

**Town of Hawley, Massachusetts**  
**Minutes of a**  
**Selectboard / Board of Health / Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting**  
**in person & via Zoom**  
**April 30, 2024**

Present: Will Cosby, Hussain Hamdan, Robert MacLean – Selectboard  
Tinky Weisblat, Gal Friday; Virginia Gabert, Treasurer and Financial Administrator  
Gary Mitchell and Chris Tirone

**The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.** Minutes from a previous meeting were signed.

**The group reviewed the bids for surplus equipment received on Municibid.** The high bids were \$600 for the Honda generator, \$1050 for the Fisher sander, \$3200 for the Ford L8000, \$8600 for the Chevy 3500, and \$11,301 for the BMY-HARSCO dump truck, for a total of \$24,751. Hussain moved to accept the high bids, Bob seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Tinky was told that payment should be made by certified check or postal order and was asked to issue invoices through Municibid. Hussain offered to create wording for a bill of sale Tinky could use, and she and Virginia promised to work out how to transfer the titles to the vehicles.

**In other business, Will mentioned a new problem with Route 8A** just before Christine Hicks's house, where the pavement "[seemed] to be slumping." Gary said he was talking to the state engineer about the issue and agreed to put up signage and cones. Will asked what could be done. Gary said that in the short term the road could be resurfaced and promised to consult more with David Stokes.

**Tinky asked for more information about the planned listening session on May 29** about the Dugway. Will said that he had asked the Sons & Daughters of Hawley whether the Hawley Grove could be used as a backup location for the session in case of rain. Hussain noted that past listening sessions (about broadband) had not drawn much of a crowd so the Town Office would probably suffice if it rained. Tinky asked how the food would work. The group decided to offer an informal meal at 6, followed by discussion at 7. Hussain said that the fire department could bring a grill and prepare hot dogs and hamburgers. Will offered to purchase the meat. Hussain said that his mother could probably bake something, and Tinky offered to bake as well. Will said that beverages, as well as some kind of salad, could be picked up at BJ's. (Tinky said she could make a perfectly good salad.)

**Gary observed that the April cemetery clean-up groups had filled the ditches with debris.** Tinky was asked to contact Melanie Poudrier, the clean-up organizer, to ask her not to do this in future as it deterred flood prevention and made more work for the road crew.

**Hussain voiced his concern about a cycling event that had come through town** the previous Saturday. He said that Hawley's emergency services had received word of this event only 48 hours in advance and not through any formal channels.

He added that when emergency personnel had responded to a call in East Hawley during the event, the cyclists were seen riding side by side, seemingly with no awareness of what was going on around them and no courtesy. He added that cyclists should always go single file. Tinky said that she had written to the organizers of the event and would report back to him.

**There being no other immediate business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Tinky Weisblat, Gal Friday

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Williams Cosby

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Hussain Hamdan

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Robert MacLean