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INSIDE BACK COVER

Lincoln Day Proclamation

Report compiled and edited by Betty Tower

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Rosemary Chirillo and John Bibby, recipients of the 2004
Donna Mayberry Greenberg Employee Awards

Rosemary, who is a School Crossing Guard at the Middle School, was awarded the Customer Assistance Award that recognizes outstanding work by an employee who has served the public in an exemplary fashion. Rosemary was nominated by resident Liz MacVarish who has observed her proficiency in “directing cars, trucks and buses alike so that everyone gets to their destination safely and on time and always with a smile on her face”. When a fellow employee fell ill, Rosemary took on the added responsibility of the South School crossing and skillfully filled both jobs.

John Bibby, Tree and Park Supervisor for the DPW was nominated for the Productivity and Efficiency Award by Superintendent of Public Works Joseph Stigliani. “John sets goals for his work crews and himself, and strives to provide the highest level of services possible”. He was instrumental in getting the replacement fee doubled for cutting or removing public shade trees, thus discouraging the loss of shade trees and providing additional funds to be used for planting trees on town property.

TOWN INFORMATION

Incorporated	1635
Population	20,713
Registered Voters	14,337
Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Number of Houses, including Condos	7325
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$4,374,583,440
Personal Property	\$61,977,830
Tax Rate	\$9.96
Schools	5
Public School Children, K-12	3,683
Professional Staff	302
Support Staff	143
Total FY2005 Budget	\$60,538,285
School FY2005 Budget	\$28,734,595

U. S. Congressman

Tenth District
 William Delahunt
 1317 Longworth House
 Wash. DC 20505
 202-255-3111

State Senator

Norfolk-Plymouth
 Robert L. Hedlund
 State House
 Room 413E
 Boston, MA 02133
 617-722-1646

State Representative

Third Plymouth Dist.
 Garrett Bradley
 State House
 Room 472
 Boston, MA 02133
 617-722-2120

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2004 has been a year of managing change. We continue to address the challenges of a growing community, while keeping the village atmosphere we all cherish. A vibrant community is always in transition from its past to its future. It is through the mechanisms of community participation in municipal government and its decision processes that change is managed. Hingham has a long history of holding that stewardship sacred for the benefit of the next generation. Below is a recap of the management of some of those changes and recognition of some of the participants in the process.

Financial Overview

The town is regaining its financial footing after several years of shouldering decreases in state aid and spiraling special education costs. This is due in large part to three specific events. In April the voters

approved an operational override of \$753,682 to buttress the school budget's growing and reasonable needs. Additionally, the state instituted and funded a new special education reimbursement program called "circuit breaker", which provides a more predictable funding mechanism and therefore improved revenue forecasting for the town. Finally, the town's tax base has seen a significant increase with the opening of Linden Ponds and the Derby Street Shoppes in 2004. As the Sea Chain/Hingham Shipyard development moves forward to groundbreaking in 2005, the additional revenues from "new growth" will bolster our ability to meet the future needs of Hingham town and school services.

Transportation

The construction of the Greenbush railroad line dramatically affected our community in 2004. The relocation of town brook tested everyone's patience not only with continuous road closures and detours, but also with a major extended outage of telephone service for over 3000 Hingham customers over a three week period. We proved our stalwart New England heritage, as we weathered these inconveniences and continued to support our downtown shops and businesses. The work on the town brook was completed, and although Greenbush restoration construction will continue, it should not be as disruptive to the use of the downtown area.

Progress was made in the negotiations with the MBTA on grade crossing treatment. A diagnostic review team of the various concerned parties was convened. After careful on site inspection of each grade crossing, it was agreed to recommend four quadrant gates at two of the grade crossings and to eliminate the proposed causeway across Home Meadows. It is felt that public safety and conservation were both well served by these decisions. The town continues to try to weave into the fabric of our town, the inevitable changes necessitated by the reintroduction of the Greenbush line.

The traffic safety committee that was authorized in 2003, reported back their results in 2004. After close study of both the High/Free/Main and Cushing/South Pleasant/Main intersections, the committee recommended a multi level course of action. The first step was to make some geometric changes to each intersection to provide better sight lines and a slowing down of traffic on Main St. The effect of these changes is to be observed, and if they do not provide the desired effect, stops lights are to be reconsidered.

New Initiatives

The town held its first annual State of the Town Forum in 2004. The Forum was a new initiative by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of bringing together elected officials, appointed boards and committees, and the citizenry for an open discussion on the current state of the town and our future vision. The two major areas of overriding concern that surfaced revolved around future growth and communication. Among the many follow up actions that resulted from these discussions are a planned series of meetings between the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen to discuss future development; and the creation of a tri-annual e-mail newsletter covering current happenings within town government. The second annual State of the Town Forum will be held on November 6, 2005.

The town allocated monies for the Hingham Development and Industrial Commission to develop a plan for the, post Greenbush construction, downtown area. The construction will continue to involve the opening of roadways, and changing of landscape. With this plan the town hopes to be able to put its downtown area back in order in a rational and well thought out manner.

