

# Hingham Town Report 2024

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## Foster Elementary School

The opening of the new Foster Elementary School in January 2025 was the highlight of the 2024-2025 Hingham Public School year. The new 126,385 sq. ft. learning space will accommodate up to 605 students in Hingham’s Pre-K through Grade 5 program. We are deeply grateful to the community for supporting this project.

Foster Elementary School

# Annual Report



Town of Hingham  
2024

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# This is Your Town

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Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Population	24,717
Registered Voters	19,701
Dem. 4,372; Rep. 2,465; Un-enrolled, 12,702; Other, 162	
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,604
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$9,650,800,712
Personal Property	\$138,801,220
Tax Rate	\$10.69
Schools	6
Public School Children, K-12	3,713
Professional Staff	423
Support Staff	351
Total FY2025 Town Budget (includes School)	\$160,854,599
Total FY2025 School Budget	\$70,925,339
State Senator	State Representative
Norfolk-Plymouth	Third Plymouth District
Patrick O'Connor	Joan Meschino
State House, Room 419	State House, Room 162
Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1646	617-722-2092



*William Ramsey; Joseph Fisher, Chair; Elizabeth Klein*

## Select Board

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The Select Board held 50 public meetings during calendar year 2024, with a focus on proper budgeting, identifying a future home for the Center for Active Living, coordinating with the School Committee on the New Foster Elementary School, oversight of construction of the new Public Safety Facility on Route 3A, honoring the Town's commitment to addressing environmental concerns, improving communications and outreach to residents, and working with volunteers who help the Town in numerous ways. Members of the Select Board also sit as the Board of Water Commissioners overseeing operations of the Weir River Water System.

### Highlights of 2024

The Town moved forward with vital projects and successfully accomplished key goals thanks to the hard work, devotion, and commitment of our municipal leaders, committees, employees, volunteers, local businesses, and residents.

2024 saw substantial work on construction of the new Public Safety Facility on Route 3A. The Facility is on track to open in late spring 2025, ushering in a new era for public safety in our community. This state-of-the-art facility will be the new home of the Police Department and the new Station 2 for the Fire Department. It will better meet the needs of both

departments and will be an asset for the community and for the men and women who proudly serve the Town as first responders. The Board thanks the Public Safety Facility Building Committee for its diligence and hard work in bringing this important project to fruition.

The new Foster Elementary School was completed at the end of 2024, with the School prepared to welcome students and staff at the start of the new year. This innovative facility replaced the outdated William L. Foster Elementary School that was originally built in 1951. With financial assistance from the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Core Building Program, the School was completed on budget. The Board thanks the School Building Committee, the School Committee, and the School Department staff for their dedication and professionalism. We are thrilled that the new school will inspire and serve Hingham students for generations to come.

The Town honored its commitment to senior residents with improved programming at the Hingham Center for Active Living (HCAL, formerly the Senior Center) and with plans to locate a proposed new Center at Bare Cove Park Drive. The proposed HCAL will be an easy-to-navigate one-story building with large windows for natural light, sufficient parking spaces (including ADA-designated spaces), and a design that best supports programs that will enhance the independence and ongoing personal development of the Town's senior population. The Board thanks the Center for Active Living Building Committee, the Council on Aging, and the HCAL staff for their tireless work and commitment to this project. The upcoming Annual Town Meeting will consider design and permitting plans for the new Center.

The Board honored its fiscal pledge to control budget growth to 3.5% as established in the FY24-28 Financial Management Plan that was adopted by the Select Board, School Committee, and Advisory Committee in March 2023. The Board continues to propose and implements budgets that assure ongoing services for Town residents, including our most vulnerable residents, while respecting the constraints of fiscal responsibility.

In 2024, Hingham again secured a coveted AAA rating from the leading credit rating agencies. This is the highest rating possible, which helps assure that Hingham has access to capital markets at the lowest possible rates, resulting in lower debt costs paid by taxpayers.

The Town aggressively pursued opportunities to obtain American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County, securing over \$4.4 million in total. These funds are being used to support several key

projects—including the Route 3A sewer system improvements, the new Public Safety Facility, an economic development plan, a stormwater master plan, and other community initiatives—while mitigating impacts on taxpayers and ratepayers.

The Board has continued its efforts to find efficiencies, promote economic growth, and enhance the Town’s infrastructure. Water and sewer operations have been reorganized, work is progressing for the Harbor wharf wall and Route 3A sewer improvements, and traffic calming measures have been put in place downtown. The Town remains committed to climate action planning, ADA accessibility improvements, developing a plan to grow south Hingham, enhancing our downtown business district, and preserving the historical beauty of Hingham.

#### Hingham250

The Board is looking forward to 2025, when the Town will join other Massachusetts communities to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of our country as a free and independent nation. The spirit of America runs through Hingham. Our traditions, historic homes and buildings, houses of worship, cemeteries, and community of families with roots to the founding of America are a testament to Hingham’s enduring legacy. In 2025, the Town plans to attract and host Rev250 visitors so they can experience Hingham’s contributions to the founding of our country.

#### Conclusion

The Select Board thanks all Town employees, committee members, and residents who assist us in making Hingham an exceptional place to live and work. In December 2024, we welcomed Kathryn (Katie) Roberts as the new Superintendent of Hingham Public Schools. Tom Mayo has worked tirelessly throughout 2024 as Town Administrator. The Select Board’s supporting team includes Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance, and Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations, who provided essential support for the Town’s ongoing activities along with Sharon Perfetti, our Office Manager, and Samantha Downton, our Executive Assistant.

The Select Board is committed to assuring that Hingham remains a welcoming and vibrant community for all its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Fisher, Chair  
William C. Ramsey  
Elizabeth F. Klein

## Town Administrator

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I am pleased to submit my annual report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham.

2024 was in many ways a transitional year. Through the appropriations of prior years for a new Public Safety Facility and a new Foster School as well as new budgeting strategies, 2024 proved to be a transition from old to new. Both facilities were constructed throughout 2024 with 2025 openings, moving us away from the antiquated facilities that preceded them. Additionally, in adherence to a cornerstone agreement enacted as part of the property tax override in 2023, the Town's budgeting process now imposes fiscal controls thereby limiting annual budget growth. As a result, we are looking forward to the use of modern facilities while limiting the ongoing impact to the taxpayer.



Many new initiatives began in 2024. The Town held our first annual Local Government Academy (LGA) in October. Open to all voting age residents, participants saw firsthand the many different facets of Hingham's municipal operations. From managing finances and local permitting to the Hingham Public Library, Police, Fire, and Public Works functions (and more!), participants interacted with key staff, engaged with vital equipment, toured various facilities, and even participated in a mock Advisory Committee hearing! Modeled after the very successful and long-running Hingham Citizens Police Academy, we hope the LGA will help educate residents and entice continued (and perhaps new) participation in your local government. Other new initiatives included publishing department spotlights highlighting our wonderful staff and the work they do and holding the Town's first suicide prevention walk in Bare Cove Park in September.

Some other notable projects in 2024 included improvements to the Cronin Field complex with accessible walkways and new playground, basketball court, and street hockey court; improved design and facilities for the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station; the opening of the new maintenance facility at the Country Club; acquisition of a property for an affordable housing unit; traffic improvements in Hingham Square; and the installation of improved ADA signage in many public buildings.

Other noteworthy highlights from the year include holding four elections (including a presidential election), the launch of a new program to assist people with opioid related struggles, the rebranding of the Senior Center to the Center for Active Living, the formation of a mental health coalition, continuing to prioritize economic development planning, and the retention of the Town's AAA bond rating.

As always, Hingham's citizen volunteer participation drives our local government and has certainly done so again. In 2024, approximately 350 people volunteered across nearly 65 boards and committees. Of course, this is only the 'formal' count. Volunteers contribute endlessly to the community in countless ways, including PTOs, youth sports, and other civic functions. The collective sense of caring and support from the residents is the reason this Town is so great and from a purely operational standpoint, we simply couldn't do it without you.

The Select Board's policy agenda continues to be the focus for our office. This includes the daily activities of meeting agendas, addressing citizen concerns, personnel management, and preparation of the annual budget and Town Meeting Warrant.

As I continue in my role as your Town Administrator, I do so as part of a team. I want to thank Select Board members Joe Fisher, Bill Ramsey, and Liz Klein for their continued support and guidance. I would also like to thank the department heads and all Town employees and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Town. Specifically, I would like to thank our dedicated and highly professional staff in the Select Board's office: Michelle Monsegur, Arthur Robert, Sharon Perfetti, Samantha Downton, David Sequeira, and Patricia Burke. I'd also like to congratulate Kathy Reilly, our former Procurement Manager, on her retirement and thank Heidi Gaul for her many contributions to the office as our former Executive Assistant. I want to thank all of them for their ongoing commitment to the success of the entire organization. We have a great team in the Select Board's office and I look forward to all of the important work we will undertake on behalf of the Hingham residents in 2025.

Tom Mayo, Town Administrator

## Town Clerk

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2024 was the year of Elections for the Town and our department.

The Presidential Primary occurred in March – Joseph R. Biden received the most votes on the Democratic ballot and Nikki Haley was the winner on the Republican ballot.

Town Meeting and the Town Election were held in April. Town Meeting shifted from its traditional fourth Monday of April to Wednesday, April 24 to acknowledge the beginning of Passover. Town Meeting continued for three nights with extended debates on the FY25 Town budget and the acceptance of the MBTA Communities Act. There were no election contests in the annual Town Election.

The State Primary was held on the Tuesday following Labor Day weekend and the first day of school was delayed to Wednesday.

Finally, the Presidential/State Election was held on November 5. The historic Election saw Hingham voting 2:1 for the electors for Harris and Walz over Trump and Vance.

While organizing and conducting elections commanded most of our focus for the year, our day-to-day operations continued unabated and we oversaw:

- Distribution and tallying of 11,101 annual street listing census forms;
- Issuance of 866 original birth, marriage and death certificates;
- Posting of approximately 900 meeting agendas in compliance with OML;
- Registration of 619 new voters;
- Issuance of over 910 dog licenses;
- Receipt and oversight of 201 public record requests; and
- Issuance of 134 business licenses.

Please visit our website at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/409/Town-Clerk> to learn more about the many services we provide to the Town:

- Election & Voter Information
- Licenses & Permits
- Records
- Services
- Town By-laws
- Payments & Fees

Many thanks to my hard-working team: Jennifer Donnelly, Laura Donnelly, Chris Hurley, Angela Kelly, Eileen McCracken, and a corps of devoted election workers.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Falvey  
Town Clerk



*The Town Clerk's team*

### Vital Statistics

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	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Births	196	197	236	242	223	230
Marriages	71	82	92	75	58	64
Deaths	482	489	475	517	582	572

## 2024 Elected Town Officers

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	Term Expires
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b>	
Michael J. Puzo	2025
<b>Select Board (3 Year Term)</b>	
Joseph M. Fisher	2025
William C. Ramsey	2026
Elizabeth F. Klein	2027
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b>	
Carol M. Falvey	2027
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b>	
Christine M. Roberts	2025
Randall M. Winters	2026
Joshua M. Ross	2027
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b>	
Rosemary D. Byrne	2025
Elizabeth A. Eldredge	2026
Mark D. Lundin	2027
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b>	
Michael D. Reive	2025
Tyler R. Herrald	2026
Laura M. Burns	2027
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b>	
Megan M. Buhr	2025
Michelle A. Larned	2027
Janine A. Suchecki	2029
In addition, a tenant appointed by the Select Board and a community member appointed by the Commonwealth, serves on the Authority.	
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)</b>	
Alyson B. Anderson	2025
Matthew J. Cosman	2025
Nancy Nes Correnti	2025
Michelle Ayer	2026
Jennifer A. Benham	2026
Kerry J. Ni	2027
Timothy Miller Dempsey	2027

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Rita S. DaSilva	2025
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2026
Gordon M. Carr	2027
Tracy K. Shriver	2028
Kevin M. Ellis	2029

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Kirk J. Shilts	2025
James Henry Byrne II	2026
Clark Frazier	2027

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Adrienne S. Ramsey	2025
Matthew LeBretton	2026
Stephen P. Buckley	2027
Vicki Donlan	2028
Stephen C. Melia	2029

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF  
THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Karen Sadlon	2025
Laura Boyle	2026
Laurel H. Cosman	2027

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH  
(Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Edward Johnson  
Alan Perrault  
Adrienne Ramsey

## 2024 Appointees

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Term Expires

**ADA COORDINATOR  
(Appt. by Select Board)**  
Arthur Robert

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)**

Tina Sherwood, Chair	2027
Carol Tully, Vice Chair	2026
Brenda Black	2025
Ted Ciolkosz	2025
Kathleen Curley	2025
Joseph Griffin	2025
Jerry Seelen	2025
John Germain	2026
David Leiphart	2026
Alan Macdonald	2026
Steven Pohl	2026
Kevin Freytag	2027
Elaine Cusker	2027
Benjamin Lee	2027
Brian Stack	2027

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST  
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 21 ATM 2007) 2 Year Term**

John Falvey, Chair	2025
Brigid Ryan	2025
Pamela Bates	2025
Mike Sutton	2025
Gregory Waxman	2026
Liz Cullen	2026
Liz Klein, Select Board Rep.	

**APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF  
(Appt. By Select Board)**

Robyn S. Maguire, Chair	2027
Paul Healey	2025
Joseph Ruccio	2026

**Associate Members (one-year term)**

Lauren Galvin	2025
Michael Mercurio	2025
Mario Romania, Jr.	2025

**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
(ART 26, ATM 2010)**

Doug Farrington (Select Board Appt.), Chair	2025
Andrew Sanders (Moderator Appt.)	2025
Wilson Kistler (Moderator Appt.)	2026
Jason Price (Moderator Appt.)	2027
Judd Caplain (Select Board Appt.)	2027
Thomas Mayo, Town Administrator, Ex-Officio	
Ann MacNaughton, Town Accountant, Ex-Officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Select Board)**

Ray O'Neill, Chair	2025
Lauren Murphy	2025
Michael Cioffi	2026
Joanna Chmielinski	2026
Claudia Eaton	2026
Katie Puzo	2026

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Select Board, 6/15/04)**

Laura Spaziani, Chair	2025
Patricia Bray	2025
Margaret Coleman	2025
Patricia Collins	2025
Carolyn Aliski	2026
Henry Buckley	2026
Cheryl Russo	2026
Carol Waite	2026

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Elizabeth Eldredge, MD

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Select Board)**

William Reardon  
Chris Daly

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**(Appt. by Town Administrator under MA State Bldg. Code  
780 CMR 5105.1 (for ensuing year))**

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner  
Jerry O'Neill, Deputy Building Inspector  
Tom McGrath, Local Building Inspector  
Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector

David Comoletti, Wiring Inspector  
 David Bennett, Assistant Inspector of Wires  
 Anthony Stamatorous, Assistant Inspector of Wires  
 Jay Yetman, Plumbing & Gas Inspector  
 Scott Wilson, Assistant Plumbing & Gas Inspector

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Select Board)**

David Jones, Chair	2025
Michael Wilmot	2025
Patricia Byrnes	2027
Michelle Balconi (Harbor Media)	
Heather Kashman (School Rep)	

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Michael Donovan, Chair	2027
Lyndsey Kruzer	2026
George Danis	2025
Ted Ciolkosz (Appt. by Advisory Committee Chair)	2025
Steven Pohl (Appt. by Advisory Committee Chair)	2025

**CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION**

Matthew Curran (Moderator Appt.)  
 Vincent Moran (Moderator Appt.)  
 Jo-An Helleman (Select Board Appt.)  
 Elliot Place (Select Board Appt.)  
 Brad Moyer (Energy Action Committee Appt.)  
 Maria Zade (Cleaner Greener Hingham Appt.)  
 Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Appt.)  
 Laurie Freeman (Conservation Commission Appt.)  
 TBD (Development & Industrial Commission Appt.)  
 Alyson Anderson (School Committee Appt.)  
 Thomas Morahan (Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Appt.)  
 Patricia Burke (Sustainability Coordinator)

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**(M.G.L. C40, S8J, ATM 1989, ART. 50)**

Sharon Allen, Vice Chair	2024
Megan Baker	2025
Jane McGrath	2025
Stephanie Gertz, Chair	2026
Nicole Nihan	2026
Arthur Robert (appointed Town Official)	2026

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
(ART38 ATM 2001)**

Julie Strehle (Moderator Appt., Chair)	2025
Kristen Moore (Moderator Appt.)	2026
Eryn Kelley (Select Board Appt.)	2025
David Ellison (Select Board Appt.)	2026
Nina Villanova (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	
Elizabeth Dings (Historical Comm. Rep.)	
Rita DaSilva (Planning Board. Rep.)	
Ruth Bennett (Housing Authority Rep.)	
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
(M.G.L., C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

Crystal Kelly, Chair	2025
Laurie Freeman	2025
Thomas Roby	2026
Henry Hidell	2026
Robert Mosher	2026
Caroline Neilsen	2027
Nina Villanova	2027

**CONSTABLE  
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Horatio Hemmings	2027
Kathleen Peloquin	2027

**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD  
(M.G.L., C32 S20 4B)**

David Jones, Elected	2027
Charlie Cristello (Retirement Board Appt.)	2027
Eileen A. McCracken (Select Board Appt.)	2027
Jean Montgomery, Elected	2025
Ann MacNaughton, Town Accountant, Ex-Officio	

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Joseph Nevins, Chair	2027
David Alschuler, Vice Chair	2025
Warren Millburg	2025
Lucinda King-Frode	2026
Sara Smithson	2026
Leon Merian	2026
Ethel Franks	2026
Elaine Ward	2026

Jean Silverio	2026
Karen Johnson	2027
Joshua Ross	2027

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Select Board, ATM 1993 By-law 37)**

Stephan White	2025
Susan Sullivan	2026
George Kay	2026
Chris Griswold	2027
Steven Stein	2027

**COURT PROSECUTORS HINGHAM DISTRICT COURT**

Hanover Police Dept. - Sgt. Daniel Salvucci, Sgt. Derek Richards  
 Hull Police Dept. - Officer Kevin Olson  
 Norwell Police Dept. - Sgt. William Pasteris, Detective Kenneth Cameraota,  
 Rockland Police Dept. - Officer Jeff DiRenzo, Officer Joseph Zielinski  
 Scituate Police Dept. - Sgt. James Bulman, Sgt. Jeffrey Ciulla

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Select Board, M.G.L. C10 S35C)**

Jonathan Kirk, Chair	2025
Craig Hutchinson	2025
Peter Scnorr	2025
Kate Schembri	2026
Kathleen Nugent	2026
Megan Ward	2024
Mary Bell	2027
Patti Coyle	2027
Kate Doyle	2027

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

**(Appt. By Select Board, 7 members, 5 Year Term)**

Christopher Goode	2025
Kevin O'Brien	2025
Joseph Cusker	2026
Jeff Bellows	2026
David Bailey	2027

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**(Appt. by Select Board 11/15/05 M.G.L. C60 S3C)**

Kathryn Roberts, Superintendent  
 Jennifer Henriksen  
 Patricia Tomecek

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Chief Stephen Murphy

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE**

**(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

Brad Moyer, (Select Board Appt.), Chair	2025
Kenneth Carr,(Select Board Appt.	2025
James Byrne, (Select Board Appt.)	2025
Paul Sprecher, (Moderator Appt.)	2025
John Borger, (Moderator Appt.)	2026
Alexis LeFort, (Moderator Appt.)	2026
Briana Bennett, Hingham Municipal Light Plant Designee	
Ann MacNaughton, Town Accountant, Ex-Officio	
Aisha Oppong, School Business Manager, Ex-Officio	

**FIRE CHIEF**

**(Appt. By Select Board)**

Stephen Murphy

**FOSTER SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**ART 19 ATM 2017**

Linda Hill (Select Board Appt.)  
 Jennifer Murphy (Select Board Appt.)  
 Raymond Estes (Moderator Appt.)  
 Kevin Lynch (Moderator Appt.)  
 Michelle Ayer (School Committee Appt.)  
 Timothy O'Neill (School Committee Appt.)  
 Chris Mercer (School Committee Appt.)

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Select Board Annually)**

David Berger	William Keough
Robin Briggs	Patrick Kirk
Jason Caine	Cassie McDermott
Paul Callahan	Erin McGourty
Mary Ellen Carlisle	Leon Merian
Dewitt DeLawter	Louis O'Dea
Brian Doherty	Michelle Prager
George Ford	Police Chief David Jones
Matt Goulet	Dep. Chief Louis Lachance
Tom Hoffman	

**GAR HALL TRUSTEES**

**(Appt. By Select Board, ART 40 ATM 1944)**

Scott McMillan, Chair	2025
William Koenen	2025
Robert Beal, Jr.	2026

**HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 30 ATM 1971)**

Marco Boer, Chair	2026
Amy Cowan	2025
Paul Gannon	2026
Allison Koskina	2026
Nick Amdur	2027
Callum Johnstone	2027

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

Kenneth R. Corson, III

**ASSISTANT HARBORMASTERS**

**(Appt. By Select Board)**

Joseph P. Driscoll, Head Assistant	
Michael Nash	Jerry Sullivan
Charlie Sichel	Jay Hanrahna
James Tien	Daniel Goldstein
Meara Conley	Griffin Moriarty
Phil Emmott	Drew Galinoskas
Brian Fernandez	Daniel Martini
Zachary Federman, Harbor Attendent	
Jack Kelly, Harbor Attendent	
John Algird, Shellfish Constable	

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**

**(Appt. By Select Board)**

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

**HISTORIAN, TOWN**

**(Appt. By Select Board, ART 2 ATM 1943)**

Alexander Macmillan

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**

**(Appt. By Select Board, ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM 1967)**

Eric Smoczynski (Architect)	2024
Carol Pyles, (Resident in HD)	2025
Justin Aborn (Planning Board Designee)	2025
Catherine Daly (Historical Society Rep)	2025
Daniel Clark (At-large)	2026

**Alternate Members**

Joshua Blevins (Resident in HD)	2025
Mary Anne Donaldson (Planning Board Rep.)	2026
Steven Sandler (At-large)	2027

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION****(Appt. By Select Board, M.G.L. C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)**

Brendan Concannon	2025
Elizabeth Dings	2026
Robert Stansell	2026
Kevin Warren	2026
Steven Jiranek	2027

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Stephen Leary, Chair	2025
Tien Do-Suarez, Vice Chair	2025
Mike Tesler	2025
Lt. John Marquardt	2025
Tim Miller-Dempsey	2025
Sara Smithson	2025
Stephanie Gertz	2025
Kelly Peguero Alessi	2025
Ruth Bennett	2025
Akaashi Shetty	
Ardith Wieworka	2026
John Bradley	2027

**LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Aylene Calnan, Chair	
Eric Haskell, Vice Chair	
Meredith Hollander, Vice Treasurer	
Mirela Izmerlic, Secretary	
David Mehegan, Past Chair	
Thomas J. Carey, Trustee	
Elizabeth A. Eldredge, Trustee	
Arthur Garrity, Jr., Trustee	
Jeremy Parker	
Mona Pohl, Trustee	
Judith Sneath, Trustee	
Monica Menendes, Treasurer (Moderator Appt.)	2025
Michelle Paterniti, (Moderator Appt.)	2027
Alyson Hussey, (Select Board Appt.)	2027
Joseph Fisher, Trustee Ex-Officio	
Lori-Ann Magner, Trustee Ex-Officio	
Kathryn Roberts, Trustee Ex-Officio	

**LINCOLN SCHOOL APTS., BOARD OF MANAGERS****(ART 1 STM 2008)**

Connor Fallon (Moderator Appt.)	2025
Ben Jarvis (Select Board Appt.)	2026

Matthew Dillis (Affordable Housing Appt.), Chair	2027
Liz Cullen (Affordable Housing Appt.)	2027
Steve Spall (Select Board Appt.)	2027

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (L.E.P.C.)  
(Appt. By Select Board)**

Stephen Murphy, Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Management  
 Lou LaChance, Deputy Director of Emergency Management  
 Jim Sheard, Fire Department - Emergency Medical Services  
 David Jones, Police Chief - Law Enforcement  
 Tom Mayo, Town Administrator – Elected Local Official designee  
 Michelle Monsegur, Broadcast & Print Media  
 Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works  
 Thomas Morahan, HMLP General Manager–Owner/Operator of Facilities  
 Aisha Oppong, School Dept. Business Manager-Transportation Personnel  
 Susan Sarni, Health  
 Shannon Palmer, Conservation Officer  
 Ken Corson, Harbormaster  
 Jennifer Young, Director of Hingham Center for Active Living  
 Joan Cooper-Zach, South Shore Hospital

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
CLEANER GREENER HINGHAM**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

Maria Zade, Chair	2027
Janice McPhillips	2026
Alexander King	2026
Jaynika Parekh	2026
Mark Engel	2027
Anthony George	2027
Peter Swanson	2027
Randy Sylvester, Superintendent Public Works, Ex-Officio	

**MBTA ADVISORY BOARD**

Vacant, Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative  
 Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Select Board, 11/30/2000)**

Vacant, Hingham Representative

**MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

Gordon Carr, Chair  
Deirdre Anderson  
Nancy Kerber  
Liza O'Reilly  
Liz Klein, Select Board Rep.

**MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Select Board Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)**

Kenneth Drescher, Member Emeritus  
Sarah Carolan 2025  
Jason Ryan 2025  
Martha Ryan 2025  
Michael Shilhan 2025  
Shawn Wegener 2025  
Paul Wasson 2025

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Select Board, M.G.L. C161 S7, 3 Year Term)**

Emily Wentworth 2027

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER  
(Appt. By Select Board)**

Carol M. Falvey

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
(M.G.L. C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Charles Berry (Planning Board Appt.)  
Gerald Allen (Conservation Appt.), Chair  
Carolyn Nieslen (Select Board Appt.)

**PARKING CLERK  
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Carol M. Falvey

**PERSONNEL BOARD  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

Karen Johnson 2025  
Jack Manning, Chair 2026  
Lynn Carroll 2026  
Courtney Orwig 2027  
David Pace 2027

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

William C. Ramsey

**POLICE CHIEF  
(Appt. By Select Board)**

David Jones

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Paul Healey (Moderator Appt.)  
Joseph Kelly (Moderator Appt.)  
Talbert Lauter (Moderator Appt.)  
Bruce MacAloney (Moderator Appt.)  
Robert Garrity (Select Board Appt.), Chair  
Donna Smallwood (Select Board Appt.)  
Andy Touchette (Select Board Appt.)  
Police Chief David Jones, Ex-Officio  
Fire Chief Steve Murphy, Ex-Officio

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF  
(Appt. By Select Board, M.G.L. C41 S66)**

Randy Sylvester

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
(Appt. by Select Board, M.G.L. C51 S15, 18)**

Mark LeBel	2025
Judith Nims	2026
Laura Marwill	2027
Carol M. Falvey, Town Clerk	

**ROUTE 3A TASK FORCE  
(Appt. by Select Board)**

Judith Sneath, Chair  
Deirdre Anderson  
Bryce Blair  
Paul Healey  
Alan Perrault  
J.R. Frey, Town Engineer

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 26 ATM 1975)**

Matthew McGonagle, Chair	2025
Jeff St. Mary	2025
Roger Nastou	2025
Jeff Swett	2026
John Fitzsimmons	2027
Lori-Ann Magner, Treasurer, Statutory	

**SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Vicki Donlan (Moderator Appt.)  
Clement McCarey (Moderator Appt.)  
Jean Silverio (Moderator Appt.)  
Stephen Young (Moderator Appt.)  
Beth Rouleau (Select Board Appt.)  
Sally O'Hare (Select Board Appt.)  
Tom Carey, Chair (Select Board Appt.)  
Jennifer Young, Ex-Officio

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Select Board)**

James R. Huse, Chair	2027
Elisa Fontanes	2027
Michael Studley	2026
Philip Shute	2026
Barbara Kardok	

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE**

**(Appt. By Select Board)**

Randy Sylvester

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER**

**(Appt. by Select Board)**

Leslie Badger	Philip Kearney	William Morgan
Kenneth Corson	George Kelley	Michael Murray
Joseph Driscoll	Robert Mansfield	John Norkaitis
Brian Doherty	Daniel Martini	John Norris
Matthew Galvin	Antonio Melendez	
David Horte	Kevin McCarthy	

**TAXATION AID COMMITTEE**

Chandrasen Gajria  
Rachel Sadhwani  
Lori-Ann Magner, Treasurer/Collector, Ex-Officio

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Ann MacNaughton

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Thomas Mayo

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Select Board)**

David Jones, Chair  
Jeff Kilroy (Police Rep.)  
David Levenson (Fire Rep.)  
Rita DaSilva (Planning Board Rep.)  
Randy Sylvester (DPW Rep.)  
JR Frey (Engineering Rep.)  
Mark Buonagurio 2025

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

Lori-Ann Magner

**TREE WARDEN**

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

**VETERANS COUNCIL  
(M.G.L. Ch. 115, Sec. 12, Appt. by Select Board)**

Matthew Sexton, Chair 2025  
Thomas Hoffman 2025  
Peter Schnorr 2025  
William Leonard 2027  
Evan Gelfand 2027

**WATER TRANSITION & EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

David von Loesecke (Moderator Appt.) 2025  
Jon Asher (Moderator Appt.) 2027  
Joe Welch (Moderator Appt.) 2027  
Scott Cyr (Select Board Appt.) 2026  
Jim Taylor, Chair (Select Board Appt.) 2025

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR  
(Appt. By Select Board, M.G.L. C98 S34)**

Robert Egan

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Sharon Burbank Allen, Hingham Representative 2025

**WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD**

Steven Weiss Brian McCarthy, Hull Representative  
Charles Culpin John Struzierry, Hull Representative  
Sam Mullin Stephen Girardi, Cohasset Representative

**WHISTLEBLOWER COMMITTEE**

Doug Farrington (Chair of Audit Committee)  
Jack Manning (Chair of Personnel Board)  
Dan Dwyer (Moderator Appt.)

## Annual Town Meeting, April 24, 2024

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**Registered Voters: 19,560**

**Attendance: 720**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham was held indoors at Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., a quorum being present. The invocation was given by Rev. Margaret Meg Ingalls of the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janine Suchecki, Veteran of The Year. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. and resumed at Hingham High School on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7:17 p.m., a quorum being present. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. and resumed at Hingham High School on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **ARTICLES INDEX**

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, Etc.
3. Reports of Various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
8. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Center for Active Living Revolving Fund
11. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
12. Transfer FY24 Harbor Revenues to Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund
13. Transfer to Tax Mitigation Stabilization Fund
14. Transfer from Capital Project Cost and Debt Service Stabilization Fund
15. Transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund
16. Community Preservation Committee Recommendations
17. Municipal Property Leases for Solar Projects
18. Sewer: Authorization to Borrow for Route 3A Sewer Construction
19. Expand the Size of the Development and Industrial Commission
20. Retirement: Increase COLA Base
21. Retirement: Acceptance of M.G.L. C.32, § 20(4)(d½) for Retirement Board Administrative Stipend

22. Weir River Water System: Authorization to Borrow for Water Capital Improvements
23. Acceptance of M.G.L. C. 31, § 58A for Veterans' Civil Service Appointment
24. Authorization to Borrow to Purchase a Fire Engine
25. Sale of 8 Short Street
26. Grant of Easements for New Elementary School
27. Naming of New Elementary School
28. Amend Zoning By-law: Personal Wireless Service Facilities
29. Cell Tower Lease at DPW Property
30. Amend Zoning By-law: Update of Floodplain Map References and Regulations
31. Amend Zoning By-law: Groundwater Protection Overlay District
32. Amend Zoning By-law: Brew Pub, Brewery, Winery, or Distillery Use
33. Amend Zoning By-law: Electric Vehicle Charging Parking Requirements
34. Amend Zoning By-law: MBTA Communities Multifamily Housing
35. Amend Zoning By-law: South Shore Country Club Zoning District
36. Amend Zoning By-law: Abandonment or Discontinuance of Nonconforming Conditions
37. Amend Zoning By-law: Special Requirements in the Official and Open Space District
38. Amend Zoning By-law: Maximum Height in the Harbor Overlay District
39. Amend Zoning By-law: Update to Nursing Home Use
40. Acceptance of Easements

#### **ARTICLE 1**

**VOTED:** That Laurel Cosman, 16 Queen Anne Lane, be re-elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years and Karen Sadlon, 33 South Pleasant Street, be re-elected as a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of one year.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **ARTICLE 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and only to the extent permitted by, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance, and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores, and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and authorize the Select Board to execute and deliver a bond of such indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 3**

**Voted:** That the reports, if any, of the existing Town Committees and Commissions and the Town Historian be received; and that all of said bodies and posts of government be continued, except that the following committees shall be discharged with thanks: Accessory Dwelling Unit Study Committee, Climate Action Planning Committee, Master Plan Committee, and Tree Preservation Study Committee.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 4**

**VOTED:** That the report and recommendations of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any cost item agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2024 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$781,671 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personnel Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Select Board on behalf of the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 5**

**VOTED:** That the salary from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Select Board: at the annual rate of \$2,000 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500 for the period of incumbency.

Board of Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000 for the period of incumbency.

Town Clerk<sup>1</sup>: in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 10 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-law.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Hingham Municipal Light Department).

<sup>1</sup> The Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with M.G.L. c. 41, § 19G.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 6**

**VOTED:** To amend the main motion as follows:

To increase the appropriation contained in the line item for the School Department Payroll/Expenses by \$2,000,000 for a total of \$70,003,625 and to transfer the sum of \$2,000,000 from the Town's excess Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of funding said increase.

### **A Majority Vote Required**

**Standing Vote:**

**Yes: 202**

**No: 171**

**Motion Adopted**

That the Town raise, appropriate and/or transfer for each of the following purposes, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 (FY25), the sum of money stated therefor including any appropriations or transfers from specified funds; also that authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in partial payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; provided that any amount or portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Select Board and the Advisory Committee; and authorize the Select Board to expend up

to \$10,000 from the Shellfish Mitigation Fund for the purpose of matching grant funds to conduct a shellfish resource study.

**A Majority Vote Required on the Total Budget as Amended  
Motion Adopted**

**ARTICLE 7**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$178,836 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of paying interest on outstanding excluded debt bonds in order to reduce the need to raise these funds through the FY25 tax rate.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 8**

**VOTED:** That, with the exception of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant's (HMLP) PILOT, to which no less than \$450,000 is hereby transferred to the Town's General Fund to reduce the FY25 tax rate, all funds received by the HMLP during the 12-month period commencing July 1, 2024, be appropriated to said HMLP, the same to be expended by the Manager of said HMLP under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board, for the expenses of the Plant during said period, as defined in sections 57 and 57A of chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and, if there should be any surplus receipts at the end of said period, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Plant's net investment in capital assets and appropriated and used for such additions to the Plant as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during said period.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 9**

**VOTED:** That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Building Department Revolving Fund, established under Article 18 of the Town of Hingham General By-laws, to \$280,000 during FY25.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 10**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham by amending Article 16 of the General By-laws by deleting Section 7 of said Article 16 and replacing it with the following new Section 7 at the end of said Article 16:

SECTION 7 - In accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, there is hereby established a Center for Active Living Revolving Fund for the following purposes:

1. For the receipt of all fees and charges received from the Center for Active Living Programs.
2. For expenditures to pay the costs and expenses of said Center for Active Living Programs.
3. The Director of Center for Active Living shall be authorized to expend from said Revolving Fund for said purposes in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E½.
4. The Director of the Center for Active Living shall report all receipts and expenditures of said Revolving Fund to the Select Board at the end of each fiscal year.

And further, that the Town vote to establish said Center for Active Living Revolving Fund for FY25 in accordance with the above provisions and limit the total amount that may be spent from said Center for Active Living Revolving Fund to \$80,000 during FY25;

And further, that the Town vote to change the name of the Senior Center Building Committee established under Article 15 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting to the Center for Active Living Building Committee and vote to amend any and all prior appropriations or votes to replace the term Senior Center with the term Center for Active Living.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 11**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$468,533 from available funds to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during FY24.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 12**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money, which sum was generated from fees paid to the Town of Hingham during FY24, including all revenue from any parking license for the purpose of accessing slips or moorings (approximately \$40,000), all revenues generated by the Harbormaster's Office including mooring/docking permit late fees and boating fines (approximately \$10,000), and the remaining 50% of boat excise taxes (approximately \$35,000) from Local Receipts, for deposit into the Town's Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund, to be used in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 5G.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$2,500,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance into the "Tax Mitigation Stabilization Fund" that was established under Article 12 of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting under M.G.L. c. 40, § 5B for the purpose of setting aside funds for future appropriation by Town Meeting in order to reduce the need to raise these funds through the annual tax rate.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 14**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000,000 from the "Capital Project Cost and Debt Service Stabilization Fund" established under Article 3 of the 2022 Town of Hingham Special Town Meeting for the purpose of making debt service payments on the excluded debt notes/bonds issued by the Town for the Public Safety Facility and New Elementary School projects in order to reduce the need to raise these funds through the FY25 tax rate.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 15**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$28,000 from the "Capital Stabilization Fund" established under Article 13 of the 2023 Town of Hingham Annual Town Meeting to be expended by the Select Board for the purposes of making repairs, improvements and/or other capital

expenditures at the newly acquired property and building located at 30 Summer Street, Hingham, MA.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **ARTICLE 16**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate, borrow and/or set aside for later spending a sum of money from the available Community Preservation Funds remaining after payment of debt service for bonds and/or notes issued under M.G.L. c. 44B for the following items recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

- 1) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$40,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Community Preservation Committee for its administrative and operating expenses.
- 2) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$1,055,229 from the Community Preservation General Fund for open space/recreational use purposes to be used by Town of Hingham Recreation Commission for the Community Playground Project.
- 3) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$237,397 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be available for expenditure by the Select Board for the payment of bonds or notes borrowed for Community Preservation projects under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44B, § 11.
- 4) Set aside for future appropriation a sum of money in the amount of \$185,783 from the Community Preservation General Fund for community housing purposes in order to meet the Town's obligations to spend or set aside for spending not less than 10 percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for community housing.
- 5) Set aside for future appropriation a sum of money in the amount of \$185,783 from the Community Preservation General Fund for historic resource purposes in order to meet the Town's obligations to spend or set aside for spending not less than 10 percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for historic resources.
- 6) Appropriate from the Community Preservation General Fund the net sale proceeds received by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust from

the sale of 29 Rhodes Circle, 31 Rhodes Circle, 23 Ridgewood Crossing (Unit 24), 270 Central Street and 18K Beal's Cove Road, in Hingham, MA, during FY 24, to the extent that the acquisition of said property was made using Community Preservation Funds, to the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Opportunity Fund to be used by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for community housing purposes and that these funds shall remain in said Opportunity Fund for future use for said purposes.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 3, c. 40 § 15A and all other applicable laws, the Select Board to enter into long-term leases, licenses, agreements for payment in lieu of taxes, and/or other contractual agreements, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize any Town board with care, custody and control of said properties to take all actions necessary to consent to said leases under M.G.L. c. 40 § 15A, for all or portions of the following municipal and school properties:

Hingham High School (17 Union Street), Plymouth River School (200 High Street), Hingham Middle School (1073 Main Street), East School (2 Collins Road), South School (831 Main Street), the elementary school at 55 Downer Avenue (55 Downer Avenue), Town Hall (210 Central Street), Central Fire Station (339 Main Street), South Fire Station (847 Main Street), Public Safety Facility (335 Lincoln Street), Weir River Water System (900 Main Street), Weir River Water System Fulling Mill Station (93 South Pleasant Street), South Shore Country Club (274 South Street), Transfer Station (1 Sam Ryder Road), Department of Public Works (25 Bare Cove Park Drive), former Department of Public Works Building (101 and 101R Hersey Street), School Maintenance Building and Carlson Field (28 Bare Cove Park Drive), School Bus Dispatch Building (25 Fort Hill Street), and/or School Storage Building (25 Fort Hill Street),

For the purposes of installing and operating solar energy generation and/or energy storage facilities, including rooftop, ground-mounted and other solar facilities, and further to authorize the Select Board to take such action as may be necessary under State law to effectuate said agreements.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 18**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate up to (and including) \$13,000,000 for the costs of designing, engineering, permitting and/or constructing upgrades and replacement sewer mains and appurtenances thereto located in the Route 3A highway, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow up to (and including) said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 19**

**VOTED:** That the Town fix the membership of the Hingham Development and Industrial Commission at no less than five nor more than fifteen members to be determined by and appointed by the Select Board in its discretion under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 8A.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 20**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to approve an increase in the maximum base amount upon which cost of living adjustments are calculated for retirees from \$14,000 to \$15,000 as authorized by M.G.L. c. 32, § 103(j).

