

# Board of Selectmen

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May 23, 2019  
Regular Session 9:12pm

Present: Ms. Karen Johnson, Ms. Mary Power, Mr. Joe Fisher

## **High School Fire – May 17, 2019**

Mr. Fisher noted that in light of information gathered from the School Department and town staff as well as press reports on the extent of the damage to 19 classrooms at the High School, the fire at the High School met the statutory standard of a "major disaster" under MGL c. 44 Section 31. State officials concur with this designation. This procedural vote was necessary because of the restrictions that are otherwise applicable to the expenditure of funds in connection with insurance recovery and authorizes the Hingham School Department to expend funds to complete the necessary repairs to the school in anticipation of an insurance recovery.

Mr. Fisher made a motion Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 31, the Town of Hingham Board of Selectmen hereby declares that the fire and resulting damage which occurred at the Hingham High School on May 17, 2019 constitutes a major disaster which poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of persons or property at the Hingham High School and hereby authorizes the Hingham School Department to expend funds to complete the necessary repairs of said damage in anticipation of recovery from the applicable insurance policy, all subject to approval by the Director of Accounts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

**Meeting adjourned at: 9:14pm**  
**Approved June 4, 2019**

**Karen Johnson**

**Documents:** A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.

