

**Hinsdale Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm
Community Room, Town Hall
39 South St, Hinsdale, MA**

Present:

Bart Collins, Select Board Member
Ray Huntoon, Select Board Member
Robert Graves, Town Administrator
Clarissa Mitchell, Administrative Assistant
Dick Eastland, via zoom

Absent:

Earl Peck, Select Board Chair

At 7:00 pm, Bart opens the meeting. Next, the Select Board needed to approve the previous meeting minutes from 10/26/22. Ray motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and Bart seconded it. All said, Aye.

Next, Selectman Collins moved the appointment of Fiona Ostermayer up because she had a long drive home. Jim Manning introduced Fiona to the board. Fiona mentioned she and her husband recently moved to Pittsfield, MA. Mrs. Ostermayer is a native of Massachusetts. Fiona noted she spent her career as a teacher in New Jersey. She and her husband would come to the area for music. When she saw the job opening for the Library Director position, she thought it would be a good fit. Ray motioned to appoint Fiona Ostermayer as Library Director; Bart seconded it. All said, aye.

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

Shaun Galliher- Finance Committee:

- We have had two applicants for Finance Committee, and we will discuss them at the next meeting.
- I received a copy of the Fire Truck contract. Who has the authority to secure financing? Bart said the board does. Shaun noted how the agreement is written; we cannot meet it. Someone needs to look into financing options.
- The max is \$50,000 per project for the Fire Truck grant. TA Graves noted he spoke with Ray Bolduc and said he is unsure how many applicants they will get, and Bob mentioned he needs to get financial data from the Fire Department.
- Jamie Callahan went to the last meeting about the equipment they need and what will need to be replaced.
- Chief Rathbun said the Police Department would need a new cruiser.

Monica Montferret- Lake Management:

Monica said Lake Management would go over the Ashmere Order of Conditions because it needs to be updated. Bob said the permit expires in January, and he said he spoke with Caleb, and it will be on December's meeting agenda. Bob noted he does not want the license to lapse.

Robert Graves- Town Administrator:

- The green communities grant report is done.
- The phase 1 pre-contact for George Schnopp Road is done. The governor has cut the funding for the other million to go into the rainy day fund.
- Because we did the MVP grant, we are eligible for a project grant and will submit a grant for the culvert in George Schnopp Rd.
- I am working on procurement classes and finished the first one.
- KP Law did a presentation on the new legislation that was passed for Host Community Agreements for Cannabis. Essentially the towns will get nothing because the law reversed the whole process.
- Belmont Dam Inspection for 2020 was submitted and then accepted. GZA will do the new 2022 inspection, and they will come next Tuesday to start working on it.
- I spoke with Mike Kulig from Berkshire Engineering, and he agreed to lower the contingencies on the project for re-seeding and topsoil. Maxymillian will be re-seeding in the Spring.
- Bob asked the board if he could send the project manager from Maxymillian a thank you letter. The Select Board approved.
- Berkshire Engineering completed the sampling at the Transfer Station. The verbal news was everything looked good. In the past, there have been lead issues at the Transfer Station, and Mike went and changed the piping, and we have not had any problems on the property since they changed it. We will get a copy of the report in 2-3 weeks.

The next item on the agenda is to appoint Ray Bolduc to DPW Superintendent Search Committee. Ray Huntoon motions to appoint Ray Bolduc to DPW Search Committee, and Bart Collins seconds it. All said, Aye.

Angela Stetson met with MassDOT and Fish and Wildlife at the site. We initially discussed a big rock with a plaque for Jim's memorial. It is Fish and Wildlife's property and extends outwards, sort of gravely. Even though the sign would be far out, it does not meet MassDOT standards. Then we thought about doing a sign. Andrew Madden from Fish and Wildlife said he could approve a sign so we would not have to go through everyone in Boston. MassDOT said the placement where the existing sign is would have to be removed and replaced with Jim Sullivan's memorial sign. Angela worked up a sign and showed it to the board. She is looking for the board's approval of the sign so she can go back to MassDOT and Fish and Wildlife for final approval. Ray motions to accept the installation of Jim Sullivan's sign, and Bart seconds it. All said, Aye.

Then the Select Board moves on to the next item on the agenda, which is to approve a senior work-off application for Cynthia Grippaldi. Senior-work is a program for seniors to get money

off their taxes by working for the town. Huntoon motions to approve Cynthia Grippaldi's senior work-off application; Collins seconds it. All said, Aye.

Other New Business

Ray Huntoon brought up the Route 143 project, and we stumbled across several sewer manholes. Could we possibly use sewer one money to redo them? Bob noted that the state would do them, and Jamie had to mark them and provide the distances between them. When Jamie sent them the information, the State said they would fix them at their expense. Bob has not seen the contract because the state said the town would be responsible for the environmental permits.

Selectman Collins asked if there was any other public comment. Since there was no further business to discuss, Bart adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm; Ray seconded it. All said, Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarissa Mitchell


Bart Collins- SB Member
Ray Huntoon- SB Member