Changing Landscape

This year we saw the completion of two town beautification projects. The new Veteran's Memorial, at town hall, was dedicated on November 11, 2004. The celebration featured speaker Lt. General Richard Neal, USMC (ret) and was attended by over 500 citizens. Stephan Vogelmann won the design competition, but it took the entire community to complete this project. A dedicated committee led the way for the many volunteers in fundraising, landscaping, construction oversight and dedication day details. The community created a lasting statement of gratitude for those who have served the country on our behalf.

The reconstruction of Whitney Wharf was also completed in November 2004. The dedication and determination of the Harbor Development Committee in conjunction with the Community Preservation Committee finally brought this project to completion. It was well worth the effort as it is now the crown jewel of the harbor front.

Our town landscape also changed with the dedicated volunteers and public servants to whom we had to say good-bye. Donna Mayberry Greenberg, our benefits coordinator and a town employee for nine years left us at too young an age. As she embodied the ideals of public service in her performance, we renamed the employee recognition awards in her honor. Phil Swanson, town historian, raconteur, photographer par excel

lance, past citizen of the year awardee for his community spirit will be sorely missed; as will be Barbara Menzies for her years of diligent and selfless work on many town committees.

Leadership

The town continues to be blessed with many dedicated employees. In 2004 we recognized two employees for their outstanding service and dedication. John Bibby, of the Tree and Parks Department, was recognized for his improvement to productivity and efficiency; while crossing guard Rosemary Chirillo was recognized for outstanding customer service.

Jim Claypoole was honored as the Hingham Journal's Citizen of the Year. A much deserved recognition for his years of service to the town and community as a whole. Jim did not sit on his laurels, as he played an integral part in the leadership for the new Veteran's Memorial.

The Board of Selectmen would also like to recognize the diligent, attentive and pro-active service of the Town Administrator, Charles Cristello. His constant oversight of town affairs provides the foundation for the delivery of quality town services and strong financial management. Betty Foley, Marilyn Harrington, and Betty Tower of our office continue to help set the tone of friendly and helpful service to constituents.

In no small measure the continued success of our community is due to the many hundreds of volunteers who serve on various boards and committees. It is only through their efforts and dedication, that the town addresses its challenges with due diligence and collective knowledge, to provide well thought out decisions that serve the greater good of our community today and into the future. We thank you all for your commitment to civic duty.

Melissa A. Tully, Chairman
Mathew E. MacIver
Philip J. Edmundson

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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

The restoration of the Greenbush line began in earnest in 2004 after Governor Romney allowed the project to proceed the previous September. The Board of Selectmen had asked me to supervise the town's efforts to limit the impacts from Greenbush construction activities to the greatest extent possible and to preserve the vitality of our downtown businesses. This has proved to be a very difficult assignment. A Cashman/Balfour Beatty subcontractor severed a telephone duct bank on North Street in February, while redirecting the Town Brook, causing the interruption of telephone service for thousands of Hingham customers for more than a week, and for some more than a month. Residents and businesses along North Street endured utility breaks, blasting, noise and dust as the work proceeded from Station Street to the Talbot's parking lot at Central Street. In addition, North Street was closed for months at a time due to unanticipated ledge outcroppings and archeological finds along the route of construction. A three-month project that was supposed to end in August, the Town Brook work dragged on until mid-December, which was the busiest season for most of the downtown merchants. However, as bad as the impacts were I can report that they would have been far worse without the constant attention and intervention of our staff, particularly Project Inspector Roger Fernandez and Sergeant Rusty Corcoran.

The design for the Route 228 Phase 2 project, from Merrymount Road to Queen Anne's Corner, passed a significant milestone in 2004. Our application to the MassHighway Department for designation as a 'Footprint Road' was approved in April. We immediately began meeting with MassHighway staff to discuss elements of the design. The 'Footprint Roads' designation will allow us to submit a more community friendly road design, particularly in the area of road width. It is our plan to design to the standard used in Phase 1 which measured a minimum of 28 feet. The project will also include bicycle lanes, some minor intersection improvements, new signals at the South Fire Station and new ADA compliant sidewalks. We anticipate funding in the FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Plan and hope to begin construction in the 2007 construction season.

My assistant Betty Foley continued to work with Architect William Thayer and the GAR Hall Trustees on the restoration of GAR Hall. The project, funded by a \$575,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) was

largely completed by year-end. The improvements include a new addition on the Main Street side housing an elevator and new stairs. On the lower level are two new handicapped accessible bathrooms and all three levels of the building are now handicapped accessible.

The South Shore Regional Services Consortium is comprised of 12 municipalities along the Route 3 corridor from Milton to Duxbury. The consortium bid 10 highway maintenance services and 15 materials for ten South Shore DPWs in 2004. Combined cost reductions are estimated to be \$380,000 annually for the participants, with the most significant savings realized through paving services. In addition, a combined bid for office supplies amounted to savings of \$40,000 to \$60,000. Collective bidding also frees municipal staff from the time consuming municipal procurement process, leaving them more available to directly address services to the community.