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 21**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to accept the provisions contained in M.G.L. c. 32, § 20(4)(d<sup>1/2</sup>) which authorizes compensation to the Town Accountant for services rendered in the active administration of the Town of Hingham retirement system in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate an amount up to \$21,005,000 for the costs of designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, repairing,

and improving the Weir River Water System, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required  
Motion Adopted**

**ARTICLE 23**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 31, § 58A, which allows veterans to exceed the maximum age limit under the civil service laws for original appointment as a firefighter or police officer by the number of years served on active military duty, but in no case shall said candidate for appointment be credited more than four years of active military duty in accordance with said statute.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 24**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$1,200,000 for the purchase of a new fire engine, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto. To meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow up to (and including) said sum under M.G.L. c. 44, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 25**

**VOTED:** To amend the main motion as follows:  
To lay on the table the main motion provided below.

That the Town authorize, but not require, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 3, c. 40, § 15A and Article 5A, Section 4A of the Town of Hingham General By-laws and all other applicable laws, the Select Board to sell the property, with all buildings thereon, located at 8 Short Street, Hingham, MA, for any use allowed or permitted in the applicable zoning district under the Town of Hingham Zoning By-laws and subject to a Preservation Restriction under M.G.L. c. 184, §§ 31-33 to be held

by a qualified governmental body or by a qualified charitable corporation or trust and which the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve and/or accept, all on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town, and provided further that the proceeds from any such sale shall be deposited into the "Capital Stabilization Fund".

**A Majority Vote Required**

**Motion to lay the proposed Motion on the table passed**

**ARTICLE 26**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the School Committee and/or Select Board to grant any and all utility easements necessary in connection with the construction of the new elementary school at 55 Downer Avenue, Hingham, MA, on such terms and conditions as the School Committee and/or Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 27**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to name the new elementary school being constructed on Downer Avenue, Hingham, MA as the "Foster Elementary School" pursuant to the Town of Hingham General By-laws Article 40, Section 3.1.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 28**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 3, c. 40, § 15A and all other applicable laws, the Select Board to lease a portion of the Department of Public Works facility site located at 25 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham, MA, for the purpose of locating a cell tower and appurtenances, subject to all applicable zoning and permitting requirements and on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town, and provided further, that the Town accept the provisions of the fourth paragraph of M.G.L. c. 40, § 5B for the purpose of dedicating all the rent from said cell tower lease to the "Capital Stabilization Fund."

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 29**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 3, c. 40, § 15A and all other applicable laws, the Select Board to lease a portion of the Department of Public Works facility site located at 25 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham, MA, for the purpose of locating a cell tower and appurtenances, subject to all applicable zoning and permitting requirements and on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town, and provided further, that the Town accept the provisions of the fourth paragraph of M.G.L. c. 40, § 5B for the purpose of dedicating all the rent from said cell tower lease to the "Capital Stabilization Fund."

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **ARTICLE 30**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1 By replacing the current map "Zoning Part B: Floodplain Protection Overlay District" with an updated map with the same title that (1) shows the updated floodplain information on the following panels: 25023C0038K, 25023C0081K, 25023C0082K, 25023C0083K, 25023C0084K, 25023C0091L, 25023C0092L, 25023C0101L, 25023C0102K, 25023C0103L, and 25023C0111L; (2) replaces the date with April 2024; and (3) in the footnote, replaces the phrase "Flood zone designations are based on 2012 and 2021 Flood Insurance Rate Maps", with the phrase "Flood zone designations are based on 2012, 2021, and 2024 Flood Insurance Rate Maps".

Item 2 By replacing in its entirety Section III-C with the following:

III-C. Floodplain Protection Overlay District

1. Purpose

The Floodplain Protection Overlay District is established as an overlay district to all other districts for the following purposes:

- a. to protect public health, safety and general welfare;
- b. to protect human life and property from hazards of periodic flooding;

- c. to prevent the occurrence of public health emergencies resulting from water quality contamination and pollution due to flooding;
- d. to preserve natural flood control characteristics and the flood storage capacity of the floodplain;
- e. to regulate development in floodplains in a manner that, at a minimum, meets the requirements of FEMA for participation in the NFIP.
- f. to avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding; and
- g. to eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions.

2. Location

The Floodplain Protection Overlay District shall be shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map Part B Floodplain Protection Overlay District." The district includes all floodway and special flood hazard areas within the Town of Hingham designated as Zone A, AE, or VE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The exact boundaries of the District shall be defined by the 1%-chance base flood elevations (BFE) shown on the Plymouth County FIRM and further defined by Flood Insurance Studies. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Hingham are panel numbers 25023C0016J, 25023C0017J, 25023C0018J, and 25023C0019J, dated July 17, 2012; 25023C0104K, dated July 6, 2021; and 25023C0038K, 25023C0081K, 25023C0082K, 25023C0083K, 25023C0084K, 25023C0091L, 25023C0092L, 25023C0101L, 25023C0102K, 25023C0103L, and 25023C0111L, dated July 3, 2024. The applicable FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS), dated July 3, 2024 are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Building Department, and Conservation Commission.

3. Applicability

All regulations in the Hingham Zoning By-law applicable to such underlying districts shall remain in effect; except that, where the provisions of this Section III-C impose additional regulations, those additional regulations shall govern. The floodplain management regulations found in this Section of the By-law shall

take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local bylaws or regulations. The degree of flood protection required by this By-law is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.

4. Definitions

In accordance with NFIP requirements, for the purposes of this Section III-C, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth herein.

Development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

Floodway. The channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

Functionally Dependent Use means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

Highest Adjacent Grade means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

Historic Structure means any structure that is:

- (a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- (b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;

- (c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- (d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
  - (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
  - (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

**New Construction.** Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation, ordinance, or standard adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement.

**Recreational Vehicle** means a vehicle which is:

- (a) Built on a single chassis;
- (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- (d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

**Regulatory Floodway** - see FLOODWAY.

**Special Flood Hazard Area.** The land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, A1-30, A99, AR, AO, AH, V, VO, VE or V1-30.

**Start of Construction.** The date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

Structure means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

Substantial Repair of a Foundation. When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR.

Variance means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation.

Violation means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44 CFR §60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

5. Prohibited Uses and Development
  - a. No development, building, wall dam, or other structure shall be created, constructed, altered, enlarged or otherwise created or moved for any living or other purposes provided that fences, wildlife management shelters, footpaths, bicycle paths, horse

paths and footbridges are permitted if they do not affect the natural flow patterns of any water course.

- b. Dumping, filling, excavating or transferring of any material which will reduce the natural flood-water storage capacity or interfere with the natural flow patterns of any water course within this District is prohibited.
- c. Alteration of sand dunes is prohibited when the alteration would increase potential flood damage.

6. Permitted Uses and Development

- a. The following uses are permitted as a matter of right provided that said uses comply with the standards and requirements of Sections 60.3(d) and (e) of the National Flood Insurance Program (Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations):
  - (i) Conservation of soil water, plants and wildlife;
  - (ii) Outdoor recreation including play and sporting areas, nature study, boating, fishing and hunting where otherwise legally permitted
  - (iii) Proper operation and maintenance of dams and other water control devices, including temporary alteration of water level for emergency or maintenance purposes;
  - (iv) Forestry, grazing, farming, nurseries, truck gardening and harvesting of crops;
  - (v) Accessory uses, such as flower or vegetable gardens, lawns, pasture or forestry areas; and
  - (vi) Repair, rebuilding, modification or enlargement of buildings or other structures existing in the Floodplain Protection Overlay District on January 1, 1969, including the addition of accessory structures, together with the Buildings or other structures referred to in this subsection also filling, diking, and/or draining as may be necessary therefor or for the protection of said structures from flood water inundation,

consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and compliance with all other zoning requirements, and provided such construction does not affect the natural flow patterns of any water course.

b. The following uses and development are allowed by Special Permit A1 and subject to such special conditions and safeguards as the Board of Appeals deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Section:

- (i) Docks, piers, duck walks and boat landings;
- (ii) Appropriate municipal uses, such as water-works pumping stations and parks;
- (iii) Temporary storage of materials or equipment;
- (iv) Seawalls and other coastal defenses, dams, excavations, or changes in watercourses to create ponds or pools for swimming or other recreation or agriculture use, scenic features or for drainage improvements consistent with the purpose of this Section;
- (v) Driveways and streets where alternative means of access are impractical;
- (vi) Recreational vehicles, provided the recreational vehicle to be placed on a site is elevated and anchored in accordance with the zone's regulations for foundation and elevation requirements or be on the site for less than 180 consecutive days or be fully licensed and highway ready; and
- (vii) Any use or development which would otherwise be prohibited by the provisions of this Section provided that the use or development meets the requirements of the NFIP generally and 44 CFR 60.3 specifically, and the provisions of the Massachusetts Building Code that address construction in floodplains.

7. Exemption

Any alteration of a historic structure, provided that the alteration will not preclude the continued designation as a historic structure.

8. Administration
- a. Permits Required for All Proposed Development in the Floodplain Protection Overlay District.  
The Town of Hingham requires certain permits for all proposed construction or other development in the floodplain protection overlay district, including new construction or changes to existing buildings, placement of manufactured homes, placement of agricultural facilities, fences, sheds, storage facilities or drilling, mining, paving and any other development that might increase flooding or adversely impact flood risks to other properties. Those permits may include the Special Permit required under this Section of the By-law, an order of conditions under the Hingham Wetland Regulations, and/or such other permits as may be required from time to time under any other local bylaw or regulation.
  
  - b. Permit Checklist.  
The permit review process for work in the floodplain protection overlay district includes the use of a checklist of all local, state and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the floodplain protection overlay district in the form maintained by the Floodplain Administrator. The applicant must acquire all necessary permits and, prior to start of construction on the property, must submit the completed checklist to the Floodplain Administrator demonstrating that all necessary permits have been acquired.
  
  - c. Designation of Floodplain Administrator.  
The Town of Hingham hereby designates the position of Building Commissioner to be the official floodplain administrator for the Town.
  
  - d. Unnumbered A Zones.  
In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA BFE data and floodway data, the Building Commissioner will obtain, review and reasonably utilize base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for

requiring new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A as the basis for elevating residential structures to or above base flood level, for flood proofing or elevating nonresidential structures to or above base flood level, and for prohibiting encroachments in floodways. The Building Commissioner can require that the applicant pay for resources (including a base flood elevation certificate) to determine the base flood elevation when a development is being proposed.

- e. Whenever an application is made for a Building Permit on a lot of land which the Building Commissioner believes may contain a Floodplain Protection Overlay District boundary, said Commissioner shall require the applicant for such permit to provide as part of such application a plan, certified by a registered land surveyor, of the lot showing the exact location of the Floodplain Protection Overlay District boundary.

9. General Provisions Governing Floodplain Protection Overlay District

- a. Requirement to Submit New Technical Data.  
If the Town of Hingham acquires data that changes the base flood elevation in the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Town will, within 6 months, notify FEMA of these changes by submitting technical or scientific data that supports the change(s). Notification shall be submitted to the current addresses of the FEMA Region I Risk Analysis Branch Chief, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Massachusetts NFIP State Coordinator, MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation.
- b. Variances to Building Code Floodplain Standards.  
If the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issues variances to the flood-resistant standards as found in the State Building Code, the Town of Hingham will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible

copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance, and will maintain this record on file with the Floodplain Administrator. The Town of Hingham shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering the property, in writing from the Floodplain Administrator that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rated for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variances for the referenced development in the protection overlay district.

c. Variances to Zoning By-law Related to Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

A Variance from this Section of the By-law must meet the requirements set out by state law, provided, however, that such Variance may only be granted if the Board of Appeals also further finds: (i) good and sufficient cause and exceptional non-financial hardship exist; (ii) the Variance will not result in additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public; and (iii) the Variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 31**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, and the Zoning Map of the Town of Hingham, as follows:

- Item 1 by (a) amending the current zoning map entitled "Zoning Parts A and C" as follows: (1) remove the bounds of the "Accord

Pond and Hingham Aquifer Protection Overlay District” and replace therefor the bounds of a new “Groundwater Protection Overlay District” depicting the location of the MassDEP approved Zone II Wellhead Protection Area boundary as shown on a plan entitled “Hingham Public Water Supply Wells”, with MassDEP Approval: 9/1998; (2) change the title of such map to “Zoning Map Part A”, and (3) replace the date with “April 2024”; and (b) amending the references to the current title of such map to the amended title wherever it appears throughout the Zoning By-law.

Item 2 by replacing Section II-B.2. in its entirety with “Groundwater Protection Overlay District”; and

Item 3 by replacing in its entirety Section II-C.1. as follows:

1. Zoning Districts

The Town of Hingham Massachusetts Zoning Map Part A, filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, is made a part of this Zoning By-law, and locations and boundaries of the several districts shall be as indicated, respectively, on said Zoning Map.

Item 4 by replacing in its entirety Section III-D as follows:

Section III-D Groundwater Protection Overlay District

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Groundwater Protection Overlay District is to:

- a. promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community by ensuring an adequate quality and quantity of drinking water;
- b. preserve and protect existing and potential sources of drinking water;
- c. conserve natural resources; and
- d. prevent temporary and permanent contamination of the environment.

2. Location

The Groundwater Protection Overlay District includes aquifer and recharge areas as shown on a map entitled “Zoning Map Part A.”

3. Applicability

The Groundwater Protection Overlay District is an overlay district superimposed on the underlying zoning districts. This overlay district shall apply to all new construction, reconstruction, or expansion of existing buildings and new or expanded uses. Applicable activities and uses in a portion of one of the underlying zoning districts that fall within the Groundwater Protection Overlay District must additionally comply with the requirements of this Section III-D. Uses prohibited in the underlying zoning districts shall not be permitted in the Groundwater Protection Overlay District.

4. Definitions

Automobile Graveyard

An establishment that is maintained, used, or operated for storing, keeping, buying, or selling wrecked, scrapped, ruined, or motor vehicle parts as defined in M.G.L. c. 140B, §.1.

Aquifer

A geologic formation composed of rock, sand or gravel that contains significant amounts of potentially recoverable water.

CMR

Code of Massachusetts Regulations.

Commercial Fertilizer

Any substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrients which is used for its plant nutrient content and which is designed for use, or claimed to have value in promoting plant growth, except un-manipulated animal and vegetable manures, marl, lime, limestone, wood ashes, and gypsum, and other products exempted by state regulations.

Discharge

The accidental or intentional disposal, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, pouring, or placing of toxic or hazardous material or hazardous waste upon or into any land or water such that it may enter the surface or ground waters.

Dry Well

A subsurface pit with open-jointed lining or holes through which storm-water drainage from roofs, basement floors, foundations, or other areas seep into the surrounding soil.

#### Hazardous Material

Any substance in any form which because of its quantity, concentration, or its chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with one or more substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare, or to the environment, when improperly stored, treated, transported, disposed of, used, or otherwise managed. Hazardous material includes, without limitation, synthetic organic chemicals, petroleum products, heavy metals, radioactive or infectious materials, and all substances defined as toxic or hazardous under M.G.L. c. 21E. This term shall not include hazardous waste or oil.

#### Historical High Groundwater Table Elevation

A groundwater elevation determined from monitoring wells and historical water table fluctuation data compiled by the United States Geological Survey.

#### Hazardous Waste

A substance or combination of substances, which because of quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness or pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, safety, or welfare or to the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, used, or disposed of, or otherwise managed. This term shall include all substances identified as hazardous pursuant to the Hazardous Waste Regulations, 310 CMR 30.000.

#### Impervious Surface

Material or structure on, above, or below the ground that does not allow precipitation or surface water runoff to penetrate into the soil.

#### Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA)

The MassDEP designated protection radius around a public water well that lacks a Zone II.

#### Junkyard

An establishment that is maintained, operated, or used for storing, keeping, buying, or selling junk, or for the maintenance or operation of an automobile graveyard, as defined in M.G.L. c. 140B, § 1.

Landfill

A facility established in accordance with a valid site assignment for the purposes of disposing solid waste into or on the land, pursuant to the Solid Waste Regulations, 310 CMR 19.006.

MassDEP

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

M.G.L.

Massachusetts General Law.

Petroleum Product

Includes, but not limited to, fuel oil; gasoline; diesel; kerosene; aviation jet fuel; aviation gasoline; lubricating oils; oily sludge; oil refuse; oil mixed with other wastes; crude oils; or other liquid hydrocarbons regardless of specific gravity. Petroleum product shall not include liquefied petroleum gas including, but not limited to, liquefied natural gas, propane, or butane.

Non-Sanitary Wastewater

Wastewater discharges from industrial and commercial facilities containing wastes from any activity other than collection of sanitary sewage including, but not limited to, activities specified in 310 CMR 15.004(6).

Open Dump

A facility operated or maintained in violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act 42 U.S.C. 4004(a)(b), or state regulations and criteria for solid waste disposal.

Recharge Areas

Land areas, such as a Zone II or Interim Wellhead Protection Area, where precipitation and surface water infiltrates into the ground to replenish groundwater and aquifers used for public drinking water supplies.

Septage

The liquid, solid, and semi-solid contents of privies, chemical toilets, cesspools, holding tanks, or other sewage waste receptacles. This term shall not include any material that is a hazardous waste, as defined by 310 CMR 30.000.

Sludge

The solid, semi-solid, and liquid residue that results from a

process of wastewater treatment or drinking water treatment including wastewater residuals. This term shall not include grit, screening, or grease and oil which are removed at the head-works of a facility

#### Treatment Works

Any and all devices, processes, and properties, real or personal, used in the collection, pumping, transmission, storage, treatment, disposal, recycling, reclamation, or reuse of waterborne pollutants, but not including any works receiving a hazardous waste from off the site of the works for the purpose of treatment, storage, or disposal.

#### Utility Works

Regulated activities providing for public services, including roads, water, sewer, electricity, gas, telephone, transportation, and their associated maintenance activities. This term shall include the installation of detention and retention basins for the purpose of controlling storm water.

#### Very Small Quantity Generator

Any public or private entity, other than residential, which produces less than 27 gallons (100 kilograms) a month of hazardous waste or waste oil, but not including any acutely hazardous waste as defined in 310 CMR 30.136.

#### Waste Oil Retention Facility

A waste oil collection facility for automobile service stations, retail outlets, and marinas which is sheltered and has adequate protection to contain a spill, seepage, or discharge of petroleum waste products in accordance with M.G.L. c.21, § 52A.

#### Zone II

The delineated recharge area to a public drinking water well as approved by MassDEP and defined under the Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations 310 CMR 22.00.

#### 5. Permitted Uses

The following uses are permitted within the Groundwater Protection District, provided that all necessary permits, orders, or approvals required by local, state, or federal law are also obtained:

- a. conservation of soil, water, plants, and wildlife
- b. outdoor recreation, nature study, boating, fishing, and hunting where otherwise legally permitted;
- c. foot, bicycle and/or horse paths, and bridges;
- d. normal operation and maintenance of existing water bodies and dams, splash boards, and other water control, supply, and conservation devices;
- e. maintenance, repair, and enlargement of any existing structure, subject to subsection 6 and subsection 7 of this Section III-D;
- f. residential development, subject to subsection 6 and subsection 7 of this Section III-D;
- g. farming, gardening, nursery, conservation, forestry, harvesting, and grazing, subject to subsection 6 and subsection 7 of this Section III-D;
- h. construction, maintenance, repair, and enlargement of drinking water supply related facilities such as, but not limited to, wells, pipelines, aqueducts, and tunnels; and
- i. any use permitted in the underlying zoning except for those uses specifically prohibited in subsection 6 and subsection 7 of this Section III-D.

6. Prohibited Uses

The following land uses and activities are prohibited unless designed in accordance with the specified performance standards:

- a. landfills and open dumps;
- b. automobile graveyards and junkyards;
- c. landfills receiving only wastewater residuals and/or septage, including those approved by MassDEP pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21, § 26 through s.53, M.G.L. c. 111, § 17, and M.G.L. c. 83, § 6 and § 7;
- d. facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of

hazardous waste that are subject to M.G.L. c. 21C and 310 CMR 30.000, except for:

- i. very small quantity generators as defined under 310 CMR 30.000;
  - ii. household hazardous waste centers and events under 310 CMR 30.390;
  - iii. waste oil retention facilities required by M.G.L. c. 21, § 52A;
  - iv. water remediation treatment works approved by MassDEP for the treatment of contaminated waters.
- e. petroleum, fuel oil, and heating oil bulk stations and terminals including, but not limited to, those listed under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes 424710 and 454311, except for liquefied petroleum gas.
- f. storage of liquid hazardous materials and/or liquid petroleum products unless such storage is above ground level and on an impervious surface and either:
- i. in container(s) or above ground tank(s) within a building; or
  - ii. outdoors in covered container(s) or above ground tank(s) in an area that has a containment system designed and operated to hold either 10% of the total possible storage capacity of all containers or 110% of the largest container's storage capacity, whichever is greater.

however, these storage requirements shall not apply to the replacement of existing tanks or systems for the keeping, dispensing or storing of gasoline provided the replacement is performed in a manner consistent with state and local requirements;

- g. storage of sludge and septage, unless such storage is in compliance with 310 CMR 32.30 and 310 CMR 32.31;
- h. storage of deicing chemicals unless such storage, including loading areas, is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;

- i. storage of animal manure unless contained within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;
  - j. storage of commercial fertilizers unless such storage is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;
  - k. stockpiling and disposal of snow and ice containing deicing chemicals brought in from outside the Groundwater Protection Overlay District;
  - l. earth removal, consisting of the removal of soil, loam, sand, gravel, or any other earth material to within four feet of historical high groundwater as determined from monitoring wells and historical water table fluctuation data compiled by the United States Geological Survey, except for excavations for building foundations, roads, utility works (including sanitary wastewater systems approved by the Board of Health), or wetland restoration work conducted in accordance with a valid Order of Condition issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131, §.40; and
  - m. treatment or disposal works subject to 314 CMR 5.00, for non-sanitary wastewater, including those activities listed under 310 CMR 15.004(6), except for:
    - i. treatment works approved by MassDEP designed for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface water and operating in compliance with 314 CMR 5.05(3) or 5.05(13); and
    - ii. publicly owned treatment works.
7. Uses and Activities Requiring a Special Permit
- The following uses and activities are permitted only upon the issuance of a Special Permit A1 by the Zoning Board of Appeals:
- a. enlargement or alteration of existing uses that do not conform to the Groundwater Protection Overlay District;
  - b. except as prohibited under subsection 6 of this Section III-D, activities that involve the handling of toxic or hazardous materials in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use and which are permitted in the underlying zoning district;

- c. rendering impervious any lot or parcel more than 15% or 2,500 square feet, whichever is greater, unless artificial recharge, that will not degrade water quality, is provided using methods demonstrated to be capable of removing contaminants from stormwater and which are consistent with methods described in the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook.
8. Special Permit Application Procedures  
In addition to those requirements specified in Section I-H.1 of the By-law, the applicant for a Special Permit hereunder shall include with the application a complete list of chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, fuels, and other potentially hazardous materials to be used or stored on the premises in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use, and for activities using or storing hazardous materials or wastes, a management plan shall be prepared and filed with the Fire Chief and Board of Health.
9. Special Permit Approval Criteria  
An applicant is not entitled to a Special Permit. The Board may approve such an application for a Special Permit if it finds that, in its judgement:
  - a. use of the site is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the By-law;
  - b. the proposed use complies with the purposes and standards of the Groundwater Protection Overlay District;
  - c. use of the site, during construction or thereafter, will in no way adversely affect the quality or quantity of the water supplies protected by the Groundwater Protection Overlay District; and
  - d. use of the site will avoid substantial disturbance of the soils, topography, drainage, vegetation, and other water-related natural characteristics of the site to be developed.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 32**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

- Item 1 Amend subsection 4.18 of the Schedule of Uses under Section III-A to 4.18A; and

Item 2 Insert a new subsection 4.18B to the Schedule of Uses under Section III-A as follows:

Residence					Business		Office Park*	Waterfront Business	Waterfront Recreation	Industrial	Industrial Park*	Limited Industrial Park	Business Recreation	Official and Open Space
A	B	C	D	E	A*	B								
4.18B Brew pubs, breweries, wineries, distilleries, which may include beer gardens, tasting areas, food and/or beverage.														
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Item 3 Amend Section VI to include the following definitions in the applicable alphabetical order:

**Brew Pub**

A "pub brewery" as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 1, subject to receipt of applicable licenses pursuant to said Chapter 138.

**Brewery**

A "Farmer-brewery" as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 1, subject to receipt of applicable licenses pursuant to said Chapter 138.

**Distillery**

A "Farmer-distillery" as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 1, subject to receipt of applicable licenses pursuant to said Chapter 138.

**Winery**

A "Farmer-winery" as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 1, subject to receipt of applicable licenses pursuant to said Chapter 138.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required  
Motion Adopted**

**ARTICLE 33**

**VOTED:** To amend the last sentence of the main motion by inserting the words "at least level two tier" before the words "electric charging stations"

**A Majority Vote Required  
Motion Adopted**

That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1 Amend Section V-A, 5. Design Standards by replacing subsection p. in its entirety with the following:

New or reconstructed parking lots containing 20 or more parking spaces shall provide infrastructure to make a minimum of 25 percent of the spaces compatible with electric vehicle charging and a minimum of 10 percent shall be equipped with at least level 2 electric vehicle charging stations.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Standing Vote:**

**Yes: 140**

**No: 43**

**Motion Adopted**

**ARTICLE 34**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1 Amend Section II-B by inserting a new item 7. Multifamily Overlay District.

Item 2 Amend Section II-C to adopt a new zoning map as follows:

“3. Multi-Family Overlay District  
Zoning Map Part C Multifamily Overlay District, filed in the office of the Town Clerk, is made a part of this Zoning By-law, and locations and boundaries of the several sub-districts shall be as indicated, respectively, on said Zoning Map.”

The location of said overlay district and its sub-districts to be shown on said Zoning Map Part C is shown on the maps on file with the Town Clerk and shall include the following parcels and all interior roadways within such sub-districts:

- Sub-district 1 36-0-104 and 36-0-108
- Sub-district 2 36-0-160
- Sub-district 3 46-0-17
- Sub-district 4 36-0-159
- Sub-district 5 97-0-2

Item 3 Insert a new section "Section III-K. Multifamily Overlay District"

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Multifamily Overlay District (MOD) is to allow multifamily housing as of right in fulfillment of the following objectives:

- a. To ensure compliance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3A and the Compliance Guidelines;
- b. To encourage mixed-income, multifamily housing in appropriate locations, near retail, restaurants, civic, and recreational uses; and
- c. To reduce dependency on automobiles by creating housing opportunities within walking distance to public transportation.

2. Establishment and Applicability

This MOD is an overlay district that is superimposed over the underlying zoning districts and is shown on the Zoning Map, Part C.

- a. Applicability of MOD. An applicant may develop Multifamily Housing located within a MOD in accordance with the provisions of this Section III-K.
- b. Underlying Zoning. The regulations for use, dimensions, and all other provisions of the Zoning By-law governing the respective underlying zoning district(s) shall remain in full force, except for uses allowed as of right in the MOD. Uses that are not expressly permitted in this Section III-K are governed by the requirements of the underlying zoning district(s).
- c. Sub-districts. The MOD contains the following sub-districts, all of which are shown on Zoning Part C: Multifamily Overlay District:
  - Sub-district 1,
  - Sub-district 2,
  - Sub-district 3,
  - Sub-district 4, and
  - Sub-district 5.

3. Definitions

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in Section VI of the

By-law. For purposes of this Section III-K, the following definitions shall apply.

- a. Affordable Housing Unit. A Multifamily Housing unit that is subject to a use restriction recorded in its chain of title limiting the sale price or rent or limiting occupancy to an individual or household of a specified income, or both.
  - b. Affordable Housing. Multifamily Housing that contains Affordable Housing Units as defined by this Section III-K.
  - c. Area Median Income (AMI). The median family income for the metropolitan statistical region that includes the Town of Hingham, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
  - d. Compliance Guidelines. Compliance Guidelines for Multifamily Zoning Districts adopted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, section 3A, as further revised or amended from time to time.
  - e. EOHLIC. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.
  - f. MBTA. Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.
  - g. Multifamily Housing. A building with three or more dwelling units or two or more buildings on the same lot with more than one dwelling unit in each building.
  - h. Multifamily Housing Unit. A dwelling unit within a Multifamily Housing development.
  - i. Sub-district. An area within the MOD that is geographically smaller than the MOD district and differentiated from the rest of the district by use, dimensional standards, or development standards.
  - j. Transit station. An MBTA subway station, commuter rail station, or ferry terminal.
4. Permitted Uses
- a. The following forms of Multifamily Housing are permitted as of right subject to Site Plan Review under Section I-I of the By-law within Sub-districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the MOD:

- (i) Two-Family Dwelling
  - (ii) Multi-Unit Dwelling, including Town Houses, but not more than ten connected dwelling units
  - (iii) Garden Apartment
  - (iv) Apartment House
- b. The following forms of Multifamily Housing are permitted as of right subject to Site Plan Review under Section I-I of the By-law within Sub-district 5 of the MOD:
- (i) Two-Family Dwelling
  - (ii) Multi-Unit Dwelling not to exceed ten connected dwelling units and provided that all such dwelling units are in the Town House style
- c. Accessory Uses.  
The following uses are allowed by right as accessory uses to any of the permitted uses in subsections 4.a. and b. above:
- (i) Accessory uses specified in subsections 1.8.4, 1.8.5, and 1.8.6 in Section III-A.
  - (ii) Community rooms and shared amenities, including pools, playgrounds, and other recreational uses limited to use by the residents of the Multifamily Housing development and their guests.
- d. Dwelling units within the MOD shall be subject to the limitation set forth in Section III-B,4.
5. Dimensional Requirements  
Table of Dimensional Requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections IV-A, IV-B and IV-C of this By-law, the dimensional requirements applicable in the MOD are as follows:

Minimum Lot Size		Maximum Height		Floor Area Ratio	Maximum Density Units/Acre	Minimum Yard Dimensions		
Area	Frontage	Feet	Stories			Front	Side	Rear
Sub-district 1								
3 acres	150'	45'	4	0.95	40	40'	25'	25'
Sub-district 2								
2.5 acres	20'	35'	3	0.85	25	20'	20'	20'
Sub-district 3								
5 acres	200'	35'	2.5	0.85	18	50'	20'	20'
Sub-district 4								
2 acres	150'	35'	2.5	0.85	15	20'	20'	20'
Sub-district 5								
5 acres	200'	35'	2.5	0.35	8	50'	20'	20'

6. Off-Street Parking  
The parking requirements under Section V-A shall apply to Multifamily Housing in the MOD with the exception of the following:
  - a. Parking, including surface parking and parking within a structure such as an above ground or underground parking garage or other building on the same lot as the principal use, shall be permitted as of right.
  - b. Number of spaces. The number of parking spaces required shall be reduced from 2 spaces/unit to 1.5 spaces/unit for any Multifamily Housing consisting of 10 or more units.
  - c. Surface parking. Surface parking shall be located to the rear or side of the principal building. Parking shall not be located in the setback between the building and any lot line adjacent to a Street.
  - d. Integrated garages. The principal pedestrian entry into the building shall be more prominent in design and placement than the vehicular entry into the garage.
  - e. Parking structures. Building(s) dedicated to structured parking on the same lot as one or more Multifamily Housing buildings shall be subordinate in design and placement to the Multifamily Housing buildings on the lot.
  
7. Development Standards Applicable to All Sub-districts  
Development standards in the MOD are applicable to all Multifamily Housing within the MOD. These standards are in addition to the Site Plan Review Design and Performance Standards under Section I-I.6.
  - a. Sidewalks. Sidewalks shall provide direct connections among building entrances, the public sidewalk (if applicable), bicycle storage, and parking.
  - b. Dumpsters. Dumpsters shall be screened by a combination of fencing and plantings. Where possible, dumpsters or other trash and recycling collection points shall be located within the building.
  - c. Building Location and Design.

- (i) Multiple buildings on a lot. Multifamily Housing may include multiple buildings on a single lot, provided that no less than 20' of separation is provided between individual buildings.
    - (ii) Position relative to principal street. Each Multifamily Housing building shall have its principal façade and entrance oriented toward the primary front lot line along a Street or shared drive. All building(s) adjacent to a Street shall have a pedestrian entry facing the Street.
    - (iii) Entrances. Where applicable, entrances shall be clearly defined and linked to a paved pedestrian network that includes the public sidewalk.
  - d. Shared Outdoor Space. Multifamily Housing consisting of 25 or more dwelling units shall have common outdoor space that all residents can access. Such space may be located in any combination of ground floor, courtyard, rooftop, or terrace.
- 8. Development Standards Applicable to Sub-district 5
  - a. Building Location and Design. The area between the 50-foot front yard setback and 150-feet shall be limited to Two-Family Dwellings and Multi-Unit Dwellings consisting of three units.
  - b. Parking Structures. Parking structures are not permitted in sub-district 5.
- 9. Affordable Housing Requirements
  - a. Provision of Affordable Housing Units. In any Multifamily Housing development containing ten (10) or more dwelling units, at least 15% of the dwelling units shall be Affordable Housing Units with household income limited to 80% of the Area Median Income. Where a fraction of a dwelling unit is required for this calculation, the amount of required dwelling units shall be rounded down. If EOHLC determines in writing that the Town has not shown this 15% requirement to be feasible, at least 10% of the dwelling units in any development containing ten (10) or more units shall be Affordable Housing Units with household income limited to 80% of the Area Median Income. No project may be divided or phased to avoid the requirements of this section.

- b. Subsidized Housing Inventory. All Affordable Housing Units created in the MOD under this section must be eligible for listing on EOHLC's Subsidized Housing Inventory.
  - c. Affordable Housing Unit Development Standards. Affordable Housing Units shall be:
    - (i) Integrated with the rest of the development and shall be compatible in design, appearance, construction, and quality of exterior and interior materials with the other units and/or lots;
    - (ii) Dispersed throughout the development;
    - (iii) Located such that the Affordable Housing Units have equal access to shared amenities, including light and air, and utilities within the development;
    - (iv) Located such that the Affordable Housing Units have equal avoidance of any potential nuisances as market-rate units within the development;
    - (v) Distributed proportionately among unit sizes;
    - (vi) Distributed proportionately across each phase of a phased development.
  - d. Occupancy permits may be issued for market-rate units prior to the end of construction of the entire development provided that occupancy permits for Affordable Housing Units are issued simultaneously on a pro rata basis.
10. Modifications and Exemptions
- a. A request pursuant to Section I-C,2.b. of the By-law shall not require a special permit and may be requested as a minor modification pursuant to Section I-I,9.b. of this By-law.
  - b. For the purpose of this Section III-K, Section I-I is hereby modified as follows:
    - (i) References in Section I-I,4.d. to additional information or submittals that may be required from the applicant shall be deemed to refer to missing or incomplete submittal requirements under Section I-I,5 and this Section V-K,9.
    - (ii) Section I-I,5.k shall not apply.
    - (iii) A project which is designed in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Section V-K shall be deemed to comply with Section I-I,6.c.

- (iv) The second and third sentences in the introductory paragraph of Section I-I,8. shall not apply.
- c. To the extent any portion of a lot within the MOD is subject to Section III-C (Floodplain Protection Overlay) of this By-law, no special permit shall be required, but the submission requirements of said Section shall apply and review pursuant to said Section shall be undertaken as part of Site Plan Review under this Section III-K.
- d. Section IV-E (Residential Multi-Unit Development) and Section IV-F (Residential Multi-Unit Development in Residence District D) of this By-law shall not apply to Multifamily Housing under this Section III-K.
- e. Multifamily Housing shall be exempt from Section V-C (Earth Removal Regulations) in accordance with subsection 5.c. thereof.

Item 4 Amend Section VI (Definitions) to replace the following definitions in their entirety:

**Apartment House**

A structure utilized wholly for residential dwelling units and containing four or more dwelling units.

**Garden Apartment**

A building consisting of not less than four nor more than ten connected dwelling units, with each entrance serving not more than four dwelling units, each of which extends through the building from front to rear.

**Two-Family Dwelling**

A dwelling intended and designed to be occupied as two separate dwelling units. For all purposes in the By-law, two-family dwellings shall include attached garages, or other fully enclosed, attached structures, whether heated or unheated, connected to the primary structure.

Item 5 Replace Section I-L in its entirety as follows:

**I-L Effective Date**

The effective date of an amendment to this By-law shall be the date on which such amendment was adopted in accordance with M.G.L.

c. 40A, § 5 by a favorable vote of Town Meeting subject to its publication in a Town bulletin or pamphlet and posting or publication in a newspaper as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 32.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required  
Motion Adopted**

**ARTICLE 35**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to confirm that the parcel of land shown as "Country Club Road" on a plan recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 30, Page 619 has heretofore been rezoned from Residence District D to Business Recreation District by the votes under Article 17 of the 1976 Annual Town Meeting and Article 28 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting and, to the extent that any portion of said parcel has not been heretofore rezoned to the Business Recreation District, vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Hingham to rezone said portion of said parcel to the Business Recreation District.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by replacing in the entirety Sections III-I.1.d. and III-I.1.e. as follows:

- d. Abandonment or Discontinuance
  - (i) Except as provided in subsection d(ii) below, a nonconforming use that has been discontinued shall not be reestablished and any future use shall conform to this By-law.
  - (ii) The nonconforming use of a building as a Single-Family Dwelling or Two-Family Dwelling (and/or any lawful pre-existing nonconforming Accessory Buildings related thereto) that has been discontinued for a period of more than four (4) years shall not be reestablished and any future use shall conform to this By-law, provided however, that the lawful nonconforming use of more than one Dwelling Unit within an existing Dwelling (that has not been discontinued or abandoned) shall not terminate unless such Dwelling has been converted to a Single-

Family Dwelling with complete living facilities for only one household.

(iii) A nonconforming structure that has been discontinued or has been abandoned, may not be used, occupied or reconstructed for any use, with the following exceptions:

(A) This subsection (iii) shall not apply to and shall not prohibit the conforming use as a Single-Family Dwelling or a Two-Family Dwelling of an existing building that would be a lawful nonconforming Single-Family Dwelling or a Two-Family Dwelling if it had not been deemed discontinued or abandoned hereunder; provided, however, that Section III-I, 2 shall not apply and any alteration or reconstruction of, or addition, extension, or structural change to, such existing Single-Family Dwelling or a Two-Family Dwelling shall not extend the yard and/or height dimensional conditions that were nonconforming at the time the building was abandoned or discontinued. This subsection (iii)(A) shall not apply to buildings that have been abandoned by demolition.

(B) If a lawful pre-existing nonconforming Single-Family Dwelling on a nonconforming lot has been abandoned by demolition, the reconstruction of a Single-Family Dwelling for a conforming use may be permitted upon the issuance of a Special Permit A1 no more than ten (10) years following demolition; provided, however, that the reconstructed Single-Family Dwelling shall comply with the applicable minimum yard, maximum height, and special requirements set forth in Section IV-A and the density provisions of Section IV-C.5.

(C) Except as provided in the foregoing subsections (iii)(A) and (iii)(B), the conforming use of an existing building or structure that has not been demolished that

would be a lawful nonconforming building or structure if it had not been deemed discontinued or abandoned hereunder, may be permitted upon the issuance of a Special Permit A2 no more than ten (10) years after discontinuance or abandonment.

A building or structure reestablished pursuant to exceptions (iii)(A), (iii)(B) or (iii)(C) above shall no longer be considered nonconforming once a Special Permit has issued.

- e. Definitions - As used in this Section III-I:
- (i) Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section III-I.1(d), "discontinuance" shall mean the actual cessation of any use or the non-use of any structure for a period of two (2) years or more.
  - (ii) A nonconforming building or structure shall be deemed "abandoned" when it is no longer occupied for a conforming or lawfully nonconforming use (x) due to total demolition or partial demolition rendering it unoccupiable or (y) for at least six consecutive months and, in either instance, one or more of the following apply:
    - (A) It is not actively marketed for sale or lease.
    - (B) Failure to provide for regular maintenance such as failing to heat the building at a level necessary to prevent frozen pipes or related damage, failing to provide snow removal, or failing to maintain landscaping.
    - (C) It is not actively under renovation or reconstruction pursuant to a valid building permit. A building or structure shall not be deemed to be actively under renovation or reconstruction if construction activities cease for more than six (6) months due to a stop work order or by voluntary cessation.
    - (D) Issuance of a written notice of an unsafe structure by the Building Commissioner and failure of the owner to rectify the unsafe

condition in the manner and in the timeframe specified in such written notice.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1 Delete from Section IV-A. Schedule of Dimensional Requirements the number "1" where it appears in the Official and Open Space row under the column entitled "special requirements applicable to each district".

Item 2 Add the following additional sentence between the first and second sentences in the definition of "Structure" under Section VI: "In the Official and Open Space District, "structure" shall further exclude the following recreational improvements: (a) backstops, fencing, and safety netting, and (b) pre-existing playground equipment, basketball hoops, goal posts, and field lighting; provided that such improvements are located not closer than fifteen (15) feet from a property line."

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 38**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1 Replace Section III-H.6.a.(i) in its entirety with the following: "The maximum height of buildings shall be reduced from 35 feet to 28 feet measured to the peak with a maximum wall height of 20 feet."

Item 2 Replace Section III-H.6.b.(ii) in its entirety with the following:  
(ii) The "maximum height" of a building may be modified as follows:

(A) Maximum height shall not exceed two stories and 28 feet measured to the Peak of the building.

(B) The maximum wall height of the building shall be 20 feet.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 39**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by replacing in its entirety subsection 3.8B in the Schedule of Uses under Section III-A with the following:

3.8B Nursing home, assisted living facility, rest home, convalescent home, congregate living facility, or other non-correctional institutional use providing support and care for disabled or elderly persons

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**ARTICLE 40**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through the end of FY25, the Select Board to accept grants of easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, or pedestrian walkways, or water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms or conditions that the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## FY25 Cash Appropriations

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Article 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECT BOARD	
Payroll	814,386
Expenses	112,475
Capital Outlay	50,000
131 HUMAN RESOURCE	
Payroll	201,496
Expenses	8,925
132 RESERVE FUND	
	791,302
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	324,547
Expenses	12,100
Audit	93,450
137 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
Payroll	319,248
Expenses	640,207
Capital Outlay	375,000
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	348,469
Expenses	11,358
Consulting	45,000
Map Maintenance	300
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	392,848
Expenses	59,032
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	
	395,372
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,800
Expenses	77,700
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	225,525
Expenses	19,950

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	34,930
Expenses	27,200
Capital Outlay	16,800
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	235,908
Expenses	38,947
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	240,670
Expenses	22,705
LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT	
Payroll	166,683
Expenses	7,375
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	25,597
Expenses	15,100
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	330,064
Expenses	377,739
Capital Outlay	80,000
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	
Expenses	<u>18,584</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>6,969,792</u></u>
PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	6,891,568
Expenses	505,950
Capital Outlay	418,155
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (\$1,804,237 from Ambulance Receipts)	7,416,927
Expenses	735,937
Capital Outlay	410,000
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	1,114,465

241 BUILDING COMMISSIONER	
Payroll	329,883
Expenses	14,910
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	94,720
Expenses	6,200
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll (\$136,143 from MWI&M Fund)	297,608
Expenses	90,235
Capital Outlay (\$435,000 from MWI&M Fund)	435,000
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	443,250
Street Lighting	117,019
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>19,321,917</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	70,003,625
Capital Outlay	921,714
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u>70,925,339</u>
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll	2,989,030
Expenses	856,870
Snow Removal	630,286
Road Maintenance	420,510
Capital Outlay	826,090
430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING	
Payroll	633,940
Expenses	1,304,641
Capital Outlay	210,000
440 SEWER COMMISSION	
Payroll	462,590
Expenses	381,781
Engineering	13,500
Debt Service	44,095
MWRA Charges	2,366,565
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	445,869
Capital Outlay	625,000

The sum of \$4,084,483 shall be funded from Sewer Revenue  
Sewer Revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u>12,210,767</u>
HUMAN SERVICES	
510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	393,544
Expenses	13,962
541 ELDER SERVICES	
Payroll	385,651
Expenses	22,310
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	155,704
Expenses	7,902
Benefits	145,316
545 HEALTH IMPERATIVES (WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER)	
	2,700
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	
	<u>3,700</u>
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u>1,130,789</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,824,690
Expenses	473,993
Capital Outlay	40,000
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	201,431
Expenses	198,218
Capital Outlay	52,241
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	30,293
Expenses	8,800
691 HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
Payroll	88,890
Expenses	9,363

692 CELEBRATIONS	18,126
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	2,946,045
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	
Payroll	1,124,316
Expenses	680,184
Debt Service	336,526
Capital Outlay	<u>634,000</u>
The sum of \$2,411,000 shall be funded from SSCC revenue and \$364,026 from SSCC Retained Earnings	
730 WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM	
Payroll	296,051
Operating Expenses	7,802,712
Debt Service	5,928,795
The sum of \$14,027,558 shall be funded from Weir River Water System Revenue	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u><u>16,802,584</u></u>
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>11,357,273</u>
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u><u>11,357,273</u></u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 GROUP INSURANCE	7,727,318
900 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,412,523
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	6,759,093
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	330,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	40,000
914 MANDATORY MEDICARE	<u>1,220,592</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u><u>17,489,526</u></u>

999 UNCLASSIFIED	
915 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	<u>1,700,527</u>
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>1,700,527</u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	160,854,599
Article 4	
PERSONNEL SERVICES AND EXPENSES	781,671
Article 16	
Community Preservation Committee Admin/Oper Exps	40,000
Rec Comm Community Playground Project	1,055,229
Select Board-interest on Bonds/Notes for Community Preservation projects	237,397
Community Housing Purposes Set-Aside	185,783
Historic Resources Purposes Set-Aside	185,783
Net sale proceeds from RE sales to extent CPC funds were used to purchase properties to HAHT Opportunity Fund for future use	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CPC	<u>1,518,409</u>
Article 18	
Route 3A Sewer Construction	13,000,000
Article 22	
WRWS: Water Capital Improvements	21,005,000
Article 24	
Fire Engine Purchase	1,200,000
Grand Totals	<u><u>198,359,679</u></u>

# Presidential Primary, March 5, 2024

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT - PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
DEAN PHILLIPS	4	8	2	10	10	7	3	10	5	9	6	5	8	1	4	2	94
JOSEPH R. BIDEN	191	166	230	178	161	156	178	160	169	136	155	169	104	79	187	364	2,803
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	2	1	3	4	3	3	1	-	4	47
NO PREFERENCE	9	14	3	19	4	22	7	15	5	16	6	15	1	20	1	16	173
Write-ins	1	3	6	2	3	4	-	4	-	3	2	4	-	1	1	3	37
Blanks	-	-	1	1	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>3,167</b>

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT - STATE COMMITTEE MAN - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
CHRIS MATTHEWS	163	148	199	147	135	138	142	131	164	119	139	144	87	75	130	300	2,362
Write-ins	-	1	1	3	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	13
Blanks	46	45	46	63	48	53	51	60	36	48	34	52	30	27	63	90	792
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>3,167</b>

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT - STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
REBECCA ANN SHERLOCK-SHANGRAW	161	145	198	155	127	135	144	136	160	118	137	143	88	75	133	299	2,354
Write-ins	-	2	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	13
Blanks	48	47	47	57	55	57	48	56	41	48	36	53	29	27	60	91	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>3,167</b>

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT - TOWN COMMITTEE - Vote for NOT MORE THAN THIRTY-FIVE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
GROUP																	
JOHN MICHAEL DEELEY	154	108	166	115	110	123	118	106	135	90	101	112	77	40	120	225	1,900
ELLEN WHALEN	160	119	176	129	115	137	133	118	149	94	114	124	86	51	125	238	2,068
DANIEL J. POWER	155	116	167	119	109	121	130	116	145	98	104	118	82	45	120	223	1,968
JAMES HENRY BYRNE, II	154	106	167	115	106	120	121	105	136	87	101	109	76	41	119	219	1,882
MICHAEL F. MULLALEY	155	111	168	116	106	125	124	106	138	90	102	117	76	45	121	226	1,926
MARY L. LEVINE	161	110	170	121	112	121	122	107	139	93	105	115	76	42	127	236	1,957
JASPER QUREN LEE	154	105	165	114	108	121	117	106	134	90	101	107	75	42	119	216	1,874
KEVIN J. WHALEN	155	113	171	120	109	127	129	112	143	96	109	119	83	50	121	221	1,978
CLARK FRAZIER	155	107	164	117	111	122	118	106	136	90	102	108	75	40	119	219	1,889
MEGAN MAIS BUHR	157	114	172	121	118	129	127	115	149	96	107	118	77	49	124	227	2,000
KATHLEEN LINNEHAN PHILBIN	156	109	177	129	114	124	122	108	136	93	104	109	74	42	124	225	1,946
MARK ERNEST LABEL	155	103	166	114	105	122	120	108	137	88	100	106	75	40	118	219	1,876
WAYNE MESARD	152	104	164	113	106	120	118	105	138	88	100	109	76	42	120	216	1,871
KATHLEEN MARIE GIARDI SWANSON	163	116	172	119	115	122	121	111	136	91	105	112	74	41	123	232	1,953
ILONA CUTLER	153	105	167	115	110	120	125	106	138	88	104	106	74	41	120	220	1,892
DEBORAH EMMETT-PIKE	154	108	167	117	109	121	120	106	139	88	102	106	75	39	123	230	1,904
JOSEPH F. KELLY	155	113	170	119	108	122	124	108	139	88	104	117	78	46	120	226	1,937
CRYSTAL G. KELLY	156	114	171	121	110	119	122	109	140	89	105	115	81	41	124	231	1,948
PAUL JOSEPH GANNON	153	113	167	118	110	126	128	115	140	100	114	129	87	54	122	222	1,998
NANCY NES CORRENTI	159	113	176	125	119	133	124	115	160	108	111	122	81	47	123	235	2,051
PHILIP H. DOSTER	152	105	164	115	106	119	118	106	134	95	99	107	80	40	134	243	1,917
CLAYTON K. P. HANDLEMAN	154	106	164	118	107	124	121	104	136	91	105	112	81	45	118	220	1,906
JENIFER A. LINCOLN	157	114	172	124	115	123	128	113	140	93	102	111	75	44	124	230	1,965
DAWN C. SIBOR	154	107	168	118	115	125	123	110	145	90	105	110	82	44	124	226	1,946
TIMOTHY H. WHITE	156	119	167	119	110	121	123	110	147	95	103	112	77	41	123	220	1,943
ARDITH A. WIEWORKA	154	105	165	114	108	120	120	109	141	93	103	111	76	41	120	217	1,897
STEPHANIE J. L. GERTZ	156	113	172	123	116	133	125	114	147	105	104	120	75	43	122	229	1,997
Write-ins	-	12	4	1	-	4	1	6	-	3	-	2	2	-	1	-	36
Blanks	3,116	3,802	4,051	4,246	3,418	3,446	3,468	3,760	3,238	3,370	3,239	3,832	1,989	2,429	3,457	7,559	68,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>8,610</b>	<b>7,455</b>	<b>6,405</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>6,055</b>	<b>6,895</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>6,755</b>	<b>13,650</b>	<b>110,845</b>

REPUBLICAN BALLOT - PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
CHRIS CHRISTIE	1	6	5	-	-	1	3	3	2	5	2	1	2	2	2	2	37
RYAN BRILEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
VIVEK RAMASWAMY	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	12
ASA HUTCHINSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
DONALD J. TRUMP	39	114	47	140	50	123	48	148	55	160	36	140	42	118	18	90	1,368
RON DeSANTIS	-	-	1	2	-	10	1	3	1	3	-	4	1	1	2	2	31
NIKKI HALEY	103	107	75	140	69	131	101	144	98	163	77	147	38	76	33	112	1,614
NO PREFERENCE	3	1	4	2	2	3	1	7	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	34
Write-ins	3	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	15
Blanks	1	-	1	3	1	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>3,128</b>

REPUBLICAN BALLOT - STATE COMMITTEE MAN - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
DAVID F. DeCOSTE	96	145	67	202	71	179	76	195	95	217	82	195	50	128	24	109	1,931
Write-ins	3	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	3	-	2	-	2	-	-	18
Blanks	53	83	67	85	52	94	79	112	64	118	36	98	34	69	34	101	1,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>3,128</b>

REPUBLICAN BALLOT - STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
JANET R. FOGARTY	27	64	34	115	19	84	25	91	26	100	24	83	14	56	17	69	848
KRISTEN G. ARUTE	78	101	52	84	58	106	62	125	85	143	53	142	47	88	7	40	1,271
LYNNE SANTANGELO	9	28	9	38	11	25	11	30	11	29	7	32	5	27	8	47	327
Write-ins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Blanks	37	36	39	52	36	59	57	61	37	65	34	38	18	28	26	55	678
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>3,128</b>

REPUBLICAN BALLOT - TOWN COMMITTEE - Vote for NOT MORE THAN THIRTY-TWO																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
MELISSA A. SMITH	32	67	34	105	36	61	31	80	35	83	19	67	21	39	16	40	766
LEAH MEREDITH GODFREY	26	62	34	88	31	49	30	76	29	71	21	56	16	39	16	31	675
BARBARA McALVIN	23	57	30	87	28	50	27	64	29	67	18	56	16	38	15	34	639
BENJAMIN P. BARCLAY	25	59	30	90	27	56	28	64	26	73	23	74	19	42	16	35	687
SUSAN CAROL BARCLAY	25	57	29	89	27	52	28	66	28	71	21	81	17	45	16	37	689
BRAD P. BENNING	25	59	29	87	24	51	24	63	26	74	19	58	16	36	16	25	632
CARLTON ALAN CHAMBERS	34	63	31	91	30	63	32	78	30	70	18	64	19	40	17	32	712
ELIZABETH M. CLAYPOOLE	32	66	28	96	29	62	33	75	30	80	25	75	20	47	16	36	750
CATHLYNN A. CLAYPOOLE	25	58	28	91	26	57	31	69	30	77	23	71	20	46	14	32	698
M. SUSAN EARLE	28	57	27	85	27	50	29	68	31	73	19	62	16	40	17	30	659
BONNIARD F. FAGE	35	78	31	97	27	63	30	67	27	74	18	56	18	39	15	29	704
HELGA JORGENSEN	26	67	32	99	28	53	28	67	30	71	16	62	18	39	16	31	683
KATHLEEN A. LINCOLN	26	61	31	91	32	54	32	81	31	74	20	69	22	43	16	44	727
LAURA ENGLISH MARWILL	39	76	30	108	36	70	41	93	42	86	23	90	29	62	14	34	873
EDWARD JOSEPH MATTHEWS, IV	26	74	34	100	36	56	32	90	31	80	18	64	17	45	15	26	744
JUDITH C. NIMS	30	72	25	86	29	52	27	66	28	65	17	55	17	38	13	28	648
LARAINÉ FINNERAN	28	59	28	88	26	50	25	70	31	71	15	66	15	42	17	34	665
KATHLEEN A. PELOQUIH	24	60	31	89	27	52	36	80	37	74	19	63	19	38	14	32	695
JERRY K. SEELAN	29	70	34	93	31	62	38	82	35	81	19	65	21	49	15	26	751
WILLIAM S. ENGLISH	37	73	32	100	37	79	38	90	45	99	31	100	33	77	15	49	835
KRISTEN G. ARUTE	41	77	27	68	34	94	33	108	62	125	42	134	34	96	9	44	1,028
JUDITH EILEEN KELLEY	26	52	19	49	24	61	22	78	40	91	31	94	24	64	10	36	721
SUSAN E. WEITZEL	30	54	19	45	25	65	22	80	48	97	29	92	19	58	8	33	724
CYNTHIA PETESCH STURTEVANT	34	46	21	43	29	65	23	75	38	87	28	82	19	46	9	30	677
JONATHAN P. KIRK	27	54	20	40	27	68	23	72	38	91	29	81	17	49	8	26	670
BRIAN J. BATTISTA	35	64	18	55	37	72	34	86	51	106	38	121	32	63	8	30	850
PAUL J. TAYLOR, SR.	32	50	21	41	25	60	18	75	44	83	28	77	17	50	8	32	661
JOHN M. SHAUGHNESSY	31	57	25	55	30	69	25	87	44	101	34	113	24	61	8	35	799
BRENDAN GAUGHAN	33	48	20	41	24	64	17	71	39	84	28	86	23	52	8	29	667
KEVIN E. BATTISTA	40	59	21	53	31	77	31	85	48	99	36	93	25	57	9	30	794
JANICE L. SPIESS	28	49	18	39	24	60	17	69	44	84	27	79	16	46	8	28	636
WILLIAM JAY GARRITY, JR.	44	77	24	57	31	76	23	86	42	94	32	88	23	50	8	35	790
GAIL M. RYBERG	27	44	17	44	24	59	19	66	40	87	27	81	16	46	8	29	634
STEPHANIE ANDREA MCHUGH	26	51	19	47	25	64	24	76	44	87	26	91	18	51	7	30	686

PATRICK A. McHUGH	31	47	22	43	25	62	23	72	39	89	26	89	19	54	7	34	682
AMANDA P. KEANE	30	46	22	45	22	64	21	78	38	87	29	108	21	53	6	35	705
RYAN SCOTT KEANE	26	44	21	48	22	64	20	75	37	86	29	98	19	50	7	32	678
PAUL W. KEOUGH	35	53	25	54	23	74	21	77	41	98	28	89	23	54	5	33	733
PRISCILLA T. KEOUGH	30	50	24	47	22	67	20	77	39	90	25	87	21	53	9	36	697
CHRISTINE CADEGAN	25	48	20	43	26	63	21	73	45	86	27	91	18	52	6	30	674
RICHARD H. KLETT	29	45	21	41	24	59	16	66	39	83	28	81	17	54	7	29	639
JUDITH B. KLETT	26	44	20	43	21	61	16	69	39	82	28	90	20	51	6	32	648
CONSTANCE ANN COLEMAN	29	48	18	48	32	66	19	74	43	88	32	84	17	51	8	33	690
Write-ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blanks	3,574	4,824	3,198	6,299	2,767	6,092	3,831	6,592	3,507	7,197	2,687	5,957	1,817	4,223	1,370	5,346	69,281
Total	4,884	7,328	4,288	9,248	3,968	8,768	4,960	9,856	5,120	10,816	3,776	9,440	2,888	6,368	1,856	6,752	100,096

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT - PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
JACOB GEORGE HORNBURGER	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
MICHAEL D. RECTENWALD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
CHASE RUSSELL OLIVER	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
MICHAEL TER MAAT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
LARS DAMIAN MAPSTEAD	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
NO PREFERENCE	-	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	20
Write-ins	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	7
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5
Total	5	3	3	6	3	2	4	3	2	-	-	2	1	2	3	8	47

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT - STATE COMMITTEE MAN - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Write-ins	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Blanks	4	3	1	5	3	2	3	2	1	-	-	2	1	2	3	8	40
Total	5	3	3	6	3	2	4	3	2	-	-	2	1	2	3	8	47

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT - STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Write-ins	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
Blanks	4	3	1	4	3	2	3	2	1	-	-	2	1	2	3	7	38
Total	5	3	3	6	3	2	4	3	2	-	-	2	1	2	3	8	47

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT - TOWN COMMITTEE - Vote for NOT MORE THAN TEN																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
GROUP																	
Write-ins	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Blanks	47	30	26	60	30	20	40	30	20	-	-	20	10	20	30	80	463
Total	50	30	30	60	30	20	40	30	20	-	-	20	10	20	30	80	470

## Town Election, April 27, 2024

<b>FOR MODERATOR - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>MICHAEL J. PUZO</b>	261	285	269	284	292	220	149	243	<b>2003</b>
Write-ins	4	4	5	7	5	5	2	2	<b>34</b>
Blanks	9	14	20	22	19	34	28	22	<b>168</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR SELECT BOARD - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ELIZABETH F. KLEIN</b>	256	281	266	281	289	229	156	251	<b>2009</b>
Write-ins	2	4	4	6	5	4	4	1	<b>30</b>
Blanks	16	18	24	26	22	26	19	15	<b>166</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>JOSHUA M. ROSS</b>	256	275	250	273	274	223	147	241	<b>1939</b>
Write-ins	0	4	2	3	2	2	2	0	<b>15</b>
Blanks	18	24	42	37	40	34	30	26	<b>251</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR TOWN CLERK - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CAROL M. FALVEY</b>	260	287	266	286	290	226	158	253	<b>2026</b>
Write-ins	3	2	1	5	3	4	1	0	<b>19</b>
Blanks	11	14	27	22	23	29	20	14	<b>160</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR BOARD OF HEALTH - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>MARK D. LUNDIN</b>	253	274	249	273	270	212	147	244	<b>1922</b>
Write-ins	0	6	0	5	2	3	0	2	<b>18</b>
Blanks	21	23	45	35	44	44	32	21	<b>265</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>LAURA M. BURNS</b>	255	275	256	271	281	222	150	244	<b>1954</b>
Write-ins	0	3	6	8	8	2	2	0	<b>29</b>
Blanks	19	25	32	34	27	35	27	23	<b>222</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>

<b>FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Janine A. Suchecki</b>	247	271	253	260	266	211	146	239	<b>1893</b>
Write-ins	3	4	0	3	3	1	1	2	<b>17</b>
Blanks	24	28	41	50	47	47	32	26	<b>295</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE- Vote for TWO</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TIMOTHY J. DEMPSE</b>	228	255	241	251	259	203	128	236	<b>1801</b>
<b>KERRY J. NI</b>	227	246	230	239	246	199	127	229	<b>1743</b>
Write-ins	4	18	24	22	29	17	20	6	<b>140</b>
Blanks	89	87	93	114	98	99	83	63	<b>726</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>4410</b>
<b>FOR PLANNING BOARD - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>KEVIN M. ELLIS</b>	247	274	249	270	274	217	145	238	<b>1914</b>
Write-ins	2	5	2	5	3	1	3	1	<b>22</b>
Blanks	25	24	43	38	39	41	31	28	<b>269</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER - Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CLARK FRAZIER</b>	247	279	260	266	273	214	151	243	<b>1933</b>
Write-ins	0	0	2	4	3	1	0	1	<b>11</b>
Blanks	27	24	32	43	40	44	28	23	<b>261</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>
<b>FOR RECREATION COMMISSION- Vote for ONE</b>									
	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR 7</b>	<b>PR 7A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>STEPHEN C. MELIA</b>	254	276	265	281	281	220	158	240	<b>1975</b>
Write-ins	0	3	0	4	2	1	1	1	<b>12</b>
Blanks	20	24	29	28	33	38	20	26	<b>218</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2205</b>

# State Primary Election, September 3, 2024

## Democratic Ballot

SENATOR IN CONGRESS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
ELIZABETH ANN WARREN	233	85	259	113	190	89	231	89	195	78	175	89	134	50	239	211	2448
Blanks	3	7	14	7	6	8	11	8	12	6	13	12	7	8	15	13	150
Write-ins	19	2	1	2	4	4	1	3	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	0	45
Total	255	94	274	122	190	101	243	100	208	83	190	104	141	59	255	224	2643
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
STEPHEN F. LYNCH	244	92	256	111	178	96	230	92	199	78	182	94	130	51	238	207	2475
Blanks	11	2	17	9	12	3	13	6	9	5	7	7	9	7	18	16	151
Write-ins	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	3	2	1	1	1	17
Total	255	94	274	122	190	101	243	100	208	83	190	104	141	59	255	224	2643
COUNCILLOR - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
CHRISTOPHER A. IANNELLA, JR.	129	47	142	59	104	49	148	51	120	40	88	47	93	27	133	124	1401
STACEY K. BORDEN	73	23	76	35	44	30	51	26	47	22	42	33	25	11	51	51	640
RONALD PRIMO JA COBUCCI	35	6	34	18	14	12	20	8	23	18	39	14	9	15	25	23	313
Blanks	18	18	22	10	28	8	23	15	17	3	21	10	13	5	46	28	283
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Total	255	94	274	122	190	101	243	100	208	83	190	104	141	59	255	224	2643
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	212	79	218	97	165	83	216	87	172	63	169	87	118	44	215	186	2193
Write-ins	43	15	56	25	25	18	27	13	36	20	21	17	23	15	40	56	450
Total	255	94	274	122	190	101	243	100	208	83	190	104	141	59	255	224	2643
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
JOAN MESCHIND	233	86	248	106	172	92	229	86	190	72	173	91	124	45	219	193	2359
Blanks	22	7	24	15	18	7	14	12	18	9	16	12	17	10	36	31	268
Write-ins	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	4	0	0	16
Total	255	94	274	122	190	101	243	100	208	83	190	104	141	59	255	224	2643
CLERK OF COURTS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
ROBERT STANTON CREEDON, JR.	211	78	233	100	155	83	204	73	178	68	158	84	123	41	198	179	2166
Blanks	42	16	40	22	35	17	38	27	30	14	32	19	18	14	57	43	464
Write-ins	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	2	13
Total	255	94	274	122	190	101	243	100	208	83	190	104	141	59	255	224	2643
REGISTER OF DEEDS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
JOHN R. BUCKLEY, JR.	221	82	240	103	157	83	209	75	186	71	165	86	125	46	201	189	2239
Blanks	33	12	33	17	33	16	33	25	22	11	25	18	16	12	53	36	394
Write-ins	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
Total	255	94	274	122	190	101	243	100	208	83	190	104	141	59	255	224	2643
COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Vote for not more than TWO																	
Precincts	1 BV	1	2 BV	2	3 BV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 BV	7	7A BV	7A	TOTAL
GREGORY M. HINLEY	146	45	156	59	92	48	136	44	129	56	104	54	83	24	144	120	1439
RHONDA L. NIMAN	177	57	182	77	119	62	158	47	143	62	121	68	95	38	168	137	1701
SCOTT M. VECCHI	51	12	49	23	46	28	50	21	30	18	29	23	24	13	36	62	514
Blanks	130	74	161	85	124	61	141	88	114	39	126	63	80	39	163	129	1617
Write-ins	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	15
Total	510	188	548	244	381	201	486	200	416	166	380	208	282	118	510	448	5286

# Republican Ballot

SENATOR IN CONGRESS - Vote for ONE																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
ROBERT J. ANTONELLIS	11	17	5	16	5	18	6	16	9	21	6	16	5	11	6	21	189	
IAN CAIN	20	9	22	12	15	3	20	13	25	9	13	8	9	7	5	8	198	
JOHN DEATON	37	47	49	60	32	52	27	65	63	74	33	72	28	40	27	58	764	
Blanks	3	1	5	2	4	1	3	3	7	2	0	1	2	0	3	2	39	
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1194</b>	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Vote for ONE																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
ROBERT G. BURKE	30	23	37	34	24	31	19	45	43	38	20	40	15	22	12	28	461	
JAMES M. GOVATSOS	13	25	7	27	11	18	14	21	26	26	11	14	11	14	9	29	276	
DANIEL KELLY	14	17	26	17	13	18	16	15	21	22	11	27	12	11	13	17	270	
Blanks	13	10	10	12	8	7	7	16	14	20	10	16	6	11	7	15	182	
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1194</b>	
COUNCILLOR - Vote for ONE																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
Blanks	5	68	72	85	51	72	54	91	100	97	49	88	40	53	35	72	1032	
Write-Ins	66	7	9	5	5	2	4	6	4	9	3	9	4	6	6	17	162	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1194</b>	
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
PATRICK O'CONNOR	57	67	75	78	50	63	49	83	93	88	49	81	38	48	31	70	1020	
Blanks	14	8	6	12	6	11	8	14	11	18	3	15	6	11	10	19	172	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1194</b>	
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
Blanks	67	70	74	83	51	72	53	92	101	98	49	86	40	53	37	78	1104	
Write-Ins	4	5	7	7	5	2	5	5	3	8	3	11	4	6	4	11	90	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1194</b>	
CLERK OF COURTS - Vote for ONE																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
Blanks	69	70	74	83	51	72	53	92	101	100	50	86	41	55	38	79	1114	
Write-Ins	2	5	7	7	5	2	5	5	3	6	2	11	3	4	3	10	80	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1194</b>	
REGISTER OF DEEDS - Vote for ONE																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
Blanks	68	69	72	83	52	72	52	90	102	100	50	87	39	53	38	79	1106	
Write-Ins	3	6	9	7	4	2	6	7	2	6	2	10	5	6	3	10	88	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1194</b>	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Vote for not more than TWO																		
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL	
JARED LOUIS VALANZOLA	41	35	51	42	26	47	38	51	69	55	23	44	29	32	21	40	644	
ANTHONY THOMAS O'BRIEN, SR	34	45	46	47	37	40	29	48	49	54	29	57	24	34	22	56	651	
Blanks	3	70	65	91	49	60	47	95	90	103	52	93	35	50	39	82	1024	
Write-Ins	64	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	69	
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2388</b>	

# Libertarian Ballot

SENATOR IN CONGRESS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>						
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>						
COUNCILLOR - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>						
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>						
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>						
CLERK OF COURTS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>						
REGISTER OF DEEDS - Vote for ONE																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>						
COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Vote for not more than TWO																	
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	6 EV	6	7 EV	7	7A EV	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5
Write-Ins	4	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>						

## Presidential/State Election, November 5, 2024

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT									
	Precinct Totals								
TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
AYYADURA and ELLIS	78	8	11	10	13	19	8	7	2
DE LA CRUZ and GARCIA	23	2	4	2	3	4	3	5	-
HARRIS and WALZ	10,065	1,424	1,472	1,345	1,499	1,280	1,354	744	947
OLIVER and TER MAAT	110	14	21	14	18	18	18	5	2
STEIN and CABALLERO-ROCA	64	7	15	15	7	2	8	9	1
TRUMP and VANCE	5,092	674	731	698	685	862	706	497	239
Write-in: CHISHOLM and QUARLES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Write-in: DESCOTEAUX and LYTLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Write-in: SONSU and ONAK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Write-in: WEST and Abdullah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Write-in: All Others	213	25	30	24	38	36	35	20	5
Blanks	204	20	28	29	23	51	25	14	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>

SENATOR IN CONGRESS									
	Precinct Totals								
TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
ELIZABETH ANN WARREN	8,721	1,201	1,325	1,163	1,258	1,093	1,148	652	881
JOHN DEATON	6,748	915	944	924	980	1,129	952	610	294
Write-in	33	3	7	7	4	3	6	2	1
Blanks	347	55	36	43	44	47	51	37	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS									
	Precinct Totals								
TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
STEPHEN F. LYNCH	10,331	1,456	1,538	1,390	1,491	1,349	1,391	785	931
ROBERT G. BURKE	4,870	639	688	672	693	829	673	457	219
Write-in	18	1	6	4	3	2	2	-	-
Blanks	630	78	80	71	99	92	91	59	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>

COUNCILLOR									
	Precinct Totals								
TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
CHRISTOPHER A. IANNELLA, JR.	11,309	1,597	1,688	1,545	1,621	1,554	1,522	881	901
Write-in	233	25	45	34	30	42	30	22	5
Blanks	4,307	552	579	558	635	676	605	398	304
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT									
	Precinct Totals								
TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
PATRICK O'CONNOR	11,732	1,586	1,709	1,571	1,686	1,761	1,650	981	788
Write-in	194	30	36	23	26	32	25	14	8
Blanks	3,923	558	567	543	574	479	482	306	414
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT									
	Precinct Totals								
TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
JOAN MESCHINO	11,429	1,599	1,703	1,553	1,660	1,555	1,551	885	923
Write-in	232	29	37	36	27	41	35	22	5
Blanks	4,188	546	572	548	599	676	571	394	282
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>

CLERK OF COURTS		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
ROBERT STANTON CREEDON, JR.	11,174	1,567	1,693	1,520	1,608	1,527	1,516	869	871	
Write-in	193	25	29	28	23	37	26	20	5	
Blanks	4,485	582	590	589	655	708	615	412	334	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>	
REGISTER OF DEEDS		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
JOHN R. BUCKLEY, JR.	11,233	1,566	1,696	1,532	1,605	1,544	1,529	875	886	
Write-in	179	24	28	25	23	35	23	17	4	
Blanks	4,437	584	588	580	658	693	605	409	320	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER - PLYMOUTH COUNTY		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
GREGORY M. HANLEY	7,654	1,071	1,133	1,047	1,076	984	1,024	600	719	
JARED LOUIS VALANZOLA	5,548	745	782	782	825	922	766	453	273	
RHONDAL NYMAN	5,622	776	844	764	773	699	719	460	587	
ANTHONY THOMAS O'BRIEN, SR.	3,967	528	555	521	533	687	541	355	237	
Write-in	29	4	5	4	10	2	3	1	-	
Blanks	8,888	1,224	1,305	1,156	1,355	1,250	1,261	733	604	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,698</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>4,624</b>	<b>4,274</b>	<b>4,572</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>2,420</b>	
QUESTIONS										
QUESTION 1 - Auditor to Audit State Legislature		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
YES	10,458	1,451	1,589	1,410	1,481	1,482	1,444	848	753	
NO	4,140	558	568	566	591	621	546	362	328	
Blanks	1,251	165	155	161	214	169	167	91	129	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>	
QUESTION 2 - MCAS Repeat Grad Requirement		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
YES	7,960	1,147	1,216	1,095	1,157	1,076	1,088	673	508	
NO	7,431	961	1,024	987	1,055	1,142	1,032	601	629	
Blanks	458	66	72	55	74	54	37	27	73	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>	
QUESTION 3 - Transportation Network Drivers Unionize		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
YES	6,709	936	1,081	934	971	854	884	540	509	
NO	8,149	1,105	1,110	1,086	1,163	1,290	1,148	682	565	
Blanks	991	133	121	117	152	128	125	79	136	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>	
QUESTION 4 - Use of Psychedelic Substances		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
YES	5,554	825	875	838	869	726	757	460	204	
NO	9,584	1,261	1,347	1,207	1,308	1,451	1,326	795	889	
Blanks	711	88	90	82	109	95	74	46	117	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>	
QUESTION 5 - Increase Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers		Precinct Totals								
	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	
YES	4,841	699	779	698	720	585	614	350	396	
NO	10,325	1,391	1,448	1,362	1,456	1,602	1,471	904	691	
Blanks	683	84	85	77	110	85	72	47	123	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,210</b>	

## Building Department

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The Building/Inspectional Services Department falls under the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. We enforce a series of 14 International Codes including State Building Code Residential/Commercial, Fire Code, Existing Building Code, Mechanical Code, Swimming Pool and Spa Code, Energy Conservation Code, Architectural Access Board for Disabilities, Zoning Act Chapter 40A, Zoning By-Law, Town of Hingham General By-Laws, Plumbing and Gas Code and Electrical Codes. All Building officials are on call 24/7. The new 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Building Code is scheduled for release July 1, 2025, which will include significant changes to the Stretch Energy Code.

Foster School, Linden Ponds new Memory Care units, and two new storage buildings at 73 Abington Street have all received Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Hingham Shipyard continues to renovate existing space and Derby Street Shops continue to have new businesses move to Town. The new Public Safety Building on Lincoln Street is well on its way to completion and several more homes throughout the town have been demolished and rebuilt over the past year.

All permits are applied for online. Homeowners and Contractors may apply for permits from their home or office at [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov).

The Building Department issued a total of 3,578 permits and conducted 7,386 inspections in 2024.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1,267	Building Permits	\$1,116,086
49	Final Cost Affidavits	134,220
655	Plumbing Permits	71,865
466	Gas Permits	35,935
1,099	Electrical Permits	157,790
97	Certificate of Inspection	8,265
249	Certificate of Use and Occupancy	8,715
20	Re-inspection	1,780
146	Sheet Metal	40,200
48	Miscellaneous	2,352
<u>52</u>	<u>Weights &amp; Measures</u>	<u>6,515</u>
4,148		\$1,583,723

I would like to thank the staff of the Building Department for their continued professional manner in which they serve the various customer concerns and inspections that we address throughout the day.

We would like to thank all the applicants, residents, businesses and Town departments for their continued cooperation and support this past year.

We look forward to serving you in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Clancy C.B.O.  
Building Commissioner/  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

## Conservation Commission

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The Hingham Conservation Commission is a seven-member volunteer board established under the authority of the Conservation Commission Act of 1957 (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C) to protect the community's natural resources and acquire lands for conservation and passive recreation. The Commission members are appointed to three-year overlapping terms by the Select Board.

The Commission currently oversees approximately 1,000 acres of conservation land in Hingham that will remain protected as open space in perpetuity. Conservation lands are acquired and managed for protection of wildlife habitat, water resources protection, preservation of wetlands, as well as passive recreation including walking, hiking, bird watching, and fishing. Management of these lands would not be possible without the assistance and dedication of other town staff and departments, property caretakers, and numerous volunteers. Special thanks to the Department of Public Works for all their efforts and assistance throughout the year.



The Commission plans for natural resource protection in coordination with the Open Space Acquisition Committee, by researching and identifying significant parcels of interest in the community and proposing the acquisition of these lands through the Community Preservation Act process or other mechanism. In 2024, the Commission co-sponsored two projects before the Community Preservation Committee (Tranquility Grove and the Bennett Property) however these projects unfortunately did not receive final CPC approval. The Commission also participates in developing and implementing important long range planning documents related to the Town's natural resources and open spaces including Hingham's Open Space and Recreation Plan and Comprehensive Trails Plan.

The other primary responsibility of the Commission is to administer the state's Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and the Hingham Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Article 22 of the Town By-laws). In administering these laws, the Commission reviews applications for work within jurisdictional areas to ensure any proposed activities do not result in alterations to wetland resources. Jurisdictional areas in Hingham include coastal and inland resource areas such as isolated and bordering vegetated wetlands, waterbodies, floodplains, salt marshes, coastal banks and beaches, land within 100 feet of wetlands (buffer zones) and riverfront areas (area within 200 feet of perennial streams). The Commission is also responsible for pursuing violations of local and state wetland regulations and issuing Enforcement Orders for unauthorized activities.

The Commission holds public meetings twice per month to review wetland permit applications and act on other business as needed. The Commission conducted a majority of their meetings remotely last year (on Zoom) in accordance with an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

In 2024, the Commission held 21 public meetings and acted on the following:

<b>Summary of Applications Received</b>	
Notice of Intent	35
Request for Determination of Applicability	20
Request for Amended Order of Conditions	1
Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation	2
Administrative Reviews	21
Septic Reviews	18
Request for Certificate of Compliance	42
Request for Extension Permit	8

Permits issued by the Commission in 2024 for work in jurisdictional areas included replacement of the Martins Lane seawall, an invasive species management program at Boston Golf, replacement of a stream crossing (culvert) in Wompatuck State Park, tree removal and tree planting at World's End, and numerous single family residential projects.

The Commission is also active in advising other Town boards and committees on conservation related matters and has representative members on the Climate Action Planning Committee, Community

Preservation Committee, Comprehensive Trails Plan Committee, Master Plan Committee, Open Space Acquisition Committee, and Turkey Hill Management Committee. In 2024, the Commission and Conservation staff collaborated on several proposed town projects and plans including the Harbor Resiliency Project, Harbor Master Plan, Route 3A Improvement Project, and the Hingham Center for Active Living.

Hunting Program

The Commission allows hunting on certain conservation properties through a turkey and deer hunting program which is managed by Conservation staff in accordance with all state and local regulations. The goal of the hunting program is to promote responsible management of lands by reducing issues caused by overpopulation of certain animal species, particularly white tailed deer. In 2024, a total of 67 bow hunting permits were issued; 9 for the spring turkey season and 58 for the fall deer season. The Commission received notification of 21 deer harvested during the season.

Dams

The Commission manages two dams located on Conservation property, the Foundry Pond Dam and Triphammer Pond Dam. Dams are managed for flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife habitat. Both dams contain fish ladders to allow for seasonal migration of diadromous fish such as river herring, rainbow smelt, and American eel. Staff monitors the dams throughout the year to ensure proper function and fish passage in cooperation with the Division of Marine Fisheries.

The Commission is supported by the Conservation Officer, Shannon Palmer, Assistant Conservation Officer Sylvia Schuler, and Administrative Assistant, Natashja Molina. Department staff is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all conservation related matters during regular Town Hall hours. We encourage all interested citizens to visit the Commission’s webpage for additional information.



Finally, the Commission extends their thanks to all town boards, commissions and departments and the citizens of Hingham for their support, cooperation, and efforts over the past year to protect and preserve the community’s essential natural resources and open spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Kelly, Chair  
Carolyn Nielsen, Vice-Chair  
Laurie Freeman  
Henry Hidell  
Robert Mosher  
Thomas Roby  
Nina Villanova

Shannon Palmer,  
Conservation Officer



## Planning Board

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The establishment of municipal Planning Boards is authorized by M.G.L. c. 41, § 81A. In Hingham, the Planning Board consists of five members elected to serve five-year terms. An appointed associate member may also act on special permit applications on an as-needed basis. Planning Board responsibilities include the following:

Permitting: Under the Zoning By-Law, the Planning Board acts as the site plan review authority for certain development projects that propose moderate to significant levels of land disturbance or uses that require a particular type of authorization. In past years, these reviews tended to be commercial in nature; however, recent applications increasingly involve residential projects that trigger a minimum level of land disturbance adopted by Annual Town Meeting in 2020. The Board also serves as the special permit granting authority for some uses or configurations of land, such as flexible residential developments, common driveways, and parking determinations.

