

Statement of William C. Ramsey, Chairman, Planning Board follows:

**“It is 8:17 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020. I am Bill Ramsey, Chair of the Hingham Planning Board and am meeting by conference call with Mary Savage-Dunham, Director of Community Planning, and Susan Murphy, Special Counsel for Real Estate.**

Pursuant to Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, a meeting of the Hingham Planning Board by remote participation by conference call was duly posted and scheduled for 7:00 pm on **March 23, 2020. Such meeting experienced technical difficulty such that no members of the Board nor the public were able to participate. Therefore, the meeting was not opened and no business was conducted.** Pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10(6)(d), the chair may decide how to address technical difficulties that arise as a result of utilizing remote participation, but is encouraged wherever possible to suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with a remote participant's ability to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location (in this case, on the meeting call). Therefore, recognizing the unprecedented conditions which have resulted in the need for remote participation by all participants, and that technical difficulties make such participation in tonight's meeting impossible, I hereby suspend all matters set forth in the meeting agenda of the Planning Board for March 23, 2020, and continue all such matters to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020. This continued meeting, which will take place by remote participation by conference call, shall be duly posted on the Town of Hingham website in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and instructions for remote participation will be included in such posting. On behalf of the Planning Board, I extend my apologies for the inconvenience to those who wished to participate in tonight's meeting and ask for your understanding as the Town navigates these uncharted waters. Thank you.”