Robert Haviland retired from his position as Veterans' Agent in June. Bob was a very dedicated agent who succeeded in giving out benefits to many previously unserved veterans and their spouses. The veterans' benefits budget increased sevenfold during his 6 year tenure. Fortunately for Hingham taxpayers the Commonwealth reimburses 75% of those costs. Michael Cunningham of Scotland Street replaced Bob in July bringing to the town a great deal of experience in advocacy for veterans.

Benefits Coordinator Donna Mayberry Greenberg, a member of my staff for nine years, passed away this past June after a long battle with cancer. She brightened the lives of all who met her and she will be missed around this building for a long time to come. The staff dedicated a Japanese cut-leaf maple tree to her memory in front of Town Hall in November. We are all looking forward to it brightening our days when it blooms this spring.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly the staff in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. I look forward to another productive year serving the Hingham community in 2005.

Charles J. Cristello
Town Administrator

2004 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	2005
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)	
Melissa A. Tully, Chairman	2005
Mathew E. MacIver	2006
Philip J. Edmundson	2007
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Eileen A. McCracken	2006
TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)	
Ruth Anne Beck	2007
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2005
Robert H. Kurtz	2006
Mark F. Tyburski	2007
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Stephan J. White, Chairman	2005
Peter B. Bickford	2006
Kirk J. Shilts	2007
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
Kevin J. Bulman	2005
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2006
Walter A. Foscett	2007
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Anne Griffin	2005
John Cafferty	2006
Heather A. Hedlund	2007
James R. Watson	2008
Robert D. Keyes	2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)

Richard L. Amster, Jr.	2005
Irena Ballaty Sinclair	2005
Arthur Shabo	2006
Linda Krause Hill	2006
Kristin Parnell	2007
Chrisanne D. Gregoire	2007
Stephen Nagle	2007

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Susan Murphy	2005
W. Tod McGrath	2006
John A. Riley, Clerk	2007
Sarah H. Corey, Chairperson	2008
Paul K. Healey	2009

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

John M. Brandt	2005
Michael A. Salerno	2006
Edmund Demko	2007

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Thomas J. Campbell	2005
Donna Powers	2006
Elizabeth A. Marcella	2007
Kristin M. Parnell	2008
Robert D. Keyes	2009

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

Paul Chaffee	2006
Patricia Pierce	2007
Judith S. Belknap	2005

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

Alan B. Devine
F. Peter Fee
Joan P. Williams

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE 9th
DISTRICT**

Marjorie A. Mahoney

2004 APPOINTEES

Term Expires

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR

(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)

Theodore Alexiades

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)

Scott Bosworth	2005
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.	2005
Frederick H. Copeman, III	2005
Anthony P. Kiernan	2005
Carolyn Reimers	2005
Michael S. Barclay	2006
Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.	2006
Gail K. Faring	2006
Linda B. Port	2006
John Manley	2006
Luis A. Alvarado	2007
Laura Burns	2007
Irma Lauter	2007
William S. Reardon	2007
Jerry K. Seelen	2007

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Theodore Alexiades

Thomas E. Coughlin

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Charles J. Cristello

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND INSPECTOR

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C140, S151, C129, S15)

Albert J. Currie

ANIMAL SHELTER SITE STUDY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Selectmen, ART 72, ATM 1986)

MaryLou Hanlon

Margot Quadros

Justine Thurston

Barbara Partridge

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen McLaughlin	2005
Marion Romania, Jr.	2006
Victor A. Popp	2007

Associate Members (one year term)

Victor N. Baltera
Robert R. Bersani
James Broderick
Joseph Freeman
William M. Koplovsky
Neil H. Martin
L. Bruce Rabuffo

APPRAISER, TOWN**(Appt. By the Assessors)**

Richard Lane Partridge

BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Ronald Clough	2005
Robert England	2005
Jeff Mosholder	2005
Mary Power	2006
E. Brooks Robbins	2006
John Swanson	2006
Jane M. Conrad	2007
Andrew Read	2007
Francis W. Sheltry	2007

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

Joan Hansel
Nancy Mellen
Alyce Nobis
Shirley Rydell
Laura Spaziani
Avis Studley
Miriam Tod
Vesna Williams

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK**ADVISORY COUNCIL****(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon

BUILDING COMMISSIONER**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard E. Morgan

Deputy Building Commissioners

Robert M. Egan 2005

Richard Silva 2005

Michael Simpson 2005

Richard Wakem 2005

Plumbing Inspectors

Brian McPherson, Inspector 2005

George Rittershaus, Jr. Deputy Inspector 2005

Francis J. Yetman, Deputy Inspector 2005

Wire Inspectors

John A. Stoddard, Jr., Deputy Inspector 2005

Kevin J. Bulman, Deputy Inspector 2005

Patrick F. Cannon, Deputy Inspector 2005

Russell McLoud, Deputy Inspector 2005

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Helfrich 2005

Philip S. Thaxter 2006

Michael Mullaley 2007

Charles J. Cristello 2007

Mathew MacIver 2007

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM1956, By-Law 14)**

John F. Manning 2005

Thomas J. Pyles 2006

Andrew P Mooradian 2007

Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman

Irma Lauter

Anthony Kiernan

Ex-Officio Member

Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

CENTRAL FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE**(Appt By Selectmen, ART 14 ATM 2002)**

Talbert Lauter

Richard Calame

Paul Murphy

Tina Sherwood

Carl E. Peterson (Appointed by Moderator)
Mary K. Boland (Appointed by Moderator)
Kevin B. Smith (Appointed by Moderator)

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
(ART 38, ATM 2001)**

Mathew E. MacIver (Selectmen Representative)	2005
Thomas Maloney (Moderator Appointment)	2005
Judith M. Cole (Selectmen Appointment)	2005
Valerie A. Talmage (Moderator Appointment)	2006
John Davenport (Selectment Appointment)	2006
Susan B. Berry (Conservation Comm. Appointment)	2007
Sarah Corey (Planning Board Appointment)	2007
James Watson (Housing Authority Appointment)	2007
Willis Ertman (Historical Comm. Appointment)	2007

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(MGL C40, S8C, ART 1, STM 1959)**

Jennifer L. Davis	2005
James P. Murphy	2005
Joseph M. Fisher	2005
Eugene R. Babin	2006
Susan Berry	2006
Mark Milton	2007
John L. Eisenmann	2007

CONSTABLE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64, ATM 1991)

Kathleen Peloquin	2005
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CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Betty J. Tower

**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD
(MGL, C32, S20 4B)**

Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2005
Peter J. Blampied (Appt. by Retirement Board)	2006
Thomas P. Hall (Appt. By Selectmen)	2007
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2007

Ex-officio

Theodore Alexiades (Town Accountant)

COUNCIL ON AGING

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)

James F. Plotner	2005
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Joseph Willard	2005
Carolyn Kelliher	2005
Linda Hurley	2005
Robert Montgomery	2006
May Vuilleumier	2006
Mary Thomas	2006
Ruth Briggs	2006
Anne Condon	2007
William Scott	2007
Steven D Waynen	2007

COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)

Timothy Curry	2005
Daniel Walsh	2005
Sarah Boynton	2006
Edward Underwood	2006
Jack Gamache	2007

CULTURAL COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10, S35C)

Avis Goldstein	2005
Michael Salerno	2005
Elizabeth MacIntyre	2006
Julianna Lovell	2006
Mary Ann Blackmur	2007
Constance H. Cummings	2007

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)

Eileen McIntyre	2005
Blake L Auchincloss	2005
Susan Murphy	2006
Robert Higgins	2006
Peter Colket	2007
Benedict Wilcox	2007
L. Bruce Rabuffo	2008

DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON
(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989. ART 50)

Johanna Seelen	2005
John Pollick	2005
Barbara Partridge	2005
Richard Morgan	2006

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF
Mark Duff

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE
Eileen A. McCracken
Rosemary Chirillo
Carole A. Waite

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OFFICER
Theodore Alexiades

FAIR HOUSING OFFICER
Charles J. Cristello

FIRE CHIEF
William E. Johnson

FISHERIES COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)
See Conservation Commission

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)

Alden Carpenter, MD
Shanna Nicholson
Susan Hagstrom
Lewis Scotton
Megan Buhr
Virginia Spannagel
Mary E. Bridges

Cynthia Tonucci
Mary Ann Blackmur
Ruth Potter
Mary Kate Boland
Ronald Sherwood
Edward Rinella
Eric Gauthier

GAR HALL TRUSTEES
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40, ATM 1944)

Robert Shepard
Ernest Sofis
Arthur Smith

2005
2006
2007

GAR HALL, CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Ad hoc, Appointed by Selectmen 5/29/2001
Brian McSweeney
Ernest Sofis
Richard D'Entremont
Betsey Cole

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

Grant Hansel	2005
William S. English, Jr.	2005
Gregory Synnott	2005
Margaret L. Merrill	2006
Warren Nottleson	2006
James Doyle	2007
Nicholas Amdur	2007
Ex-officio Member	
Harbormaster	

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

John Souther

Assistant Harbormasters

Bradford Mills	2005
Robert Jenks	2005
Michael Muray	2005
Kenneth R. Corson, III	2005
Michael Hickey	2005
Daniel Galvin	2005
Robert Blazuk	2005

HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer

David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

HISTORIAN, TOWN

Art. 2, 1943 ATM (Appt. By Selectmen)

Winston I. Hall

HISTORIC ART & RECORDS TASK FORCE

(Appt. By Selectmen Ad-Hoc Committee)

Eugene Chamberlain

A. Stedman Murdy

Arthur Garrity

Nancy Tiffin

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

Art. 37, 1966 ATM; Art. 34, 1967 ATM

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Winston I. Hall	2005
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Martha Saunders	2005
Scott Ford	2007
Scott Butler	2007
Peter Barlow	2007

Alternate Members

Sally Weston	2005
Gene S. Raymond, Jr.	2005
Benedict Wilcox	2007
Sean Papich	2007

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40, S8D,ART 21, 1974)

Michael Studley	2005
Gary Tondorf-Dick	2005
Kathleen Sutton	2005
Willis Ertman	2006
Stephanie Shute Kelsch	2006
Susan Boyd	2007
Arlyn Vogelmann	2007

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Eric Gauthier	2005
Wilfried Mehring	2005
Gretchen Condon	2006
James O'Brien	2006
Robert Bone	2006
Lee Vigil	2007
John Sneath	2007

ICE RINK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Art. 18, 2003 ATM)

Appointed By Selectmen

Kevin Bannan
 Gregory O'Meara
 Elliot Sherman
 Christopher Semlies

Appointed By Moderator

Carolyn Nielsen
 John T. Diamond, III
 Alison A. Ferrante

INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Theodore Alexiades

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James A. Toomey, Esq.

Henry F. Wey

Carol M. Sullivan

Ex-officio Member

Theodore Alexiades

JET NOISE TASK FORCE**(Appt. By Selectmen 4/18/00)**

Albert Engelhart

John Fisher

Mary Ann Frye

Richard Goldhammer

Donald Levi

Thomas Maloney

KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP

Taylor A. B. Mills

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

Kate Mahony

Edward Siegfried

A. Stedman Murdy

Barbara Sullivan

Jane P. Keirnan

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.

Nelson G. Ross, Esq.

Harold Goldstein

Arthur Garrity

James Welch

Margaret Weymouth

Appointed By Selectmen

Kevin Owens

2005

Edna English

2006

Mark VanDine

2007

Appointed By Moderator

Jill Whelan Settian

2005

Kathleen Q. Norman

2006

Ex-officio Members

Rep. Of Board of Selectmen

Treasurer/Collector

Superintendent of Schools

HINGHAM LIGHT PLANT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**Appt. By Selectmen, 8/10/04**

Walter Foskett

Nicole Raphaelson
John Ryan
Robert Whitney
Russell Heissner
John J. Quinn
Alice P. Granahan

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Mark Duff, Deputy Fire Chief
David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat
William Johnson, Fire Chief
Robert Olsson, Capt. Fire Department
Steven Carlson, Police Chief
Taylor Mills, Captain, Police Dept.
Matthew E. MacIver, Selectmen
Philip J. Edmundson, Selectman
Melissa Tully, Selectmen
Charles Cristello, Town Administrator
Michael Antoine, Fire Department
Robert Keyes, Fire Department, EMS
Joseph Stigliani, Superintendent of Public Works
Edward McDonald, Light Plant
Richard Morgan, Building Commissioner
Paul Field, School Department
W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer
Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer
John Souther, Harbormaster
Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services
Randy A. Sylvester, Aquarion Water Co.
Harry Sylvester, Highway Supervisor

LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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

S. Edward Eaton	2005
Donald N. Jensen	2005
John J. King	2005
Marianne MacDonald	2005
Patricia A. Bickford	2006
Helga Jorgensen	2006
Peter G. Stathopoulos	2006
Timothy H. White	2006
Maureen A. Devine	2006

Ex-officio Member

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent

**MWRA TASK FORCE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

John Brandt
Michael Mason
Charles J. Cristello
Eugene Babin (Conservation Comm. Rep.)
Peter Bickford (Board of Health Rep.)
Susan Murphy/Sarah Corey (Planning Board Rep.)

MASS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD

Charles Y. Chittick, Jr., Hingham Representative

MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.

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

MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD

Mark White, Hingham Representative
Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen 11/30/2000)**

Albert Engelhart, Hingham Representative
Mary Ann Frye, Alternate Representative

MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13, ATM 1975)

Kenneth W. Drescher
John McKendry
Shirley Newsom
Nancy Stimson
Joan Getto
Michael Shilhan
Dorcas V. Wagner
Justine L. W. Thurston
Eugene Shaw
Elizabeth Shaw

MEMORIAL/VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)

Robert Haviland, Chairman
C. Lee Shackford
John Overbagh
Keith Jermyn
Lewis Scotton
Joseph Willard

Richard Corcoran
John Diggins
Michele Meade
James Claypoole
Theodore Evangelides
Stephen Kelsch

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7)**

Charles J. Cristello
Edna S. English, Alternate

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15, ATM 1997)**

Walter Sullivan (Planning Board Appt.)	2005
Michael Pollard (Conservation Appt.)	2005
John Davenport (Selectmen Appt.)	2005
Peter Rosen (Conservation Appt.)	2007
Roderick Gaskell (Conservation Appt.)	2007

**PARKING CLERK
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

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

Michael J. Puzo	2005
William D. MacGillivray	2005
James Claypoole	2006
Marie S. Harris	2006
Nelson G. Ross	2007

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

Philip J. Edmundson

POLICE CHIEF

Steven D. Carlson

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Charles J. Cristello

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Joseph Stigliani

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 15 ATM 2002)

John J. Bailey
Robert P. Garrity
Brian McSweeney
(Appointed by Selectmen)

Karl Willner
William Martin
Edward Colbert
Linda Kutsch

REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMM.
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 62, ATM 1991)

Peter G. Stathopoulos
S. Eward Eaton
Helga J. Jorgensen

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S 15, 18)

Alice P. Granahan	2005
Virginia Gray	2006
Betty Tower	2007
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

ROUTE 3 SOUTH TASK FORCE
Stephen Kelsch

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)

Lisa Virello	2005
Scott Peterson	2005
James MacAllen	2006
Francis Gaul	2006
Ruth Anne Beck	2006
Patricia Tomacek	2006
Kenneth Buntrock	2007
Heidi Ford	2007
Frederick Hussey	2007

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Art. 36, ATM 1997)

Robert P. Garrity, Selectmen's Appt.
James G. Welch, Selectmen's Appt.
Judith M. Cole, Moderator's Appt.
Kevin A. McCluskey, Moderator's Appt.
Thomas J. Maloney, School Committee Appt.

Richard L. Amster, Jr., School Committee Appt.
Chrisanne D. Gregoire, School Committee Appt.

SOUTH SHORE COALITION

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Mathew E. MacIver

SOUTH SHORE JET NOISE COUNCIL

(Appointed By Selectmen 1/4/2001)

Richard Goldhammer, Citizen Representative

Mathew E. MacIver, Elected Official Representative

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE

(Appointed By Selectmen)

Joseph Stigliani

Helga Jorgensen

SPECIAL COMMISSION ON EQUITY OF FARES

(Appointed By Selectmen, 9/7/2004)

Martha Bewick

STATE OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE

(Appointed By Selectmen, 6/15/2004, ad hoc)

Amy Happ

Alison Ferrante

Stephen Kelsch

Jennifer Drohan

Kate Mahony

Carol O'Neil

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Charles J. Cristello

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Planning Board Chairman

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent

Nancy Stimson

2005

Philip Resca

2006

Joseph Burton

2007

TREE WARDEN

Joseph Stigliani

John Bibby, Deputy Tree Warden

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER
(Appt. By Selectmen)
John Cunningham

WASTEWATER MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE
(Art. 23, ATM 2004)
John Brandt, Sewer Comm. Rep.
Mathew MacIver, Selectmen Rep.
Kirk Shilts, Board of Health Rep.
Eugene Babin, Con. Comm. Rep.
John Riley, Planning Board Rep.
Richard Hull, Appt. By Selectmen
Mark White, Appt. By Selectmen
Iris Daigle, Appt. By Moderator
Francis Mahony, Jr., Appt. By Moderator

WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)
Gregory J. May
Roger W. Sullivan
Peter L. Puciloski
William C. Schrader
Kirk J. Shilts
Robert W. Stuart

WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)
Harold Tuttle (Deputy) 2005
Charles Alexson (Deputy) 2005

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY COMMITTEE
Faith Burbank

WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT
Theodore Alexiades

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 26, 2004

Registered Voters: 14,615

Attendance: 1,151

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 26, 2004. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M., a quorum being present. Andrew McElaney was appointed Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Reverend Kenneth Reed Brown of the Old Ship Church. Eileen McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. County Cooperative Extension Service
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Fix salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Disbursement of Electric Light Department receipts
8. Assume liability for damages for DEM on rivers, harbors, etc.
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Appropriate state highway funds for streets and sidewalks
11. Transfer money from Waterways Fund to Dredging Account
12. Transfer funds to the Reserve Fund
13. Transfer funds for tax reduction
14. Accept the Military Pay Act
15. Pension Obligation Bonds
16. Appropriate funds for an irrigation system at South Shore Country Club
17. Appropriate funds for Central Fire Station building
18. Appropriate funds for DPW cold storage facility
19. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – historic resources
20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – open space
21. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Whitney Wharf
22. Appropriate Funds for a sewer system along Green Street Court
23. Wastewater Management Plan
24. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: Downtown Hingham Overlay District
25. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: Half-story

26. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: Accessory Buildings
27. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: Internally Illuminated Signs
28. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: South Shore Country Club
29. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: Residential Multi-Unit Developments
30. Amend the Zoning By-Law re: Planned Unit Development
31. Multi-town DPW consolidation
32. Increase Board of Selectmen to seven members
33. Revise Hersey House property authorization
34. Revise Water Supply Committee charter
35. Hingham Shipyard Economic Opportunity Area
36. Hingham Shipyard Tax Increment Financing Plan
37. Hingham Shipyard Improvement District
38. Hingham Shipyard legislation for additional alcoholic beverages licenses
39. Linden Ponds legislation for additional alcoholic beverages license
40. South Street land conveyances
41. Greenbush Line Project land conveyances
42. Accept provisions of MGL c.32, §4 (2b and 2b1/2)
43. Acquisition of Massachusetts Highway Department Land
44. Underground Utility Committee
45. Street acceptance – Springwood Drive
46. Street acceptance – Ledgewood Circle

Article 1

VOTED: That Patricia Pierce, 721 Main Street, be elected a member of Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting fund for a term of three years.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 2

VOTED: That the Town confirm the choice by the Selectmen of Marjorie Mahoney as Director of the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service for one year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 3

VOTED: That the reports, if any, of the Animal Shelter Site Study Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Central Fire Station Building Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation

Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Library Building Committee; Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Public Works Building Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; School Building Committee; Traffic Safety Study Committee and the Water Supply Committee be received, and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued, except that the Library Building Committee be discharged with thanks.

A Majority Vote

Article 4

VOTED: That the report 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 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, 2004 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriated the sum of \$365,128 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 Personal 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 Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 5

VOTED: That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Town Clerk:¹ and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the annual rate of \$2,000.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500.00.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.00.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214.00 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department).

Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

¹ Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General laws.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 6

VOTED: That there be raised and appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn in is stated.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 7

VOTED: That, with the exception of \$509,500, which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2004, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Sections 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 8

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Environmental Management of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 9

VOTED: That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent only to compensate such inspectors for their services. No moneys shall be spent for wages or salaries of full-time municipal employees. The Building Commissioner shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during the ensuing Fiscal Year 2005.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 10

VOTED: That, subject to the appropriation of \$339,877 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond Bill, the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$339,877 as the state's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the resurfacing, maintenance, improvement, design, construction and/or reconstruction of Hingham streets and sidewalks.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 11

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Waterways Fund to the Dredging Fund, such account to be used for the future

dredging of Hingham Harbor, and the Town accept and credit said account with funds from State and Federal Governments for that purpose.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 12

VOTED: No action taken on transferring from available funds to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during the fiscal year 2004, or act on anything relating thereto.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 13

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$243,391 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2005 tax rate.

A 2/3rd's Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 14

VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of the Military Pay Act, Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 15

VOTED: That the Town (1) petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to issue Pension Obligation Bonds and (2) approve the following Loan Order:

Section 1. The sum of \$29,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose of funding the unfunded pension liability of the retirement system of the Town of Hingham pursuant to home rule legislation filed with the General Court entitled "An Act Authorizing The Town of Hingham To Issue Pension Obligation Bonds" (the "Home Rule Act")

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$29,000,000 Bonds of the Town, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for the purpose of funding the unfunded pension liability and to pay cost of issuance shall be issued, provided the Home Rule Act as currently filed with the General Court or similar legislation authorizing such bonds shall

be enacted into law. The Treasurer/Collector is hereby authorized to sell the Bonds in one or more series, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, provided the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of all such series shall not exceed \$29,000,000. The Bonds of each series shall be serial bonds maturing in annual installments of principal, or shall be term bonds with mandatory annual deposits of sinking fund payments into a sinking fund such that the annual combined payments of principal and interest for each series shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the Town Administrator, provided, however, that the maturities may be scheduled so as to provide a more rapid amortization of principal and provided the final maturity shall be not later than the thirtieth year after their date. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, and be approved as their legality by a firm of nationally recognized bond counsel. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limitation prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon.

Section 3. The Bonds of each series shall be sold by the Treasurer/Collector at public sale upon sealed proposals, or by negotiated underwriting or by private placement. If sold at public sale, the Bonds shall be sold at no less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale, or a summary thereof, describing the Bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If sold by negotiation or by private placement, the terms and provisions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. The aggregate amount of Bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, interest rate or rates, whether such rates are fixed or variable, and other terms, details and particulars of the Bonds, including the bank or trust company at which the Bonds shall be payable, the authenticating bank, the registrar and transfer agent, if any, shall be determined by the Town Administrator, the Treasurer/Collector and the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the Act and Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

Section 4. The interest on the Bonds, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, is includable in the gross income of the holder or holders of the Bonds. It is hereby determined that the issuance of such taxable Bonds is in the public interest.

Section 5. The Town Administrator and the Treasurer/Collector shall take all actions necessary to comply with the

terms of the Home Rule Act, including the making of the necessary submissions to the executive office for administration and finance.

2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A Majority Vote

2/3rds Declared

Motion Adopted

Article 16

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,700,000.00 for the design and construction of an irrigation system for the South Shore Country Club to be conducted by the Country Club Management Committee, and to meet said appropriation authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$1,700,000.00 under Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, payable in not more than twenty years and upon such other terms as the Treasurer/Collector and the Board of Selectmen shall determine.

2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A Majority Vote

2/3rds Declared

Motion Adopted

Article 17

VOTED: That \$236,458 be transferred from available reserves and \$13,542 be transferred from excess overlay to be expended under the direction of the Central Fire Station Building Committee for professional fees, construction of buildings, additions and or renovations and purchasing of equipment and furnishings for the Central Fire Station, including other costs incidental and related to carry out this project and its finances.

A Majority Vote

Article 18

VOTED: That \$395,000 be transferred from excess overlay to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Building Committee for architectural and engineering design development, permitting, professional fees and construction of a DPW cold storage facility in the School Depot property, including other costs incidental and related to carry out this project and its finances.

