



TOWN HALL | 39 SOUTH STREET | HINSDALE, MA | 01235 | 413-655-2300

SELECT BOARD MINUTES / March 27, 2019 at 7pm

Community Room, Town Hall, 39 South St, Hinsdale MA

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7:00 p.m. Vivian opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. She then stated the meeting was being recorded.

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from February 27, 2019, Viv seconded it, both said Aye.

Bob, Town Administrator listed the updates as follows:

- Hazard Mitigation Plans Review Committee held meeting tonight, asking for feedback within the next two weeks. The plan is drafted and will be sent to MEMA on April 17. Edits need to be made concerning the EMT issue, and how that impacts us if we were to have a disaster. We are also added information relating to road conditions particularly around the culverts concerning flooding and washouts. On Middlefield Road and any other places in town that might in the future seek financial assistance through grants if it is mentioned in Mitigation report. Available in PDF format on the website.
- Working with search committee to go over the ten candidates that have applied for DPW Supervisor vacancy
- Town reports are going to the printer this Friday, March 29
- Moving Plunkett Lake inspections responsibility to Lake Management committee. The permission (NOI) for the drawdown has to be renewed prior to its expiration date before 3 year date, so we can avoid the drawdown permit. The Belmont which is the reservoir for the town water system, is going to be the responsibility of the town water department. Inspections happen this summer, every two years which is required by state. The NOI is a conservation issue and department of environmental protection.

Caleb Mitchell provided a letter to the Select Board asking if he can serve as the Conservation agent and the Lake Management committee coordinator. He is paid a salary for each of those part time positions. Vivian explained that because of the Town's population size, all that was needed was a letter to the Select Board to appoint someone as "special" employee. Rich made a motion to appoint Caleb Mitchell as a special employee, Viv seconded the motion, all said Aye.

We need to make an appointment to the DPW search committee. Ray Huntoon volunteered. Rich made a motion to appoint Ray to search committee, Viv seconded the motion all those in favor said Aye. Vivian thanked Ray for volunteering.

We need to vote on the Petition for Warrant Article: Dog Licenses to be free for Over-70 Senior Owners going for Town Warrant Vote in May, Rich made a motion to add this to the warrant articles for a vote at the Annual Town warrant, all in favor, all said aye. Viv raised the question: If people don't have to pay for a license, are they going to get a license, and if they don't get a license will they get their pets vaccinated against Rabies?

We need to open the bids for the vocational school transportation bids. There was only one bid from Dufour Inc. Rich read aloud the quote, Hinsdale to and from McCann Technical \$187.58 per day; from Hinsdale to and from Smith Vocational \$200.12 per day. Vivian opened the Gary Daniels bid for town-wide mowing and read aloud the pricing. Rich made a motion to accept the bids, Vivian seconded, all said Aye. Bids were submitted to the Town Administrator for further review and approval.

Discussion of the new CBR school proposal, Rich gave his opinion based on three perspectives. Overall he would vote no as it stands today. Jim Manning said the town residents need more information. The new design is beyond what taxpayers are willing to pay for. The cost burden will be too high, with a declining student population.

A suggestion was brought up by Dan Thornton to have the sidewalks cleared. He feels it is the residents' responsibility in front of your property to clear the walkways within 24 hours of a storm. Including sweeping of debris off of them so that others have a clear pathway. He would like an ordinance considered being added to the town-by-laws.

Tammy Cache asked about the process to have abandoned houses torn down around her on Holmes Road. Her home is for sale. Advice was given to her to contact the Board of Health.

Vivian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Rich seconded, all said Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Baumgartner

Meeting Adjournment