

Hinsdale Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 14, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South St, Hinsdale, MA

Present: Chair Bart Collins, Members- Earl Peck & Ray Huntoon; Administrator Bob Graves; Admin Assistant Clarissa Mitchell

1. Chair Collins opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.
2. Approve previous Meeting Minutes (1/10/24)- Earl motions to approve the last meeting minutes for January 10, 2024, and Bart seconds. All said, Aye.
3. Communications and Reports from Department Heads, Boards, and Chairs
 - DPW Super Callahan
 - Patching around town
 - Truck maintenance
 - Tree trimming
 - Cleaning around the garage
 - Shaun Galliher- Finance
 - The tentative school budget shows an increase of five percent for Hinsdale's portion to pay.
 - TA Graves
 - We met with GenH Reps a few weeks ago. I sent them the material they requested. They are seeking permits for Plunket and Belmont.
 - The Hazard Mitigation Plan is on track. We should be receiving a draft soon.
 - The 2024 USDA grant is submitted for the pumper truck.
 - The spillway grant is open, and we are working with GZA Consulting to submit a proposal for match funding.
 - Culvert grant for Schnopp is open.
 - MassWorks grant is open.
 - We received a sanitary survey letter from DEP listing what we need to fix. Dave Prickett is working on a response.
 - The budget process is underway. Several things have gone up:
 - IT
 - Healthcare- 8% increase
 - Building Inspection Software
 - Audits
 - Legal Fees
 - Alarm Services
 - Well monitoring- 20%
4. Appointments
 - a. Earl motions to appoint James Alden to the Council on Aging, Ray seconds. All said, Aye.
 - b. Earl motions to appoint Susanne Robert as an election worker. Ray seconds. All said, Aye.
5. Business Certificate- Robert Ferriter wants to operate Ferriter Publishing out of his home. Everything is done online, and there is no foot traffic. The physical address is for state and federal tax filing. Mr. Ferriter is the sole proprietor with no employees.

Peck motions to approve Robert Ferriter's business certificate and Huntoon seconds. All said, Aye.
6. Set date for Annual Town Meeting (5/15/24)- Earl motions to have the Annual Town Meeting on May 15, 2024, at Kittredge School at 7:00 pm, Ray seconds. All said, Aye.
7. Old Business-School Regional Agreement



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To State Representative John Barrett and State Senator Paul Mark:

Our Town Administrator gave us a copy of the State's Small Town Administrators 2024 Legislative Priorities (attached) during this evening's Hinsdale Select Board meeting. He requested that Hinsdale's Select Board adopt these goals, just like other small towns in the Commonwealth, and we have.

We now ask that you and your colleagues in the State Legislature to take action to guarantee that small towns like ours have the resources we need.

Sincerely,

Bart Collins
Select Board Chair

Raymond Huntoon
Member

Earl Peck
Member

Cc: