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## SELECT BOARD MINUTES / February 13, 2019 at 7pm

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7:00 PM – Vivian opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, asked to please turn off phones, asked if anyone else was recording the meeting. No one was. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Viv asked Rich if he had a chance to review and approve the minutes from January 23, 2019 meeting. Rich made a motion to approve minutes, Viv seconded, all said aye

### **Communications & Reports from Department Heads, Board and Chairs**

Barry O'Keefe stepped up to say that the hydraulic pump in the trash compactor was still freezing up. The ram needs to be inspected and worked on.

Town Administrator – Bob said he was busy working on the Town Budget; working on a new Heating & AC System for the town hall using funds from the Green Communities Grant; also getting Internet to those residents with long driveways, negotiating down the cost. Since the Conservation and Lake Management meetings were canceled due to the snowstorm, the paperwork for the Old Dalton Road culvert and the Plunkett Lake drawdown will be pushed out until March.

### **Old Business**

Bob wrote letter to District Highway Director, MASS D.O.T. regarding deteriorated stone wall on Route 8 on January 28, 2019. No response yet.

### **New Business**

- Vivian said the Water Department sent out letters saying there is an elevated magnesium level in the town water. Larry is looking into finding out why and a solution to the problem.
- New Location for Food Pantry–Dan Brown (trustee from First Congregational Church) spoke and asked for suggestions for a better place which would be handicapped accessible.
- Senior Work-off Tax Credit in the works of being reinstated for 55+ year residents, looking to lower their property tax by maximum of \$1,500; Assessors have to approve eligibility and W-2s would be issued.
- Heather Marshall petitioned for new Business Permit, crafting solely out of her home on Old Windsor Road. "Forever Grace" would be the name; and Rich made a motion to approve, Viv seconded, all in favor, Aye
- Steve Suriner spoke about the upcoming Block Dance on July 27. It is a joint Committee Community event by the Firemen's Association, Hinsdale Dayz and the Police Department. The work of getting it all done is by volunteers. The event will feature activities for the kids, food vendors, fireworks, three live bands, parking, trash, septic, and insurance. In preparation, some first responders have taken courses on procedures for a FEMA Contingency Plan.
- Resignation of the Highway Superintendent–Rene Senecal has given notice of his resignation; we will be looking for a replacement. We are working on a temporary plan in place for the interim. We are going to be looking for volunteers to help with the Search Committee for a new superintendent.

### **Round Table Discussion**

- Deleting the Acceptance of Communications & Warrants from the Agenda, it doesn't mean anything, so we deleted it. We always read & accept the correspondence and sign the Warrants.
- Also still looking for volunteers to be on the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority and the TIPS (Transportation Improvement Program)
- Nomination papers for annual town election will be available from the Town Clerk starting March 6; all returned by April 1. More information to come.

**No new business at this time**

Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Vivian seconded the motion and both vote aye.  
Rich thanked everyone for braving the weather and coming to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Baumgartner