The Planning Board also reviews all subdivision plans under the Subdivision Control Law. These plans generally propose construction of new streets to support additional development. Certain divisions of land are exempt from Subdivision Control because the proposed lots have frontage on an existing street or proposed parcels do not represent building lots. These applications, which are also reviewed by the Board, are known as Approval Not Required (ANR) or Form A Plans.

Finally, under the Scenic Roads Act, the Planning Board is empowered to review specified activities, such as removal of trees or stonewalls, within a scenic roadway layout.

Most of the permitting conducted by the Board in 2024 involved new or modified construction projects that exceeded land disturbance thresholds under Site Plan Review. The Board issued a waiver of Site Plan Review for approximately twenty-five percent of those applications as minor modifications of previously approved plans. Of the thirty-six applications that required a full Site Plan Review, twenty proposed the reconstruction of existing single-family dwellings. Non-residential applications primarily resulted from recreational projects, including the reconstruction of a public playground, fitness building at the high school, and a pool at a private country club.

<b>Summary of 2024 Permit Applications</b>	
Site Plan Reviews	49
Special Permits	3
ANRs (Form As)	12
Subdivisions	3
Scenic Roads	1
Total:	67

Reviewing Zoning Amendments: The Planning Board is one of several agencies or individuals authorized to initiate a zoning amendment. When a zoning amendment has been put forward, the Planning Board holds the public hearing and reports its recommendation for action to Town Meeting.

The Planning Board recommended adoption of eleven articles at Annual Town Meeting 2024. A number of these articles were advanced in response to state requirements. These included a new MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District and updated Floodplain Protection and Groundwater Protection Overlay Districts. The Board recommended others in response to locally identified needs. These resulted in new or expanded allowances for uses, such as breweries and wireless services installations, or structures, such as certain recreational improvements and buildings along the inner harbor. Several more limited amendments intended to clean-up existing regulations were also adopted.

Adopting the Master Plan: The Planning Board is charged with creation of a comprehensive master plan to guide future development in the Town. The Board adopted the current Master Plan in August 2021 and created a Master Plan Implementation Committee in 2023. The Committee tracks progress on plan recommendations and reports back to the Board.

The Board conducted most of its work remotely last year. Beginning in March 2020, all public meetings were held by Zoom as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. Despite the remote nature of its work, the Planning Board collaborated with a variety of other Town departments, boards, and committees, including the Select Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, and Affordable Housing Trust. Planning Board members or their designees continued to play an active role as members of or liaisons to several Town entities, including the Master Plan Implementation Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Development and Industrial Committee, and Traffic Committee.

Department staff is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all planning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to visit its webpage ([www.hingham-ma.gov/166](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/166)), where all pending application materials are posted, and attend its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Carr, Chair  
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Clerk  
Gordon Carr  
Rita DaSilva  
Tracy Shriver

Emily Wentworth, Community Planning Director  
Michael Silveira, Senior Planner



## Zoning Board of Appeals

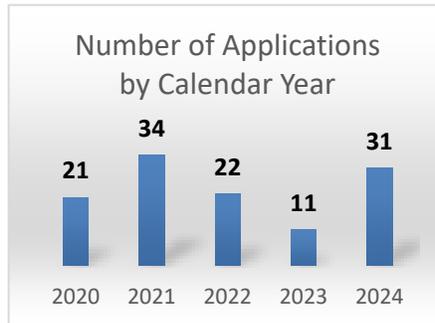
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The Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial body established under the provisions of the "Zoning Act", Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.). The Zoning Act and the Hingham Zoning By-Law authorize the Board to hear and decide applications for findings, variances, certain special permits, and appeals from actions of the Building Commissioner or the Zoning Administrator. These permits are broadly categorized into land use and dimensional regulations.

The Board is also the only Town agency entitled to issue comprehensive permits under M.G.L. c. 40B.

The Board of Appeals consists of three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms. Three associate members, appointed to 1-year terms, presently serve on an as-needed basis. The Select Board makes all appointments.

In 2024 the Board received 31 applications and held 14 meetings, during which members conducted 32 separate hearings on both ongoing and new applications.



### Variances

Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property, and no substantial detriment to the public good. Most requests for dimensional relief related primarily to setback requirements for residential accessory structures, both attached and detached, or modifications of previously approved plans. In 2024, the Board received 11 applications for variances. Five new variances were granted (4 of these approvals were for small cell facilities to be installed on telephone poles); two variance modifications were granted; two variance applications were withdrawn without prejudice; and one application was withdrawn prior to being noticed for a public hearing.

The Hingham Zoning By-Law also authorizes the Board to grant use variances; however, this form of relief is granted sparingly. The Board did not receive any of these applications in 2024.

### Administrative Appeals

Aggrieved parties may appeal a decision or issuance of a permit by the Building Commissioner or the Zoning Administrator to the Board. The Board received two administrative appeal applications in 2024. The first administrative appeal was withdrawn prior to being noticed for a public hearing, and the Board upheld the Building Commissioner's enforcement order for the second.

### Findings

Four applications for a finding under M.G.L. c. 40A, § 6 were filed with the Board this past year. Findings involve changes to pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension, or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming use or structure. Applications in 2024 related to extension to a nonconforming structure and the continuation of a nonconforming use; two applications were withdrawn, one without prejudice and the other prior to being noticed for a public hearing.

### Special Permits:

Special permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a particular purpose, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special permits are designed as flexible tools to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. The Board received 14 special permit applications in 2024: Nine were granted with conditions; four were withdrawn without prejudice and one was withdrawn prior to being noticed for a public hearing. The special permit applications received in 2024 each involved distinctly different requests, including the construction of attached and detached Accessory Dwelling Units in Residential Districts A, B and C; the installation of a Personal Wireless Service Facility in the Business A and Downtown Hingham Overlay Districts; a Special Permit modification for the operation of a private school and child care facility in the Limited Industrial Park District; the construction of a residential pier in Residence District A, a signage permit in the Industrial Park District and South Hingham Development and Overlay District; and the construction of a single-family home in Residence District A under the newly amended Section III-I.1.d(iii)(B) of the Zoning By-Law.

### Comprehensive Permits (M.G.L. c. 40B):

Chapter 40B is a state statute that allows developers to seek a single local permit under flexible rules for housing developments where at least 20-25% of the units will have a long-term affordability restriction. These

applications tend to be more complex than others, in particular because the Board must review comprehensive permit applications under all local regulations, including those otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health. As a result, the Board solicits comments from these agencies and coordinates closely with all Town departments during its review of comprehensive permit applications in order to protect the public interest consistent with local needs. The Board did not receive any of these applications in 2024.

Board members would like to express appreciation for the support, cooperation, and assistance we received from all Town departments during the past year. Zoning Board staff within the Land Use & Development Department is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all zoning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to visit its webpage ([www.hingham-ma.gov/351](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/351)), where all application materials are now posted, and attend its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn S. Maguire, Chair  
Paul K. Healey  
Joseph Ruccio

## Historic Districts Commission

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The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for reviewing proposed exterior additions and alterations to buildings in Hingham's historic districts. In 2024, the Historic Districts Commission held over 44 hearings and made site visits to review applications from property owners seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to protect the history and character of Hingham's historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the characteristic architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts. Maintenance and repair projects do not require a hearing and are approved administratively. The work of the Commission is enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, M.G.L. c. 40C, and by the Historic Districts By-law approved by Town Meeting.

The Commission's objective is to work collaboratively with applicants to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of a historic building and its site. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior form the basis for the Commission's review of projects. Hingham's local design guidelines, *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts*, and *Guidelines for New Construction and Additions in Hingham's Historic Districts* are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. These Guidelines define the standards for exterior work on properties located in historic districts throughout the country, Hingham's historic districts included, and are a valuable resource for property owners to submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Historic Districts Commission page on the Town's website or by contacting the Administrator via email.

The Commission consists of five voting members and five alternates appointed by the Select Board for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the group of voting members and the group of alternate members each include an AIA architect, one designee from the Planning Board, one designee from the Historical Society, a resident of an historic district and an at-large member.

The Commission has held remote meetings using Zoom for the last several years, beginning with the onset of Covid. As a practical matter, remote access has its benefits. The ability to share a screen allows everyone, Commission member and the public, to see project plans clearly, easily, and simultaneously. The ability to use other tools such as Google maps and historical and architectural descriptions of a building or property under

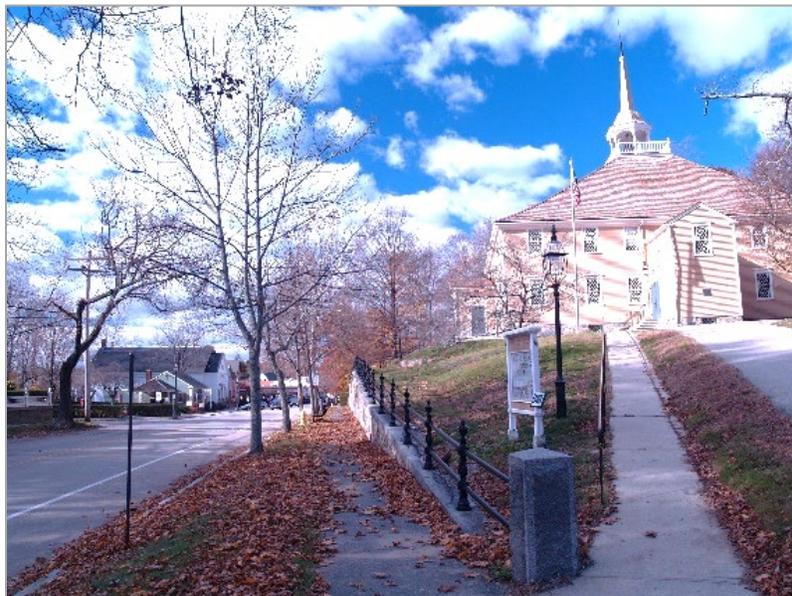
review is another advantage of meeting remotely. Despite remote access, the Commission has maintained its high level of service to applicants seeking project approvals and meetings and site visits have been held as scheduled. The public has always been encouraged to attend Commission meetings. Several in person meetings are planned for 2025; however, most meetings will continue to be held remotely. Commission meetings are generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. The Commission videotapes all of its meetings, which can be accessed via the Harbor Media website or YouTube.

Last summer, long-time Historical Administrator Andrea Young retired. We thank Andrea for her many years of service to the Town and for her dedication to preserving Hingham's history.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Gaul, Administrator

Members:  
Daniel Clark, Chair  
Carol Pyles, Vice-Chair  
Catherine Daley  
Justin Aborn  
Eric Smoczynski

Alternate Members:  
Josh Blevins  
Mary Anne Donaldson  
Steve Sadler



## Hingham Historical Commission

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The Hingham Historical Commission was created by Town Meeting in 1974 to serve as the Town's official body for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, most of which are identified in the *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The *Inventory* lists these assets, which consist of the homes, outbuildings, churches and other non-residential or commercial buildings, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of its character, culture and historic appeal. The Inventory is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

Under M.G.L. c. 40 § 8D local Historical Commissions are responsible for: (1) creating and maintaining an inventory of historic assets as described in the previous paragraph; (2) protecting these assets from neglect, deterioration, demolition and development; (3) providing educational opportunities to understand the Town's history and the historic context of its resources. The Commission carries out its responsibilities by establishing new initiatives and objectives annually and pursues its mission through the time, expertise, and commitment of its volunteer members.

During 2024, the Commission continued its focus on longer-term initiatives including maintaining the historical streetscapes along the Greenbush Rail corridor with grants from the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust. The Virginia Tay Memorial Lecture Series, sponsored by Mary Anne Tay Donaldson, member of the Historic Districts Commission, with the support of the Historical Commission realizes the goal of Dr. Virginia Tay, former Historical Commission member, to bring nationally known authors, historians, Presidential biographers and Pulitzer Prize recipients to Hingham. Ken Burns, speaking to a full house, provided a spectacular lecture at the Old Ship Church this past year. Past lecturers include John Meacham and Doris Kearns Goodwin. Finally, the seventh annual reenactment of the Battle of Grape Island took place at Hingham Harbor, commemorating the beginning of the Provision Wars and the second battle of the American Revolution.



The Historical Commission, in concert with the Town Treasurer, administers the \$1.35M Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation and improvement of historical assets along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way. In 2024, the Commission awarded grants totaling \$100,000.

Monies from the Historical Commission's Preservation Projects Fund, initially established pursuant to statute with grants and donations, maintain assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, Victory (the "iron" horse), and the markers and monuments located throughout Town. The Commission also uses the fund to help carry out projects and programs important to preserving the Town's historic character. Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act (CPA)*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes such projects and programs and has used CPA and other grants to support preservation-related projects.

The Commission also advises on certain environmental reviews through the Federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting in 1988 and revised in 2012. The By-law is designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

Finally, by virtue of its demonstrated level of commitment to historic preservation, The Town of Hingham has been designated by the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Department of the Interior. Hingham has the distinction of being one of only 27 Certified Local Governments in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dings, Chair  
Robert Stansell  
Stephen Jiranek  
Brendan Concannon  
Kevin Francis Warren

Heidi Gaul, Administrator

# Information Technology

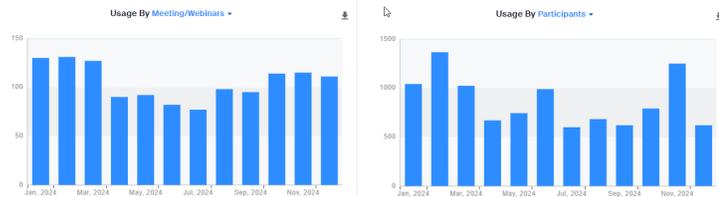
The Information Technology (IT) Department's three full-time staff members are responsible for supporting more than 20 municipal departments across 16 locations. The Department provides strategic direction for and management of the Town's technology resources. The IT Department also supports the School Administration offices and VoIP telephone system servicing both Town and School buildings and works closely with the School Department's IT staff.

The Department provides centralized management of network infrastructure, servers, storage, backup, VoIP telephone communications system, workstation/peripheral/mobile devices, and security systems. Application support includes the Town's financial/human resources management, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Assessor's parcel database, Microsoft Exchange email, licensing/permitting databases, and cloud services. This includes procurement, installation, configuration, maintenance, removal, and disposal of any related technology.

The Department is responsible for the Town's website including updates, enhancements and content management system (CMS) administration.

Major accomplishments over the past year:

- Responded to 2,563 helpdesk tickets
- Upgraded the Town-Wide phone system to a cloud hosted UCaaS (Universal Communication as a Service) platform greatly improving the reliability, redundancy and remote work flexibility over the existing end-of-life on-site system.
- Upgraded our Exchange e-mail platform to current version and began integration with Office 365.
- The Town has hosted 1262 online (remote or hybrid) meetings for a total of 575,082 minutes with a total of 10,397 participants. Graphs below show the distribution over the past 12 months.



- Replacement of older desktop/laptop devices that have reached the end of life expectancy.
- Oversaw the upgrade of audio/video technology in the Central Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall) enabling Harbor Media to

effectively record and live stream meetings for a consistent viewing and broadcast experience for hybrid meetings.

- Worked with the Public Safety Building project team to prepare for the required technology elements of the new facility.

I am sure I am leaving some significant projects off the above list but with the work that was accomplished over the past 12 months we are well poised for new/updated services and systems to be implemented over the coming 12 months.

I appreciate the support from the Town Administrator's office, our elected officials, board and committee members, and residents who all recognize the important role Technology plays in Municipal Government. I, along with Kate Richardsson and Joe Lindsay, look forward to continuing to serve and support the community through our stewardship of the Technology infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hartigan, Director of Information Technology

## Personnel Board

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The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2024.

The Personnel Board addressed a multitude of issues in the 2024 calendar year. The Board approved three job descriptions for the newly created positions of: Sustainability Coordinator and placed the position on the Salary Schedule at Grade 8; Program Assistant for the Recreation Department and placed the position on the Salary Schedule at Grade 2 and Assistant Sewer Superintendent and place the position on the Salary Schedule at Grade 11.

The Board approved revisions to the following job descriptions: Assistant Conservation Officer; Procurement and Contracts Manager; DPW Superintendent; Water Superintendent; Assistant Water Superintendent and the Historic Preservation Administrator.

The Board approved an adjustment to the salary steps in Grade 13 on the GovHR Salary Schedule and approved the placements of the DPW Superintendent and the Water Superintendent on the updated Salary Schedule.

The Board approved the following requests to hire: Center for Active Living's Program Coordinator at Grade 6, Step 3 of the Salary Schedule with an additional week of vacation time; Administrative Assistant for the Conservation Department at Grade 3, Step 6 of the Salary Schedule; South Shore Country Club Grounds Keeper at Grade X-15, Year 4 on the Seasonal Salary Schedule; Building Maintenance Specialist at Grade 5, Step 3 of the Salary Schedule with 2 additional weeks of vacation; Tax Receipt Clerk at Grade 3, Step 4 of the Salary Schedule; Sustainability Coordinator at Grade 8, Step 5 of the Salary Schedule; Assistant Golf Superintendent at Grade 6, Step 5 of the Salary Schedule with an additional week of vacation time; Assistant Town Engineer at Grade 10, Step 3 of the Salary Schedule; Conservation Officer at Grade 10, Step 5 of the Salary Schedule with an additional week of vacation time; Procurement and Contracts Manager at Grade 8, Step 4 of the Salary Schedule; Conservation Department Administrative Assistant at Grade 3, Step 2 of the Salary Schedule, and the GIS Coordinator at Grade 9, Step 5 of the Salary Schedule.

The Board approved placement on the Salary Schedule for the following promotions: Assistant Conservation Officer at Grade 6, Step 4 of the Salary Schedule; Recreation Department Program Manager at Grade 8, Step 4 of the Salary Schedule and the Historic Preservation Administrator at Grade

8, Step 2 of the Salary Schedule. The Board approved placement on the Salary Schedule for the transfer of the Executive Assistant to the Select Board at Grade 4, Step 5 of the Salary Schedule.

Additional sick time was approved for a Police Officer.

Fifteen vacation carry-over requests were approved by the Board.

The Board recommended to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2024, a change to the Town of Hingham Personnel Bylaws be made to the language in Sections 14.a. and 14.c. to read in its entirety as follows: 14.a. Vacation time "effective January 1, 2025, to provide three weeks of vacation for employees with 1 year to 5 years of continuous full-time employment, 4 weeks of vacation for employees with 5 years to 20 years of continuous full-time employment, and 5 weeks of vacation for employees with 20 years and over of continuous full-time employment". Section 14.c. to state the following: "The Personnel Board is authorized to approve vacation days in excess of those specified, not to exceed 25 in total, to facilitate the employment negotiations." This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting.

The Board remains in negotiations with the Police Patrolman's Association, the Hingham Police Superior Officers Union MCOP, Local 405, the Hingham Permanent Firefighters Association, IAFF, Local 2398, and the Hingham Library Staff Association. The Board shortly will begin collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the union representing the Department of Public Works Teamsters Local 25, whose agreement expires on June 30, 2025.

Finally, the Board extends its gratitude to Russell Conn who stepped down from the Personnel Board after graciously returning to the Personnel Board as an interim member. His experience and knowledge were invaluable and he will be missed. The Board welcomed new member, Lynn Carroll.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Manning, Chair  
Lynn Carroll  
Karen Johnson  
Courtney Orwig  
David Pace

## Department of Public Works

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The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with procurement, building maintenance and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

DPW is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private ways and unaccepted subdivisions. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as the monitoring and maintenance of the Town's capped Sanitary Landfill.

### Highway Division

*Drainage:* Inspected, repaired and made adjustments to 25 catch basins prior to road reconstruction. Replaced 6' of failed drainage pipe at Harbor View Drive; 8' of drainage pipe at Bradley Park Drive; 38' of drainage pipe at Bonnie Brier Circle; 80' of drainage pipe at King Philip Path.

*Maintenance Operations:* Painted & marked, swept & cleaned, plowed & treated 140 miles of Town owned roadways and approximately 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,384 drainage structures and outfalls, install, repair, maintain 3,100 traffic and street signs and maintain five sets of signal lights.

### Stormwater Management

**Stormwater Regulation:** The Stormwater Phase II Final Rule was promulgated in 1999 and was the next step after the 1987 Phase I Rule in EPA's effort to preserve, protect, and improve the Nation's water resources from polluted stormwater runoff. The Phase II program expands the Phase I program by requiring additional operators of from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in urbanized areas and operators of small construction sites, through the use of National Pollution

Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits, to implement programs and practices to control polluted stormwater runoff. Phase II is intended to further reduce adverse impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat by instituting the use of controls on the unregulated sources of stormwater discharges that have the greatest likelihood of causing continued environmental degradation. Under the Phase II rule all MS4s with stormwater discharges from Census designated Urbanized Area are required to seek NPDES permit coverage for those stormwater discharges.

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP): The Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) describes and details the activities and measures that will be implemented to meet the terms and conditions of the permit. The SWMP accurately describes the permittees plans and activities. The document should be updated and/or modified during the permit term as the permittee's activities are modified, changed or updated to meet permit conditions during the permit term. The main elements of the stormwater management program are (1) a public education program in order to affect public behavior causing stormwater pollution, (2) an opportunity for the public to participate and provide comments on the stormwater program (3) a program to effectively find and eliminate illicit discharges within the MS4 (4) a program to effectively control construction site stormwater discharges to the MS4 (5) a program to ensure that stormwater from development projects entering the MS4 is adequately controlled by the construction of stormwater controls, and (6) a good housekeeping program to ensure that stormwater pollution sources on municipal properties and from municipal operations are minimized.

#### Vehicle Maintenance

The DPW facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station, and Sewer Department's equipment safely and more efficiently. This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks with sanders and plows, 11 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks with plows, 4 Sidewalk Plows, 1 Front End Loaders, 1 Backhoe, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging Material Handler, 1 Chipper, 5 Mowers, Chainsaws and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of Health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park and Town Hall.

*Snow and Ice Control:* In 2024, Hingham received 10" of snow. The DPW conducted 2 Snowplow Operations and seven Sanding Operations.

*Special Projects:* Assist in the following projects: annual voting and elections setup, Town Meeting setup, Christmas in the Square, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Road Race and Parade, downtown and beach trash, keeping the new boat ramp accessible for launching and retrieving boats.

*New Equipment:* 2024 Trackless Tractor, 2024 Pickup Truck

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 2  
Tree Removals: 162  
Trees Pruned: 175

*New Equipment:* 2024 Bucket Truck

*Special Projects/Maintenance:* The Tree and Park Division maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and strives to constantly make improvements with the assistance of other Town committees to which we are extremely grateful. We maintain in excess of 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various boards, committees, and departments within the Town.

The Tree & Park Department continues its work within the Town Forest. The George Washington Town Forest was diagnosed with "Red Pine Scale" and the "Pine Shoot Beetle" which has contributed to the widespread mortality of the Red Pine Trees in the forest. Trails in the forest are monitored for downed trees and limbs. About 85% of the trees that were a threat to the public have been removed and an on-going tree removal program is in place which evaluates and removes any threats to the public. We would like to thank you for your patience while this process is going on with our commitment to open the forest with minimal impact on the forest as we make it safe for the public.

This year Tree & Park planted two shade trees throughout the town due limited budget due to the rising cost of normal operations and the increased frequency of storm clean up.

The 2024 Arbor Day Celebration was celebrated on April 26, 2024 with the planting of an October Glory Red Maple on Hingham Common. The Town of Hingham was also recognized as a "Tree City USA" for the 36<sup>th</sup> year.

The Department of Public Works would like to express its sincere gratitude to the past and present members of the Shade Tree Committee for their many hours of dedication and service to the Town of Hingham. We would also like to thank the Hingham Beautification Commission and Garden Club for all they do in keeping our many traffic islands and downtown sidewalks looking great.

Our staff's knowledge and experience is a great asset to the town and we would be happy to discuss any questions regarding the care and

maintenance of trees and shrubs.

#### Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year, we transferred 5,118 tons of household rubbish to the COVANTA/SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 796 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 1,811 tons of mixed recyclables, 500 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 4.5 tons of tires, 1,865 gallons of motor oil, 32 tons of electronics, 159 tons of textiles, 198 pounds of batteries.

In 2024, Hingham's collection of household hazardous waste handled 206 cars. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 668,800 cans and 79,800 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$37,430. Twenty four (24) different Hingham Youth Organizations received \$23,640 for the year and \$13,790 went to the recycling fund. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2024, the revenue from the scale was \$110,300. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) revenue for part-time permits, residential permits and commercial permits was \$17,825. With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 7,686 cars per week.

We continue to have a residential Composting Program and with the support of the Cleaner Greener Hingham Recycling Committee, the DPW offers composting bins for a reduced cost of \$25 a bin. Please call the DPW office to reserve yours today.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

*Special Projects:* The Transfer Station is still in the process of finishing the installation of a second hand baler. This baler will allow the Transfer Station to start bailing the more equitable commodities.

### Engineering Division

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works provides a wide variety of support services to Town departments, commissions, and boards. The division was augmented in December with the addition of our new Assistant Town Engineer, Matthew Mui. Matthew is a Hingham High School graduate (2009) and is preparing for the PE exam. We are pleased to report the following activities were accomplished in 2024.

*Roadwork:* Management of approximately 113 miles of town-wide roadway infrastructure system. The administration of work included: Management of State Funds (Chapter 90), and Town funds for Road Building. Analyzed road ratings and developed a paving plan that was completed during 2024 with the following 1.0 miles of road being reconstructed and/or resurfaced as required, along with the coordination of town officials, contractors, builders and the general public.

### Reconstruction and Paving:

Crow Point Lane  
Highfield Road  
Planters Field Lane  
Southgate Lane  
Westmoreland Road  
Wompatuck Road (Planters Field Lane to Kimball Beach Road)



*Sidewalks:* In addition to the road reconstruction outlined above, sidewalks were improved along the Right-of-Way in Wompatuck Road, Planters Field Lane, and Crow Point Lane.

*Projects:* Engineering is actively involved in projects throughout Town which are being advanced through committees or through Town Administration. Engineering provided support to the 30 Summer Street acquisition and improvements, and continues active support on the Public

Safety Facility, improvements at the South Shore Country Club, the Lincoln School Apartments, Central Fire Station, South Fire Station, Harbor Resiliency, and to the Lincoln Street Sewer Main Replacement Project. Transportation projects include the annual paving program, Complete Streets Tier 2 Implementation, Route 3A Improvements, design for the Main Street/Middle Street/Short Street intersection, Lincoln Park traffic improvements, Speed Limit Reduction on certain roads, and traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements in North Street.

*Key Initiatives/Current Projects:* The following projects will continue through the following year: Route 3A Design & Safety Improvements, Inner Harbor Resiliency, 5-Year Road Reconstruction Plan, Complete Streets Project Implementation, Main Street/Middle Street/Short Street intersection Safety Improvements, Lincoln Park traffic improvements, and Traffic Calming efforts.

*Grants:* Engineering remained diligent in seeking out and applying for grants to reduce Town outlays on certain capital projects. Engineering completed the permitting scope using a grant award from Coastal Zone Management supporting the Harbor Resiliency project in the amount of \$268,771. Tasks involved are grant preparation, administration & reporting on awarded grants. Engineering applied for and was awarded a follow-up grant from Coastal Zone Management supporting the Harbor Resiliency project in the amount of \$287,928. Tasks include Hingham Harbor Waterfront Resiliency Project Salt Marsh Analysis, Compliance/Permitting, and Project Management.

*Committee Support:* Engineering works with project proponents (citizens, committees and boards) to help facilitate their project goals. These include the Harbor Development Committee (HDC), Route 3A Task Force, Building Committees, Trustees of the Bathing Beach, and the Traffic Committee..

Support to Town Departments: The Engineering staff provides technical services to Town departments, committees and boards that include, but are not limited to, any related town construction such as: reviewing and advising on construction, maintenance, repairs of buildings, grounds, subdivision and other plans and proposals that require the Engineering department to meet and direct engineers, architects and consultants hired by the Town of Hingham for road and building designs. We also assist local engineering firms and residents with research record drawings of utilities, property lines, etc. that exist within the Town.

#### Interdepartmental

The DPW and the Sewer Department have been working out of the DPW

building and are under the direction of the DPW Superintendent. This arrangement has allowed both departments to realize savings from sharing manpower, equipment, and office staff. The consolidation has also allowed the DPW and Sewer Department to save in operating expenses and has allowed the DPW to use its workforce more efficiently. We will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services for the Town of Hingham.

It is our commitment to keep the Town of Hingham looking its best at all times and working to restore or improve its historical value while keeping with the plans of the future. We are constantly striving to train and keep our staff as safe and efficient as possible.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like express my sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many, many long continuous hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department/Sewer Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

I would like to give special thanks to all of the Sewer Commissioners, Kirk Shilts, Clark Frazier, James Byrne and the employees of the Sewer Department and DPW for the ongoing transition of leadership of the day to day operations. This arrangement has allowed both departments to be more efficient and cost effective.

We would also give special thanks and wish good luck to Mike Mullin, Highway Supervisor, who retired after 29 years of dedicated service. We are happy to welcome new employees Ashley Sanford, Assistant DPW Superintendent; William Gammon, Highway Heavy Equipment Operator; Andrew Swanson, Aerial Bucket Operator; Jesse Petrilli, Transfer Station Heavy Equipment Operator; and John Kaulbfliesch, Highway Skilled Laborer to our Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent  
Ashley Sanford, Assistant DPW Superintendent  
JR Frey, Town Engineer

## Sewer Commission & Sewer Department

The Hingham Sewer Commission consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years and the commission oversees sewer department policies, annual and capital budgets and reviews and sets rates. The Water and Sewer Superintendent manages the operations and maintenance of the sewer system in Hingham.

The Hingham sewer department provides sewer service to approximately 2,500 residences and/or businesses in the North Sewer District and about 180 residences and/or businesses in the Weir River Sewer District. We inspect and maintain fourteen (14) wastewater pumping stations, 33 miles of gravity sewer main, 1.5 miles of sewer force main, and 2.3 miles of low pressure sewer main.

In 2024, the town began work to restructure the sewer department by looking into hiring a professional Operation & Maintenance (O&M) contractor to operate and maintain the system and to combine water and sewer functions into one department. This involved revising the Water Department Managing Director/Superintendent position to include the Sewer Department and create the new position of Assistant Sewer Superintendent. This will combine our water and sewer operations to streamline our efforts, enhance efficiency, and bring cost savings for all ratepayers.

### Pump Stations (PS) Operations/ Maintenance:

- Installed new locks at several stations to improve security
- Replaced and repaired fencing at several stations for security
- Upgraded lighted at several plants to improve operator safety
- Malcolm St. PS – complete upgrade on controls and wet well
- Lewis Court PS – performed control panel upgrades
- Howe St. PS – replaced pump and check valves
- Mill S.t PS – enhanced chemical feed system
- Broad Cove PS – replaced variable frequency drive on pump #1
- Broad Cove PS – made significant piping improvements
- Howe St. PS – replaced pump #1 and installed new check valves



#### Collection System Maintenance/ Repairs:

- We had no major main breaks and/or repairs in 2024
- Replaced one service connection

#### Infiltration & Inflow Program (I&I):

The program consists of investigating and inspecting the sewer infrastructure for unwanted entry of storm water and other illegal discharges, such as sump pumps and roof drains, into the collection system. Ratepayers pay for the disposal and treatment of this additional water which in turn can overtax our system, cause failures and in some instances overflows.

Our engineering consultant inspected 75 manholes and performed a video inspection of approximately 10,000 linear feet of sewer lines. The report outlined deficiencies that we will address in fiscal-year 2026.



The following rehabilitation work was performed to reduce and mitigate I&I, and increase the capacity of the sewer system.

- 14 sewer manholes were rehabilitated and epoxy coated along Canterbury St and Hull St. These were identified as having hydrogen sulfide damage and significant I&I.

#### Capital Improvement Projects:

The Route 3A force-main replacement project was posted to public bid and we received nine qualified responses. The contract was awarded to Dig It Construction, LLC of South Dennis MA in the amount of \$3,527,188.74. This project will commence in the spring of 2025 and include replacing the original sectioned concrete force-main with new 14" C900 Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe.

Our consultant is also continuing the design work on a new 24-inch gravity main that will replace the aging original 18" gravity main on Route 3A, enhancing both flow and capacity. This work is expected to go out to public bid in June of 2025.

The town will be receiving a check from the Plymouth County Commissioners Office in the amount of \$3,025,574.32. These Federal ARPA funds will be used to offset some of the expected \$13 million cost of this two-year capital project.

New Sewer Accounts:

North Sewer District: 5

Weir River Sewer District: 1

On behalf of the townspeople of Hingham, we would like express our sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the town's Sewer Department, Department of Public Works, Engineering Department, and all those who provide support to the system. These individuals work long and continuous hours to operate and maintain the collection system and pumping system to insure the safe conveyance of sewerage, and can be frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Shilts, Chair

Clark Frazier

James Byrne

Russell E. Tierney, Water and Sewer Superintendent

## Weir River Water System

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VEOLIA continues to provide contract operation, maintenance, and billing services to the Weir River Water System (WRWS). Along with VEOLIA, we are responsible for the pumping, treatment and distribution of over 1.2 billion gallons of drinking water per year to over 15,000 customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset.

The water system operates and maintains a 7.7 million gallon per day water treatment plant located at 900 Main Street in Hingham, 13 ground water sources, 3 surface water sources including Accord Pond, 196 miles of water main, 2 booster pump stations, 2 storage tanks, 3,100 gate valves, and over 950 municipally owned fire hydrants.

### Water Treatment Facility (WTF) Operations / Maintenance

During the past year, the WRWS continued to make improvements and upgrades at the WTP. A second high efficiency, energy efficient and higher capacity centrifuge was procured and installed at the WTF. The centrifuge is used to “de-water” the sludge produced by our treatment process. This water is then sent back to the head of the plant and recycled back through the process. This eliminates the need to decant water and waste it, and remove water to make sludge removal and disposal less expensive as it is charge by the ton. The existing centrifuge was install in 1996 and has exceeded its expected life span.



The WRWS invested \$1.3 million to replace the aging under drain systems in Filters 1, 3, and 4. Filter 2 was replaced under an emergency contract in 2023. The existing under drains were installed in 1996 when the plant was construction. They were using older technology and this new technology would improve our backwash process and additional upgrades we put in place to safeguard against over pressurization and other factors that can damage the filters.

All sampling performed at our WTF and in the distribution system is within EPA and MassDEP guidelines. Our total PFAS<sub>6</sub> levels remain well below

the 20 ug/L set by MassDEP and our four-year running average is 5.19 ug/L. We are working with our engineering consultant and will conducting a capacity and PFAS treatment review of the WTF to prepare for the new PFAS limits set by EPA and MassDEP. In addition, we are working on our revised lead and copper rule plan to ensure compliance with the regulations.

#### Distribution System Operations / Maintenance

We continued with our annual distribution system maintenance of fire hydrants and gate valves. Our crews responded to 16 water main breaks, 17 service leaks, replaced 4 gate valves and made other improvements throughout the system. We continued our hydrant replacement program and to date have repaired and/or replaced over 125 fire hydrants throughout the system.

We have revised our annual flushing program and in the spring of 2025 will perform a unidirectional flushing program in Hull. This program utilizes the process of closing gate valves to redirect water flow subsequently increasing velocities in our main. The process has been proven to scour and clean water mains in a more effective manner than conventional flushing.



#### Capital Improvement Projects

Capital Improvement Projects are key to the water system and the customers we serve. Over past year we completed the Downer Ave project which included replacement aged and undersized water mains on Downer Ave, Planters Field Ln and Crow Point Lane. Over the past four years we have complete capital work that included replacing 23,500 LF of water main, 12,745 LF which was recommendations from our master plan, added 6,000 LF to create loops and additional service, installed 84 additional hydrants, and added 18 additional gate valves.

We continued the design of the new 1.0 million gallon water storage tank on Strawberry Hill and booster pump station in Hingham. The addition of these two system components will improve water quality, flow, pressure, system redundancy, and firefighting capabilities.

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Our commitment to infrastructure will continue over the next several years and include a new water main on Nantasket Ave by the new seawall project.

#### Interdepartmental

On behalf of the townspeople of Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset, we would like express our sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of VEOLIA North America, the town's Department of Public Works, Engineering Department, and all those who provide support to the water system. These individuals work long and continuous hours to treat and distribute clean and safe drinking water and can be frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Tierney  
Water Superintendent/Managing Director

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## Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

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The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) is pleased to submit its Annual Report on behalf of the Municipal Light Board and employees of HMLP. In 2024, HMLP achieved numerous milestones, including the launch of new customer programs, infrastructure improvements, and the receipt of several prestigious awards. HMLP remains committed to delivering safe, reliable, and sustainable electricity to the Hingham community.

### Safety, Reliability, & Resilience

HMLP continued to invest in infrastructure and operational improvements to ensure reliable service for all customers. In 2024:

- Several neighborhoods received reliability improvements, including upgrades on a major portion of Circuit 9, tree clearing around South Pleasant Street and Charles Street, reconfiguring on Prospect Street from Charles Street to the Norwell line, and reconductoring and setting new poles in various neighborhoods in South Hingham.
- HMLP purchased and installed TripSavers, electronically controlled switches that help reduce outage calls and truck rolls.
- HMLP contracted Pathfinder Tree to trim vegetation across key areas, reducing the risk of outages.
- In November, HMLP brought the Hingham Electrical Infrastructure Reliability Project (HEIRP) to the Electrical Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) for review. Town Meeting approved HEIRP in 2022, and HMLP continues to advance the project. Read more at [heirp.com](https://heirp.com).

Thanks to these efforts, HMLP maintained its excellent safety record, with no lost-time injuries reported for the year.

### Community Initiatives, Rebates, & Outreach

HMLP strengthened its community engagement in 2024 through new programs and outreach:

- HMLP launched the *Hingham Power Hour*, an educational video series produced with Harbor Media, the Hingham Climate Action Commission, and other partners. The series aims to help residents electrify their homes and understand the benefits of clean energy.
- HMLP hosted a successful Ride & Drive event, giving residents an opportunity to test drive electric vehicles and learn about HMLP's incentives for EV adoption.
- In 2024, one year since completing the installation of fast-charging stations, HMLP's EV chargers hosted over 5,000 charging sessions.
- A public information session was held to address electric rate changes and provide clarity on HMLP's rate structure and services.

- The demand response program was launched to encourage energy conservation during peak demand periods, allowing participating customers to earn bill credits.

HMLP also transitioned its rebate administration in-house, streamlining the process for customers. In 2024, HMLP spent \$354,970 on energy conservation initiatives and conducted 116 home energy assessments. Learn more about HMLP's incentives and programming at [www.hmlp.com/electrifyhingham](http://www.hmlp.com/electrifyhingham).

#### Awards & Recognition

HMLP received significant recognition in 2024 for its achievements:

- **APPA Smart Energy Provider Award (2024-2027):** Acknowledging HMLP's commitment to innovation and sustainability.
- **APPA Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Award (2024-2027):** Highlighting HMLP's excellence in reliability and safety.
- **Platinum-Level FORTH Electric Vehicle Adoption Leadership (EVAL) Program Certification:** Honoring HMLP's leadership in public & workplace EV charging initiatives.
- **Harbor Media Community Partner of the Year:** Celebrating HMLP's collaboration with Harbor Media on various initiatives.
- **NEPPA Carol A. Tracy Customer Service Award:** A dedicated member of HMLP's Customer Service Department, Suzanne Hoffses, received recognition for her sustained, exceptional performance.

#### Financials & Power Supply Portfolio

In 2024, HMLP implemented the second phase of its rate increase, approved as part of a three-year plan to support rising operational costs and necessary infrastructure upgrades. Additionally, HMLP's income-adjusted rate supported 192 customers, ensuring equitable access to electricity. If you struggle to pay your bill, please call 781-749-0134, email [info@hmlp.com](mailto:info@hmlp.com), or visit [www.hmlp.com/assistance](http://www.hmlp.com/assistance).

For the 2024 fiscal year, the Light Board voted to transfer a payment of \$505,445 to the Town of Hingham in lieu of taxes, helping to sustain vital community services.

HMLP proudly provides reliable electric services to Hingham while keeping rates reasonable, service quality high, and operations environmentally sustainable, including a commitment to 100% carbon-free energy.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Morahan, HMLP General Manager

## Fire Department / Emergency Management

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I am pleased to submit the annual report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham as the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director.

For the third consecutive year, our call volume surpassed 5,000 incidents. In 2024, we saw an increase in medical calls and ambulance transports.

In 2024, the Hingham Fire Department responded to 5,379 emergency calls. Of those 5,379 responses, 3,716 were medically related calls, and the ambulance transported 2,811 patients, which generated a net revenue of \$2,240,629.79 in ambulance receipts.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSES – 2024

Fire	66	<b>Response Totals 2020 - 2024</b>	
Overpressure/Explosion/Over Heat	1		
Emergency Medical Services	3,716		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	357	2024	5,379
Hazardous Conditions	166	2023	5,382
Service Calls	340	2022	5,372
Good Intent Calls	473	2021	4,993
Fire Alarm and Other Alarm Calls	570	2020	4,268
Severe Weather	31		
Special Incident	16		
<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>	<b>5,379</b>		



Fire Department personnel have continued working on the Public Safety Building Project. I want to thank the Public Safety Building Committee members and everyone involved in this critical initiative. We are pleased with the construction progress and look forward to moving into the new facility in the summer of 2025.

Fire Headquarters has undergone significant renovations, including complete roof replacements, exterior trim repairs and painting, and some HVAC system repairs. Unfortunately, the HVAC project proved more complex than the contractor initially anticipated and will be replaced later. We appreciate the community's support in upgrading and maintaining our stations.

It is important to note that Station 3 (Constitution) desperately needs repairs or replacement. While Fire Headquarters underwent significant renovations in 2008 and Station 2 (Torrent) will close once crews move into the new Public Safety Building, Station 3 has only received minor cosmetic work since it was built in 1941. The building's infrastructure, including electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, remains original and needs modernization to allow the firefighters to continue providing safe and effective services to the community.

The Fire Prevention Division continued its work on inspections, permitting, and participation in various town committees. In 2024, the division issued 1,037 permits and conducted 1,764 inspections, generating \$33,675 in revenue.

**Fire Inspections - 2024**

Smoke Detector and CO Detector	632
Plan Reviews	406
Certification of Occupancy	208
Chapter 304 Alcohol License Inspections	35
FP6 Permits (General, propane storage, cutting/welding.)	399
Blasting Permit	6
Nursery School Inspection	8
Elderly Boarding Care Inspection	20
School Fire Drills	36
Food Truck Inspections	14
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>1,764</b>

Several personnel changes took place in 2024. Three members retired: Firefighter Paramedic Myriah Hallinan in July, Firefighter EMT Kevin Bliss

in October, and Lieutenant Paramedic Chris Dinapoli in December. Myriah was hired in July 2006, Kevin in September 2008, and Chris in March 1999. Chris was promoted to Lieutenant in May 2006 and later to Fire Marshal in January 2017. We extend our gratitude for their years of dedicated service and wish them all a happy and healthy retirement.

To continue strengthening our ranks, we welcomed three new firefighter paramedics. James Forbes was hired in May, and Ethan Van-Muyden and Aidan Burchill joined in September. Each successfully graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy recruit program and have joined the department serving the Town of Hingham.

With sadness, we acknowledge the passing of retired firefighter Michael McIntyre, who died on December 25, 2024. Mike joined the Hingham Fire Department as a provisional firefighter on March 29, 1971, and was hired as a permanent firefighter on September 10, 1971. He dedicated over three decades to the department before retiring on April 30, 2003. We honor his memory and his contributions to the safety of our town.

The department remained committed to continuous training and professional development. Some of the year's highlights included marine training, structural firefighting in houses slated for demolition, electric vehicle fires, oil and propane incidents, and emergency vehicle operations. Training remains a top priority to ensure our personnel are well-prepared to handle various emergencies effectively.



Deputy Lachance continued to pursue financial opportunities through grants, securing crucial funding to enhance department resources. The department received an \$18,900 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Safety, which allowed the purchase of 60 high-visibility jackets for personnel. These jackets can be worn on medical calls and incorporated into the firefighter station uniform. Additionally, the department received a \$5,100 FEMA Emergency Preparedness Grant to

purchase four portable generators, further strengthening our emergency response capabilities.

The department was again pleased to offer the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) and Senior SAFE programs. The state awarded us \$6,658 to support both programs, enabling our educators to teach fire safety in schools and at the senior center. Teaching fire safety to students today builds a safer community and can help save lives.

Members of the department participated in Hingham's Local Government Academy and demonstrated forcing doors, fire extinguisher operation, and engine pump operation. The residents were also shown some of our EMS equipment and turnout gear, and some chose to ride 100 feet in the air on the Quint platform.



I want to take this opportunity to thank and credit all our department members for their outstanding dedication and professionalism. The men and women of the Hingham Fire Department are truly committed to serving the public with skill and excellence. It is an honor and privilege to lead such an exceptional team. I also thank the Select Board, the Town Administrator, the Assistant Town Administrators, all Town Departments, and various committees for their collaboration and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Murphy  
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

# Hingham Police Department



As Chief of Police for the Town of Hingham, I am proud to present the 2024 annual report for the Hingham Police Department. It has been a year of progress, growth, and continued dedication to serving and protecting the residents of Hingham.

## Hingham Police Statistics – 2024

Court Statistics	
Arrests	119
Criminal Complaint Applications	197
Traffic Statistics	
Motor Vehicle Citations	3,564
Parking Tickets	216

### Our First Fully Electric Police Vehicle

This year, we took a significant step into the future with the addition of our first fully electric police vehicle, a Ford Lightning. This vehicle represents not only a leap toward sustainability, but also a commitment to maintaining modern, efficient, and eco-conscious practices within our department. As we continue to explore environmentally-friendly solutions, the Ford Lightning will serve as an important part of our fleet and pave the way for future green initiatives within the Hingham Police Department.



### Honoring Our K-9s: Retirement and New Beginnings

In a bittersweet moment, we bid farewell to K-9 Pedy, who retired after years of faithful service to the Hingham Police Department. Pedy's contributions have been immeasurable, and we are forever grateful for his work in keeping our community safe. As Pedy enjoys his well-deserved retirement, we are pleased to welcome K-9 Gary, who has already begun serving alongside his



handler, Officer Ross. K-9 Gary has quickly proven to be a valuable asset to our team, and we look forward to the continued success of this dynamic partnership.

Expanding Collaborations: Integration with the Harbormaster’s Office

In a continued effort to ensure the safety of our community, Hingham Police Officers have been integrated into the Harbormaster’s Office to begin patrolling Hingham’s beautiful waterways. When boating season is in full swing, this collaboration enhances our ability to respond to incidents, assist with maritime law-enforcement, and ensure the safety of all those enjoying our coastline. This partnership allows us to offer a more comprehensive approach to safety in the town of Hingham.



Strengthening Community Connections

Our commitment to engaging with the community remains as strong as ever. The Hingham Police Department continues to be deeply involved in a variety of initiatives that foster positive relationships and open communication with our residents. Events such as National Night Out, where we interact with families and residents of all ages, and the wildly popular Citizen’s Police Academy, allow us to build trust, understanding, and cooperation with the people we serve. Additionally, our Coffee with a Cop events have become a valuable way to connect with the community in a more informal setting. These events provide an opportunity for residents to meet our officers, discuss concerns, and share ideas in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. These programs have been instrumental in strengthening the bond between our department and the community, and we look forward to continuing these efforts in the years to come.



### Our New Public Safety Facility

This year, we would also like to take a moment to express our deep gratitude to the residents of Hingham for their support in the construction of our new Public Safety Facility. This state-of-the-art building will provide our officers with the modern tools and resources necessary to continue serving our town with excellence. We are excited about the upcoming move to the new facility, scheduled for the summer of 2025, and we know that it will be a major step forward in our commitment to public safety.



### A Heartfelt Thank You

Finally, I want to extend my deepest thanks to the dedicated members of the Hingham Police Department. Each day, our officers go above and beyond in their service to the community, and their hard work, professionalism, and dedication never go unnoticed. It is truly an honor to work alongside such a talented and committed team, and I am grateful for all they do.

In closing, I would like to thank the residents of Hingham for their continued support and trust in our department. We remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our town, and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief David P. Jones  
Hingham Police Department

## Traffic Committee

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The Traffic Committee exists to assist Hingham residents and business owners with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes, but rather recommends proposals to the Select Board.

The designation of the 25 MPH speed limit for business districts and thickly settled roadways (with the exception of state highways) continued to be implemented. This measure to improve public safety was approved at the 2022 Town meeting. The process has consisted of installing signage and flashing speed warning signs along with enforcement by Hingham Police Department.

Improvements continue to be discussed for the Lincoln Street at North Street (Fountain Square area) to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow. A recommendation was made to the Select Board to proceed with the conceptual plan. The Committee provided feedback to the 3A Task Force in regards to traffic management along Route 3A and surrounding streets. This is still a work in progress.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street. In 2024 based on available data, there were 4 accidents at this location. At High, French and Ward, based on available data, there was a total of 6 accidents (5 at High/French and 1 at High/Ward).

Once again, the Traffic Committee thanks the citizens of Hingham for their ongoing interest in suggesting ways to improve the free and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian movement within the town's streets and sidewalks.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, they can make a written request to the attention of Sergeant Jeffrey Kilroy and the Traffic Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief David P. Jones, Chair (Represented by Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy)  
Chief Steven Murphy (Represented by Deputy Chief David Levenson)  
Randy Sylvester, Department of Public Works  
JR Frey, Town of Hingham Engineering Department  
Rita DaSilva, Representative for Planning Board  
Mark Buonagurio

## Harbormaster

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It's been another busy and dynamic year for the Harbormaster Division. I'm proud of our team's dedication and hard work as we've responded to a wide range of situations on Hingham's waters. From assisting boaters in need to ensuring compliance with regulations, our focus has always been on the safety and well-being of our community. This report provides an overview of our activities, progress, and notable incidents from the past year.



Our 33-foot Safe boat, Marine I, has undergone a comprehensive refurbishment. This includes the installation of new Twin Mercury 400 v10 engines, significantly improving efficiency and performance. We've also integrated a mobile data terminal and an updated thermal camera, enhancing our operational capabilities for years to come. As Marine I approaches 20 years of service, we anticipate securing additional Port Security funds for its eventual replacement.



We've strengthened our Harbormaster Division by swearing in four patrol officers and two sergeants as Assistant Harbormasters. Our team now comprises both police officers with Harbormaster authority and civilian Harbor Masters. Together we manage tasks from pump-outs and mooring rentals to critical search and rescue operations and routine patrols. We've dedicated significant time to vessel and waterway familiarization and will continue in-depth training in maritime law enforcement and search and rescue.



*Harbormaster Ken Corson and Assistant Harbormaster James Tian*

Early in the season, a boat returning from Boston requested urgent medical assistance for an unconscious passenger. Marine II intercepted the vessel as it entered the Shipyard. Narcan was administered after arriving at the dock. All our vessels are equipped with Narcan, and our team is trained in its administration.

We responded to a serious boating accident in Weymouth waters, just outside of Hingham. A collision between a powerboat and a sailboat resulted in injuries to the two people on the sailboat, who were transported to shore by the Weymouth Harbormaster for medical care. The Hingham Harbormaster remained on scene to address the navigational hazard, and the incident was investigated by the Environmental Police. This incident drew considerable media attention.

We respond to overnight emergency calls when patrol boats are not staffed. One night, we received a call about a small fishing boat sinking in the Back River with two people in the water. Thankfully, the individuals were safe on shore upon our arrival. We subsequently recovered the vessel and towed it to the Weymouth Boat Ramp.

The Harbormaster Division issues permits for all vessels moored in our waterways. This year, we encountered a situation involving an individual who attempted to live aboard a disabled sailboat on another's permitted mooring. With the assistance of the department's clinician, and after addressing the associated challenges, including an emergency tow when the vessel broke its mooring, the individual decided boat life wasn't for him, sold the boat, and returned home.

While many days offer enjoyable boating weather and positive interactions with the public, we also respond to various service calls. Here is a list of the most common calls for service this year.

**2024 Statistics**

<p><b><u>Public Safety</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat Crash</li> <li>• Boat B&amp;E</li> <li>• Boat Stolen</li> <li>• Boat Stops</li> <li>• Vessel Assists</li> <li>• Water Rescues</li> <li>• Assist Other Agency</li> <li>• Missing Person</li> <li>• Disturbance</li> <li>• Animal Call</li> <li>• 911 Calls</li> <li>• Medical Mental Health</li> <li>• Fire Investigation</li> <li>• Suspicious Activity</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Harbor Management</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,300 Permitted boats</li> <li>• 427 Transient boats</li> <li>• 247 Pumpout hours</li> <li>• 281 Boats pumped</li> <li>• 5,111 Gallons pumped</li> </ul>
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This fall, the Back River became an unexpected stage for a breathtaking spectacle: a minke whale! It was a first for me, and the sight drew a crowd of onlookers. People lined the shores for hours, mesmerized as the whale gracefully circled the Hewitt's Cove Mooring Field and the ferry terminal. Each surfacing was a moment of delight, a playful display before it would dive, only to reappear unexpectedly somewhere else. Despite the

excitement, there was a shared concern for the whale's safety and well-being.



The Harbormaster Division is deeply committed to both our local community and our homeland security responsibilities. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and suggestions, and we can be reached via email at [harbormaster@hpd.org](mailto:harbormaster@hpd.org) or in the office at 781-741-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Corson III, Esq.  
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable  
Custodian of the Islands

## Animal Control

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The one full-time Animal Control Officer and Animal Inspector is responsible for handling domestic, barnyard and marine animals, while also dealing with sick or injured wildlife on Hingham Town owned property and enforcing all animal-related State and Town laws.

In 2024, Hingham Animal Control continued to patrol Bare Cove Park and monitor the off-leash dog program as well as coyote and other wildlife activity. Animal Control worked with local veterans (Vets with Pets) and seniors to help them ensure their pets are well cared for when they are in need of assistance. In

addition, Animal Control is prepared to enforce the new Ollie's Law, an Act to Increase Kennel Safety, and handle cases of suspected bird flu. The Animal Inspector performed annual barn, kennel, doggie daycare, and veterinarian offices inspections to ensure they meet safety protocols.

### Animal Control Statistics – 2024

Calls to duty	363
Barn Inspections	15
Kennel Inspections	8
Loose dogs	34
Quarantines	19
Citations	10

The Hingham Animal Control Officer would like to acknowledge and thank the Chief and Deputy Chiefs of the Police Department, Select Board, Town Administrator, Town Departments, and all Hingham residents for their continued support.

I look forward to continuing to serve the residents and animals of Hingham in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Leslie Badger, Animal Control and Animal Inspector

## Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by Town Meeting in 2007. Hingham is one of more than 100 towns that have created a state-authorized affordable housing trust to work with state and local agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low- and moderate- income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many constituencies.

Trustees are appointed by the Select Board and include one member of the Select Board. The Trust's powers include the authority to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. Our mission statement is as follows:

- The Trust seeks to preserve affordable housing through a variety of means which will benefit both current and potential new residents.
- The Trust will propose, support, and develop affordable housing that contributes positively to the character of the town, considering both Hingham's history and its future.
- The Trust will engage in education and advocacy with the goal of promoting the diversity of Hingham's population.

### Lincoln School Apartments

Lincoln School Apartments (LSA) is a 60-unit senior affordable housing development that the Town purchased in 2008. Since then, the Trust has been the sole member of Lincoln Apartments LLC, which leases the property and oversees the Board of Managers of LSA. The Trust appoints two members to that Board. One of the Board's roles is to assess and address capital improvements. In 2024, the hallway airway system was replaced, to improve comfortable air temperature and air flow in the hallways in both LSA buildings. The Board along with the Trust and Town staff continue to review needed capital improvements and develop repair schedules.

### Creating Housing

In 2024, the Trust added three new units – on Rhodes Circle, Central Street and Beal's Cove Road- to the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) and expects to add two additional units in 2025. During 2024, the Trust completed renovations of two condominium units and purchased an additional unit. One renovation project and two single-family home projects are presently in the planning stages. The Trust continues to look to obtain additional properties to rehabilitate and sell to income-qualified buyers.

The support of dedicated professional staff is key to our success. The Trust expresses its gratitude to Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator of Operations; Jennifer Oram, Zoning Administrator/Senior Planner, and Donna Thompson, Land Use and Development Coordinator. We look forward to working closely with them in the coming year. The Trust also thanks the Select Board for its continued support of the Trust's initiatives as well as the Community Preservation Committee, Planning Board, and other Town boards and officials for their ongoing commitment to the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Hingham. We welcome continued public participation and input from residents and encourage interested individuals to attend our monthly meetings to learn more about affordable housing efforts in Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Falvey, Chair  
Pamela Bates, Vice Chair  
Michael Sutton, Treasurer  
Liz Klein, Select Board Member / Trustee  
Elizabeth Curran, Trustee  
Brigid Ryan, Trustee  
Greg Waxman, Trustee

## Audit Committee

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The Audit Committee is charged with the responsibility to review the audit process, including the annual financial statements and reports prepared by our auditors. The committee met on multiple occasions over the past year to review the following reports as prepared by Clifton Larson Allen (CLA):

1. Town of Hingham "Annual Comprehensive Financial Report" (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024.
2. Town of Hingham "GAO and Uniform Guidance Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024"
3. Town of Hingham "Governance Communication Letter" for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
4. Town of Hingham "Contributory Retirement System Pension Plan Schedules for the Year Ended December 31, 2023"
5. Town of Hingham "Management Letter" for the year ended June 30, 2024, discussing internal controls, ongoing status of previously reported items and review of upcoming regulatory changes

Key findings from the auditors in the reports:

1. Had no material disagreements with management.
2. The audited financial statements received an "unmodified opinion" which is the best opinion that a government unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material respects.
3. A modified opinion has been received with respect to internal controls over financial reporting in the GAO and Uniform Guidance Report with respect to allowable costs related to overtime submitted by the Fire Department lacking adequate support. The issue is being addressed by management.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Farrington, Chair  
Judd Caplain  
Andrew Sanders, Secretary  
Wilson Kistler  
Jason Price

## Bare Cove Park Committee

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Bare Cove Park consists of 484 acres located along the banks of the Weymouth Back River. The property is managed as a wildlife preserve and a place for public recreation and education. The park is beautiful, safe, fun, and full of life. 2024 was the 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation as a Town of Hingham municipal park. The Town's website contains information about the Park, including park history, Park Regulations, a printable map, dog permit application, and a contact email to reach the Bare Cove Park Committee.

The Bare Cove Park Committee manages the day-to-day operations of the park. Ranger Scott McMillan continues to keep the park in excellent condition for year-round use. He mows the roadsides and fields seasonally and plows the snow to keep the roads clear in the winter. Ranger McMillan also completes a variety of tasks to make the park an enjoyable place to visit year-round, including removing refuse, coordinating volunteer service activities, trimming back branches from roads and trails, and maintaining the vistas of the river for all to enjoy, among many other things.

Some highlights from the year:

- The Hingham High School Rowing Team hosted the annual Salty Bow Sprints Regatta. Athletes and fans filled the banks of the Back River to watch the races.



- Hingham Recreation offered its third year of the Parkland Adventure Program where campers rode their bikes through the park enjoying fresh air, exercise, and a visit to the Dock House

Museum that houses the items found within the park from its war history.

- The annual Beantown Marathon, Bare Cove Park's main fundraiser, is the final chance for runners to qualify for the Boston Marathon. The course consists of a quiet and closed 6-loop circuit.
- South Shore Out of the Darkness Community Walk was held at Bare Cove Park in September. Over 560 participants braved the rainy weather to participate



The park hosts many other non-profit events and serves as a resource to complete community service hours.

Scott McMillan, Park Ranger, has maintained a serene environment for all park users, flora, and fauna while curating the Dock House Museum which is opened alternating Sunday's mid-day.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray O'Neill, Chair

## Trustees of the Bathing Beach

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The bath house/snack stand had a successful fourth season under the oversight of snack stand operator Greg Acerra. The community room portion of the building was utilized from April through November for the third year for yoga classes under the auspices of the Hingham Recreation Department. We hope to be able to increase the utilization of the room in 2025 for additional activities including revenue producing uses to help repay the supplementary construction funding received from Town Meeting.



We continued to interface with the Harbor Development Committee to see the completion of the updated master plan for the Inner Harbor area, which will provide a road map for future improvements and programs to help maximize the utilization of this important Town asset. We also continued to work with the 3A Committee and look forward to traffic-light improvements and increased pedestrian and bike access coming about from the 2026-2027 MA Highway Department (MHD) project.

We would like to thank Town Engineer J.R. Frey for his assistance in our ongoing planning efforts. We would again like to thank DPW Director Randy Sylvester and his staff for their ongoing efforts including: trash removal; managing sand, and grading/shaping the beach for the 2024 season; maintenance of the grass area along Route 3A and in the Grove area, and for their coordination of the geese control program. We would like to thank Town Clerk Carol Falvey and her staff for posting our meetings. We would also like to thank the Hingham Recreation Department and particularly Director Mark Thorell for overseeing the lifeguard personnel again this past year as the beach continued to see more activity than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Perrault, Chair  
Adrienne Ramsey  
Edward Johnson

## Beautification Commission

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The Hingham Beautification Commission (HBC) completed its twentieth year of helping to maintain the beauty of Hingham!

The commission met once a month mostly at the Town Hall to plan for our upcoming plantings and cleanups. There are eleven garden islands throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC about every four weeks. The lack of rain was a hardship on these islands; the plantings struggled to look their best. There are also several container gardens in downtown Hingham and Lincoln Street designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons. From April through October, about 200 hours were spent this year by the commission in planting, decorating, and maintaining these sites.

The commission receives much needed assistance from the Department of Public Works. They remove the debris that we clear out of the islands. They also help mulch before the season really gets under way. At the end of the season, they help us to clear out the island beds before winter.

We are fortunate to have a small group of extra volunteers who are willing to lend a helping hand.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spaziani, Chair  
Carolyn Aliski  
Patricial Bray  
Margaret Coleman  
Patricia Collins  
Henry Buckley



## Cable TV Advisory Committee

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In 2024, the Committee continued to focus on advising the Select Board on the content and quality of programming on our Public, Educational, and Government channels, in partnership with Hingham Harbor Media, formerly known as, Hingham Cable Access and Media (HCAM), our non-profit organization. The roll out of an HD (high-definition channel) has been well received. Please visit our web page at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/424/Cable-TV-Advisory-Committee>.

Our webpage also includes a feedback form for citizens to use to collaborate with the committee: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/FormCenter/Committees-22/Cable-Advisory-Committee-Feedback-94>.



*Scan QR Code*

Local public, education, and government programming is available on Harbor Media's high-definition channels with closed captioning support on Comcast 1072/Verizon 2131. Visit [www.HarborMedia.org](http://www.HarborMedia.org) for more information on the new grant program, live stream viewing and interactive TV schedule, how to support local programming, and training classes.

### Our Current Channels:

Public : Comcast Channel HD 1072 | Verizon HD Channel 2131

Educational: Comcast Channel 22 | Verizon Channel 29

Government: Comcast Channel 09 | Verizon Channel 30

Technologically, Harbor Media continues to offer viewers closed caption options for increased accessibility as well as the video on demand feature. Future activities include live streaming online via both Android, and iOS (Apple) smartphone devices.

I wish to thank all the committee members for the giving of their time and expertise in providing the best local cable access we can for the citizens of the Town of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Jones, Chair

Michael Wilmot, Recording Secretary

John Lawler

Heather Kashman, Hingham Schools Representative

Michelle Balconi, Harbor Media Representative

[CAC@Hingham-MA.gov](mailto:CAC@Hingham-MA.gov)

## Center for Active Living

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The Hingham Center for Active Living's mission is to support the independence and ongoing personal development of Hingham's population 60 and older, advocate for their needs and work to enhance the quality of their lives.

The Hingham Center for Active Living (HCAL) currently operates a 5,000 square foot senior center. The HCAL offers a variety of in person, remote and hybrid programs and services, including; fitness and wellness classes (i.e. massage, reflexology, strength, balance, yoga, Pilates, Pound, etc.), health clinics, lifelong learning and education, art classes, DIY crafts, special events, movies, discussion groups, information and referral services, card games, transportation, volunteer opportunities and much more.

The Center for Active Living hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30am-5:00pm and Tuesdays, 7:30am-7:00pm. The department employs one full-time Director, one full-time Administrative Assistant, one full-time Outreach Coordinator, one full-time Program Coordinator, one part-time Office Assistant and two part-time medical drivers. The department also employs one part-time grant funded Transportation Coordinator.

The Hingham Center for Active Living maintains its status of *National Accreditation* through the National Institute of Senior Centers. This achievement recognizes that the CAL performs within the top 2% of all senior centers across the country.

### Program Data

From January through December of 2024, the Center hosted 161 individual programs. These programs repeated 2,255 times. Participation grew from 1,140 active members in 2023 to 1,190 active members in 2024; including 48 residents from Linden Ponds. The Center welcomed 286 new participants, which is an increase of 23% over the prior year.

The HCAL partnered with Bridgewater University to offer Senior College courses through the College of Continuing Studies. This partnership continues and courses may be taken in person or online. The Center added several new programs and honored national recognition months. Fitness, education and games continue to be the most popular programs for our members.

### Volunteers

The Hingham Center for Active Living could not function without the efforts of our tremendous volunteers who perform a wide variety of roles within the department. Volunteers provide shuttle transportation, greet and answer the phones at our front desk, facilitate and assist with programs, prepare and serve meals, provide health insurance counseling, assist with design of the monthly newsletter and program flyers, serve on the Council on Aging and Building Committee, provide data entry, organization, deliver newsletters and so much more. The HCAL also benefits from volunteers from local non- profits and businesses including, The Women's Club, The Ladies Club, Plymouth River Elementary School, The Girls Scouts and more.

72 Volunteers logged 4,279 hours in 2024. According to Independantsector.org, the value of volunteer time was \$40.97 per hour (including cost of benefits). Volunteers of the Center saved the Town \$175,310 or the equivalent of 2.35 full-time employees.

### Transportation Services

The Department of Elder Services provides shuttle transportation services to senior residents for essential errands around Hingham and to the Center for Active Living. The shuttle van operates Monday- Thursday and is staffed by volunteer drivers.

In 2024, several special trips were added to the schedule including scenic tours of the backroads of Hingham and South Shore towns, holiday lights, Plymouth Philharmonic, JFK Museum and Library, C.N. Smith Farm, Gerard's Turkey Farm, Sugar Hill Dairy, Castle Island, Wellspring, monthly Market Basket trips, Big Y, Saver's, Derby Street Shops, Ocean State Job Lot and more.

The Department provides free transportation to local medical appointments for Hingham senior residents. Appointments are accepted on a first come first serve basis and providers may be in surrounding towns.

Between January and December of 2024, 148 seniors utilized transportation services. 40 residents were provided 290 rides to medical appointments, 32 individuals took advantage of the shuttle, and 132 seniors received rides to the center. Medical Transportation was also provided to nine individuals through a grant funded third party organization.

### Outreach

The Outreach Coordinator provides information and referral services to Hingham residents seeking such information related to available programs and aging services; including assistance applying for subsidized programs including SNAP and Fuel Assistance. In 2024, 271 individuals sought assistance from Outreach for a cumulative total of 633 meetings. Health insurance information, food insecurity and information and referral are the most occurring reasons for seeking assistance.

The Outreach Coordinator also oversees the Town Tax Work-Off Program placement. In a customary year, 60 tax work off slots are available to seniors who meet eligibility guidelines. Seniors can work within various municipal departments to reduce real estate tax liabilities. This year there were 20 participants of the program that reduced their total real estate taxes by \$32,784.35 at minimum wage. For more information, call the center or visit: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/747/Property-Tax-Work-Off-Program>

SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) Counselors assist individuals' select health care coverage that best meets their unique medical and financial needs. Open enrollment takes place from October to December annually.

### Grants

In addition to the Annual State Formula Grant line item 9110-9002, the Department was awarded or benefitted from additional grants. In August 2024, the department took delivery on a replacement van. \$149,656 was funded by a State FY 2023 Community Transit Grant.

Hingham senior residents benefited from a grant partnership between Hingham Elder Services, South Shore Elder Services and South Shore Community Action Council. The grant provided funding for nine seniors to receive transportation to 47 medical appointments that otherwise would not have been accessible to them.

### Marketing and Community Outreach

The department distributes 1,200 printed copies monthly of its newsletter, "*The Central Times*". *The Central Times* can be found online at [mycommunityonline.com/organization/hingham-center-for-active-living](http://mycommunityonline.com/organization/hingham-center-for-active-living).

The printed copy is delivered to senior housing developments, medical providers and other high trafficked locations. The Center operates a Facebook page, with 667 followers, to provide up to the minute information on programs and services, as well as to promote social opportunities and events at <https://www.facebook.com/HinghamCenterForActiveLiving>.

### Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is an 11 seat advisory board. The COA members also serve on various committees to assist in achieving the mission and vision for the Senior Center and the Department of Elder Services. Committees are comprised of COA Board Members, staff, volunteers and senior center patrons. The COA Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Advisory Board members facilitate the development of the department's long term strategic plan, assist with the NISC Accreditation process, the annual appeal for donations and so much more.



*Joshua Ross & Leon Merian at the launch and rebranding of the Hingham Senior Center to the new Hingham Center for Active Living*

The COA reviewed, revised and adopted a new strategic plan in September 2024, identifying five initiatives for the department and COA to work towards over the next 5 years.

**Increase Space:** To acquire and utilize a larger building space that will provide accessibility for our aging members, elevate membership, and expand programming to promote healthy, active living for our community members. The COA is working alongside the HCAL Building Committee and feasibility architects, advocating for the dynamic needs of older adults in the community.

**Outreach and Marketing:** To increase engagement between HCAL and the broader Hingham community generally, specifically targeting the 50 – 60 and 60+ age cohorts through increased marketing, outreach, and partnerships with other community groups and municipal departments. The COA created a Marketing Subcommittee to oversee community engagement. Consisting of COA Board Member's and Volunteer Brand

Ambassadors, the committee had informational table at the Farmer's Market, Sunset Picnics, the Arts Walk and the Annual Police Night Out. The department participated in Hingham's first Local Government Academy.



*Suzanne Del Rossi and the Grand Ukers performed at the Hingham Arts Walk*

**Transportation:** To increase use of available transportation as well as provide increased and targeted transportation when needed.

**Programming:** To increase the range and capacity of programs to ensure a wide variety of programming that will lead to increased participation in programs.

**Food Services:** Enhance food services to encourage increased attendance and duration of daily time spent at HCAL.

The full strategic plan can be found on the HCAL website at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/353/Center-for-Active-Living>.

Facility discussions are at the forefront of COA Board meetings and amongst center participants. According to the UMass Donahue Institute, by 2025 Hingham is projected to have 8,924 residents over the age of 60 (37% of the total population) and 12,087 residents over the age of 50 (50.6% of the total population).

By 2030, Hingham should expect to have 9,591 residents over 60 (39.1% of the total population) and 12,465 over 50 (50.9% of the total population). The department's services are provided to caregivers as well as senior residents. The Center for Active Living and Council on Aging give serious consideration to the impact this growth will have on the department, staff, programs, transportation and facility limitations.

2024 Center for Active Living Memberships

Number of total members: 12,458  
Number of active members: 1,190  
Registered email addresses: 784  
Demographics (active members): 75.4% Female, 24.2% Male

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Young, Director

Council on Aging members:  
Joe Nevins, Chair  
David Alschuler, Vice-Chair  
Ethel Franks  
Karen Johnson  
Cindy King  
Leon Merion  
Joe Millburg  
Joshua Ross  
Jean Silverio  
Sara Smithson  
Elaine Ward



*Jean Silverioi, Karen Johnson, & Joyce Bethany take part in a cooking demonstration at the Hingham Arts Walk.*

## Climate Action Commission

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Mission & Formation: At Town Meeting April 2023, the Town voted to establish the Hingham Climate Action Commission (HCAC) and charged it with supporting, overseeing, and reporting on:

- 1) the Town's implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP), developed and adopted pursuant to Article 14 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, by updating the Town's carbon footprint as a measure of progress on the implementation of the CAP and progress towards the Net Zero goal, and
- 2) any updates and amendments to the CAP in accordance with the recommendations and processes set forth therein.

Work Product: The HCAC, as per its mission, will oversee and report on the CAP's implementation, and will update the CAP pursuant to its terms as progress is made.

2024 Activities: The HCAC was constituted in November 2023 after each Town committee represented on the HCAC selected its representative and both the Select Board and Moderator selected their appointed volunteers. The HCAC held its first meeting on January 10, 2024.

The HCAC first adopted a charter to govern its affairs, including electing a Chair and Vice Chair, conducting meetings and voting matters, and the formation of working groups. It subsequently organized itself into various working groups to address several of the contours identified in the Climate Action Plan, namely Buildings, Transportation, and Community and Regional Engagement:

1. Buildings: The Town's buildings constitute the single largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. The HCAC will partner with and assist the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) in implementing its educational outreach effort to residents and businesses on transitioning from fossil fuels to electric alternatives for HVAC and appliances, providing information on available rebates and tax credits, and modeling ways of doing so depending on the type of structure (historical home, modern construction, etc.). The HCAC will also investigate alternative funding sources and programs to assist Hingham citizens in making such transitions.
2. Transportation: The HCAC will explore opportunities for transitioning municipal and residential transportation to less

carbon-intensive or carbon-free alternatives, such as electric school buses and adding more electric vehicle charging stations.

3. Community & Regional Engagement: Public education, regional cooperation, and “getting the word out” are key components of a successful implementation of the Climate Action Plan. The HCAC will continually focus on how to raise awareness and engage the public in the HCAC’s work.

In the first quarter of 2024, the HCAC advocated for and supported the Town’s efforts to fund a full-time Sustainability Coordinator. It assisted in reviewing the description of duties and socializing and advocating for the role before various Town committees and at Town Meeting. After Town meeting approved a budget that included the role, the HCAC also participated in reviewing and interviewing potential candidates and the ultimate selection of the Sustainability Coordinator. The HCAC was thrilled to welcome Patricia Burke as the Town’s Sustainability Coordinator in the summer of 2024.

The HCAC determined to evaluate the Massachusetts Climate Leaders Communities Program (“Climate Leaders”), a successor program to the Green Communities program, of which Hingham is a member. One of the key requirements of becoming a Climate Leader community is the adoption of the Municipal Opt-in Specialized Building Code (the “Specialized Code”). The Climate Action Plan recommended that the Town consider adopting the Specialized Code, and so the HCAC determined to review and ultimately recommend that the Town adopt the Specialized Code.

In moving to this recommendation, the HCAC reviewed materials and met with the team at the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”), having several conversations and public meetings with Lisa Sullivan, the Southeast Regional Coordinator of DOER. The HCAC met with the Hingham Building Department, presented multiple times to the Select Board, hosted a public engagement session on the Specialized Code to hear any concerns from the public, and ultimately moved to submit to Town Meeting 2025 a warrant article for the adoption of the Specialized Code. It then advocated for its adoption before the Select Board and the Advisory Committee, both of which recommended for the Town to approve the Specialized Code at Town Meeting 2025.

The HCAC conducts its meetings in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and encourages all interested citizens to attend and have their voices heard. Materials related to the working of the HCAC can be found on the Town of Hingham website. The HCAC is grateful for the participation,

insight, and support it has received from Hingham citizens and other Town committees.

The HCAC would like to express its thanks to the Select Board; Town Administration; the Advisory Committee; Patricia Burke, the Hingham Sustainability Coordinator; Brianna Bennett, the HMLP Sustainability Coordinator; and the Departments with whom the HCAC has worked over the past year, as nothing could have been accomplished without their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Voting Members:

Brad E. Moyer, Chair, Energy Action Committee Representative  
Elliott Place, Vice Chair, Select Board Appointee  
Maria Zade, Cleaner Greener Hingham Representative  
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Planning Board Representative  
Laurie Freeman, Conservation Commission Representative  
TBD, Development & Industrial Commission Representative  
Jo-An Heileman, Select Board Appointee  
Matthew Moran, Moderator Appointee  
Vincent (Vin) Moran, Moderator Appointee

Non-Voting Members:

Alyson Anderson, School Committee Representative  
Thomas Morahan, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Representative  
Patricia Burke, Sustainability Coordinator

## Commission on Disabilities

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The Hingham Select Board reactivated the Commission on Disabilities in 2020. The mission of the Commission is to improve the lives of the people with disabilities in Hingham. The Commission is responsible for promoting integration of the persons with disabilities in the community, providing information and referral to individuals, businesses and organizations in all matters that pertain to disability issues, participate in a variety of forums to develop awareness of persons with disabilities and encourage compliance with the ADA (American Disabilities Act).



We are an active and engaged group that advocates for disabled residents.

- We provided the Hingham Historical Society with valuable input on accessibility in connection with the opening of the Benjamin Lincoln House to the public.
- We partnered with the Scituate Commission on Disabilities on the Accessibility Awareness Event, an annual event that links the South Shore disabled community with local organizations and services and that provides an opportunity for the Commission to connect in person with our constituents.
- We participated in and advocated for the disabled community in public discussions regarding planned renovations to the Hingham

Community Playground at Cronin Field to make it accessible and ADA compliant.

- We distributed bottled water to disabled residents following a brief disruption to water service in June 2024.
- The Commission continued its annual tradition of participating in Hingham's Fourth of July parade.
- Through the efforts of Hingham's Assistant Town Administrator and Commission member, Art Robert, and endorsed by the Commission, Hingham was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disability to construct 3,500 linear feet of accessible pathways and ramping at Cronin Field.



We continue to look for opportunities to broaden our reach and support in the community and encourage residents with disabilities to consider becoming a member of the Commission.

If you would like to learn more about the Commission on Disabilities, please email [cod@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:cod@hingham-ma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Gertz, Chair 2026  
Sharon Allen, Vice Chair 2025  
Megan Baker, Secretary 2025  
Jane McGrath, Treasurer 2025  
Nicole Nihan, Member 2026  
Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator, Member 2026

## Community Preservation Committee

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The Community Preservation Act (MGL c. 44B) (CPA) is a local option statute enacted by the State Legislature in 2000 and adopted by the Town in 2001. It enables municipalities to collect and expend funds (including matching funds from the Commonwealth) to maintain their character by supporting open space, historic preservation initiatives, affordable housing, and recreation specifically defined by the CPA.

The Town obtains Community Preservation funds from a 1.5% surcharge on Town real estate taxes, plus funding from the Commonwealth's Community Preservation Trust Fund. Grant funding coming from the Commonwealth, payable each November 15th, is based on the surcharge revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount collected by the Town's Community Preservation Fund for the year ended June 30, 2024 was approximately \$1,489,536 from local taxes and a distribution of \$268,169 from the Commonwealth's Community Preservation Trust Fund. The budget also included an extra \$100,000 distribution from the Commonwealth's Community Preservation Trust Fund dated July 1, 2023; a surplus of \$35,316 held over from the CPA budget from Annual Town Meeting (ATM) 2023; and \$20,450 in unspent funds from closed projects (\$8,430 from the CPC Administrative Fund from ATM 2022, and \$12,020 from the Canterbury Street Cemetery from ATM 2020), for a total budget of \$1,913,596.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is composed of nine members; one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, and the Recreation Commission, two citizens appointed by the Select Board and two citizens appointed by the Moderator. The CPC reviews applications submitted by Town bodies, citizens, and other town entities such as nonprofits to fund projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low- and moderate-income housing, acquisition of open space, and recreation. The CPC makes recommendations to Annual Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of three categories: Historic Preservation; Community Housing; and Open Space (of which Recreation is a sub-category). The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of these categories, or for saving for a subsequent year.

The CPC reviewed one final application and made recommendations of the

following project to Annual Town Meeting 2024, which was approved. The CPC held a surplus of \$209,404 in general funds in reserve for use in FY26 or beyond.

Affordable Housing Category

- 10% minimum payment in the Affordable Housing category (\$185,783) restricted and set aside for future Affordable Housing projects.

Open Space/Recreation Category

- Hingham Recreation, Hingham Community Playground Reconstruction (\$1,055,229).



- Lehner Conservation Property Acquisition Debt Payment (\$446,801, which represents a minimum debt payment of \$237,397 plus \$209,404 accelerated payment using surplus funds).

Historic Preservation Category

- 10% minimum payment in the Historic Preservation category (\$185,783) restricted and set aside for future Historic Preservation projects.

Administrative Category

- A sum of \$40,000 to use for CPC operational and administrative expenses, including any legal costs, membership to the Community Preservation Coalition, and payment for administrative assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Strehle, Chair (Moderator Appointment)  
Eryn Kelley, Vice Chair (Select Board Appointment)  
Kirsten Moore (Moderator Appointment)  
David Ellison (Select Board Appointment)  
Laurie Freeman (Conservation Commission Appointment)  
Elizabeth Dings (Historical Commission Appointment)  
Megan Buhr (Housing Authority Appointment)  
Rita DaSilva (Planning Board Appointment)  
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Appointment)

## Country Club Management Committee

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The 160 acres purchased by the Town in 1988 continues to thrive as a place for all of Hingham's community to gather. Raffael's at the South Shore Country Club and The Greenside Grille owner/operators Elio and Frank Ricci moved on to other ventures at the end of this year and we thank them for their 15-year partnership and care of our facility and community.

We are delighted to welcome Tina Conte, Executive Chef, Jessica McGinnis, Director of Events, and Danielle Barnesthe, General Manager as the new Owner/Operators of Ironwood Hingham, at South Shore Country Club, which opened in January of 2025 with a fresh makeover of the restaurant.

The \$8 million Town pool project remains on hold due to litigation - we look forward to its resolution.

The Master Planning/Facility Assessment process has been completed with the assistance of Chris Rotti, Architect from RMD Collaborative, who also helped design the town pool and maintenance facility. As part of their mission to protect and enhance the capital assets of the (South Shore Country Club (SSCC), the five-member Country Club Management Committee (CCMC) board continues to focus on facility improvements and has had a new roof installed on the bowling alley, clubhouse, and function facility this past year as well as the replacement of new windows and trim on the front of the function facility, with the input from the Historical Commission. Significant capital investment continues to be required, including the demolition of the existing pool and pro shop area. This continues to pose financial challenges as over 85% of SSCC's revenue is generated from golf, forcing the committee to consider other building centric/town revenue sources to help pay for capital requirements.

New handicap accessible entry doors are planned this year for the front entrance and a new window and doorway for the Bowling alley. We hope to complete the renovation of the back wall of the upstairs function room (The Hingham Room) by March of this 2025.

In October, the Country Club hosted the Mass Golf Associations two-day symposium that welcomed over 50 other golf courses from across Massachusetts to discuss the latest trends and challenges that are facing the golf industry.

The Club continues to be profitable, adding to its fund balance. Under the guidance of Executive Director Kevin Whalen gross revenue has grown each of the past five years. In addition to the 30,000 annual rounds of golf, there is over 500 people on the Permit Holder waiting list.

Executive Director Kevin Whalen, Golf Pro Chris Riley, Assistant Club Pro Mike Libby, Golf Course Superintendent Jake Silva, Cate Cannon in the office, and the SSCC staff are to be commended for their commitment to making the SSCC a successful and safe operation.

As a town-owned and operated facility for over 36 years, the SSCC continues to partner with our local schools, Recreation Department, and renowned Special Needs Athletic Program (SNAP) for numerous services and programming activities throughout a normal year.

As we welcome two new members Chris Griswold and Steven Stein to our board we would also like to offer a very special "Thank You" to former chairperson Christine Smith and member Jack Bailey for their six years of tireless service for the betterment of the South Shore Country Club.

Our three golf simulators, 10 lane bowling alley, and active restaurant help to balance out the seasonal nature of the golf course. We are honored to be recognized as a premier public course in the Commonwealth and are most thankful for continued Town support.

Respectfully submitted,

George Kay, Chair  
Chris Griswold  
Steven Stein  
Sue Sullivan  
Stephan White

## Cultural Council

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The Mass Cultural Council (MCC) is an independent state agency that promotes excellence, education, diversity, and inclusion in the arts, humanities, and sciences. The MA State Legislature appropriates the agency's funds. Hingham participates in the Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program, a network representing every city and town in the Commonwealth. LCCs dispense an annual allocation—awarding grants that support thousands of local projects—according to each community's cultural needs as determined by its council members. To learn more, see <https://massculturalcouncil.org/>.

In August, the governing body of the MCC approved the FY25 fiscal plan, which called for \$34 million for creative and cultural investment in the state, of which \$26.7 million will be allocated for grants. The LCC Program was allocated \$5.7 million for grants.<sup>1</sup> Hingham Cultural Council (HCC) received \$8,500.<sup>2</sup> In addition, \$3,485.00 were available from previously encumbered funds (i.e. funds that were awarded in past cycles, but due to various circumstances were not used, so are now being redistributed), giving the HCC a total budget of \$11,985 to award. The HCC convened a meeting on November 07, 2024, to vote on grant applications and decided how to dispense our available balance.

The Hingham Cultural Council approved \$11,985 in grants to support the arts, humanities and sciences in our community. Twenty-four grants ranging from \$250–\$2,380 were awarded.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Boston Classical Guitar Society, Inc.:</b> <i>Community Series</i> - a live musical performance presents culturally diverse music in solo, duo, or ensemble form. The venue allows for question and answer with the artist, leading to a better understanding of the music, hosted by the Hingham Public Library</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Choral Art Society of the South Shore, Inc.:</b> <i>Magnificat, A Celtic Christmas</i> – the performance will be a joyful celebration of the season and feature our full SATB chorus, a string quartet and pianist. Performances in Hingham and Scituate.</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Motoko Dworkin:</b> <i>Fun Folktales from Japan</i> - Parents' Choice Award-winning storyteller Motoko enriches 1<sup>st</sup> grade curricula with</li></ul>  |

<sup>1</sup> Mass Cultural Council. (2024, August 22). *Mass Cultural Council Adopts \$34M Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Plan* [Press Release].

[https://mailchi.mp/massculturalcouncil/adopting\\_34m\\_fy25\\_spendingplan?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/massculturalcouncil/adopting_34m_fy25_spendingplan?e=[UNIQID])

<sup>2</sup> Mass Cultural Council. (2024). *Hingham Cultural Council*.

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/hingham/>

<p>her fun and engaging Japanese folktales and origami activities. Her programs, with their focus on literacy and multicultural awareness, have been consistently successful in the Hingham schools.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easton Children's Museum, Inc.:</b> <i>Fossil Discoveries Program</i> - a hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) enrichment program, fun for children and families in the Hingham community. Hosted by the Hingham Public Library.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gnome, Inc.:</b> <i>Happy Camp Nantasket with Gnome Surf</i> - surfing-centered therapy session for kids with physical differences or neurodiversities. Conducted in Hull at Nantasket Beach.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evan Haller:</b> <i>Interactive Music Concerts for Young Children and Their Families</i> – the concerts help children with emotional, physical, language, cognitive, and social development, yet is viewed from the child's perspective as just plain fun. Hosted by the Hingham Public Library.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hingham Public Library:</b> <i>Pop-up Art School</i> – The Hingham Public Library will host two arts &amp; crafts techniques sessions for children ages 8-12 during the summer of 2025.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hingham Public Library:</b> <i>Ed the Wizard's Alchemy Laboratory</i> – Combines Harry Potter with real-life science by showing participants how to perform magical feats using household items. Hosted by the Hingham Public Library.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrew Lewis-Parks:</b> <i>Andrew Lewis and Friends present Songs and stories from the singer songwriters 1960-1975</i> – The program reflects the social-political issues of the 60s and 70s while historically demonstrating the cross-cultural influences on music. Hosted by the Hingham Senior Center.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MUSIC Dance.edu:</b> <i>Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!</i> – The study of culture, movement, health wellness, and music appreciation crosses community color lines and boundaries. Hosted by the Hingham Senior Center.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>North and South Rivers Watershed Association, Inc.:</b> <i>WaterWatch Lecture Series</i> – A free eight-week series of in-person and virtual events focused on the nature and human history of our local New England water. Event dates held in Norwell and online.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Notre Dame Academy School:</b> <i>Into the Deep... Teaching About the Ocean with Robots</i> – The theme for this year's hands-on program will include ways robotics help us study and protect the ocean and its wonders. Events held in Hingham.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Old Ship Candlelight Concerts:</b> <i>Candlelight Concerts</i> – Professional quality classical music concerts free of admission. All concerts take place at the Old Ship Meetinghouse in Hingham.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plymouth River Elementary School:</b> <i>Music from the King's Court</i> – David Coffin covers the history of the recorder and supports the school curriculum by inserting a “Science of Sound” unit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Shore Art Center, Inc.:</b> <i>The Inspired I – Paid Youth Art Apprenticeships</i> – An invitational and paid arts apprenticeship program, the “Inspired I” engages up to 30 local teens from across the region, and partners with South Shore Arts Center faculty. Conducted in Cohasset.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Shore Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA):</b> <i>Corn Festival Performers</i> – A harvest festival bringing together artisans, crafters, music, and performers. Held in Hanover.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Shore Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA):</b> <i>Maple Day</i> – Explores the cultural and natural history surrounding maple sugaring in the region and will be held at South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Talking Information Center, Inc.:</b> <i>TIC Live Radio Theater</i> – Performs live radio theater for the blind and low vision community, TIC operates out of Marshfield.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Arc of the South Shore, Inc.:</b> <i>Third Annual Bunny Bash</i> – In partnership with the Derby Street Shops in Hingham, this community event will benefit 160 children and their families, from Hingham and across the South Shore, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Broad Cove Chorale:</b> <i>Holiday Concert</i> – Based in Hingham for over 40 years, the Unicorn Singers presents its annual holiday concert to audiences of all ages, at the Hingham House of Prayer.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Company Theatre, Inc.:</b> <i>Inclusive Performing Arts Program</i> – The purpose of this program is to create opportunities for people with different abilities to perform in song, dance, and musical theater. Conducted in Norwell.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Hingham Cemetery Corporation:</b> <i>"Dead of Winter"</i> – Keeping the arts alive in the middle of winter with poets, music, and speakers, held at Ames Chapel in Hingham.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The James Library &amp; Center for Arts Charitable Trust:</b> <i>Actor JT Turner Presents the Adventures of Benjamin Franklin</i> – An original, interactive one-man show, award-winning actor, playwright, and historian J.T. Turner brings to life one of history's most influential figures. Performances take place in Norwell.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The James Library &amp; Center for Arts Charitable Trust:</b> <i>Spring Juried Art Show</i> – Artists from the South Shore and beyond participate in a Spring Juried Exhibition, showcasing artwork in all mediums. Exhibition takes place in Norwell.</li> </ul>

### Council Member Update

We currently have seven residents appointed by the Hingham Select Board. Where the State requires a minimum of five members to participate in the state-sponsored program, towns are allowed up to 22 members. Interested residents should inquire at Hingham Town Hall and fill out a Talent Bank application. Current members are happy to speak to interested residents about volunteering.

Jonathan Kirk was re-elected Chair, but will exit the Cultural Council, as per MCC guidelines, with the start of the next grant cycle elections; Craig Hutchison was elected Vice Chair, Mary Bell was re-elected Grants Coordinator, Kathleen Nugent was re-elected Secretary, Patricia Coyle was elected Treasurer, Kate Doyle and Peter Schnorr fulfilled their responsibilities as active, voting members, and Kate Schembri withdrew from the council. Many thanks to our members past and present. Your contributions make a difference!

Our local guidelines include the following:

- All grant applications must benefit the community and promote the arts, humanities or interpretive sciences.
- All grant applicants must have a local sponsor.
- Priorities include arts and cultural events held within Hingham or the immediate area that can benefit Hingham residents.

Our Cultural Council's primary purpose is to ensure that Hingham's share of funds from Mass Cultural Council are administered fairly and equitably in the best interests of our community. Find us on the Hingham town website at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/716/Cultural-Council> and on Facebook and Instagram.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Kirk (2025), Chair  
Craig Hutchison (2025), Vice Chair  
Kathleen Nugent (2026), Secretary  
Mary Bell (2027), Grants Coordinator  
Patricia Coyle (2027), Treasurer  
Kate Doyle (2027), Active Voting Member  
Peter Schnorr (2025\*), Active Voting Member

## Development and Industrial Commission

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### Mission

The Hingham HDIC is organized, under MGL CH 40, Section 8A, for the promotion and development of Hingham's industrial resources. The HDIC's major roles include research, supporting projects expanding or strengthening the local economy, coordinating unofficial bodies, and communication related to attracting private investment and job creation.

The HDIC plays a key role in implementing Hingham's Master Plan, including evaluating and advancing HDIC roles. The HDIC will honor the town's character as it works to expand the town's tax base.

### Roles & Example Projects

- Research
  - Assess local business conditions, identify barriers to new investment, identify emerging opportunities, and provide recommendations to the town
  - Identify potential development sites and obstacles to their development
  - Analyze, identify & communicate local economic development best practices (organization, staffing, marketing, etc.)
  - Support Town economic development research efforts, including the Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Projects expanding or strengthening the local economy
  - Maintain a listing of commercial properties available for redevelopment
  - Network with local business decision-makers and their advisors
  - Celebrate Hingham's businesses
  - Market Hingham's advantages to growing businesses, investors, and visitors
- Coordinating unofficial bodies
  - Establish and maintain relationships with non-governmental institutions and business groups (e.g., Hingham Downtown Association, Hingham Historical Society, Chambers of Commerce, industry associations, etc.)
  - Secure local and regional support for economic development opportunities, including grant opportunities
- Communicate
  - Research findings and positions on economic development and policy issues

- Impart the benefits of new private investment and an expanded, diversified, and stable commercial tax base to the town's future budgetary stability to local audiences
- Present status and findings to the Select Board bi-annually or more frequently as required
- Share research and findings with the Master Plan Implementation Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O'Brien (Chair)  
Christopher Goode (Secretary)  
David Bailey  
Joseph Cusker  
Michael Galvin  
Jeff Bellows

## Fourth of July Parade Committee

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The 2024 Hingham July 4th Parade was a huge success. The weather was much improved over 2023, and the crowds were dense and boisterous. A special thanks to the Hingham police, fire, DPW, and emergency service officials who made sure that all were safe on parade day. Safety remains our #1 focus for the parade!

It is the charge of the Fourth of July Parade Committee to plan, organize, and raise appropriate funds for Hingham's annual Independence Day Parade. The parade is entirely self-funded through fundraising activities by the Hingham 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee and donations from many generous supporters. As the parade has grown, so have the expenses. The current annual budget averages approximately \$60,000. In 2024, individual company donations ranged from \$250 to \$5,000. In total, \$24,500 was raised from corporate donations.

The Fidelity Investments Hingham Investor Center and Notre Dame Academy of Hingham shared as top donors, as each provided a \$5,000 level sponsorship of the parade. In addition, A.W. Perry continued as our 'longest and strongest' supporter of the parade with a \$2,500 donation. We would like to recognize and thank the following local and regional businesses for their sponsorship in support of the 2024 parade: The following donors contributed at or above the Bottle Rocket sponsorship level (\$500+) in 2024:

- \$5,000 level: Fidelity Investments - Hingham Investor Center, Notre Dame Academy
- \$2,500 level: A.W. Perry
- \$1,000 level: JD55, Oyster Harbor Marina, The Marina, Compass Real Estate (Kate Johnson), Curtis Management, David A Habeeb, PC, Greenman Industries Inc., McCusker-Gill Inc., MelBell Builders, Natale's Men's Clothier, The Kevin Lewis Group, Turner Custom Building

Chair Jim Murphy was back to lead the Parade Committee for a 14<sup>th</sup> year and he continues to be supported by a strong, dedicated committee. This year's committee included: Monica Conyngham, Tom Hoffman, Dewitt DeLawter, George Ford (Uncle Sam), Mary Ellen Lahiff, Louis O'Dea, Leon Merion, Robin Briggs, Michelle Prager, Pat Kirk, Dave Berger, Brian Doherty, and, Sgt. Kilroy of HPD. Parade day help included Carrie Murphy, Dan Lahiff, Jack Murphy, and other volunteers.

The Parade Committee selected 'We ❤️ Our Parade' as the theme this year to recognize how much the community looks forward to celebrating the 4th of July as a patriotic community on the streets of Hingham. This is the largest event held in Hingham every year, and the committee felt that the theme helped drive this point home! One notable point is that the committee decided to use the ❤️ to help resonate with some of the younger generations that increasingly communicate with emojis.

As done in years' past, all of Hingham's 5th graders are invited to participate in a competition to create the design for the parade button, sales of which are a major fundraiser.



The Parade Committee received hundreds of submissions from East School, Foster School, Plymouth River School, South School, as well as St. Paul's School and chose Gabriella Nardello from St. Paul's School as the 2024 July 4<sup>th</sup> parade button winner. Gabriella featured an interpretation of lower Main Street with some of its iconic stores, with a foreground of the tricolor center line, all overflowed by the Stars and Stripes. Gabriella's graphics were crisp and clear, and her interpretation of the theme was unique and eye-catching.

Sales of the 2024 Parade Buttons sold under the leadership of Dewitt DeLawter. Parade buttons were available at more than 20 locations throughout town for a donation and sold quickly. Events like Pizza Palooza Plus, Town Meeting, and the Hingham Farmers Market are also great sources for button donations. In addition, spectators bought parade buttons along the parade route, led by Dewitt DeLawter, the Hingham Rotary Club and several additional volunteers.

In summary, approximately 5,000 buttons sold in 2024. In addition, a variety of parade logo tumblers and gift baskets also sold, which together with buttons grossed roughly \$15,000. After costs, this netted more than \$12,000 for the parade.

Parade Committee members Tom Hoffman, Dave Berger, Erin McGourty and others lead the efforts for the 50 Flags Campaign. Tom was successful in recruiting various high school organizations and athletic teams to assist in the labor-intensive tasks of installing, retrieving, and managing the flag inventory of 20,000 flags! This year's campaign raised \$31,000. Twenty percent of the funds raised, or \$6,420, was distributed to the groups represented by the volunteers, which included HHS Football, HHS Girls Soccer, HHS Track, HHS Boys Hockey, HHS Rowing, HHS Field Hockey, HHS Baseball, and South Shore SNAP.



One of the most exciting milestones for the Parade Committee is selecting a Grand Marshal. This year, the Committee unanimously voted to name Scott McMillan. Scott is a life-long prominent member of the Hingham community and had previously been recognized for his service with the awards of Veteran of the Year (2009) and Citizen of the Year (2015). Now, as Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade, Scott is deservedly the first member of the community to achieve the Hingham equivalent of the Triple Crown!

Scott McMillan grew up and still resides on Fort Hill Street in Hingham. After graduating from Hingham High School in 1968, Scott served his country in the Marines before returning to serve in the Hingham Fire Department from 1973 to 2003. Scott continues to serve the Town in a number of capacities, as ranger of Bare Cove Park where he is a familiar and committed presence in his truck for regulars and visitors alike. Scott

also serves as Chair of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and is active in many formal activities in support of veterans' needs and causes.



The parade also honored Veteran of the Year - STGSN Janine Suchecki, US Navy. Janine was named the Hingham Hank Maude "Service Above Self" Veteran of the Year for 2023. She is a member of the Hingham American Legion Post 120. Janine served our country in the United States Navy. During her service, Janine distinguished herself by being the first woman in the Navy to complete

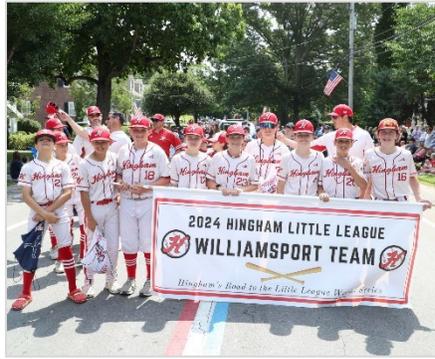
passive sonar training, which relates to identifying foreign submarines that pose a security threat to the United States. Janine's municipal service is nothing short of exemplary, including six years as chair of the Hingham Cultural Council and five years as the vice chair and public affairs officer on the Veterans Council.



Bob Curley was named the Hinghamite of the Year in 2024 to honor him for his exceptional community contributions. Over the past 15 years, Curley has served on numerous town boards and committees, including the Historical Commission, the Advisory Committee, representing the commission on the Community Preservation Committee, and most recently, the Personnel Board.

The 2024 parade had a wide variety of participants from floats, bands, classic and antique cars, clowns, Scouts, sports teams and elected

officials! There were 32 floats, 13 bands, and 23 community groups spread out for the 1.5 hour parade.



Local groups, teams, and organizers were represented by many floats, and among them, there were four winners, for the following regular categories:

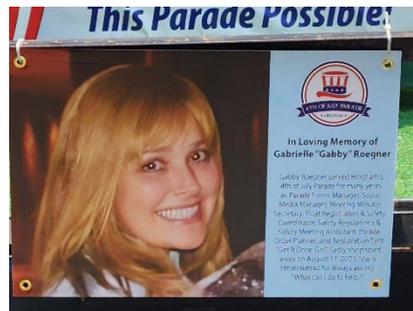
- Best In Parade: Notre Dame Academy
- Most Unique: St. John's Episcopal Church (Haunted theme)
- Most Beautiful: Garden Club of Hingham
- Most Patriotic: Hingham Youth Girls Hockey



A special "Thank You" to this year's Float Judges: Eileen and Larry Bevens, Ann Marie and Frank Schembri, and Donna and Paul MacLellan.

Parade planning is well underway for 2025 and one critical area for discussion is parade committee succession planning. For 2025, Pat Kirk will join Jim Murphy as co-chair of the parade committee before he passes the torch to Pat in 2026. Jim has been part of the Parade Committee since 2008, and has chaired the Committee for 15 years. Jim will be sorely missed when he steps down at the end of 2025.

A number of committee members, who have been serving on the committee, have formally given their notice: Mary Ellen Carlisle, Monica Conyngham, and Louis O'Dea will also step down at the end of 2025 after many years. Lastly, this year the Committee paid our respects to Gabrielle "Gabby" Roegner, who joined the parade several years ago and quickly took over a host of roles and became an integral part of the team. Her roles ranged from Parade Forms Manager, Minutes Secretary, Float Registration & Safety Coordinator, Parade Order Planner, Social Media Manager, and in charge of the Registration Tent. Sadly, Gabby lost her years-long battle to cancer just over a month after last year's parade.



The evening before the Parade, the Committee gathered at the High School to prepare for the big day. There were several moments when specific items were required for a task-at-hand; each time we looked into Gabby's plastic container that her family had given to the Committee after her passing and it was as if she was still there, solving

our problems, again and again. It was magical. We added a photo of Gabby to our Parade Committee float, with a brief description of some of the items that she was in charge of to help make each parade safe & orderly!

As always, the Committee is grateful to the many volunteers who support the work of the Committee on an ad hoc basis and stand ready to give time and support on Parade Day. The committee is passionate about this proud Hingham tradition and will continue to raise the necessary funds each year to organize and present a suitable celebratory parade.

Finally, the Committee greatly appreciated the support from the Town's Public Safety services, Police Chief David Jones and Sgt. Kilroy, Fire Chief

Steve Murphy, and Randy Sylvester DPW staff. Safety is the major focus of the Parade Committee and, after all the preparation for each parade, the Committee's major reward is the knowledge the Parade was both joyful and safe!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Murphy, Chair



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## Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

In 1869, the Edwin Humphrey Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Hingham, named after a Hingham man who died on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg in July 1863. Col. Hawkes Fearing was the post's first Commander.

In 1888, Hingham's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall was dedicated as a meeting place for Civil War veterans, part of a widespread and influential post-Civil War national fraternal organization.

### Our Building

The building was designed by 22-year-old architect Henry Merritt, the son of a Hingham blacksmith, in a Neo-Gothic style. In addition to being a meeting place for veterans, the Hall has served many functions. In 1912, before Loring Hall began showing movies, the G.A.R. showed silent films. In the 1930s, Hingham's G.A.R. Post was dissolved by its last two surviving members. Years later, the building was known as the Maj. Edward B. Cole American Legion Post 120, named for a Hingham resident who had served with distinction during the First World War.

### Today's Hall

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall has fully recovered after the Covid-19 pandemic. We now have permanent staff on site for open houses on the first and third Saturday's from 10am-2pm. These open houses are free to the public. All of our tenants have fully returned and are using the facilities on a regular basis. They include: American Legion Post 120, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 6053, Hingham Militia, Hingham High School Veteran's Appreciation Club, and Disabled American Veterans.



In May 2024, the GAR hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Hingham High School Sophomore History Day. This event helps the students to learn the military history of Hingham veterans and the wars that the town took part in. Also in May, the Scouts of America Troop 1 hosted their Eagle Scouts of Honor court. In September, the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Hingham

Historical House Tour took place and the G.A.R. was included as a historical building. The Hingham Cub Scouts volunteered their time to help clean up both the inside and outside of the G.A.R. to ensure that this historical piece of Hingham remains beautiful.



#### Tomorrow's Future

The G.A.R. Trustees want to continue to showcase this historical landmark in Hingham. They work diligently with Veteran Services, Hingham Select Board, the Capital Outlay Committee and the DPW to keep the facility in good working order. The Trustees are also endeavoring to partner with the Hingham Historical Society to assist in promoting the historic G.A.R. Hall – a true “hidden gem” and a real “time capsule”- for its preservation and presentation of Hingham’s long military history from the American Revolution through current times.

The G.A.R. Trustees extend our sincere appreciation to the Town Hall Facilities Staff, under the direction of Jeff Pizzi, for their continued upkeep of the Hall and the Select Board for their budgeting support, which enables continuation of the mission of this unique historical facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McMillan, Chair  
Robert Beal, Jr, Treasurer  
Paul Koenen, Secretary

Veterans’ Service Officer Keith Jermyn, Advisor  
Frank Collins, Museum Curator

# Harbor Development Committee

The Harbor Development Committee has been busy with the creation of a Master Plan specific to Hingham Harbor, expanding and building upon the Town's 2020 Master Plan. The Committee spearheaded the acquisition of 30 Summer Street and received input from nearly 750 respondents as to desired future use of the property. Last, the Committee has been actively planning a replacement of the 4th of July fireworks which are no longer tenable due to the residency of endangered Oyster Catcher birds during their July nesting season on Button Island, one of the inner harbor islands. Thanks to a very generous donation from a Hingham family, the Town will host its first environmentally friendly drone light show on July 2, 2025.

## Master Plan for Hingham Harbor

The Master Plan specific to Hingham Harbor and complimentary to the Town's 2020 Master Plan was completed (but not yet approved) in December 2024. It updated the last Master Plan for Hingham Harbor created in 2007.



The Harbor Development Committee and Bathing Beach Trustees have worked closely with the Town Engineer and 50 other stakeholders to create a vision for a more welcoming inner harbor for our Town's citizens and visitors alike. The plan cites specific options for new hardscaping, a potential new playground, programming, as well as rough estimates on costs, grant opportunities, and implementation prioritization.

Some of the ideas like extending the harbor walk will be implemented as part of the Route 3A re-design; other ideas like a harbor playground, sculpture area, and hardscaping will take fundraising and Town warrant articles to implement.

#### Town-Owned Wharf Repair, Restoration, and Reconstruction

With the engagement of Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC, the Town and Harbor Development Committee have made significant strides in the engineering and permitting required to reconstruct the Town Pier, Barnes Wharf, and the wall near Veteran's Park. The Town's wharves are planned to be raised above four feet each, to a uniform 11 feet level matching Veteran's Wharf.

Due to the delays in obtaining permitting and ever greater regulatory compliance requirements, the costs to re-build the wharves have increased significantly. While the final costs are not yet formally known, it is likely that the project to raise the wharves will have to be parsed between fall 2025 and 2029. It is likely there will be a warrant article at the 2025 Town meeting asking voters to approve funding for the re-construction of the first wharf that will be addressed, Town Wharf.



#### 30 Summer Street

Hingham's waterfront is less than 6% publicly accessible, and the town voters approved at Town meeting to acquire one of the few properties that would give the Town some additional control over public access to the waterfront. The acquisition will enable the construction of a walkway as part of the Route 3A re-design on the waterside of the property, and will enable to development of what voters requested: A center for

maritime/recreation related activities. Since the acquisition, the building has hosted several maritime/biology classes for high schoolers and senior citizens, and discussions are on-going to make it into a vibrant year-around aquaculture and maritime center. Longer-term, it is likely the building will need to be replaced (and possibly expanded) to meet regulatory compliance for accessibility and safety.

#### Planning for the July 2, 2025 Drone Works

With the generous contribution from a Hingham family, the Town will host 300 drones synchronized to show images from the history of Hingham set to programmed music as the sky darkens. The event will begin in the afternoon with programming of events similar to Harbor Celebration Day, including activities for children and adults alike. The drone show will be very different in look and feel than fireworks, with the best vantage points from the bathing beach area as the drones effectively create a giant television screen in the sky. It won't have the booms and bangs of fireworks, but it will be energized with music. The Harbor Development Committee is working closely with Town safety officials and the Hingham Historical Society to make this inaugural event a reality, with additional fund raising expected in the spring of 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Boer, Chair  
Amy Cowan, Vice Chair  
Nick Amdur  
Paul Gannon  
Allison Koskina

William Reardon, Emeritus

Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio  
J.R. Frey, Town Engineer

## Board of Health

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The Hingham Board of Health (BOH) consists of three elected members from the community who serve three-year terms. The Board oversees a staff of seven employees including Susan Sarni, MPH, Executive Health Officer; Teresa Flynn, Public Health Nurse; Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent; Andrea Benedetto, Administrative Secretary; Robin Magner, Food Inspector; and Liz Miller, Social Worker.

The Board of Health received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to work with Cohasset and Scituate on regional public health initiatives in 2022. We continued to work collaboratively to contract a Regional Public Health Nurse and Social Worker, and Title 5 Systems Inspector. We continued to work with the state on a Public Health Capacity Assessment to determine what additional services we can better provide to our community while meeting state standards.

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and broad responsibilities include such activities as Title-5 septic system permitting and inspection, food establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality testing and enforcement, Recycling and Dumpster regulations administration, Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) regulation administration, Tobacco Sales and Smoking control program, West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, Body Art and Bodywork licensing, communicable disease surveillance and response, recreational camps for children licensing, regulating the Keeping of Animals and Fowl, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

### Health Department Permits

Farmers Market	40	Food Establishments	150
Animal Permits	14	Store Milk	95
Catering	7	Frozen Desserts	5
Residential Food Serv.	7	Mobile Food Service	17
Septage Haulers	17	Beach Testing	8
Rubbish Haulers	13	Septic Installers	28
Tanning Salons	1	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	11	Pool Construct. Permits	27
Manufactured Housing	1	Day Camps	15
Septic Permits	87	Variance Applications	80
Building Permits	1,100	Treatment Plant	319
Soil Evaluations	45	Tobacco Sales	17
Private Well Permits	2		

The Board of Health also continued to permit new construction lots and subdivisions. The Board also reviewed many septic system plans with variances to potable wells.

The Board of Health continued to work with our Tobacco Compliance Officer to ensure tobacco was not sold to minors. Several establishments were cited for selling tobacco products to minors.

#### Public Health Nurse

The Public Health Nurse (PHN) has continued to monitor, assess and investigate all reportable diseases and works to prevent additional transmission. The PHN has also continued and expanded upon many community outreach programs such as "Ask a Nurse" monthly programs at the Center for Active Living, Hingham Public Library, Lincoln School Apartments and Thaxter Park as well as relevant seasonal programs that include Sun Safety, Tick-borne Illness Prevention, Women's Health, Heart Health and more. New programs brought to Hingham include skin screenings with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Blum Van, and Boston Children's Hospital ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Program at Hingham Night Out. Residents have been able to make appointments, drop-in for blood pressure checks, and to discuss non-urgent medical concerns.

#### Communicable Disease Investigation

Babesiosis 4, Borrelia miyamotoi infection 2, Norovirus 12, Campylobacteriosis 8, Cryptosporidiosis 1, Cyclosporiasis 1, Varicella (Chicken Pox) 1, Haemophilus influenza 1, Hepatitis B 2, Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis 1, Influenza 72, Lyme Disease 33, Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc) 304, Pertussis 1, Salmonellosis 5, Shingellosis 1, Streptococcus pneumonia 1, Vibrio 1.

#### Town Social Worker

In 2024, the Town Social Worker (TSW) position was filled, providing direct support to residents facing mental health challenges, hoarding and clutter issues, family conflicts, and housing or food insecurity. The TSW has worked closely with individuals and families to connect them with appropriate resources, including therapy, support groups, and essential services. Additionally, the role has expanded to include community programming and collaboration with local organizations to enhance mental health support in Hingham.

#### Food Inspector

Food Establishment permits are for our town's restaurants, cafeterias, schools, nursing homes, daycares, grocery stores and bakeries. Our Food Inspector inspected each of these 150 establishments twice a year; and

most establishments received an additional re-inspection within 2-weeks of their unannounced inspection. The food inspector does inspections on Saturdays for events at Weir River Farm, Farmers Markets, and many celebrations throughout Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Eldredge M.D. Chair  
Rosemary Byrne, MSN, ANP-BC, ACHRN  
Mark Lundin

## Hingham Housing Authority

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Welcome to the Hingham Housing Authority. Our main office is located at 30 Thaxter Street. It is the mission of the Hingham Housing Authority to provide and preserve affordable, safe and sanitary low- and moderate-income housing options for individuals and families, as well as much needed services to the residents with integrity and respect.

The Authority owns and manages numerous properties throughout Hingham, offering Hingham residents various affordable housing options. These options include:

- 78 elderly/disabled housing units at Thaxter Street.
- 6 units of congregate housing at Thaxter Street.
- 8 units of family housing at Thaxter Street.
- 1 single family home on Beal Street, which houses up to 16 individuals, with supportive services.
- 23 Housing Choice Vouchers and 5 project-based vouchers.

The Authority partners with local agencies and Father Bill's to administer 5 project-based Section 8 vouchers to homeless veterans. The five vouchers provide subsidized assistance at property located on Fort Hill Street under a contract for a minimum of 20 years.

The housing authority continues to thrive under the leadership of James Marathas, Executive Director, and the management agreement between Hingham Housing and Quincy Housing Authority.

2024 boasts many projects that are making significant improvements to the quality of life for our residents, and which will bring future financial stability. The highlight of our achievements in 2024 is the beginning of the development of a new project to be located on Beal Street. Hingham Housing Authority has partnered with Mass. Housing Partnership to preserve and develop additional senior housing on that parcel of land. This property will also provide housing for the nearly 7,649 elderly on the waitlist for housing. Stay tuned for more details in 2025!

Projects at the housing authority include the installation of firestops, new stoves, outside lighting upgrades, painting of common areas, as well as major renovations to the family units as part of Phase 1. The roof was also replaced on the Beal Street group home.

The Housing Authority utilizes the statewide Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public-Housing (CHAMP) Waiting List System. CHAMP was launched in 2019 and is a centralized waitlist. This system allows applicants for state-aided public housing to apply online through a single portal and submit an application to one or more housing authorities. Applicants can also keep their application information up to date on this website as it changes.

The Tenants Association (Thaxter Park Tenants Association) represents current residents and provides a link between management and the residents. The tenant organization is encouraged to meet regularly with residents and attend Housing Authority board meetings to present noteworthy items and recommendations directly to the board of commissioners. This vital link provides ongoing communication between the QHA board, staff and residents. It is also responsible to recommend a resident that will sit on the Board of Commissioners, as the Tenant Board Member. The TPTA has been working diligently holding meetings and hosting events that are building a sense of community and belonging.

It is the continual goal of the Hingham Housing Authority to work with other Hingham agencies and Town Boards to bridge services and capital to preserve the valuable asset of affordable housing in Hingham. Our thanks go out to the Town of Hingham, the Police and Fire Departments, Department of Veterans Services, the Council on Aging and the Health Department for the vital services they provide.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Director and staff for their hard work and commitment to the mission of providing a healthy, safe and warm place to call home.

As we look forward to 2025, we are full of excitement and anticipation!

Respectfully submitted,

James Marathas, Executive Director

## Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee (Cleaner Greener Hingham)

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2024 was an informative year for the members of Cleaner Greener Hingham (CGH), officially known as the Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee. We spent much of the year engaged in studying various waste reduction initiatives currently underway in some of our benchmark communities. Specifically, we looked at municipal food scraps recycling programs and by-laws aimed at curbing the use of gas-powered landscaping equipment. We also continued to offer advice and support to neighboring communities looking to pass bylaws restricting the sale of plain water in single use plastic bottles and were delighted to see Cohasset adopt its own by-law. For the year 2025, we will continue to support the Town and residents in reducing waste and moving closer to the goals set out in the Waste section of Hingham's Climate Action Plan. To read the Plan, follow the QR code. To join our work, please submit a Talent Bank application, included in the Town Meeting Warrant, or attend one of our meetings.



*Scan to read Hingham's  
Climate Action Plan*

### Municipal Food Scrap Recycling Programs and Composting Education

Did you know that compostable materials account for 30% - 40% of household trash? Did you know that food scraps thrown in the general garbage are burned generating ash to be landfilled? During this year, Committee members worked on learning more about food waste solutions at the municipal level while also continuing our efforts to encourage residents to try backyard composting. In January 2024, Committee members Mark Engel and Janice McPhillips visited Kingston where a food scraps recycling pilot program is aiming to reduce the amount of trash sent for incineration. After a successful visit, committee chair Maria Zade returned in March to film an episode of our HarborMedia series "Building a Better Planet" highlighting the program. Speaking of his town's program, Kingston Transfer Station head Paul Basler says, "This has been one of the easiest new things we have done in the town." To watch the episode, visit <https://tinyurl.com/KingstonOrganics>.



While several cities and towns have turned to commercial food scrap recycling programs, backyard composting is still a highly effective means of reducing your household's waste and carbon footprint. To help residents become better home composters, members Janice McPhillips, Peter Swanson, and Maria Zade visited the Hingham Farmers' Market in both May and October. On these days, we advised Hingham residents and visitors from surrounding communities on how to get a low-cost composting bin, set it up, and run it effectively. We also introduced Bokashi and vermicomposting methods. In July, Janice McPhillips ran a well-attended composting workshop at the Hingham Public Library for those interested in taking a deeper dive into the topic.



Looking to 2025, we hope to continue educating residents about backyard composting. We are also researching ways to host a municipal food scraps recycling program in Hingham.

If you have an idea for a centralized drop-off location, email [cleanergreener@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:cleanergreener@hingham-ma.gov). If you would like to share your opinion on composting options for Hingham, please access our survey via the QR code.



#### Curbing the Use of Gas-Powered Landscaping Equipment

In 2024, we heard residents' expressed frustration over the noise and air pollution caused by gas-powered landscaping equipment, specifically leaf blowers. Committee members looked into by-laws in some of our benchmark communities that restrict or ban the use of these tools. We spoke with Town officials, business people, and environmental activists in Lexington, Arlington, Newton, and Concord to learn more about their by-

laws and consequences, both intended and unintended, of these by-laws. We encourage you to watch our Harbor Media series on the topic, featuring interviews with Lexington Sustainability Coordinator Maggie Peard (<https://tinyurl.com/MaggiePeard>), State Representative Michelle Ciccolo (<https://tinyurl.com/RepCiccolo>), and all-electric landscaping company owner George Carrette (<https://tinyurl.com/GeorgeCarrette>).

We learned that while these tools are undoubtedly harmful to human health and the health of our planet, by-laws limiting their use can be both costly and difficult to enforce. In 2025, we will look to educate and motivate residents to switch to electric alternatives. CGHC will partner with the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant and Hingham Lumber to demonstrate different models of electric landscaping equipment. We are also planning an art contest to highlight homes that are already using electric landscaping equipment.

#### Next Steps

Looking forward to 2025, we will continue advocating for ways that our Town can move closer to its net zero target. We welcome you to join our work. Our meetings are posted on the Town of Hingham website and are open to the public. All are welcome!

Respectful submitted,

Maria Zade, Chair  
Janice McPhillips, Secretary  
Mark Engel  
Tony George  
Alexander King  
Peter Swanson  
Jaynika Parekh

## Memorial Bell Tower

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The Hingham Memorial Bell Tower band was back to full time ringing in 2024 after completion of restoration work last year that replaced the 1912 bearings with modern ball bearings on new wheels, headstocks, and new clappers. Continued care and tending to the bells this year has maintained their optimal use and sound.

The band has continued to progress and is learning new methods - a specific type of change ringing where ringers memorize the rules for generating each change in the sequence. The band also welcomed a new ringer this year, originally from England.

A symbol of celebration, the bells were rung as the preparations for the 4th of July parade were underway and finished just as the parade began. It was truly a festive day for the town. The bells were also rung on the evening of Christmas in the Square, adding to the merriment (photo below). The band celebrated many years together with a festive holiday party. This is a truly special group of people who enjoy making music together.



The Bell Tower band always enjoys welcoming ringers from near and far and this year was no different, receiving visits from the Church of the Advent in Boston and London, England. We welcome visitors of all ages to come learn about the art of English change ringing.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha P. Ryan

## Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

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The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2024.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is composed of the 27 municipalities in Plymouth County and the Town of Cohasset. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

In the spring, larviciding efforts begin as water temperatures rise and mosquito larvae begin to feed. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 20,114 acres and this was accomplished using an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 3, 2024 and ended on September 30, 2024. The Project responded to 16,502 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) has developed an "Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan" for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV) and West Nile Virus (WNV) using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project started the season at low level risk for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. At the end of the season, the towns of Carver, Middleboro, and Plymouth were raised temporarily high level risk due to EEEV activity that included four horse cases and one human case. Statewide there were four human cases and four animal cases.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts responded to the EEEV activity by conducting wide scale aerial adulticiding. In total, 157,000 acres were treated including parts of Carver, Halifax, Kingston, Middleboro, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, and Wareham. Applications of this kind are complex and involve a large number of state agencies including the Department of Public Health (DPH), Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR), and State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB). The Project assisted with these applications in a number of ways, including supplying equipment and helping to document efficacy of the application.

PCMCP followed the "Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan" and

responded to the EEEV by increasing our adulticiding and mosquito surveillance. The Project conducted wide area applications by truck in locations where EEE was detected. We also submitted extra mosquito samples for virus testing.

West Nile Virus activity was widespread in Massachusetts. Statewide there were 18 human cases, none of them were in the district. All towns in the district started the season at the low risk for WNV. However, later in the season the human risk was raised to moderate for most towns and a number of towns were raised to high risk including Brockton, Abington, Whitman, East Bridgewater, Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett. As part of our WNV control strategy 57,096 catch basins were treated with larvicide in member towns to prevent WNV.

The Project participates in DPH's mosquito surveillance program. As part of that program, we collected 115,484 mosquitoes and submitted 35,177 mosquitoes for testing. The mosquitoes were combined into 824 groups or pools. DPH also tested 13,789 mosquitoes from the district. In all there were 65 isolations of EEEV from mosquito samples. EEEV was found in Abington, Carver, Halifax, Kingston, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Plymouth, Rochester, Wareham, West Bridgewater and Whitman. There was a total of 109 WNV isolations from Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Pembroke, Plymouth Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham, West Bridgewater, and Whitman.

The health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on the Department of Public Health website.

The introduced mosquito *Aedes albopictus* has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in Massachusetts since 2009. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017 and during the 2024 season we recycled 1,533 tires bringing us to a total of 13,615 tires for the program.

The figures specific to the town of Hingham are below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines this information does provide a tally of the activities, which have had the greatest impact on the health, and comfort of Hingham residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Field Technicians continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Hingham 147 larval sites were checked.

During the summer, 3,030 catch basins were treated in Hingham to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our staff treated 1,240.79 acres using truck-mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2024, crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3,083 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work, together with machine reclamation, occurs in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Cq. perturbans* and *Cx. pipiens/restuans*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were, *Cq. perturbans*, *Cx. pipiens/restuans* and *Ae. vexans*.

Education and Outreach: Our Community Liaison, Erin Morrill, held 18 in-person presentations at local Boards of Health (BOH), Councils on Aging, libraries, schools, and fairs to update Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans. In-person visits to local BOH's are ongoing with the aim to meet with every community before the summer. If your town is interested in setting up a presentation, please contact our office.

Our Project website is a great resource for information on upcoming meetings, the annual budget, educational information, and Project services. Announcements and important dates can be found on the home page. We encourage residents or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.



Respectfully submitted,

Ross Rossetti, Superintendent



Library sponsored programs covered a wide variety of topics throughout the year for people of all ages and interests, and included offerings such as educational lectures, author talks, technology classes, craft and art workshops, book clubs, teen clubs, family events, and story times for children. A total of 10,421 people of all ages attended the 513 Library sponsored programs that were offered, programs that were made possible through funding provided by the Library Board of Trustees from the charitable donations generously given by many of our residents who contribute to the Annual Fundraising Drive each year.



*Circulation Supervisor Mary Beth Keif, & Children's Librarian Totsie McGonagle*

Our Children's Department hosted two of the biggest events we have offered at the library. Our Touch-A-Truck program that we hosted during April vacation week was well attended by approximately 500 people. Our second big event was on April 8, 2024, the day of the Total Solar Eclipse. People were everywhere, on the lawn, in the courtyard, and in the library, with over 1,000 people coming through the doors on that day! Leading up to this event, we had programs for children explaining the cycle of an eclipse and read stories about the eclipse. The library even distributed several hundred

pairs of solar eclipse glasses. It was a day to remember and a terrific multi-age event.

Additionally, throughout the year the Children's Department offered a variety of programs such as Lego club, Minecraft Club, Book groups (Grades 2 & 3 and Grades 4 & 5) and Read-to-a-Dog sessions along with a variety of other offerings.

The Young Adult Department kicked off the year with our fabulous annual art exhibit from Hingham Public Schools in January, with students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels all participating. We are very lucky to be able to showcase the incredible artistic talent of our HHS students. The Children's & Young Adult



Departments were also able to feature art from AP Art students at HHS in another exhibit at the library in May. In addition, at the end of the school year, we once again offered extended hours for students with our annual late closing for finals, with the library staying open an extra hour for students studying for exams. Pizza and snacks were provided to the hundreds of busy students gathered at the library who stayed late to study. Teen Summer Reading 2024 was filled with great events such as arts & crafts, mental health and wellness programs, a juggling workshop, and some creative art workshops. The new Teen Advisory Board for teens in Grades 6-12 also had a great turnout, offering students an opportunity to get involved in their community by helping to plan teen programs, providing feedback on library services, and putting together engaging book displays for our patrons.

Our program offerings for Adults were also robust and well-attended. Throughout the year, some of the topics covered included: two lectures with Hingham based company McGuire's Mushrooms, an author talk about Hingham Patriots during the American Revolution, New England based travel programs with renowned author and journalist Alison O'Leary, a history of New England whaling wives through a partnership with the New Bedford Whaling Museum, a plant swap in the spring, monthly concerts performed by members of the Boston Classical Guitar Society, monthly Hingham Public Library Book Club meetings, monthly art exhibits and openings with the artists in our Clemens and Dolphin art galleries, a variety of technology workshops such as Tech Chat for Beginners and A.I. in our Lives: An Overview of Artificial Intelligence and How it's Being Used Today, in addition to many more educational and recreational programs offered throughout the year that are highlighted in our Monthly Newsletter.

This year, our annual Harold & Avis Goldstein Lecture Series, generously sponsored by The Harold & Avis Goldstein Trust, held a special event with MIT professor, physicist, author, and PBS series host Dr. Alan Lightman called "The Transcendent Brain: Spirituality in the Age of Science". We thank Derby Academy for providing the Larson Auditorium for this engaging and enlightening lecture, and especially to Derby Academy staff members Emmy Garr, Director of Library Services, and Will Everett, Executive Operations Manager, for their planning, technical, and logistical assistance. As always, we owe the deepest gratitude to Avis Goldstein, for her unwavering support of the lecture series and all that we do at the Library.

We also collaborated with other community organizations and Town Departments to offer additional community programming, such as: a

program at the Hingham Center for Active Living to discuss available resources, equipment, and materials to their Low Vision Group; Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Workshops, a Mindfulness series for teens, and Ask-a-Nurse sessions with Hingham Nurse Teresa Flynn offered in partnership with the Hingham Health Department; new library card registrations at a booth made available to us by the Farmer's Market; and regular monthly visits to Linden Ponds to open Library cards for residents, promote our services, and providing on-site tech and e-book help.

All of this would not be possible without the amazing, talented, and dedicated Library staff, who work tirelessly every day to offer the exceptional customer service, assistance, programs, and services that make the Hingham Public Library such an incredible and valuable resource and community gem.

Many thanks to Assistant Director Anna Byrne for leading all departments to work together as a cohesive, tight-knit, and high-functioning team; Business Administrator Dina Johnson for expertly handling the day-to-day financial operations and employee benefits; Collection Development Librarian Peter Thornell for consistently managing our physical and digital resources so that we have the best offerings of any library in the area and beyond; Information and Technology Services Librarian Robby St. John for doing outstanding work offering one-on-one technical help as well as valuable technology classes to our patrons, in addition to managing and maintaining computers and technology in the Library; Local History Librarian Michael Achille for enriching the local history collection to include hard-to-find historical reference sources, digitizing materials and curating collections to increase public access; Reference Librarian Lou Johnson for using social media platforms to engage with the public and promote library offerings and services; Head of Technical Services Jill Blair for adding thousands of new library materials each year and ensuring they are easy to find in the catalog; Building Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Jenkins who works with his staff and contractors to keep the building clean, safe and well-maintained, both inside and outside; Children's Librarians Totsie McGonagle and Katie Sullivan, and Senior Library Technician Mary Ellen Miller for planning fun and amazing story times and programs and offering expert help in finding just the right reading materials for children and their families throughout the year; Young Adult Librarian Meghan McCusker for keeping teens actively engaged in their education and community through various programs and educational and volunteer opportunities; Circulation Supervisors Mary Beth Keif and Eleanor Braun for leading their team to offer a consistently welcoming and exceptional customer service experience above and beyond the call of duty for every member of the community; Senior Library Technician Siobhan Sullivan who is the Library's

new Page Supervisor in charge of hiring and training our high school student employees; Senior Library Technician Jenn Kyle who is the Library's new Art Exhibit Coordinator in charge of scheduling gallery exhibits and who also plans and creates the Library's Monthly Newsletter and Circulation book displays; Library Technician and Volunteer Coordinator Ann Fickenwirth who manages, trains and schedules adult volunteers at the Library; and all the staff for their hard work and dedication each day making sure that our patrons receive the best service experience possible.

2024 also saw the retirement of two longtime Library employees, Senior Library Technician and former Page Supervisor Carol Lipsett, who retired after 23 years, and Library Technician Carol Whyte, who retired after 24 years. We thank them for their many years of hard work and dedication to the Library, and for their steadfast service to the Town and its residents.



*Carol Whyte & Carol Lipsett*

After the retirements of our two long serving employees, we were fortunate to welcome new Circulation Supervisor, Eleanor Braun, and new Senior Library Technician Katie DeMarsh, and we look forward to working with them both for many years to come!

We also want to thank our many volunteers for giving their time and talents to the Library. In 2024, our team of volunteers gave 2,391 hours to the Library, shelving books, working in the bookstore, and delivering books to the homebound through our Home Delivery Service. Thanks especially to Adrienne Richardson and Marcia Sinclair for all their hard work and efforts running the bookstore and special book sale events year-round, to Jean McGeary for all her work organizing and managing the Home Delivery service, and to Jim Macedo for his shelf-reading work that helps to keep shelved library materials readily findable and available for our patrons. We also appreciate all the efforts of the Hingham Garden Club who plant and maintain the beautiful planters flanking the main entrance, who bring in a fresh floral arrangement for the Main desk each week, and who help us to maintain the plantings in the beautiful courtyard. We appreciate the efforts of all our volunteers who help make the Library such a special and welcoming environment.

We would also like to mention a special thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the members of the Library Board of Trustees who work tirelessly to support the Library throughout the year. In 2024, a Trustee Hosted Coffee Hour was offered that gave residents a great opportunity to stop by the Library for complimentary donuts and coffee, and to meet and chat with members of the Board. In particular, we are grateful to former Trustee Jeremy Parker who stepped down from the Board this past year after 10 years of service, most recently serving as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. We thank him for his dedication, years of service and financial expertise over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Aylene Calnan, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees  
Linda Harper Stone, Library Director



*Touch-a-Truck, April 2024*

## Public Safety Facility Building Committee

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During 2024, construction of the new Public Safety Facility (the "Project") has proceeded, as planned.

By the end of 2024, the Public Safety Facility had been erected. The exterior walls, roof and windows were installed. The interior walls, floors, ceilings, hallways, cellblocks and apparatus bays have been constructed. The two-story parking garage and the walkway to the new building are in place. Mechanical and electrical systems have been installed. Utilities servicing the building are also in place.

A significant amount of the site work has been performed. The initial course of paving of the roadways and parking areas on the Project has been completed.



Planning has proceeded with the Fire Department and the Police Department to determine the furnishings, fixtures, and equipment that will be procured and installed in the Project, after substantial completion of construction occurs. The Fire Department and Police Department are tentatively scheduled to move into the new facility in May 2025.

We appreciate the community's investment in this project and look forward to welcoming the community to the new facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Garrity, Chair  
Paul K. Healey, Vice Chair  
Joseph Kelly  
Talbert Lauter  
Bruce MacAloney

Donna Smallwood  
Andy Touchette  
Steven Murphy, Fire Chief (ex-officio)  
David Jones, Police Chief (ex-officio)

# Hingham Public Schools

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## School Enrollment

As of October 1, 2024, 3,616 students were enrolled in the Hingham Public Schools, including 74 preschool students, 1,678 elementary students (K-5), 798 middle school students (Gr. 6-8), 1,060 high school students (Gr. 9-12), and 6 special education students who participate in programming beyond grade 12 (SP). Demographic data indicate that 24.9% of Hingham students are designated as high needs, including 8% of students identified as low-income, 18.6% students with disabilities, and 0.7% English Language Learners (ELL).



## Foster Building Project

A highlight of the 2024-2025 school year included the opening of the new Foster Elementary School in January 2025. The new 126,385 sq. ft. learning space will accommodate up to 605 students in Hingham's Pre-K-5 program. The building features grade level "neighborhoods" with associated common spaces, specialist spaces for art, music, library, gym, and computer science, an outdoor nature classroom, and expanded spaces for our Integrated Pre-K, Kids in Action, and Special Education programs. The main entry stairwell will be adorned by a hand-painted three-story ecosystem mural, and each grade level area features a different ecosystem design. Sustainable features include a solar panel-ready roof, natural light optimization, a highly insulated building envelope, and ground source heat pump technology for heating and cooling. In addition to serving the needs of students, the building will also be a resource for the broader community, with a large gymnasium, cafeteria and playground spaces.

We are grateful to the town citizens for supporting this project and to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for providing partial financial support. The estimated total cost of the project is \$113 million,

with an expected MSBA grant of approximately \$25 million, accounting for eligible reimbursement items. Special thanks to the 2017 Building Project Committee for their work in guiding the project from the initial feasibility study, conducted in 2017, through the project completion.



### Elementary Schools

Our four elementary schools (East, Foster, Plymouth River, and South Schools) serve and support 1,600+ students and share a vibrant culture of collaboration, inclusivity, and community engagement. At each school, dedicated educators, support personnel, and administrators have been working diligently to foster student growth and success. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) have been a cornerstone of this shared effort, allowing teachers to collaborate, analyze student achievement data, and refine their practices. The elementary schools have also been collaborating on instructional initiatives including the implementation of our new reading program, *Into Reading*, and a yearlong professional development theme focused on social-emotional learning. Research for future adoption of a new elementary math program is underway through the collaborative work of the Elementary Math Curriculum Review Committee. The team has narrowed program choices from a broader field of seven programs down to a narrower list of three programs that are under active consideration for pilot in 2025-2026. In addition, a district-wide commitment to sustaining Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and associated scheduling further reflect this dedication to meeting both academic and social-emotional needs. Each school has also embraced inclusive pedagogy, including Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and tiered interventions to meet the diverse needs of students, ensuring that every child, regardless of ability or background, receives the support they need to thrive.

Dedicated support personnel and Special Education staff at each elementary school ensure that all students, regardless of need, have access to learning in a way that feels supported and celebrates growth.

Specialized Special Education programs such as RISE (*Reaching Independence Through Structured Education*), LAHB (*Language Academic Home Base*), and CLC (*Comprehensive Learning Center*) support students with our highest level of need, including language-based learning disabilities, complex neurological disorders, and intensive behavioral and communication needs including applied behavior analysis. These specialized programs highlight a deep commitment to providing tailored opportunities for all students.

Outside the classroom, strong partnerships with Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTOs) enrich each school's environment. The PTOs have played a vital role in bringing learning to life through enriching activities, funding field trips, and supporting community service initiatives. From South's Buzz Assemblies celebrating kindness and community to Plymouth River's community connections through visits to senior centers and collaboration with local resource officers, every event reinforces the shared values of kindness, responsibility, and lifelong learning. Foster's Lego Robotics Club and East's early childhood programs encourage hands-on exploration and creativity. Collectively, these schools embody the spirit of community, where students are nurtured not only academically but also socially and emotionally, preparing them to become thoughtful, responsible citizens. With a forward-thinking vision and a foundation of strong community involvement, these schools continue to inspire and empower their students for the future.



#### Hingham Middle School

The overarching themes of this year at Hingham Middle School have been centered on community and connection, with efforts being made on all fronts to help our students and families feel that HMS is where everyone is welcome and belongs.

During the 2024-2025 academic year, Hingham Middle School reorganized

the structure of grade eight in order to more closely resemble that of grades six and seven, utilizing the academic team approach. Each academic team consists of a math, science, social studies, and English teacher, along with a dedicated special educator. This organizational approach has worked well in building a sense of community and connection between students and teachers, and allows our faculty to better support the social-emotional needs of all students through strengthened communication and collaboration among the adults. With common planning and meeting time for teachers, faculty are able to work together meeting the needs of all learners

This year, Hingham Middle School continued its *One Book, One School* program, hosting an "all school" read of *A Wish in the Dark*, by Christina Soontoorvant. Students had the opportunity to meet with and learn from the book's author, who visited our school in the fall. The middle school also saw our Unified Sports program expand during its second year, with the creation of "Unified Intramurals" and our first season of participation in the middle school level Unified Basketball program. Building on the success and popularity of the Unified bocce program from the 2023 - 2024 school year, athletes and peers work together to build friendships and community while enjoying some friendly competition.

Finally, HMS continues to offer students a wide variety of clubs and activities after school to give all students a reason to stay beyond the 2:00 bell. With opportunities for students to create works of art in the Art Club, learn to cook new and different recipes in the Cooking Club, learn about other cultures in the World Culture Club, compete with friends in intramural sports, or enjoy some "low-tech" fun in the Board Game Group, there is something for everyone at Hingham Middle School.



#### Hingham High School

At the annual graduation ceremony on June 1, 2024, 283 students graduated from Hingham High School. Of these graduates, a total of

91.7% of graduates planned to attend four-year colleges in 33 different states and three foreign countries (Ireland, Canada, and France); 2.7% planned to attend specialized or two-year institutions; 1.7% planned to participate in post-graduate programs; 1% planned to take a gap year; and 1.77% planned to begin full-time employment.

One highlight of 2024 included the recognition of HHS as the 2024 AFS-USA Global School of the Year award. This award, bestowed at a ceremony in Washington DC, recognized the global education offerings at HHS, including global emphasis across all curriculum disciplines and robust opportunities for students to participate in global travel. Notably, thirty one members of the Class of 2024 received a Global Competency certificate. Through interdisciplinary academic study, community service, and international travel, these graduates demonstrated increased global awareness, a heightened appreciation of diversity, and a capacity to work and contribute in an increasingly interconnected world.

Hingham High School's extracurricular clubs enjoyed continued success. Following is a small sampling of the opportunities and activities of our students through the extracurricular clubs offered at the high school:

- The Best Buddies club and Unified Basketball/Unified Track sports teams continue to welcome students with and without disabilities, providing opportunities to forge meaningful friendships and build a sense of belonging.
- Breathe Out promotes awareness about mental health and suicide. Their goal is to help students learn coping skills that can lead to resilience and become more comfortable seeking help from adults. They deliver presentations (e.g., "How Not to Keep a Secret") to all ninth-grade students. The presentations provide awareness and education about mental health and how to support someone you may be worried about, including talking to a trusted adult. Twice a year, they organize outdoor days emphasizing exercise and the outdoors to help manage stress. During Unity Week, another "Breathe Out Day" focused on supporting one another when someone is struggling.
- The Career Exploration Event included more than 45 professional volunteers, giving students an up-close and personal view of various career paths.
- The Chinese Club is dedicated to improving awareness and understanding of Chinese culture, customs, and traditions. Students learn Chinese culture, music, and art, try Chinese food, and celebrate Chinese festivals.

- The Drama Club produced The Spring play in 2024 was a disco-themed version of "Much Ado About Nothing" in which the audience were encouraged to dress in their best Disco attire. The Festival One Act was "Secondary Ed" and this past fall 2024 drama students produced the Fall Musical, "HADESTOWN: Teen Edition."
- The annual "Harbormen Helping Hingham" day of community service achieved a 83% participation rate among members of the Class of 2024; 234 senior class participants each completed six hours of community service on April 12, 2024.
- Thirteen HHS juniors were recognized at the regional History Day contest. Nine of them earned gold, silver, or bronze medals in their categories, thereby punching a ticket to the state-level History Day contest in April!
- A member of the math team become the first HHS student in 15 years to compete as a finalist in the MA Association of Mathematics Olympiad Contest.
- The Mentor Program continues to ease students' transition to 9th grade by pairing them with an older peer mentor.
- Members of the National Honor Society completed over 1300 hours of community service and over 800 hours of peer tutoring.
- The Robotics team Hammerheads, returned from a weekend competition at WPI with the "Innovative Design" Award, which "celebrates creativity and unique features of the robot that were intentionally designed to enhance the strategy of play and contribute to the objectives of the competition.
- Affiliated with the nationwide Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, the Hingham Service Club participates in numerous monthly community service events. The club members strive to help foster an inclusive, welcoming environment, not only at HHS but in the broader Hingham community. They also collaborate with Foster School's 1st Grade Kindness Club to help spread acts of kindness and positivity.



### Equitable & Inclusive Practices

The Hingham Public Schools is committed to the success of all learners

through the implementation of equitable and inclusive practices. The cornerstones of this inclusive approach include commitment to a robust multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS); alignment of the district's standards-based, innovative, and culturally responsive curriculum; attention to social-emotional learning and behavioral health; and implementation of universally-designed instructional practices.

#### Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

During the 2024-2025 school year, HPS continued to sustain and strengthen the district's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), a framework designed to build the necessary staffing, systems, and structures to ensure that every child finds success and meets grade-level standards. MTSS is considered a best practice in education, and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education issued an MTSS "blueprint" to guide districts in assembling a comprehensive MTSS system for both academic and social-emotional learning (SEL) needs. This year, the district has continued to refine and expand on the use of data to improve instruction in both ELA in math, with reading, literacy, and math coaches providing coaching and support to teachers on the best interventions for students based on their demonstrated need. Teachers, administrators, and specialists meet regularly to analyze data, identify student needs, reflect on student progress, and plan next steps. The MTSS academic model, coupled with our existing social-emotional tiered system, is well positioned to ensure ongoing monitoring of student skills, student success, and access to our curriculum as we closely monitor student progress post-pandemic.

#### Social-Emotional Learning

The HPS Wellness Committee has identified three areas of focus this year: the adoption of an SEL curriculum, the development of SEL programming for students and families, and the development of SEL resources and professional development for educators. The committee is in the process of exploring a variety of curriculum options for developing a K-12 SEL program in Hingham. In addition, the committee has collaborated with town partners to co-host a community event with noted anxiety specialist Lynn Lyons to support families. Finally, the district has provided professional development for all staff led by behavior specialist Jessica Minahan, which has been very successful in helping teachers work with students who have behavioral challenges.

### Portrait of a Learner Initiative

During the 2024-2025 school year, the Hingham Public Schools engaged the community in a process known as the *Portrait of a Learner* (POL) initiative. Throughout the summer and fall, the district POL steering committee surveyed community stakeholders for input regarding the skills and dispositions that students will need for success in a diverse and rapidly changing world. The resulting guiding document identifies five key competencies that a Hingham Public Schools learner will develop in order to become creative problem solvers, effective communicators, responsible citizens, skillful collaborators, and mindful individuals. This spring, the HPS leadership team and staff will begin the process of bringing the Portrait of a Learner to life in our schools by identifying the progression of required skills from PreK-12, and offering professional development and ongoing programming to support the Portrait of a Learner initiative.

### Building Thinking Classrooms

The secondary math department has embarked on a year of professional development for HMS and HHS based on the book *Building Thinking Classrooms* by Peter Liljedahl. This method promotes collaboration and deep thinking as students work to solve problems together. The Hingham Education Foundation (HEF) has generously funded the purchase of new furniture for two pilot "Thinking Classrooms", which include walls of glass boards for collaborative writing and flexible seating with built-in writing surfaces. Many thanks to HEF for their continued support of this program.

### Fine Arts

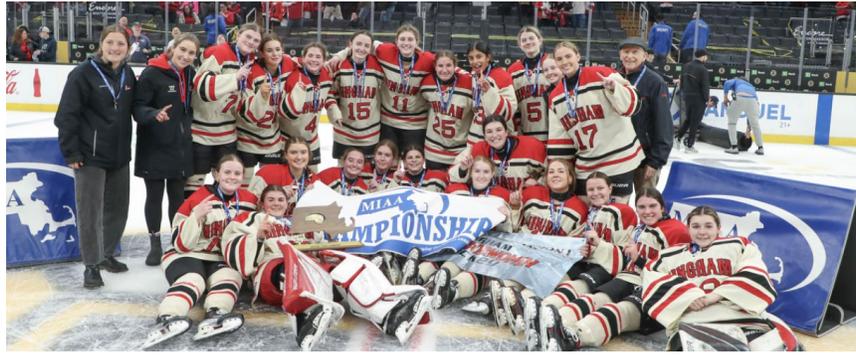
The Fine Arts department continues to promote collaboration across grade levels, ensembles, and programs. HMS and HHS choral students have had several opportunities to participate in activities and ensembles together, such as annual evening caroling, MICCA choir, and a visit from HHS chorus students to HMS. The HHS Band program has also promoted community connections by performing at the Penniman Hill senior living center, the Hingham Arts Walk, and by sharing some instrumental students with the Hingham Singers' band accompaniment for one of their concerts. HHS drama students engaged in a variety of community connections including supporting HMS students with their 8th grade One Act productions. For the visual arts, a visit by the HHS visual arts teacher to HMS resulted in growing Photography I and Graphic Design I enrollment. The elementary KIA After School Strings program increased enrollment from 47 students in 2023-2024 to 63 students in 2024-2025.

The Fine Arts department is also currently in the second year of implementation of the Arts Pathway Program at HHS, and continues to see strong enrollment and participation with 57 grade 10-12 students pursuing the certificate track of the program and several more freshman students involved in just the club. Arts Pathway students are taking leadership in advertising arts events in our schools and encouraging positive arts culture.



### Athletics

Hingham High School Athletics enjoyed continued success in 2024 with many reasons for celebration, including 10 Patriot League Championships. However, the metric of which we are most proud is the participation rate of HHS students, with 83% of students participating in at least one of the three athletics seasons. Other notable achievements include a league title for the Gymnastics Team who sent two gymnasts to the state championships for the first time in school history. Our Dance Team similarly qualified for the New England Championships for the first time in school history. Our girls' crew team and overall (boys and girls combined) teams won crew state titles in the fall and the HHS girls' hockey team won the division 1 state championship in the winter. Another metric of which we are proud includes the service hours and charitable efforts of our athletics teams, including the boys' hockey team raising over \$50,000 for cancer research. We also acknowledge the support and partnership of community organizations, including Hingham Sports Partnership and booster groups. We look forward to opening the new HHS Wellness Center "The Dock" funded by the generosity of HSP. Finally, we are grateful for the continued partnership with the Hingham Recreation Commission, who helps to maintain playing fields for our athletes.



### METCO Program

Under the direction of the HPS METCO Director Amy Jackson, HPS continues to be a thriving METCO district. The current enrollment for the Hingham METCO program is 43 students, including 19 in the elementary grades, 12 at the middle school, and 12 at the high school, of which 2 are seniors. The number of students at each elementary school is as follows:

- East - 6
- Foster - 4
- Plymouth River - 2
- South - 7



Ms. Jackson continues to lead robust programming to support METCO students and families and collaborates with the Central Office and broader leadership team to offer professional development designed to strengthen the district's equitable and inclusive practices. Student and family programming has included student leadership opportunities, parent support groups, summer enrichment opportunities, participation in METCO advocacy day, and college planning support. The district has also received several recent professional development grants from METCO Inc. including membership in the METCO 2.0 initiative, designed to support strategic planning and professional development around equitable and inclusive practices. The district is also grateful for the support of Tihna Kouka who was brought on

board as the K-8 METCO interventionist currently working in each elementary and middle school. The interventionist works in the classrooms alongside their teachers, with each METCO student providing academic and social-emotional support. The METCO relationship continues to enrich the entire community for the mutual benefit of all students.

### Student Services

The Department of Student Services oversees the implementation of state and federal laws that protect the educational and civil rights of students with disabilities, impairments, those who are in foster care and are homeless, students of military families, and those with substantial medical needs that confine them to their homes. The department's responsibility for these students includes any student who lives in Hingham and those who attend a private school in Hingham. Below are some highlights of the department of the year. This year, the department focused on implementing a program evaluation of special education services, improving communication and relationships with families, and supporting the implementation of a new IEP.

During the 2023-2024 school year, the Student Services department sought an independent evaluation to better understand the strengths and gaps of the department. The district desired to know what more we could add to the department to develop greater capacity in servicing the students.

The in-depth report considered our specialized programs, professional development, the contents and quality of our Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), inclusive practices, District Accommodations Plans, preschool and early childhood programming, and staff utilization. Further, we reviewed our documentation around program descriptions and services, budgetary and census data, procedures and services, out-of-district placements, and information contained in the most recent DESE Tiered Focused Monitoring (formally the Coordinated Program Review). Additionally, the examined our IEPs which were in transition according to the forthcoming changes under the direction of the Department of Elementary and secondary Education along with numerous interviews that comprised staff, parents, and constituents.

As a district, we learned about our strengths in the areas of service delivery and family communications. The report offered areas we needed to look at that would strengthen our capacity to offer assistance to a broader audience of students. As a result, a Student Services Strategic Plan was developed that will guide the department for the next three to five years. We are currently in year one of the plan.

Student Services continues to deepen its relationships with stakeholders this year. Bi-monthly meetings are held with Team Chairs incorporating legal counsel to help with building effective long-term plans that can live within the laws of the federal and state government. Topics of urgency as well as needs of the district are discussed.

The Director and the Superintendent meet with SEPAC monthly. They have brought forward parents' concerns that might allow us to problem solve with more efficacy. Additionally, they have offered creative and pertinent information through a series of presentations for the public. They are a small but mighty group.

This year the district implemented the new state law IEP for all students. Training took place both last year and this year. While like any new program, we continued to make modifications as we become more experienced with the software. We are confident that the new IEP will enhance our focus on the student and offer a better experience.

This year the student Services department explored our potential to add programming internally that would offer seats for students who might need to attend an Out-of-District school. As a result of months of planning, we are proud to be adding to our internal programs with the addition of a therapeutic program for both elementary and middle schools. This program will be placed in our district through the South Shore Educational Collaborative. We believe that this will allow us to support students with more significant needs prohibiting them from attending a regular classroom while remaining in-district to participate in before- and after-school activities. This program will complement the other specialized programs that have been developed in Hingham.

#### MCAS Results

Spring 2024 HPS test scores indicate strong performance relative to state averages and to our benchmark districts. Exit outcomes in Grade 10 are strong for HPS students across content areas, with 86% of students meeting or exceeding expectations for ELA, 75% of students meeting or exceeding expectations for Mathematics, and 71% of students meeting or exceeding expectations for Science. MCAS data points to areas for targeted focus, including preparing grades 8 and 5 students for a new MCAS format, and continued focus on students with disabilities and high needs students in ELA and math, especially in grade 10. These gaps will be addressed by focusing on multi-tiered supports (MTSS), universal design for learning (UDL), and curriculum enhancements.

### Human Resources

The School Human Resource Department is responsible for activities that span a wide variety of core functions linked by a concern for the well-being of the employees. Functions include the development, and maintenance of policies and programs that ensure successful management of the employee life cycle, employee relations, labor relations, compensation and benefits, labor law compliance requirements, and mandatory training and compliance. The Department works to develop and maintain human resource and risk management services in an effort to maintain a safe, collaborative, and positive work environment for all employees.

The School Human Resource Department strives to be a proactive change agent by being a contributor, partner, and advisor for employees and leaders throughout the District. The goals of the department this year have included strengthening hiring procedures and practices, and relationship building. This work includes:

- Roll out of the completed Hiring Handbook, which outlines the District's recruitment, hiring, and onboarding procedures and expectations for best practices
- On-boarding more than 150 staff members, 47 of which are Substitutes
- Updating the Substitute Handbook and regularly hosting Substitute Orientation/On-boarding sessions.
- Updating HR forms and documents to align across all hiring managers.
- Development of and presenting a Discipline and Investigations training for Operations managers.
- Assisting with the rollout of an Evaluation tool for Custodians and Maintenance employees
- Developing job descriptions in collaboration with Unit D
- Holding quarterly meetings with Administrative Assistants
- Evaluating absence management system, applicant tracking system, and other HRIS functions within Munis that will create efficiencies and streamline
- Initiating an I-9 compliance Audit
- Implementing tracking system for background check compliance
- Development of the monthly HR newsletter

There continues to be a teacher shortage and recruitment requires creativity and use of different strategies. The District has expanded its use of job boards beyond SchoolSpring to the use of Handshake and Indeed. However, the business model of these job boards is changing

and many recruitment platforms such as these are moving toward minimal job visibility unless organizations upgrade to a pay for use account. The Human Resources Department will continue to be creative in its recruitment strategy to support all hiring managers in the recruitment and retention of qualified and diverse staff.

### Technology

The Hingham Public Schools' Technology Department (IT) consists of three full-time employees dedicated to serving the district students and staff in all technology-related enterprises. IT continually strives to identify and implement supportive technologies that complement the District's mission. The Technology Department incorporates 'best-of-breed' technologies into the District while maintaining a secure and fiscally responsible approach to acquisition and maintenance. Additionally, IT staff are a support resource to teach, train, and troubleshoot technology issues that inevitably arise. As a department, we believe technology can and does provide many benefits to the District.

In addition to the many physical computing devices in the District (and the software products installed on them), the Technology Department is responsible for the installation and support of peripheral devices, including (but not limited to) printers, scanners, video projectors, phones, interactive whiteboards (Viewsonic Viewboards®), and document cameras.

Additionally, the Technology Department also maintains control over various infrastructure components. IT manages servers, routers, switches, firewalls, wireless access points, a wireless mobility controller, and a Scale Computing HC3 array. Over the past year, IT has continued to improve operational efficiency and modernize the District's technology footprint. Below are some of the IT Department's initiatives and accomplishments of FY24:

- Implementation of technologies to incorporated into the new Foster Elementary School
- Updated the switching components throughout Hingham Middle School
- Installed and configured Viewsonic Viewboards in all instructional spaces in Hingham Middle School
- Instituted a new help desk support system to improve operation efficiency relative to our response to technology support requests District-wide
- Updated the High School's wireless access points

- Promoted the use of multi-factor authentication to assist staff in securing access to their online resources
- Coordinating student information system (Follett Aspen) and SSO solution (Clever) integration to facilitate access to a variety of online applications
- Managing (and repairing as necessary) approximately 2,500 Chromebooks and 1,000 iPads throughout the District
- Incorporating the strategic initiatives outlined in the three-year technology plan approved in 2023

During the 2022-2023 school year, the district completed a yearlong process to develop a three-year technology plan that outlined a three-year plan to help continue to strengthen the integration of technology. Our vision for technology is for our students and educators to innovate, create, and collaborate through equitable access to a technology-rich environment supported by robust infrastructure. It will integrate technology purposefully and responsibly to access and construct knowledge, effectively communicate, and support creative expression.

#### Budget

Early in September 2024, the district and school leaders began building the FY26 budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The budget planning included opportunities to discuss our priorities and review current FY25 budget spending. Despite the challenges of increased costs, our discussions have focused on supporting all of our students to ensure their academic, social-emotional learning, and behavioral health needs as we continue our recovery from the disrupted learning of the pandemic.

As part of the budget planning for FY26, we have identified an approximate \$2.7 million dollar deficit. Of the \$2.7 million, \$1,236,799 is due to increased special education costs, including out-of-district special education tuition and specialized contracted services. The Memorandum of Understanding with the town allows the schools to request increased funding for special education costs above a 2% threshold. The remaining \$1.5 million of the deficit is due to the district's obligations to several budget drivers, including meeting the contractual agreements with our employees, utilities, and increases in substitute costs.

The FY26 budget will be impacted by several factors that are leading to increased costs:

- The district's personnel costs are increasing. The district must meet its contractual obligations to its employees.
- The district is experiencing increased costs of utilities, including electricity.

- The budget will reflect needed increases for substitutes to cover long and short-term absences.
- We continue to experience increased student needs due to the pandemic and other societal pressures. Most significantly, we see an increased need in students' social-emotional learning and behavioral needs. These needs require additional staffing and contractual services to meet our students' increased needs. In addition, out-of-district special education tuition will also increase.

In the budget development, the district developed our priorities, including continuing the three-year strategic plan. The strategic plan outlines goals to create and sustain a school system that continuously improves teaching and learning so that our students can realize academic, social-emotional, and personal success. The following are additional priorities established by the Leadership Team in the development of the budget:

- Align resources and program offerings to support the Portrait of a Learner initiative and 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.
- Continue to strengthen and sustain tiered systems of academic and social-emotional support to ensure the success of all students.
- Strengthen systems, structures, and programs in the Student Services Department to address diverse social-emotional, behavioral health, and academic needs.
- Promote and support strategic initiatives through aligned, relevant professional development. Continue to advance educator capacity to employ best practices through high-quality curriculum, robust instruction and implementation of social-emotional and behavioral supports.
- Provide access to safe, welcoming and well-maintained facilities, with reliable, high-quality technology, to create a learning environment that is supportive of students' academic and social-emotional development. Promote efficient financial and HR operations to support smooth functioning of the district.

As always, Hingham Public Schools benefited from strong and longstanding community partnerships. The cooperative efforts, volunteerism, and generosity of parents, PTOs, boosters, community groups, civic organizations, SEPAC, the Hingham Education Foundation, and the Hingham Sports Partnership have again supported the School Department in supporting its mission and achieving goals. Myriad graduation scholarships and awards are presented yearly in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that

enhance the valued facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

Development of 2025-2028 Strategic Plan

Hingham Public Schools is currently completing Year 3 of a three-year strategic plan, encompassing the years 2022-2025. The district is currently engaged in the development of a new strategic plan for the 2025-2028. The strategic planning process will include community input via surveys, focus groups and broad representation of stakeholder groups on the strategic planning committee. The Central Office administration will present the new strategic plan to the Hingham School committee in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn (Katie) Roberts  
Superintendent of Schools

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Jen Benham, Vice Chair  
Aly Anderson, Secretary  
Michelle Ayer  
Matt Cosman  
Tim Miller-Dempsey  
Kerry Ni

## Recreation Commission

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The Hingham Recreation Commission oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. It is a five member elected board committed to providing high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintaining safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. It is the mission of the Recreation Department to offer programs, activities, and opportunities which assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

Hingham is an active, vibrant community across all age levels, therefore, maximizing the potential of multiple locations and amenities that the Recreation Department oversees is an important goal each year. The Rec Center, located at 210 Central Street, in Town Hall, is comprised of a basketball gymnasium, game room, two studios and a Fitness Center. Outdoor facilities at the Rec Center include the Community Playground, a street hockey rink, tennis courts, basketball court, volleyball court, soccer field, and the Cronin Baseball Field. Additionally, the Recreation Department oversees the "Rec Barn" located at 341 Main Street to offer additional programming space. The Recreation Department also permits and oversees the turf maintenance program for the Town's 68 acres of athletic fields.

This year the partnership continued between the Recreation Department and Hingham Schools offering more than 60 affordable afterschool programs and activities as a part of the East Explorers Program. These programs included: Skateboarding, Multisport, Rec Arts, Rec Games, and collaborations with Harbor Media, IJE, StemPlay and Holly Hills Farms. The program welcomes more than 700 registrations.

The Recreation Summer Camp Programs once again saw record numbers of registrations with more than 800 registrations for our Preschool camps, more than 1500 registrations for our FunTime program, almost 600 registrations for our Adventure Club, more than 150 registrations for our all-outdoors Parkland Camp (which explores Hingham parks and Greenspaces), and more than 1100 registrations for our Trip-based Teen Xtreme Camp. Once again, due in part to the continued success of these programs, the Recreation Department had the difficult task of selecting the more than 120 summer staff positions from an application pool of more than 150 applicants. In addition to these summer camps, other programs including Sports Experience, Summer Dance, Golf clinics, Skateboarding clinics, and Tennis clinics were a part of the active 2024 summer season. Harbor Girls Sports, a new summer camp program, was also offered. The Recreation Department continued its collaboration with



the Bathing Beach committee to staff and oversee the lifeguards for the Hingham Bathing Beach from June until September. The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Road race had 2000 registered runners, to top off the summer season. The course is 4.47 miles down historic Main Street in Hingham.

The Funky Feet School of Dance enrollment had more than 550 registrations with an additional 130 dancers registering for the 2024 Funky Nutcracker. The spring recitals, at the Hingham Middle School, produced four shows with more than

2000 tickets sold and the holiday recitals, at the Hingham Middle School, presented five separate shows with more than 600 dancers and sold more than 2500 tickets.

2024 also marked a heartfelt goodbye to the old Hingham Community Playground located at Cronin Field. The original Hingham Community Playground was considered the "best playground on the South Shore," which is a testament to the 1999 playground committee and volunteers who made the playground possible. After more than 25 years of serving the Hingham community, the old playground was taken down to make way for a brand new state of the art playground scheduled to open to the public in the late spring of 2025.

Adult Fitness continued to serve the community with successful programs such as Harbor Hoops, Adult Tennis, Adult Golf, Adult Pickleball, Adult Dance Fitness, Yoga, Spin and Adult Cardio Dance. The Recreation's collaboration with the Bathing Beach Trustees continued in 2024 bringing the highly successful Yoga program to the Hingham Harbor Community room located in the Beach House at Hingham Harbor.

This year was the fourth year of the Recreation Department's overseeing the management of Hingham's outdoor fields and courts. A highlight of the year was the re-opening of the completely re-constructed basketball court and street hockey rink located at Cronin Field.



Respectfully submitted,

Recreation Commissioners

Vicki Donlan, Chair  
Matt LeBretton, Co-Chair  
Steve Buckley  
Steve Melia  
Adrienne Ramsey

## Route 3A Task Force

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The Route 3A Task Force, formed in 2017 by the Hingham Select Board, continues to support the design and planning process for the Route 3A/Summer Street/Rockland Street corridor improvement project. This critical infrastructure effort will enhance public safety, improve neighborhood access to the harbor, and create a more functional, welcoming corridor for all users—pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

The project scope extends from the intersection of Otis Street and Broad Cove Road to the intersection of George Washington Boulevard and Rockland Street. Planned improvements include a modern roundabout, traffic-calming lane reductions, signal upgrades, ADA-compliant sidewalks, and a ten-foot-wide shared-use path along the waterfront. These enhancements aim to reduce accidents, increase mobility, and better connect neighborhoods with the harbor and downtown.



In 2024, after submission of the 75 percent design plans, MassDOT required additional utility design work not previously anticipated. The Town Engineer and GM2 Associates have been working closely with utility companies to resolve these complexities. In parallel, the Town is coordinating with State Senator Patrick O'Connor and State Representative Jean Meschino to ensure the project advances to the 100 percent design phase without further delay.

The project remains on track for inclusion in the 2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with an advertisement for bids anticipated in September 2026. This is a delay over last year’s timing. The estimated total cost of approximately \$31 million, reflects expanded project scope and escalating construction costs—yet this remains completely funded by state and federal sources.

The 3A Task Force continues to host public meetings and coordinate with Town departments, public safety, civic groups, and regional partners to ensure transparency and community engagement.

We remain committed to supporting a safer, more connected Hingham, and thank the community for its continued interest and input.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sneath, Chair 3A Task Force  
JR Frey, Town Engineer

## Scholarship Fund Committee

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The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2024 totaled \$7,510,260 compared to \$6,750,461 at the end of 2023. These figures include an investment gain of \$1,126,662, donations of \$18,409, scholarship disbursements of \$330,000, and administrative fees of \$500.

Market performance for 2024 was dominated by large cap US equities, following a similar result in 2023. The plan finished the year with a healthy 15.7% return.

The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate, a broad domestic investment grade bond index returned 1.25%. The S&P 500, an index of the 500 largest US public companies by market capitalization, returned 25.02%. The Russell 2500 Index, an equity index that tracks an array of small and mid-cap sized US companies, returned 12.00%. The MSCI EAFE Index, measuring large company equity performance in developed markets within Europe, Australasia and the Far East, returned 4.35%.

The Fund's asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds & money market equivalents, has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for several years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests, the committee continues to feel this mix to be most prudent. For 2024, the Scholarship Fund returned 15.7%, net of investment returns, income, donations, and withdrawals. By comparison, the Fund's benchmark, which is a weighted average of the above-mentioned indices, returned 14.0%.

The committee voted in early spring to provide \$330,000 in scholarship awards to the class of 2024. This amount is consistent with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement, which is to distribute ~5% of the average assets over the prior three years and compares to \$308,000 in 2022 and \$330,000 in 2023. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years, more than \$4M has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional acumen of members of the Treasurer's Office for trade implementation and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew McGonagle, Chair  
John Fitzsimons  
Roger Nastou  
Jeff St. Mary  
Jeffrey Swett  
Lori Magner, Treasurer/Collector

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS  
IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER

Scholarship	12/31/23	12/31/24
Rizzotto Memorial .....	37,852	41,533
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon .....	41,540	46,251
Orvis K. & May B. Collins .....	88,027	98,002
Amasa J. Whiting .....	41,334	46,239
Second World War Memorial.....	108,449	120,879
Margaret McElroy .....	21,436	23,944
Stuart Macmillan Memorial.....	99,039	111,004
Ann Mulholland .....	9,843	10,839
John Lewis Russell .....	25,730	28,722
Caroline Murdock .....	19,006	21,740
Charles (Chuck) Martell .....	56,696	65,049
Francis James Thompson.....	3,411,307	3,782,712
Patricia Lynne Schneider.....	7,244	8,093
Harold L. Downing .....	31,023	34,804
Hingham Theater for Children.....	10,327	11,453
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Curtis E. Chase .....	23,217	26,053
The Wallis Lee Chipman Music Award.....	11,584	12,980
Russell Arkell Scholarship .....	17,992	20,015
Hingham High Basketball Boosters .....	21,181	23,727
Charles Berry .....	8,855	9,893
Edward O. Hornstra .....	28,873	31,877
William J. Laubenstein Jr .....	8,730	9,237
Mary Sheldon.....	11,536	12,799
Robin Karen Kurciviez.....	8,498	9,462
Mary J. Fee for the Arts .....	7,930	8,803
Jacobs Scholarship .....	48,442	53,854
John Higgins Scholarship .....	7,112	7,926
Burditt W. Collins Memorial.....	11,178	12,304
Savini Music.....	9,654	10,753
The Luce Scholarships.....	334,958	375,784
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	29,183	32,490
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial .....	9,176	10,204
The Bryant Scholarship.....	186,149	206,588
Hingham Taxpayers .....	95,693	106,613
Hingham Band Parents .....	9,396	10,514
Susan/George Burton Music Scholarship .....	35,453	39,199
Leroy L. Eldredge .....	30,465	29,634
John Barba .....	30,402	36,467
M. Tilghman Earle .....	37,814	41,051
Supt. Lewis J. Ernst.....	31,389	35,057
Joan E. Pyne Memorial .....	11,880	13,177
John Peter Nionakis.....	23,388	25,829

Kids Cabaret .....	5,239	5,757
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy .....	23,319	25,678
Field Hockey Team.....	15,698	17,250
Charles L. Vickery .....	53,739	60,557
Jamin Guarino .....	55,627	62,429
Clifford Family Memorial .....	16,763	18,599
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace .....	146,312	162,405
Gerald M. Collins, M.D .....	4,528	5,033
Hingham Scholarship Memorial .....	12,418	14,392
Crofoot Trust .....	30,422	33,448
Sam Butterfield Scholarship .....	14,554	16,095
Gloria O. Lofgren .....	19,947	22,265
Robin Helene Ruben .....	30,887	35,345
Robert L. Goodrich .....	51,937	57,023
Helen S. Wollan .....	10,971	12,460
Former Students of HHS.....	20,389	22,519
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	31,148	34,197
Hingham Women's Club .....	23,848	26,631
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial .....	17,429	19,429
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial .....	40,058	44,464
Samantha Hooper Memorial.....	9,998	11,074
Cynthia Steven Scholarship.....	7,921	8,730
Marie Meallo Scholarship .....	17,340	19,199
Keith Ryan Memorial .....	5,215	5,775
Sean Ryan Memorial .....	99,215	109,823
Colarullo Family Scholarship.....	13,060	14,462
Neal Tompkins Memorial .....	109,618	122,200
Corporal Christopher J. Orlando USMC Memorial.....	112,018	126,439
Elizabeth Nally Memorial.....	11,140	12,501
Class of 1976 Fritz Hansel Memorial .....	7,224	8,047
Herbert T. McMeekin, Jr. ....	177,133	195,609
Dr. Andrew V. & Edith B. Mason.....	172,723	190,677
Haskell N. & Elinor F. Maude.....	10,860	13,960
Supt. Dorothy H. Galo Scholarship .....	126,776	145,695
Pamela Noble-Hill Memorial .....	31,640	34,753
HHS Class of 1962.....	14,889	16,496
Ruth Butterfield Scholarship.....	97,304	101,253
Philip J Arena Scholarship.....	0	10,728
General Fund .....	2,665	3,310
Total Rounded .....	5,605,860	6,750,461

## 2017 School Building Committee

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On December 31, 2024, a Certificate of Occupancy was issued to allow use and occupancy of the new (and newly named) Foster Elementary School ("Foster"). Teachers, administrators, and staff then readied the new school for eager students arriving on January 3, 2025. While disappointed that challenging site conditions and the lead time required for obtaining certain building materials delayed the originally planned September 2024 opening, the School Building Committee ("SBC") continued to provide vigilant management, oversight, and cost control, while ensuring the safe and expeditious execution of the project. A strong coordinated effort from the entire project team, with flexibility and cooperation from teachers and administrators, and the continued patience of Foster families, led to a successful implementation of a "plan B" occupancy following the December holiday break.



This exciting and long-awaited milestone is significant, but the project is far from complete with abatement and demolition of the old William L. Foster Elementary School ("W. L. Foster School") building beginning this winter and extensive site work continuing until late summer of this year to construct and install permanent points of ingress and egress, parking areas, a new softball field and other site attributes including solar panels on the building roof if the budget permits. The SBC expects to host a formal ribbon cutting ceremony in the coming months at which State and Town officials will gather to celebrate the results of years of vision, determination, and accomplishment.

To date, the Town has received over \$20 million in reimbursement payments from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). Regular payments will continue throughout the project until completion and regulatory closeout until the total anticipated MSBA grant of nearly \$25 million is received.

As a historical reminder, W.L. Foster School was built in 1951 with various renovations and additions in the decades that followed and benefitted from a 2008 Town Meeting-authorized capital investment of approximately \$3.5 million in its physical plant as part of a School Facilities Master Plan executed by the 2006 School Building Committee. This investment was made to enhance learning environment parity among Hingham's elementary schools and breathe an additional 10-15 years of life into a tired and poorly designed, albeit a clean, safe, and well-maintained structure, which served for many years as a welcoming haven for well over four hundred students residing in north Hingham. Although the 2006 Master Plan recommended that either a comprehensive renovation or replacement of Foster should be pursued, the East Elementary and Middle School projects were prioritized and completed first. Despite the renovations and investments that improved the educational experience temporarily, many facility issues were too costly to address adequately, many classroom layouts remained problematic, and more frequent and serious concerns arose relative to some of the building's aging mechanical systems, which at times displaced students and staff requiring temporary relocation and rendering the building temporarily unusable. As a result, the School Committee sought Town-wide support for a long-term solution to these growing challenges and submitted a Statement of Interest for MSBA consideration. After two unsuccessful attempts, a project to provide that long-term solution was approved by the MSBA in 2019 and a series of Town Meetings appropriated the necessary funding and oversight mechanism.

The new 126,000 square foot school has many benefits that will serve both the student body and the broader community. The building includes space that has allowed the expansion of our integrated pre-Kindergarten program and our popular Kids in Action program. The design is smart educationally, grouping each set of grade level classrooms in a distinct ecosystem "neighborhood" with common areas to promote collaborative learning, and providing right-sized spaces for physical education, lunch, music instruction, arts and stem exploration, all school assemblies and new special education programming Hingham has not previously been able to offer. The design is also smart environmentally, reducing operational, maintenance, and utility costs over time, while providing a well-insulated exterior skin and abundant natural light. A number of spaces are also designed for maximized utility and functionality. The gym and the cafeteria can accommodate youth sports and other community groups after hours and on weekends. The multipurpose room will house the field science program and Kids in Action activities and includes maker space and other features to enhance flexibility for both curricular and community activities. The natural resources surrounding the school in its coastal

marsh and upland setting will allow students to reap the curricular and aesthetic benefits inherent in their beauty. Visually, the building is an attractive addition to the neighborhood with both natural and natural-looking building materials that complement the adjacent landscape. In total, the new school will help Hingham sustain its well-earned reputation for providing exceptional education services and allow growth, expansion, and exploration in a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment.

The SBC also continued its oversight of the \$3,993,600 window and door replacement project at Plymouth River Elementary School ("PRS") as a participant in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Grant Program. Punch list work on the project was completed well under budget allowing excess funds to be utilized to repair the school's structural support columns, an issue identified several years ago that required a more comprehensive and permanent solution. The result of the project provides a safer and more attractive appearance for staff and students as well as increased energy efficiency to help reduce utility costs, while improving a valuable Town asset and extending the useful life of this 56-year-old elementary school.

The SBC remains grateful for the engagement and support of the Foster, PRS, and larger Hingham communities as it continues to execute the projects in charge, providing prudent and responsible oversight for the benefit of Hingham students for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hill, Chair  
Raymond Estes, Vice-Chair  
Christopher Mercer, Secretary  
Michelle Ayer  
Kevin Lynch  
Jennifer Murphy  
Timothy O'Neill

## Shade Tree Committee

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The primary purpose of the Shade Tree Committee of Hingham is to foster and promote the preservation and planting of shade trees and to support the DPW in the appropriate shade tree species, site selections, and the care of shade trees.

In 2024 the Committee continued its annual Arbor Day celebration. On Friday, April 26 the successful observance took place at the small park located at the corner of School and Spring Streets. Attending the ceremony were members of the Select Board, the Shade Tree Committee, DPW representatives and The Garden Club of Hingham who donated the beautiful tree, an October Glory Maple, *Acer rubrum*. A member of The Garden Club of Hingham read the Arbor Day proclamation declaring April 26, 2024 Arbor Day in the Town of Hingham.

At the tree planting ceremony, the Shade Tree Committee took the opportunity to recognize The Garden Club of Hingham's one hundred years of service to the Town of Hingham.

For the thirty-fourth year, Hingham has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This designation is an accomplishment of the Town's commitment to effective management, growth and development of its public trees.

The Shade Tree Committee in consultation with the DPW continues to review the current list of recommended "public street" trees and make adjustments to the list where necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa Fontanes  
James Huse  
Phillip Shute  
Michael Studley

## Veterans' Services

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The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 115. The Department also assists veterans applying for various State and Federal support programs as well as arranging and managing the Town's military-related ceremonies throughout the year. The Department is proud to report that it continues to maintain state certification and compliance with both MGL c. 115 and 108 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR).

During 2024, benefits were paid on average to 13 Hingham veterans, and/or their dependents, totaling \$87,124. The state reimburses the Town for its benefits expenditures at the 75% statutory maximum rate because of the Department's timely processing and accurate accounting. Massachusetts is still the only state in the nation that provides this type of benefit to its veterans.

Last year, a total of 212 Federal Veterans Affairs cases and claims were managed by this Department, resulting in those individuals being awarded \$396,782 in total—an average monthly payout of approximately \$1,872 per case. The workload to support VA case submission is supplemental to the Department's primary mission under MGL Chapter 115.

The Town's Veterans In Need Fund—funded through community donations as well as from contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property-tax payments—finished calendar 2024 with \$40,593 on hand. During 2024, the Department expended \$4,910.44 to provide supplemental emergency shelter, heating, medical, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans and their dependents as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and in accordance with MGL Chapter 141, the HOME Act.

This year's Memorial Day service was held outside at Town Hall with hundreds in attendance. Volunteers from the Hingham High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Brian Cincotta performed several patriotic tunes. Captain Corey Arthurs, U.S. Air Force was our special speaker. Captain Arthurs is the Integrated Product Team Leader of the Cyber Security Engineering for the AWACS and Wedgetail division. Additionally, he serves as the innovation officer connecting innovative private-sector technology developed by industry to the USAF Airborne Command and Control platforms.



On Veteran’s Day, members of the military, veterans, and their families attended the annual Cpl. Lawrence St. Laurent, USMC, breakfast followed by the main observance in Sanborn Auditorium. The National Anthem was performed by the HHS soloist Nicholas Roche. The principal speaker was SCPO Keith Jermyn (Ret.) who retired from the Navy after 28 years of exceptional service. He also continued to serve the veteran community by becoming a Certified Veteran Services Officer and taking care of the veterans in the Hingham community and beyond.

During the awards portion of the ceremony, Sergeant First Class Robert Fournier (Ret.) was named Veteran of the Year. Robert served his country in not only one but three branches of service – in the United States Marine Corps, US Air Force, and the Massachusetts Army National Guard. During his service, he was deployed overseas and received numerous awards and ribbons to include the Bronze Star. After his military service, he continued to serve the Hingham community by volunteering for the Memorial & Veterans Day committee and was an appointed Trustee of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall. He was also a part of HCAM and helped to film many events over 30 years. He was a commander of the VFW Post 6053 in Hingham as well as being a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 120.

Hingham Veteran Services also participated in many veteran/military ceremonies throughout the year. The Battle of Grape Island Commemoration highlighting the history that Hingham played during the American Revolution, the annual recognition ceremony for Medal of Honor recipient SN Herbert L. Foss, USN, at the Herbert L. Foss Hingham Intermodal Center, National POW/MIA Recognition Day honoring their sacrifice, and the National Veteran Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day.

We greatly appreciate all the Town departments that help us to fulfill our mission, as well as the strong support provided by our hard-working volunteers throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Director of Veterans' Services,  
Shannon Burke, USAF Security Forces Veteran

## Weir River Estuary Park Committee

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The Weir River Estuary Park Committee (WREPC) is a Tri-Town committee (Cohasset, Hingham & Hull) focused on care of the Estuary and Straits Pond, including protecting land, improving water quality, and encouraging stewardship through education and respectful recreation.

### Environmental Conditions

The Weir River Estuary (an area roughly 950 acres), a State designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern, runs from Black Rock Beach in Hull and Cohasset to Sunset Point in Hull, including the area from Foundry Pond Dam in Hingham, the Weir River Estuary including World's End along George Washington Boulevard. Though special protection is codified by State regulations, a variety of environmental challenges impact the Estuary. Plastic debris, excess nutrients, sedimentation from stormwater runoff, reduced streamflow, and legacy pollution all contribute to degradation of the Estuary.

Terrestrial, aquatic and avian wildlife use the estuary as a waypoint in their migration, a seasonal habitat to feed during the summer months, or are year-round residents. The three towns have a joint responsibility to preserve and protect the Estuary from the negative impacts above.

The WREPC meets four to six times each year. In 2024, we monitored some of the issues impacting the Estuary, and celebrated community and educational events linked to the Estuary.

### Estuary Clean-up Day

In April, the WREP coordinated with Straits Pond Watershed Association, Weir River Watershed Association, and local volunteers to conduct the annual Earth Day cleanup. Trash was collected from all areas that touch the Estuary and hauled away by Cohasset and Hull DPWs. Participants from the three Towns enjoyed a picnic cook-out lunch for their efforts.



#### Path to the Island in Straits Pond

In 2022, Hull voters approved \$30K in Community Preservation funds to pay for permitting and surveying a walking path to the island in Straits Pond via Eastman Road. In 2023 volunteers clipped briars and cleared an initial path along the waterfront but stopped short of the island. In 2024 Hull Conservation Dept prepared a Request for Determination with the Mass Dept of Environment Protection. The RMD has been approved. The next phase of the project is community outreach and public comment. The Conservation department proposes using the Hull DPW for any challenging construction and the Hull Land Conservation Trust continues to offer to fund the building of a wildlife viewing platform. More trail work will be planned for next year.

#### Hull Waterfront Access Study Group

Scott Plympton represents the WREP committee in this study assisted by Woods Hole Group, with his specific focus on access adjoining the Estuary. There have been over 160 public access points identified in Hull. The study will prioritize those access points with the greatest need for repair or improvement. The group has created a survey for public input.

#### Support of SOS Hull

SOS Hull (Save Open Space) continues its efforts to encourage the HRA to pause its desire to develop the land that borders the beach and the estuary and seek alternative methods for raising revenue. This summer saw expanded uses with circus, carnivals, and improved collection of parking fees. This property is also a major crossover point for sea birds between ocean and bay and a feeding zone for horned larks for 3 seasons of the year.

#### Atlantic Avenue Reconstruction Project

The Atlantic Avenue Reconstruction Project along Straits Pond has been completed. The Project included Best Management Practices /Best Available Technology storm drains to reduce road surface pollutants entering the pond.

#### Residential Development in Cohasset

The Straits Pond Watershed Association continues to monitor proposed new residential development near Straits Pond. The proposed development project of 23 new homes in the Rattlesnake Run watershed has come back before the Cohasset Planning Board After appealing rejection of their 2001 subdivision approval in Land Court, the judge ruled that their documentation did not include the signatures of all members of the Planning Board when it was issued therefore it could not be filed with

the County. A deadline of late January was set for the applicant to return to the Planning Board for a second attempt to receive approval.

#### Hingham

We want to thank Mark Buonagurio for all his work with this committee. Mark is no longer part of WREPC and we will need a replacement representative from Hingham.

There have been sightings of otters, coyotes, and eagles at Foundry Pond (Hingham). We also see many families now fishing at the Foundry Pond dam. Illegal trapping of turtles was reported to Conservation.

#### Straits Pond

During the height of summer we observed that algae buildup was quite low. Midge outbreaks this season were relatively minor. We also noted that invasive Green Crabs are abundant.

#### Tree Swallow Nest Boxes

New redesigned tree swallow boxes are working out well. These boxes provide nesting habitat for the swallows who feed on flying insects including the midges that create a public nuisance around the Pond.

#### Salt Marsh Loss

Salt marsh loss continues along all tidal creeks and ditches in the Estuary. Using software tools such as Nearmap, we were able to view the results the outgoing tide has had on riverbanks near the tidal gate.

#### Hull 4th Grade Woods Walk

On October 8, the Hull 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes went on a field trip to learn about the Weir River Woods. The trip was a big hit with the kids. It was low tide on the waterfront, so no one had muddy feet as we explored the coastal wetlands. A perfect day with glasswort in bloom. Volunteers worked hard to clean and trim the trails of briars and downed trees. Sadly, the kiosk at the entrance to the woods was destroyed by a falling tree.

We hope you will continue to explore and visit the Weir River Estuary Park area by bike, kayak/canoe, or on foot.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allen, (Hingham)  
Scott Plympton, Chair (Hull)  
Judeth Van Hamm (Hull)  
Richard Avery (Cohasset)  
Tom Bell (Cohasset)

## Town Accountant

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State law requires the Town of Hingham to publish at the close of each year a complete set of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Hingham in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development, including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors, and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Hingham to review and understand. The Town's ACFRs can be found on the Town website at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/157/Financial-Reports>.

The Town of Hingham's financial statements have been audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Hingham for the year ended June 30, 2024 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion on the Town of Hingham's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of Federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of Federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Hingham's separately issued Single Audit Report.

The ACFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in the report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System being presented as a fiduciary fund within the statement of fiduciary net position.

#### Profile of the Town of Hingham

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of downtown Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has several historic village districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation, and a municipal golf course (South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, and the Weir River Water System, a self-supporting enterprise, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly residents and those with disabilities. In addition, the Town has a Center for Active Living to service older adults with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities, and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, Wompatuck offers hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The Town is located in Plymouth County and the principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction, and registry of deeds and probate.

The three-member elected Select Board is the Chief Executive Officer; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and appointed boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Select Board and is responsible for day-to-day administration.

#### Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition

The Town of Hingham continues to reflect a strong economic condition; per capita income is significantly higher than state averages and the unemployment rate has always been extremely low as compared to state and national averages. The unemployment rate has remained below average again this year after spiking in FY20 due to the pandemic. In its commitment to financial stability, the Town upholds a Financial Plan aimed at preserving an excess of Unassigned Fund Balance between 16-20% of Total Annual Expenditures (TAE).

During November 2022, the Town approved the construction of a new Foster Elementary School (\$113 million) and a new Public Safety Facility for (\$47 million). Concurrently, the Town earmarked \$7 million from excess Unassigned Fund Balance to cover a portion of the debt service associated with these projects.

In April 2023, the Town approved a \$7.9 million operational override for FY24. To demonstrate accountability to the taxpayers, the Town implemented a Financial Management Plan with the override that included a commitment to cap budget growth rates at 3.5% annually for the School and Municipal budgets. This commitment was formalized through a Financial Management Plan signed by the School Committee, Advisory Committee, Select Board, Town Administrator, and School Superintendent. The Plan was created with the understanding that no further operational overrides would be pursued until at least FY28.

Fund Balance increased by \$9.9 million in 2024 primarily due to departmental budget turn-backs and an increase in Investment Income due to higher interest rates. The Town remains a very desirable community given its close proximity to Boston and the level and quality of services provided. The residential sales market has been and continues to be very strong, reflecting the great interest in the community.

Hingham is known throughout the state for its high quality school system; Hingham students consistently score in the top percentiles on national and

state tests and an extremely high percentage of students graduating from the high school go on to pursue higher education.

#### Long-term Financial Planning

The Town Administrator and the Finance Team, which consists of the Assistant Town Administrator for Finance, Town Accountant, Treasurer/Collector, Director of Assessing, School Business Manager, and external financial advisors and bond counsel, work closely with the Select Board, Advisory Committee, Capital Outlay Committee, and department heads to develop short and long-term financial goals to maintain and strength the financial position of the Town and preserve Hingham's AAA credit rating.

#### Financial Information

*Financial Management.* The Advisory Committee maintains the Town's Financial Policy, which is reviewed and updated every three years. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures, and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review, and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Unassigned Fund Balance be maintained at a level of no less than 16% and no more than 20% of total annual expenditures. Each year that Unassigned Fund Balance increases, any excess of the above the 20% level should be available for spending or for tax reductions in accordance with the Policy.

*Internal Controls.* Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft, or misuse and to ensure that accurate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the finance team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee assists in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee supervises and

reviews the conduct of the audit and the auditor's relationship with the Town.

*Budgetary Controls.* The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming year, which starts in October/November. The various department heads prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction and meet with the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator for Finance to review their requests. The Town Administrator submits his recommendations to the Select Board. The Select Board conducts public budget hearings with each department to review their requests and then recommends a budget to the 15-member Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Select Board, attempts to resolve any differences if necessary, and prepares the annual budget recommendations to Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Annual Town Meeting (April) legally adopts the operating and capital outlay budgets for the coming fiscal year. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Select Board, may approve subsequent transfers from a budgeted Reserve Fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management, and payment of invoices. The Town Accountant works with the Finance team to set the tax rate, while the Assessors commit the real estate taxes, personal property taxes, and motor vehicle excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 99% of all real estate taxes are collected during the year of billing with the remaining 1% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator. The Town Accountant holds quarterly budget review meetings with departments to ensure they are within their approved budgeted appropriation. In addition, the Finance team meets monthly to coordinate various fiscal processes and share information.

#### Other Information

*Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.* The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023. This was the twenty-eighth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the GFOA. Such reports must satisfy both GAAP and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current Annual Comprehensive Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements and have submitted it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

*Independent Audit.* The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 were audited by the public accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The financial statements have received an "unmodified opinion" from the auditors, which is the best opinion a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

#### Acknowledgments

A special gratitude is owed to James Piotrowski and Christian Rogers, Manager and Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, whose attention to the 2024 financial statements was invaluable. We want to express our great appreciation to the Town's Accounting team Aksana Holmes, Huong Pham, and Cheryl Karoutsos for their hard work and dedication this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann R. MacNaughton  
Town Accountant

## Treasurer/Collector

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Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2023.....	233,857,731
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2024.....	398, 428,850
-Total Paid on Selectmen warrant .....	(385,101,956)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2024.....	247,184,625

During Fiscal Year 2024 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2024 Real Estate Tax .....	107,920,722
2024 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	1,489,536
2024 Personal Property Tax .....	1,470,042
2024 Boat Excise Tax .....	83,674
2024 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	5,875,266
2023 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	5,413,664
2024 Sewer Use Charge.....	3,973,092
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	10,360
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	75,680
Sewer Use Liens.....	311,463
Payments in Lieu of Taxes.....	736,601
I&ECPN .....	29,500
I&ERPNI .....	600
Light Use Liens.....	12,271.16
Total .....	127,402,471

Tax collections remain strong for FY24 with over ninety-eight percent of real estate and personal property revenue billed and collected by fiscal year end. Each year approximately 70,000 invoices are issued to property owners for assessments on real estate, personal property, motor vehicle, boat and sewer use charges.

There were nine new tax liens secured in 2024. The practice of pursuing tax lien collection in house rather than selling or assigning liens to an outside party is still preferred. By applying consistently enforced collection measures and working directly with taxpayers, the Treasurer's office focuses firstly on redemption and lastly on foreclosure. We currently have several foreclosure cases active in Land Court.

The total outstanding long- term debt as of June 30th was \$187,580,777 of which \$166,550,851 is outside the Town's debt limit. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

In February of 2024 a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$53,830,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan. The winning bid of 3.4418909% true interest cost (TIC) was submitted by Morgan Stanley & Co, LLC. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds was used to redeem a portion of the outstanding bond anticipation notes of the Town maturing on February 16, 2024 and to provide original funding for a land acquisition at 30 Summer Street.

At the same time a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$97,449,453 one year note for a Net Interest Cost (NIC) bid of 3.0072% submitted by J.P. Morgan Securities. Proceeds from the sale of the notes together with \$474,982 in available funds, were used to redeem \$50,721,472 in outstanding notes. The remaining 47,202,963 will provide additional financing for three projects: Weir River Water Capital Projects, Public Safety Facility, and the new Foster Elementary School.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Treasurer/Collector staff, Marijane Deitsch, Jen Doan, Brittany Gianibas, Ann Larracey, and Nancy Leahy for their consistent and dedicated service that they bring to the department, the Town Hall, and the Taxpayers every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori-Ann Magner  
Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS/GIFT ACCOUNTS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER  
As of June 30, 2024

Trust Fund	6/30/23	06/30/24
375th Anniversary .....	15,713	16,394
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade .....	112,975	115,837
Affordable Housing Trust.....	1,738,356	1,838,813
Aid to Elderly/Disabled (Tax Bill Checkoff) .....	43,890	49,071
Buttonwood Tree.....	980	1,023
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial .....	77,196	80,540
Education Fund (Tax Bill Checkoff).....	29,259	32,139
Foster School SAAA .....	256,302	256,944
Foundry Pond .....	9,363	9,768
Greenbush Historic Preservation Projects.....	1,058,973	1,037,351
Hannah Lincoln Whiting .....	15,112	15,766
Hingham Federal Withholding .....	32,169	31,928
Hingham High School Fields Projects.....	79,850	83,309
Hingham High School SAAA.....	285,489	387,130
Hingham Middle School SAAA .....	227,489	264,716
Hingham War Memorial .....	371	388
Light Customer Deposit.....	2,010,929	2,080,173
Light Depreciation .....	21,714,157	22,900,557
Light OPEB Trust.....	2,246,279	2,416,374
Light Reserve Stranded Cost.....	9,731,140	10,041,425
More-Brewer .....	93,112	93,392
Open Space Conservation .....	111,930	116,778
Preservation Projects .....	168,533	144,096
Scholarship Fund* .....	6,473,987	6,750,461
Stabilization .....	9,197,987	8,369,730
Town OPEB Trust .....	23,441,871	26,064,213
USLST War Memorial .....	2,494	2,602
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account .....	29,399	28,902
Veterans in Need (Tax Bill Checkoff) .....	36,902	38,286
Weir River Water System Capital Reserve .....	7,318,085	7,735,660
Capital Stabilization Fund .....		11,174
Tax Migration Stabilization .....		3,526,205
Total .....	86,560,292	94,541,145

\*See Scholarship Committee Report for individual scholarship balances

## Board of Assessors

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It is the responsibility of the Assessors' office to establish current fair market value for all of the properties in the Town of Hingham. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates that every city/town fully update its property assessments each fiscal year to reflect the current fair market value. Every five years, the DOR audits the Board of Assessors' records and procedures for certification. This includes a comprehensive examination of Hingham's assessment policies and procedures.

In addition to the real property valuations, the Assessors' office maintains records on taxable personal property, boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the Assessors' office. The Assessors' office updates all property ownerships according to the recorded deed transactions which are received from the Registry of Deeds. Hingham consists of approximately 8802 parcels, so there are many transactions that take place. The office also process plans and corrections to update the Assessors' maps and conducts research on property ownership. The office works closely with the Veterans Department and Elder Services to ensure that we are providing the residents of Hingham as many possible services and exemptions that are offered.

The ratio of the assessment to the sales price is calculated and Hingham's ratio for 2024 is 95%. The fiscal 2025 tax rate is \$10.69, down 16 cents from last year. The average assessment for single-family homes is \$1,273,100, up from last year's average of \$1,183,300. The average assessment for condominiums is \$872,980, up from last year's average of \$848,334.

Joshua Ross, Chair of the Board of Assessors, collaborated with the Center for Active Living to present information on the Senior Means-Tested Real Estate Tax Exemption as well as other statutory exemptions. The session was well attended and allowed us to share valuable information that can benefit many members of our community.

We are excited to share that our participation in the Senior Tax Work Off program is going strong. Our office is fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer who is earning a real estate tax credit while making a valuable contribution to our work. We deeply appreciate their service and the positive energy they bring to this impactful program.

Director of Assessing Erin Delaney took part in the inaugural Hingham Local Government Academy, held in October. This program, designed for Town residents, offers a hands-on learning experience about local government and its operations. During the session, Erin provided an overview of the important work done in the Assessor's Office and explained how property valuations are determined.

As proud members of the Plymouth County Assessors Association and the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, our assessing team stays well informed on the latest industry news and potential legislative changes that may affect our work. By networking with municipal assessors across the state and actively participating in continuing education opportunities, we are able to provide the best possible service to our community. We deeply appreciate these valuable opportunities for growth and collaboration.

The Board of Assessors wishes to acknowledge Assessing Director Erin Delaney, Assistant Assessor Jacquie Berard, Assessing Technicians Maureen Carlson and Cyrille Donlan, and Data Quality Inspector Kerri Coughlin for their diligence and commitment to the mission of the Assessors' office.

Joshua M. Ross, Chair  
Christine M. Roberts  
Randall M. Winters

## Hingham Contributory Retirement System

There are 104 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, of Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

The Annual Report for 2024 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2024.

Ann R. MacNaughton, <i>Ex-officio Member</i>	(12/12/2023- )
Eileen McCracken, <i>Appointed Member</i>	(07/01/2024-06/30/2027)
David P. Jones, <i>Elected Member</i>	(11/27/2024-11/26/2027)
Jean M. Montgomery, <i>Elected Member</i>	(07/30/2022-07/29/2025)
Charles J. Cristello, <i>Appointed Member &amp; Chair</i>	(06/23/2024-06/22/2027)

### Annual Statement of the Hingham Retirement Board for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

#### ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Cash	2,019,685.74
PRIT Cash	1,746.92
PRIT Fund	179,562,867.60
Accounts Receivable	28,566.80
Accounts Payable	-67,128.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181,545,738.62</b>

#### FUNDS

Annuity Savings Fund	37,105,859.62
Annuity Reserve Fund	8,313,155.69
Military Service Fund	14,019.76
Pension Reserve Fund	136,112,703.55
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AT MARKET VALUE</b>	<b>181,545,738.62</b>

#### RECEIPTS

Members' Deductions	4,094,848.15
Transfers from Other Systems	779,492.34
Member Make Up Payments and Redeposits	10,264.18
Member Payments from Rollovers	0.00
3(8)(c) Reimbursements from Other Systems	348,201.30

Received from Commonwealth for COLA & Survivor Benefit	20,906.93
Pension Fund Appropriation	7,534,552.00
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Workers' Compensation Settlements	0.00
Interest not refunded	4,508.53
Total Investment Income	4,494,490.69
Realized Gains (Profits)	5,968,473.13
Unrealized Gains (Increase in Market Value)	17,269,144.39
Realized Loss	0.00
Unrealized Loss	-11,939,041.77
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>28,585,839.87</b>

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Refunds to Members	286,540.85
Transfers to other Systems	765,559.29
Annuities Paid	2,460,788.32
Pensions Paid	8,580,442.09
3(8)(c) Reimbursements To Other Systems	437,222.95
COLAs Paid	1,390,419.02
Staff Salaries	73,820.82
Management Fees	834,368.57
Investment Consultant Fees	23,000.00
Legal Expenses	6,247.50
Fiduciary Insurance	6,738.64
Service Contracts	73,344.00
Actuarial Services	16,500.00
Accounting Services	10,500.00
Education and Training	1,494.78
Administrative Expenses	6,934.59
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>14,973,921.42</b>

#### **NEW MEMBERS 2024**

Aidan Burchill	Alanna Shepard	Alexandra Hagerty
Alexandra Mulkern	Alicia Rizzo	Andrew Swanson
Ann Larracey	Antonio Simmons	Ashley Faiella
Ashley Field	Ashley Hamparian	Ashley Van Vort
Bailey Munroe	Brenna Sherlock	Brianna Smith
Callie Jefferson	Camron Lamothe	Carley Allen
Caroline Kelly	Carolyn Russo	Cassie Collins
Catherine Teixeira	Christina Payne-Winiarski	Ciara Selinger
Daniela Barilaro	David Sequeira	Denis Kennefick

Dianne Legro	Eleanor Braun	Elizabeth Miller
Emma Foley	Emma Holler	Ethan Van Muyden
Gabryelle Callahan	Gerard Muniz	Hajar Bouaddi
Haley McGough	Haley Mosher	Heidi Madden
Houda Mansoury	Jaclyn Schattgen	Jacqueline Clifford
James Forbes	Jason Henley	Jennifer Gacia
Jesse Petrilli	Jessica Cote	Jillian Bennis
Jillian Dorney	John Joyce	John Kaulbfliesch
Julia Eisan	Julie Cashin	Julie Matheny
Kaitlin Baptista	Kaitlynn Pina	Kari Taylor
Kasey Woodbury	Katherine Demarsh	Katherine Kern
Kathleen Delaney	Kathryn Mathieu	Keith Clemens
Kerri Yeo	Kevin Yarcusko	Kyle Slavik
Laura Comis	Liliana Odierno	Lindsey Ryder
Lisa Julian	Loren De La Salle	Louis Pelage
Marcella Falco	Margaret Russell Greene	Marianne Chen
Marisalyn Biagini	Martha Campbell	Martina Mitchell
Mary Sheehan	MaryAnn Bosse	Maryann Foley
Marybeth Burke	Matthew Bivins	Matthew Kane
Matthew Stephansky	Meaghan Askew	Melissa Eaton
Nancy Swanson	Natashja Molina	Nicole DeAmato
Noah Edge	Owen Andrews	Patricia Burke
Paul Kelly	Paul MacLellan	Paula Sjostedt
Peter Leavitt	Rachael Ahonen	Rebecca Hansen
Riley Potter	Robert Greek	Robert Tegan
Ryanne Duffy	Sadia Tariq	Samantha Green
Sandra Barbosa	Sandra Kalayjian	Shannon Bigelman
Shannon Brinkley	Stacey Waid	Stephanie Danskin
Stephanie Walden	Susannah McMahon	Taylor Moynihan
Tina Bongo	Tracy Stroud	Virginia Dolan
William Gammon	William Sanford	Zakiya Puckerin

#### **RETIRED MEMBERS 2024**

Andrea Young	Frances Bowler	Mary Kate Garrity
Bernard Owens	Janet Whitcomb	Michael Menten
Carol Lipsett	Janice Bridgeman	Michael Mullin
Carol Whyte	Joel Salituri	Myriah Hallinan
Christopher Dinapoli	Kathleen Reilly	Patricia Winter
Christopher Leavitt	Kathleen Walsh	Sandra Russell
David Orlandi	Kenneth Strone	Susan Carey
Donna Delrosso	Kevin Bliss	

## DECEASED MEMBERS 2024

Joachim I. Borowski      Michael D. McIntyre      James F. Taylor Jr.  
David W. Finley          Dorothy L. Schillig      Eleanor Thompsen

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2024

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year      619  
Inactive Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year      416

Enrolled During Current Year      134  
Transfers Between Groups      0  
Reinstatements of Disabled Members      0  
**Subtotal**      **134**

Deduct:

Death      1  
Withdrawals      69  
Retirements      23  
**Subtotal**      **93**

Active Membership, Dec. 31st, Current Year      653  
Inactive Membership, Dec. 31st, Current Year      423

**Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership,  
Dec. 31st, Previous Year**      **381**

Retirements During the Year  
Superannuation      18  
Ordinary Disability      1  
Accidental Disability      4  
Termination Retirement Allowance      0  
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree      1  
Survivor Benefits from Active Membership      0  
**Subtotal**      **24**

Deduct:

Deaths of Retired Members      5  
Termination of Survivor Benefits      0  
Reinstatements of Disabled Pensions      0  
**Subtotal**      **5**

<b>Retired Membership, Dec. 31st, Current Year</b>	
Superannuation	332
Ordinary Disability	1
Accidental Disability	19
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from Accidental Deaths	4
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	2
Beneficiaries under Option C	26
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	16
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31st, Current Year</b>	<b>400</b>

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31st, Current Year</b>	<b>1476</b>
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