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April 17, 2020

Hello Everyone:

It is hard to have a conversation, read the paper or watch the news without feeling overwhelmed by what COVID19 is doing to the country and the world.

Yet, at the same time, I am also humbled by the efforts of the thousands of Nurses, Doctors, Public Health Professionals, EMTs, Firefighters, Police, medical technicians, and all the other healthcare workers, nursing home staffers, grocery store clerks, truck drivers, and cleaning crews above and beyond the call-of-duty on behalf of others. People are truly amazing, especially in a crisis. So let's be sure to thank them -- that gesture alone might help them face another day.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

Bob

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## Massachusetts in a State of Emergency COVID19

As you know, Governor Charlie Baker declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts on March 10, 2020. The State is providing terrific and up-to-date information on their site [www.Mass.gov/COVID19](http://www.Mass.gov/COVID19). Please bookmark the page and visit it frequently for the latest information and links to other related sites.

### Police/Emergency Services

The Hinsdale Police and Emergency Services remain open and operational 24/7.

- Call 911 for Emergency Service
- Call 413-655-0201 for non-emergency service

### Town Hall

The Town Hall remains closed until at least May 4, 2020, or until Governor Baker lifts the State of Emergency in Massachusetts. The Town's Department Heads, Staff, Committee Chairs, and I are in the building periodically, and we are all checking our email and voicemail accounts regularly.

You may address any questions or concerns you have to the specific department via email addresses found in the directory -- [www.hinsdalemass.com/directory](http://www.hinsdalemass.com/directory). If you are unsure of where to address an inquiry, feel free to contact me ([town.administrator@hinsdalema.gov](mailto:town.administrator@hinsdalema.gov)) and I will forward the question to the appropriate staff member, and copy you so staff members may respond directly to you.

### Meetings

In compliance with the State of Emergency, meetings are suspended until the State of Emergency is lifted.

- Exceptions to the meeting suspension – The Select Board is holding teleconference business meetings without public comment, in accordance with the Governor's adjustment to the Open Meeting Law during the crisis.
- Following the altered-due-to-pandemic Open Meeting Guidelines, the public is allowed to listen in via conference call-in, but space is limited to 40 call participants (which has not been a problem to date). We share information on how to call-in to the meeting on the posted agendas.
- For more information on the altered Open Meeting Guidelines, see [www.Mass.gov/COVID](http://www.Mass.gov/COVID).
- In consultation with the Select Board Chair or Town Administrator, a committee chair may choose to hold a specific meeting(s) via conference call, if the Select Board believes the meeting is essential to the functioning of the Town. These meetings must be held on the Town's system, so please contact Lynne Baumgartner ([select.board@hinsdalema.gov](mailto:select.board@hinsdalema.gov)) or me if you need assistance setting-up a meeting. Please try to give us a couple days notice to be sure you are in compliance with the guidelines.
- As always, meeting minutes are to be kept and posted accordingly.

### Town Hall Drop-Box

We have installed a physical "drop-box" at the Town Hall for your convenience. The drop-box is located on the driveway side entrance from the Town Hall's second floor (at the back of the building). We will check for items each business day.

### Transfer Station

## Old Dalton Road

The Town received eight competitive bids for the Old Dalton Road restoration project. Bidders included Maxymillian, Inc.; L.B. Corporation; Raymakers and Sons, Inc; Warner Brothers, LLC; , Virgilio Construction, Inc.; and Davenport Trucking, Inc. from western Mass, and SumCo. and Northern Construction from the east.

The bids ranged from \$927,000.00 to \$1,375,000.00, and after a thorough vetting and review of all the bids by the Select Board, DPW Supervisor, and our engineers, the Select Board awarded the contract to **Warner Brothers** of Sunderland, MA. Contracts have been signed, and work will begin within a month. The project is on-track.



**Warner Bros., LLC**  
All States Materials Group®

PO Box 91  
Sunderland, MA 01375  
413-665-7021

April 10, 2020

Town of Hinsdale  
Mr. Robert Graves  
Town Administrator  
39 South Street  
Hinsdale, MA 01235

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your e-mail dated April 8, 2020 awarding the contract for Old Dalton Road Reconstruction & Related Work (E2702) in the Town of Hinsdale.

Enclosed are two signed contracts as well as our 100% Payment and Performance Bonds and our current Certificates of Insurance naming the Town of Hinsdale as additional insured.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at any time.

We look forward to being of service to you.

Very truly yours,

WARNER BROS., LLC

Sue E. LaBombard  
Contract Administrator

Enclosure

## State Acts to Help Municipalities with Annual Town Meetings, Elections and More

Working together to make short-term changes to existing State Laws, Policies, and Procedures to help citizens and municipalities get through the State of Emergency, the State Legislature and Governor Baker pass and approve *An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19*. For more information on the specifics, click [here](#).

### Hinsdale Reschedules Annual Town Meeting and Election

At their call-in conference meeting, held April 8, 2020, the Select Board voted to postpone the Annual Town Meeting and Election due to the COVID19 Pandemic. The new dates are as follows:

- The Annual Town Meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Kittridge School.
- The Annual Town Election is rescheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2020, in the Town Hall.

## Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Deadline Extended

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes initially due May 1, 2020, have been pushed out to June 1, 2020, without penalty for this extension.





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