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## September 2019 Newsletter

An update on Hinsdale's events, meetings, and celebrations.

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Hi Everyone:

I hope you are well and that you are getting outside to enjoy the fleeting summer. September is such a transitional month, warm, beautiful days, and cool nights. Enjoy it while you can because fall is heading this way, rapidly.

You will find more news below, and as always, feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Enjoy the last days of summer 2019,

Bob

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### Plunkett Beach Committee

The Plunkett Beach Committee has been appointed and then elected officers. Dave

Stuart will serve as chair and Jim Ouimette vis service as vice-chair. The committee is working on a survey to gather community input, and the members are enthusiastic about the tasks at hand. The Beach Committee plans to meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All residents are welcome to attend their public meetings. Check the [Town Calendar](#) for specific dates.

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## Roads, Roads, and more about Roads

**First**, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that Jim Fox has been appointed as our new Highway Department Foreman. Yippee! Jim has been having such a *great time working* with our Highway Superintendent Bud Hall and the crew he asked to stay on. The DPW crew has their hands full maintaining our roadways, but they have been working hard and it shows. We are fortunate to have this team working together to maintaining our roads.

**Second**, last month I wrote to you about the MassWorks Grant application for Old Dalton Road. I have put the entire application and supporting documentation on the website for you to see if you are so inclined.

Go to the Town website at [www.HinsdaleMass.com/highway-department](http://www.HinsdaleMass.com/highway-department), and you will find the following two documents.

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### ***Third, A Conversation about our Roads***

The Select Board and I invite you to join the conversation about our roads, which will take place in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

The two major issues to be discussed are:

1. Roadway ownership and responsibilities, and
2. Planning and funding road reconstruction.

We hope you will join us for this conversation.

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### **An Update on the Transfer Station Capping**

I met with our engineers and the Mass DEP reps, and we are finalizing permits to cut trees and all the brush. That project will go out for bid within the next several weeks. Our plan is to clear the site before the snow flies. Then, next May, June, and July, we will complete the capping in accordance with the MassDEP procedures. That includes well-testing, prepping the site, possibly more test wells, and ultimately covering the area with two feet of approved soil (the density matters) and planting low-growth grass on the site that the Town will need to maintain. This project will be completed by October 2020.

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## The Community Community Center

The Select Board would like to know by January if we intend to use or sell this building so that we may make decisions by the 2020 Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 13, 2020.

The Select Board has agreed to extend their October 23rd Select Board Meeting that night in order to have an extended discussion about the future of the building. The Select Board Meeting that evening will begin at 6:30 pm and run until 8:00 pm. The biweekly business will be conducted first, and then we will go right into an extended discussion on this issue. Please join us.

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## Helicopter Inspection of Power Lines

Eversource has informed the Town that they will be performing an inspection of vegetation along the transmission lines in Western Massachusetts. Their plan is to do this work from a helicopter flying over the lines, and they have this scheduled September 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

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