

**Hardwick Board of Selectmen  
Hardwick Elementary School  
76 School House Drive  
Gilbertville MA 01031**

**Meeting Minutes October 24, 2022**

In Attendance: Julie Quink Chair, Kelly Kemp Clerk, H Robert Ruggles, Vice Chair, Nicole Parker, Town Administrator

Meeting call to order 6:30 PM

**Treasurer/collector update**

The department has been moved to the first floor. With the assistance of Mass Munifan, and its owner Sara Hunter, the new dept is running efficiently and has the equipment and modern software. N Parker stated that so much positive work has been put into the finance team and she believe this will make the finance depts operate more smoothly as all software now communicate with each other.

**Comcast**

(KK) mad the motion to accept and approve the renewal of the Comcast contract through Oct 29 2032 as modified by counsel

JQ seconded

All in favor

(2:0)

**Warrant for state election**

Question 1- proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the 4% state tax

Question 2- law of relative to division of insurance approving and disapproving rate of dental plans

Question 3- law relative to combined number of licenses for the sale of alcohol beverages for off premises consumption

Question 4- law relative to proof of residency

Question 5 -carbon content on fossil fuels

**Motion**

(KK) Motion accept and approve warrant for the 2022 state election that will be held at the Hardwick Elementary School 76 Schoolhouse drive on November 8, 2022 from 7 am to 8 pm.

(JQ) seconded

All in favor

(2:0)

**Selectman roundtable.**

Regarding conservation commission meeting and we will get back to you with any questions

**Selectman meeting part 2 reconvened**

The Board of Selectmen will reconvene the agenda item slated at 7:15 pm on discussion of Commonwealth Equine and Agricultural Center LLC race location pursuant to Mass general law Chapter 128a Section 13A.

The Board of Selectmen discussed what they are hearing from residents. For the most part the selectman are under the impression that the townspeople want to vote, which means the Board of Selectmen would have to vote yes for this to happen.

KK spoke of her experience after reaching out to several residents. She stated that although the rumor is out there the Board of Selectmen has accepted no bribes or bullying from the proponent.

Robert Ruggles- Agrees that in order for the town to vote the Board of Selectman would have to vote Yes

**Motion**

(RR) made Motion to defer the towns vote until after the gaming commission holds their hearing on October 31 st

(KK) Seconded

All in favor

RR (Y), KK (N) JQ (Y)

**Adjournment**

(JQ) Ask for a motion to adjourn

(HRR) seconded

All in favor

JQ (I), HRR (I), KK (I)

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm