

**Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 17th 2023**

Hingham Town Hall, Third Floor, South Hearing Room/Hybrid Meeting

In Attendance: Nancy MacDonald, Tina Sherwood, Caitlyn Kirk, Alan Macdonald, Carol Tully, Kathy Curley, Joe Griffin, Brian Stack, Steven Pohl, Kevin Freytag, Steven Pohl

Participating via Zoom: NA

Absent: Judd Caplain, Sarah Melia, Jason Price, Brenda Black

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chair MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 Chairman 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.”

2. Comments from the public on items not on the agenda: None

3. Master Plan Overview with Gordon Carr and Emily Wentworth

- Overview of Master Plan provided including what is a Master Plan and why we do have one, how the committee engaged with the community to develop the Master Plan, and Hingham's community vision and goals in the Master Plan.
- Master Plan can be accessed online <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14631/Hingham-Master-Plan?bidId=>

4. Liaison Reports - Updates provided on:

- **Community Preservation Committee**
 - Funding of re-development of playground behind town hall (900K for funds; 300K through fund raising)
 - Creation of an ADA compliant boardwalk from Central Street (between Burr Street and Garrison Street) to Tranquility Grove.
- **ACES**
 - Contract Negotiations: Bus and Van Drivers contract has been ratified; other contract negotiations are ongoing
- **HMLP**
 - Transmission line and transfer stations from Weymouth; Funding request may not be ready for next town meeting.

- Electric vehicle charging stations have been installed, details still being worked out on fee collection and who monitors if someone is charging while in the space.
- Ongoing solar programs (e.g. installation at transfer station, municipal buildings)
- HMLP marketing plan kickoff for income adjusted rates for the community

5. Approve meeting minutes from September 19, 2023. Meeting minutes approved by unanimous vote.

6. Housekeeping

- a. Next Advisory Committee meeting will be on November 14th
- b. Conflict of Interest Training needs to be complete by November 1st

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by roll call vote unanimous (12-0).

Documents Distributed for This Meeting:

Advisory Committee Handbook

Respectfully Submitted,

Caitlyn Kirk
Secretary