

**Hinsdale Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm  
Community Room, Town Hall  
39 South St, Hinsdale, MA**

**Present:**

Earl Peck, Select Board Chair  
Bart Collins, Select Board Member  
Ray Huntoon, Select Board Member  
Robert Graves, Town Administrator

**Absent:**

Bart Collins, Select Board Member  
Clarissa Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

At 7:00 pm, Earl opens the meeting and states the recording notice. Everyone stands to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Earl motions to approve the previous minutes from November 21, 2022, and Ray seconds it. All said, Aye

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

- **Bob reported for Rich Peters and Dave Stuart**

Rich Peters-School Committee:

After our November reorganization, Rich is now the Chair of the School Committee (SC), and Bonnie DiTomasso (Peru) is Vice-Chair. Dave Stuart has been appointed Chair of the Policy subcommittee and will start with the District Strategic Plan (2022-2025). The committee will also be conducting a review and updating the policy manual. It will involve all members and subcommittees, with a scope of work and timeline. The Regional Agreement Ad-hoc (RAAC) group will not meet tonight as planned due to a lack of quorum. The co-chairs are Todd Emerson (Cummington SC) and Joel Diver (Dalton Select Board).

Dave Stuart- Beach Committee:

Please see the attached Beach Committee report.

Robert Graves- Town Administrator:

- DPW Superintendent Contract- Table until Weds. Jan. 11, 2023- Working with Jamie and Legal to finalize.
- We will be testing the new W & S system in Softright in early January. Once complete, we will move the Neptune system from CUSI to Softright.
- Tanker/Pumper- Still waiting for three quotes on Fire Tank/Pumper and financing plan to qualify for USDA Grant and get a proposal in for review.

- Scott Forgey- DPW foreman who joined us last summer, is now leaving again for Mass Highway Department. Hinsdale cannot compete with their salary structure. His position will be posted on Friday.
- I will also post for part-time snow plowers.
- Holiday staffing- people are trying to take some vacation time. Coverage will be limited, and we will be putting an announcement out Friday or Monday about the coverage.
- Transfer Station- I will coordinate with Barry to see what hours we could open on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Select Board voted to approve the following Class II and Class III Auto Car Sales License Renewals:

- 1. Berkshire Truck & Auto Sales-David Duquette- Class II**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.
- 2. Dufour Escorted Tours- William Dufour- Class II**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.
- 3. Hinsdale Service Center- William Denault- Class II**  
Earl motioned to approve, and Ray seconded; all said Aye.
- 4. Dennis A. Petell- Class III**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.
- 5. Gunter's Foreign Auto Service- Guner Breitmeir- Class II & III**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.
- 6. Century Finance- Warren Wetherell- Class II & III**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.
- 7. Wetherell's Hinsdale Garage- Warren & Kimberly Wetherell- Class II & III**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.
- 8. LaRochelle Auto- Paul LaRochelle- Class II & III**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.
- 9. Avid Auto- Class II & III**  
Earl motioned to approve; Ray seconded, and all said Aye.

#### *Alcohol Renewals*

Three renewal applications were reviewed, discussed, and approved for Phat Al's (Ozzie's Steak and Eggs), Bas Ridge Country Club, and South Street Wine & Liquor. Board members signed an official letter of approval to the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverage Commission.

#### *Meeting Adjournment*

Earl Peck motioned to adjourn; Ray Huntoon seconded the motion. Roll call vote required; all said, Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarissa Mitchell

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Earl Peck- Chairperson

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Raymond Huntoon- SB Member