

**HDIC  
Minutes – January 29, 2026**

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**Members Present:** David Bailey, Jeff Bellows, Mike Galvin, Chris Goode, Katie McHardy, Kate Schmidt

**Members not Present:** Joe Cusker

**Staff –** Art Robert

**Presenter:** JR Frey, Town Engineer

**Call to order: 8:32 AM**

Co-Chair Galvin convened the meeting.

Mr. Robert read the “Remote Meeting” statement governing remote meetings under state law. No participant noted they were recording the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2025**

Vote: Mike Galvin Moved, Jeff Bellows second the motion. Vote 6 yea, 0 nay

**Approval of Minutes – October 29, 2025**

Vote: Jeff Bellows Moved, Chris Goode seconded the. Vote 6 yea, 0 nay

**Route 3A Project**

Mike Galvin asked to take this agenda item first, to accommodate JR Frey’s schedule.

JR reported that MassDOT has taken over the design of the project, advancing it from 25% to 100% design plans submitted in December. The project is currently in a 45-day review period, with critical paths being right-of-way plans and environmental permitting.

The discussion focused on the timeline and impacts of the Route 3A construction project, which is expected to begin this summer and last for 24-30 months. JR explained that utility work, including water and gas infrastructure improvements, will start in 2026 and overlap with the MassDOT project. Art noted that project work could begin in the summer of 2026 and end in late 2028; JR agreed. Art inquired about the potential traffic impacts and the involvement of the business community in the planning process. JR mentioned that while formal outreach has not yet occurred, a communications plan is being developed to keep the community informed about the various construction projects.

Katie asked about the long-range benefits for businesses, to which JR responded that the project will enhance traffic flow and encourage more foot traffic to downtown, particularly during weekends and nice weather. The discussion concluded with JR outlining that businesses experiencing project impacts should contact the Town Engineer's office for solutions or accommodations.

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## **Discussion – Strategic Plan Work Plan**

Mike Galvin asked members to report back on the status of their projects in two weeks, on or about February 5. Mike resent an email with the assignments as agreed by members. Art agreed to provide introductions for people Jeff and Chris intended to meet.

## **Economic Development Updates**

Art provided updates on new businesses and developer activity in Hingham Square, the Shipyard, and South Hingham. He also shared a 2026 Economic Outlook. Art also provided an update on Yankee Trader Seafood's expansion plans for Hingham.

## **Schedule Meetings – April to June, 2026**

**Members reviewed schedules and agreed on the following dates, with meetings beginning at 8:30 AM, at Hingham Town Hall:**

- Thursday, April 30
- Thursday, May 28
- Thursday, June 25

## **Adjourn – 9:29 AM**

Vote: Mike Galvin Moved, Jeff Bellows second the motion. Vote 6 yea, 0 nay.

## **Documents:**

N/A