

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 8, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall

Present: Chair Steve Diorio, Selectman Richard Johnson (Rep. to Budget Committee), Selectman Bernie Rideout, and Selectman William Hodgman. Selectman Mike Carrier was excused. Also present were Kim Worden, Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch, Bob Truesdell, Troy Benedict, Chief Zavorotny, Gary Seymour, Andrew Leonard, Mark Curtiss, and others. Budget Committee Members Ken Howe, April Anderson (School Board Rep.), Sean Leary, Dennis Nadeau, Alex Duso, Bill Nebelski, Dan Seymour, Mike Bomba and Taran Benedict were also present.

6:00 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order. The Budget Committee called their meeting to order. Chair Diorio explained that the purpose of this meeting was regarding a potential purchase of former church property on Plain Road for an eventual new location for the Hinsdale Fire Department which may require a special town meeting.

The Budget Committee held their elections of officers.

It was pointed out that this meeting is being held due to the need for a recommendation by the Budget Committee to have a Special Town Meeting and if approved by Select Board would go to the Town Attorney to be forwarded to the Department of Revenue. Once approved, the Petition would be forwarded to Superior Court with 10 days to answer.

T.A. Lynch explained that the total monies in the expendable fund is about \$266,000. \$25,000 is deducted for architect's feasibility study, to include 162,000 retained from sale of auctioned properties, would be \$403,000 total with the need to find \$5000. A Warrant Article would be written for \$408,000

Taran Benedict spoke on information from the Building Committee, on the project, and on the need. There was extensive discussion by various board members pertaining to concerns and whether or not to have a special town meeting and if we meet the criteria.

Following lengthy discussion: Bill Nebelski **made a motion** to hold Special Town Meeting to discuss purchase of 59 Plain Road, second by Seymour. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to have the Special Town Meeting re: the purchase at 59 Plain Road and to Petition the Court, second by Hodgman. The vote is as follows: Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; Diorio-aye. Motion passed unanimously.

6:59 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously. Budget Committee also adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary