

Select Board

May 27, 2022

Present:

- Select Board: Mr. William Ramsey (Chair), Mr. Joe Fisher, and Ms. Liz Klein
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance
- Mr. Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations

10:30 AM: Call to order

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. “

Harbor Media was the only party recording the meeting.

He announced that Select Board members participating in the meeting were himself, Mr. Joe Fisher and Ms. Liz Klein.

Statement of the Hingham Select Board

Chair Ramsey read the following statement:

“Our hearts go out to the victims of the families of the tragedy that occurred in Uvalde, Texas this past Tuesday. The Select Board and the entire Hingham community share a deep sense of sorrow in the senseless loss of life and we hope for a future in our country where we no longer have to grieve the loss of children and teachers in schools. This type of violence has no place in a civilized and just society. We also want to reassure parents, students, and school officials that we are working closely with the Hingham Police Department to review safety protocols and procedures within our schools to ensure the safety of all members of the school district.”

Ms. Klein and Mr. Fisher made some additional comments regarding the shooting in Texas. Mr. Ramsey added that the Board has been in touch with Police Chief Jones, teachers and school personnel. Chief Jones added the following statement:

“I want to reassure our community that the focus of the Hingham Police Department is on the safety and well-being of all of our students and staff. We are incredibly blessed to have a team of dedicated and committed school resource officers in our town. These officers work directly in our schools and with school administration to ensure that the entire school district is as safe as possible. Outside of the resource officers, our patrol division focuses on visible patrols and random checks of our private educational locations throughout our community. And, while I can't speak to the specifics of our

trainings, I want to make it clear that our officers receive ongoing intensive training with the tools necessary to immediately respond to and end any threat to the lives and safety of our community's children and staff. We are fortunate to have such a tremendous group of professional and dedicated police officers in Hingham. I want to thank you again for the opportunity to speak this morning."

Appointments to the Human Rights Commission

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint Kelly Peguero Alessi to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Affordable Housing Trust. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Tien Do-Suarez and Christine Griffin to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint John Bradley and Reena Patel to the Human Rights Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Ardith Wieworka to the Human Rights Commission for a one-year term ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Ramsey said that there was a many qualified candidates who interviewed for the open positions on the Human Rights Commission. Mr. Fisher said that the Board was impressed and honored to interview

the candidates. Ms. Klein encouraged residents to volunteer for the many other open positions on Town Committees.

To proclaim June 2022 as Pride Month in the Town of Hingham

Select Board members took part in reading an address that proclaimed June 2022 as Pride Month in the Town of Hingham.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to proclaim June 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Town of Hingham. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Public Comment

“The Hingham Select Board encourages community engagement and welcomes questions and comments as agenda items are discussed at the meeting. In addition, we have set aside up to fifteen minutes for public comment for items that fall under the purview of the Select Board and are not already on tonight’s agenda. If any guests wish to speak, please seek to be recognized. Once recognized, state your name and address and address your comments to the Chair. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker and must relate to topics within the scope of the responsibilities of the Select Board. Speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner and not to indulge in personalities. The Public Comment period is not a time for debate by members of the Select Board. The Select Board is not adopting or endorsing any of the comments made during the Public Comment period.”

Ms. Katie Sutton, 245 Leavitt Street, expressed her gratitude to the Select Board for establishing the Human Rights Commission.

Mr. Ramsey announced that the Town would be observing Memorial Day in front of Town Hall at 11:00 am on Monday, May 30. He and other Board members plan to attend.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

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