

Hinsdale Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 8:49 pm
Nessacus Regional Middle School Auditorium
35 Fox Road, Dalton, MA 01226
Public could attend meeting in person and by Zoom

8:49 p.m. Earl called meeting to order. He asked for no public comments during this meeting. He asked the Municipal Resources, Inc. consultants (Sean Kelly, David Kurtz and Andrew Lavoie) who were representing the town on behalf of possible Policing Consolidation if they had any questions for the Select Board. Earl mentioned the questions and answer session prior to this meeting was not what he had anticipated. He thought there would be a formal presentation of how the two Towns – Dalton & Hinsdale would combine Police Departments and enforce the laws.

The consultants stated that they were only in the initial steps of data information. The next step would be to compile the data, prepare and deliver a report in a few months and to work with the two Police Chiefs, Town Administrators and the two Town's Select Boards.


The Town residents can then channel their concerns to the town representatives directly and those duplicate questions can be eliminated. Townspeople can still voice their opinions and ask questions by email or be attending Select Board meetings, or calling the Police Chiefs. Everyone should get involved, friends, family and especially business owners should all weigh-in this decision of co-Policing.

The need arose when Massachusetts mandated Police Reform Bill December 2020, stating that all police officers would have the same training throughout the state. The cost of the Bridge Academy is \$11,000 per officer which is defrayed by a \$3,000 grant. Each town has to cover the remaining \$8,000. The need is to have qualified – trained officers to cover all shifts, 24/7 365 per year.

9:00 p.m. Earl asked for a motion to adjourn, Bart seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Baumgartner


Earl Peck - Chairperson


Bartholomew Collins – Select Board