

**Hinsdale Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 7:00 pm
Community Room, Downstairs, Town Hall
39 South Street, Hinsdale MA**

Present:

Earl Peck, Chairman
Bart Collins, Selectman
Ray Huntoon, Selectman
Robert Graves, Town Administrator
Clarissa Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

At 7:00 pm, Earl opened the meeting. Next, the Select Board needed to approve the previous meeting minutes from 10/12/22. Earl Peck motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and Ray Huntoon seconded it. All said, Aye.

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

Ray Bolduc, Emergency Management: He is trying to apply for a grant through the USDA to help pay for the Fire Truck. Bolduc gave the application to TA Graves to fill out the financial section of the application.

Rich Peters-School Committee:

He wanted to thank everyone for supporting the track. The school committee got a quote for push buttons around Wahconah to make it more handicap accessible.

Robert Graves- Town Administrator:

- The town received a \$1 million Mass Works grant to do the end of George Schnopp Road.
- Belmont and Plunkett's biannual inspection is underway. We contracted with GZA to do the report.
- The Transfer Station is 99% completed and will reopen on Saturday.
- The DPW Superintendent search is underway. The position has been posted on various job sites. The search committee will start looking at the applications on November 4th, but the position will be open until filled. Hopefully, we can get this wrapped up before Thanksgiving.

Selectman Huntoon noted that the compactors' northside of the Transfer Station has been getting washouts. Is DEP going to have an issue with it? Graves noted an uneven stream on the north side, and the contractors might have to come next Spring to reseed it. Bob said he would check with Berkshire Engineering on the matter.

The next item on the agenda was revisiting the appointment of library trustees. **Jim Manning** had Terry Douglas and Patricia Janchuck introduce themselves. Chairman Peck motioned to appoint Terry Douglas and Patricia Janchuck as library trustees, and Bart Collins seconded it. All said, Aye. Then Jim Manning introduced the part-time library assistants. Earl Peck motioned to appoint Chloe Juliano and Osvaldo Macedo as library assistants; Bart Collins seconded it. All said, Aye.

The next matter on the agenda is the appointment of DPW search committee members. The following members will be Bonnie Conner, Richard Eastland, Richard Kardasen, Kevin Dowling, and Mary Rice. Peck motioned to accept the names listed to the search committee; Collins seconded it. All said, Aye.

The Hinsdale Volunteer Firemen's Association has requested a one-day alcohol license for the end-of-year New England Muster Association banquet. Chairman Peck motioned to accept the one-day alcohol license, and Bart Collins seconded it. All said, Aye.

Lastly, TA Graves brings up the matter of Berkshire Lake Camp. A neighbor is complaining about the mattresses piled up there; they have had 12 weddings. The neighbors do not want to call the police because they feel it would be taking them away from other pertinent matters. Bob noted the town could not help resolve issues if they were

unaware of the problems. He said Berkshire Lake Camp is published as a wedding venue on wedding sites and magazines. Graves suggested separate venue costs for each event. The rules need to apply to all of the camps in Town. The Select Board is going to look into what other towns are doing in these kinds of situations. They are going to table this matter for now.

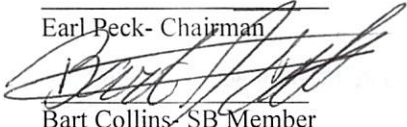
Public Comment


Resident Bonnie Conner commented that Rich Peters needs to represent the town better. Bonnie suggested the Select Board should write a letter to legal and have them send it to Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association (MSCA) about Wahconah. The school committee does not start with zero for the school budget; they add to the previous year's assessment. The town should start holding the school board more accountable. Selectman Huntoon agreed that we should pay more attention to what the school board is doing.

Meeting Adjournment: Earl Peck motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm, and Bart Collins seconded it. All said, Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarissa Mitchell

Earl Peck- Chairman


Bart Collins- SB Member


Ray Huntoon- SB Member