

**Hinsdale Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 7:00 pm
Community Room, Downstairs, Town Hall
39 South Street, Hinsdale MA**

Present:

Earl Peck, Chairman
Bart Collin, Selectman
Robert Graves, Town Administrator
Clarissa Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

At 7:00 pm, Earl opened the meeting. Chairman Peck motioned to approve the updated minutes from July 13, 2022, and the previous minutes for July 26, 2022, and July 27, 2022 meetings; Collins seconded it. All said, Aye.

Communications and Reports from Department Heads, Boards, and Chairs:

Shaun Galliher- Finance Committee:

Shaun noted we have six people on Finance, and the openings have been posted on the website for a while.

Robert Graves- Town Administrator:

The MVP report was sent back with my comments on the first draft. The semi-final draft will be posted on the website with ten days to respond; it will be submitted to the State by October 1st. TA Graves is applying for a planning grant that leads to an action plan for the Plunkett Spillway. Jamie and Bob met with DOT about Route 143. At the next meeting, we should learn a timeline of the road work. Governor Baker halted the ARPA funds because they needed to go into a “rainy day” fund for the State. TA Graves noted he has been working with Morris Root to update DAM Safety protocols. Plunkett Beach Survey has been sent out for quotes, and bids for Tree Work will be sent out in two-three weeks. The Department of Public Works is back to full staff with Scott Forgey back.

Berkshire Lake Camp can have a couple of weddings per season. It was brought up that different venues should have a one-day permit. There should be a standard for all Hinsdale Camps, but who will police it?

New Business

Bart Collins motioned to appoint Heather Lee to Lake Management Committee; Peck seconded it. All said, Aye. Next, there was a discussion about soliciting at the Transfer Station because the Wahconah Football Team asked to sell cash calendars there. It is dangerous inside the Transfer Station and going in and out of it. Chairman Peck motioned to deny soliciting at the Transfer Station for this event and future events; Collins seconded it. All said, Aye.

Lastly, Bart Collins motioned to accept the Town Hall as the designated polling place; Earl Peck seconded it. All said, Aye.

Old Business

There was a discussion about improvements at Plunkett Beach Launch. **Monica Montferret** listed signage ideas that Lake Management came up with, such as No Jet Skis allowed on the Lake; No Swimming near Boat Launch; No Mooring Motorboat on Causeway near Public Beach; Motorboats should travel in a counterclockwise direction; and all boats with a motor should have a valid registration. Chairman Peck did not like any of these ideas and decided he did not want to move forward with the new signage.

Maxymillian, Inc. was the only company to submit a bid for the Hinsdale Transfer Station Capping Project. Earl motioned to accept the Transfer Station Capping Bid; Bart seconded it. All said, Aye. Green Patriot, LLC has met the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) requirements and has been issued a temporary permit. Mr. McCarthy needs approval from the Town to move forward. Earl Peck noted in the submitted application that 25% of its staff would be residents of Pittsfield. **Joseph McCarthy** said the CCC uses a comparable City/Town nearby. Next, the application said it would donate \$5,000 annually to 24 Hr. Power, Inc. The host agreement signed between the Town of Hinsdale and Green Patriot, LLC said the money should be donated to a non-profit locally or regionally. TA Graves recommended that we send a letter making suggestions of other non-profits to the Cannabis Control Commission. Peck motioned to grant the Special Permit to Green Patriot, LLC; Collins seconded it. All said, Aye.

Meeting Adjournment: Bart Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, and Earl Peck seconded it. All said, Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarissa Mitchell

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Earl Peck- Chairman


Bart Collins- Selectman