

**Hinsdale Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Community Room, Town Hall
39 South St, Hinsdale MA**

The public could attend meeting in person and by zoom

Attendees: Richard Scialabba, Raymond Bolduc, Robert Graves; Clarissa Mitchell

At 6:59pm, Chairman Scialabba called the meeting to order, asked if anyone was recording the meeting, and asked everyone in attendance to silence cell phones. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made (Bolduc) and seconded (Scialabba) to accept meeting minutes presented for the December 22, 2021, Select Board meeting. All said, aye.

The board acknowledged Jim Sullivan's passing.

Communications and Reports from Department Heads, Boards and Chairs

- Town Administrator
 - Bob mentioned that Berkshire Community Action Council (BCAC) added additional funding for heating assistance, and it has been posted on the website with contact information. He has reached out to various people, such as Cathy Spinney, to get the word out.
 - He also mentioned that Jennifer Coscia had submitted her resignation, and her last day will be March 30, 2022. The job has been posted on various job sites.
 - Bob is working on a new police contract with Elizabeth Zipp. He plans on having a draft ready in two weeks.
 - He mentioned that he was notified that we had received a \$15,000 grant for municipal vulnerability preparedness. Bob asked the select board for permission to assemble an ad hoc committee as soon as possible to mitigate vulnerabilities and hazards. The money will help us hire a consultant to manage a project that he wants them to handle, such as a 350-page application. Ray made a motion to approve it, and Dick seconded it. All said, aye.
- Select Board Chair
 - Chairman Scialabba noted that Chief Rathbun received a request from Trinity Solar. They wanted permission to go door to door to sell their products. She did not think it was a good idea because of COVID, and there are many older adults in this town that do not want strangers knocking on their door. Dick agreed to those two points. Ray motioned to deny Trinity Solar's request, and Dick seconded it. All said, aye.

Next, Scialabba discussed the water and sewer rate changes. Bob mentioned that the rate changes are explained on the website. There is also an article on the website that links tonight's water and sewer rates and why we needed to raise them, as well as Dave Prickett's evaluations of water and sewer. Bob

apologized for not having a letter included with the water and sewer bills.

Chairman Scialabba mentioned the new water and sewer rates to have on record.

Water- \$200 per EDU and \$6.65 per HCF for usage.

Sewer 1-\$135 per EDU per billing period.

Sewer 2-done by usage through the system is billed to Hinsdale by Dalton.

Sewer 3-\$350 per EDU per billing period.

Dick made a motion to appoint Scott Rodman as BRPC Representative to fill the slot that opened up because of Jim Sullivan's passing, and Ray seconded it. All said, aye. Mary Lou swore him in via zoom. Dick Roussin commented on the appointment process for BRPC. Dick Scialabba discussed his understanding of the process. The board thanked him for his input. Then, the chairman made a motion to appoint Dick Roussin to the planning board, another opening due to Jim's passing until the next election, and Bolduc seconded it. All said, aye. Mary Lou swore him in.

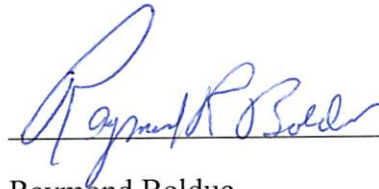
Lastly, Keith Harrison volunteered to fill the other opening on the planning board. Scialabba did not have any objections and motioned to appoint him to the planning board, and Mary Lou swore him in.

Meeting Adjournment- Since there was no other new business, Dick Scialabba made a motion to adjourn, Ray Bolduc seconded the motion. Roll call vote required. All said, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Scialabba, Select Board Chair



Raymond Bolduc