboration with national organizations Emily's List, Democratic Governor's Association, and League of Conservation Voters.

Matt Dunne for Vermont - Campaign Manager *(September 2015 – August 2016)*

- Directed all aspects of the primary campaign from start to second place finish.
- Raised and managed a \$1 million budget.
- Created campaign website, grew social media presence, developed campaign literature and graphics. Authored policy proposals, ad campaign, speeches, and campaign messaging.
- Hired and managed over a dozen paid staff. Vetted and hired media and direct mail consultants, pollsters, and digital team.

Vermont Paid Sick Days Campaign *(January 2015- August 2015)*

- Served as Communications Director during the 2015 legislative session when Paid Sick Days legislation was successfully passed through the Vermont House 72-63.
- Transitioned to Campaign Director following successful legislative session. As Director, laid the ground work for the bill's passage into law in 2016.
- Served as communication consultant for Main Street Alliance Vermont, an advocacy

organization composed of small business owners from around the state.

Campaign Consultant

(June 2014- December 2014)

- Served as fundraising consultant to NH State Senator David Pierce and NH Senate Majority PAC.
- Managed fundraising/all components of VT Treasurer Beth Pearce re-election campaign.
- Supported clients over the course of 2014 election in capacities including communications, fundraising, direct mail, TV and radio advertisements.
- Directed the Vermont Senate majority's political program, and contracted by Vermont House leadership to provide training, strategic support, and direct mail.
- Executed direct mail plans and communications strategies for winning State's Attorney candidates in Rutland, Washington, and Windsor counties.

American Federation of Teachers - *Political Organizer*

(2013- 2014)

- Promoted AFT Vermont's legislative priorities through direct and grassroots lobbying, member recruitment and community outreach.
- Successfully advocated for the passage of a bill allowing collective bargaining for childcare providers through Vermont Senate on vote of 22-8 after failure in three previous years.

Vermont Democratic Party - *Political Director*

(2013)

- Managed and prioritized the legislative interests of the Vermont Democratic Party during the 2013 legislative session.
- Successfully lobbied for the passage of a new Campaign Finance law in Vermont - attempts had failed since the previous law was ruled unconstitutional in 1997.
- Testified in legislative committees on a range of issues, including campaign finance, election law and the influence of Super PACs.

Vermont Democratic House Campaign - *Executive Director*

(2011-2013)

- Managed political program that grew the Vermont Democratic House majority to 96 seats, the largest majority in State history. Directed \$150,000 plus fundraising program.
- Worked with Speaker of the House and Leadership to recruit and train candidates.
- Managed caucus communications, and deployed mail, radio and newspaper ads.

Donny Osman for State Senate (General) - *Campaign Manger*

(2010)

- Brought Osman's campaign to within one percentage point of win against incumbents.
- Fundraised and managed a \$25,000 budget.
- Wrote and executed a comprehensive radio, media and mail communications plan.

Casey Family Services - *Mentor*

(2004-2008)

- Provided direct support and mentorship to a variety of foster children in crisis.
- Supported the White River Jct. team of social workers in a variety of capacities.

EDUCATION

Harvard University by Extension. BA, International Relations.

Class of 2010

- Graduate level coursework at Harvard Kennedy School of Government
- Dean's List – Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

McGill University. Montreal, PQ, Canada.

2005-2006

Thetford Academy. Thetford, VT.

Class of 2004

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ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Application for X appointment(s) or ___ re-appointment to: Ad hoc Commission
Response

I. APPLICANT DATA:

Name: Becky Chollet
Address: 2210 Jericho St. WRJ 05001
Telephone: (Home) 802-698-8058 (Work) 802-281-6989 (Other) 802-233-4605
Email Address: beckychollet@gmail.com cell
How long have you been a Hartford resident? since 2008
Are you a registered voter? yes

II. EDUCATION:

High School: ConVal H.S. Year Graduated: 1989
College 1: Middlebury College Degree Earned: 1993 BA
Course of Study: Sociology - Anthropology Year: 1993
College 2: Baylor University Degree Earned: ND
Course of Study: Naturopathic Medicine Year: 2004

III. WORK HISTORY:

Please list Employer name & address (most recent first)	Dates of Employment	Position held	Job duties
<u>SELF (Upper Valley Natural Health Ctr.)</u>	<u>2004 present</u>	<u>owner / Naturopathic physician</u>	
<u>Learning Partners</u>	<u>1995-1998</u>	<u>7th grade teacher, soccer coach</u>	<u>after school trip leader</u>
<u>Volunteer EMT</u>	<u>1995-1998</u>		

IV. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- a. If you were appointed to a board or commission which meet in the evenings, how many nights a month could you serve? Please provide days of the week which you are generally available.
Would you be available for evening meetings? unless my practice closes or I have ...
daytime Tues 4pm-evening; Wed + Friday flexible
- b. Why do you desire to serve on this advisory board/commission, and what skills/training can you contribute? As a licensed N.D. (VT + NH), I'm currently up to my eyeballs trying to stay on top of medical aspects of Covid-19 and health insurance aspects of transitioning my practice to telemedicine. As you may recall, in the last week of Feb
- c. What are your past experiences in Municipal, State or Federal Government? I volunteered as EMT-Basic for Peterborough Fire Dept. (Peterborough NH) 1994-1998 (approx.)
- d. What civic or social organizations have belonged to and what positions did you hold? on board of VT Assoc. of Naturopathic Physicians - Secretary x 8yrs, directors x past 2 yrs
Jericho Community Club (WAJ) Secretary / Treasurer
- e. What do you perceive as areas of need in the municipality which could be addressed by either the administration or one of the advisory boards/commissions?
I created a Covid-19 information sheet for the public to hand out @ Town Meeting Day. I contacted town manager directly @ my concerns of lack of town preparation + communication. I also reached out to Joe Major as he joined Selectboard about Covid 19. The town must develop better communication strategies to reach all citizens.
- f. What might some solutions be?
preparation + communication. I also reached out to Joe Major as he joined Selectboard about Covid 19. The town must develop better communication strategies to reach all citizens.
- g. Other hobbies/interests: gardening / woodworking, hiking, my family

V. REFERENCES: (Please list three)

Name: Simon Dennis Telephone: _____

Name: Rob Fraser Telephone: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE

DATE