

Hinsdale Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 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

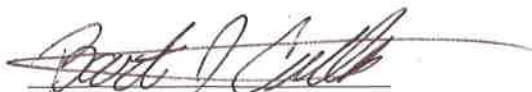
1. Chair Collins opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.
2. Approve previous Meeting Minutes (2/14/24)- Earl motions to approve the prior meeting minutes as written, Ray seconds. All said, Aye.
3. Communications and Reports from Department Heads, Boards, and Chairs
 - DPW Super Callahan
 - Switching the trucks over to summer equipment
 - Working on lead and copper survey
 - Fixed leak on Michaels Road
 - Shaun Galliher- Finance
 - Budget meeting on March 9th to hear requests from department heads.
 - TA Graves
 - We found a letter from 2004 listing all the private water lines. We will let residents know they are responsible if they have a private line.
 - The survey for the Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete. We need to have another meeting in April. TA Graves is coordinating with the COA to have it at one of their luncheons.
 - Working on the budget
 - Eversource is trying to back out of Adams Road. They offered to write us a check for \$15,000. They are going to be up there soon doing work.

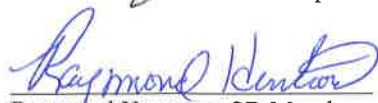
Ray noted they are seeking a permit from Conservation to widen the road. Can we put weight limit signs on the roads? TA Graves said he would look into it.
 - The State is going to mandate new radios starting with Police Departments. Chief Rathbun is considering going through the Sheriff's Office instead of staying with Dalton because they have more direct lines of communication.
4. Appointments
 - a. Appoint Keith Avalor and Jesseca Gower as election workers.

Earl motioned to appoint them as election workers, and Ray seconds. All said, Aye.
5. Business Certificate
 - a. Jason Reed requests a business certificate to open a small restaurant serving pizzas, Italian dinners, salads, etc. Eventually, apply for a liquor license to serve alcohol. In the future, have some outdoor seating. The location is 90 Main Street. At the moment, the business is going to be called Hinsdale Pizza House. Ray motioned to approve his business request, and Earl seconds. All said, Aye.

- b. Ozzie's Catering- Tracy Lussier requests a business certificate to separate her catering business from the restaurant since they no longer own it. A motion was made (Peck) and seconded (Ray) to approve the business certificate. All said, Aye.
6. Zoom is no longer required if the meetings are open and accessible to the public. Earl motions to get rid of Zoom and have it in person only, Ray seconds. All said, Aye.
7. Any New Business
- a. Barry O'Keefe asked when they were putting a community board at the transfer station. TA Graves said it would hopefully be in the Spring or Summer. Next, he asked about getting a cardboard compactor. It would save time because you wouldn't have to crush cardboard constantly. It would save the town approximately \$21,000 a year because of fewer hauling and processing fees.
- b. Jamie Callahan- I reached out to Pittsfield to see the rates for FY25, but they have not figured it out yet.
- c. Select Board Member Ray Huntoon- He asked about the status of Justin Sullivan's licenses. He is getting his hoisting license next week. Jamie said his CDL license would be next on the list. It isn't easy to get it because it could take months before you can take the road test.
8. The next meeting is in the community room on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:30 pm.
9. Executive Session- At 7:15 pm, Bart made a motion to go into Executive Session for Exemption 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and reconvene into regular session, Earl seconded. A roll call vote is required. Bart said Aye, Earl said Aye, and Ray said Aye.
- The meeting's purpose was to discuss Bob Graves' contract, which was thoroughly vetted by legal. Bob is looking for a five-year contract and a 5% raise in his last year. The Select Board recommended 180 days' notice if he decides to leave sooner.
- Bart motioned to reconvene into an open session, and Ray seconded. Roll call vote: Bart, yes; Earl, yes; Ray, yes.
- Bart motioned to accept Bob's contract, and Ray seconded it. All said, Aye.
10. Meeting Adjournment – Collins motioned to adjourn, Ray seconds. The vote is unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarissa Mitchell


Bartholomew Collins- Chairperson


Raymond Huntoon- SB Member

Earl Peck- SB Member