

Hinsdale Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 13, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South St, Hinsdale, MA

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

1. Chair Collins opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.
2. Approve previous Meeting Minutes (2/28/24)- Ray motions to approve the prior meeting minutes as written, Bart seconds. All said, Aye.
3. Communications and Reports from Department Heads, Boards, and Chairs
 - Shaun Galliher- Finance
 - We had the budget meeting on Saturday and listened to requests from department heads. The finance committee will meet on Thursday to review them. Next Thursday, we will meet with the school district and Police Chief.
 - TA Graves
 - We are working on the budget.
 - We are having a hazard mitigation meeting next week. I invited representatives from neighboring towns and cities to discuss regionalization grants. The hazard mitigation consultants are presenting at a Council on Aging meeting to get more town representation from residents.
 - I am working on a culvert grant for the Schnopp Project.
4. Police Transitions
 - a. Sgt. Elizabeth Zipp resigned and took a full-time job in North Adams.
 - b. Officer Kenneth Pettibone resigned and took a position in Stockbridge.
 - c. Chief Rathbun is retiring and hopes to finish on April 29th. She said she would stay longer if needed. Shaun Galliher asked how much vacation and sick time she has left because that must be calculated. Mass Police Association usually does the screening process for potential candidates, and we will need a separate budget line.

Chair Collins motions to accept all three resignation letters and Ray seconds. All said, Aye.
 - d. Appoint Dominic Crupi- Bart motions to appoint Dominic Crupi as a full-time police officer, and Ray seconds. All said, Aye. Dom is coming back to the department from Becket.
5. Other Appointments
 - a. Ray appoints Hannah Perkins as a part-time library assistant. She previously worked at the library.
 - b. Appoint Iris Leahy as special counsel for tax title research. Her law office is in Holyoke, MA. She is an expert in tax titles and does the work for a set fee. She can run an auction for the properties. Charles Browne recommended her. Hinsdale has about 72 properties in tax title. Lynne has been gathering background information since last summer. Ray motions to appoint the Law Office of Iris A. Leahy as special counsel for tax title research and Bart seconds it. All said, Aye.