Standing Vote Taken

Yes 457

No 301

Motion Adopted

Article 19

VOTED: That the Town (a) appropriate \$94,256 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and \$33,310 from the Community Preservation General Reserve, such total amount to be expended under the directions of the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

- (i) \$47,500 for the replacement of the fence along Main Street in front of the Liberty Plain Cemetery with a fence historically consistent with the Liberty Plain Historic District;
- (ii) \$35,066 for the restoration of the historic cast iron fence along Main Street in front of the Old Ship Meetinghouse;
- (iii) \$10,000 for the rehabilitation and restoration of three family burial lot surrounds, a box tomb and a monument in the Hingham Cemetery; and
- (iv) \$35,000 for the preparation of a plan for streetscape rehabilitation of the areas commonly known as Hingham Square, Station Street and The Cove;

and (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire historic preservation easements with respect to items (i), (ii) and (iii) on such terms as such Board deems in the best interest of the Town.

2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A Majority Vote

2/3rds Declared

Motion Adopted

Article 20

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$17,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for the purchase of Lots 37 and 38 on Assessors' Map 37, consisting of approximately 6.46 acres north of Nokomis Road and west of Downer Avenue, and authorize the Conservation Commission to complete the acquisition of such property, which shall be held by the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes.

2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A Unanimous Vote

Article 21

VOTED: That Under Article 21 of the warrant for the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, voters appropriated \$393,000 to create a park on town-owned Whitney Wharf, together with a pedestrian footbridge connecting the park to the Town pier. Since the printing date of the Warrant for the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, firm bids have been received for the construction of the park and engineering estimates have been received for a redesigned bridge. The combined funding requirement for the park bid and bridge estimate is not expected to exceed the original 2003 appropriation, thus no action is required on this article.

No Action Taken
A Unanimous Vote

Article 22

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the construction of sewers on Green on Green Street Court, and to accomplish such action, the Town: (1) authorize and empower the Sewer Commission to contract for design, engineering and construction services for such sewerage facilities; and (2) authorize the Sewer Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to impose betterment assessments upon property benefited by such sewer systems; and (3) to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Emergency Finance Board, if required, be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow up to the sum of \$75,000, all or portion of such amount under Massachusetts General Laws, c.44, as amended, and that for said borrowing, the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be, and hereby is, authorized to issue bonds or notes of the Town, payable in not more than twenty (20) years from their dates, and the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Emergency Finance Board, if required, be and hereby is authorized to borrow up to the sum of \$75,000, all or portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, c.29C, as amended, and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof.

A 2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 23

VOTED: That the Town (1) authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to prepare a wastewater management plan for the Town of Hingham in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and to take all action that the Board, in its reasonable judgment, deems necessary or desirable, including the application, solicitation, and/or acceptance of any Federal or State grant and/or advances which now or hereafter may be available in connection therewith and entering into a loan agreement, security agreement, or similar agreement; (2) appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400,000 to be used for such purpose including the employment of consultants, engineers or designers for such preparation; (3) to meet said appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness of the Town as necessary to secure such agreements; and (4) authorize and approve the creation of a Wastewater Master Planning Committee for the purpose of advising and assisting in the preparation of such plan to be appointed as follows: one member of the Sewer Commission, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Board of Health, one member of the Conservation Commission, one member of the Planning Board, two members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two members to be appointed by the Moderator; the chair of such committee to be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

**A 2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 24

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by creating the "Downtown Hingham Overlay District", as follows:

Item 1. At Section II-B, insert after item 4, the following: "5. Downtown Hingham Overlay District"

Item 2. At Section II-C, insert at the end thereof, the following:

"5. Downtown Hingham Overlay District
Business District A extending from the intersection of South Street and Bates Way to the west and the intersection of Summer Street, Green Street and Justice Cushing Highway to the east, as shown on the Zoning Map, Parts A and C, of the Town of Hingham (2003).

Item 3. At Section III-A, amend the heading “Business A” to read “Business A**” and insert a footnote to Section III-A to read “** (Subject to special condition 7 of Section III-B)”.

Item 4. At Section III-B, insert the following at the end thereof:

“7. For parcels zoned Business A included in the Downtown Hingham Overlay District, refer to Section III-G, Downtown Hingham Overlay District, for additional information regarding permitted and prohibited uses and Design Review. Commercial/Residential Buildings are permitted only in the Downtown Hingham Overlay District. Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings is permitted only in conjunction with a Special Permit A2 for a Commercial/Residential Building and subject to the requirements of Section III-G, 6.”

Item 5. At Section III-A, insert after subsection 4.21, the following:

“4.22 Commercial/Residential Building (Subject to Section III-B, 7)”, which use shall be designated in the Table as “A2” in the Business A column and “O” in all other zoning districts; and

“4.23 Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings (Subject to Section III-B, 7)”, which use shall be designated in the Table as “P” in the Business A and Residence A columns and “O” in all other zoning districts.

Item 6. At Section VI, insert after the definition of the term “Building”, the following definition:

“Commercial/Residential Building - a building containing commercial uses on the first floor at ground level and a dwelling unit or dwelling unit(s) above the first floor. A Commercial/Residential Building may also contain commercial uses above the first floor, but in no event shall residential uses be permitted on the first floor, at ground level, or below ground level.”

Item 7. At Section III, insert the following new Section III-G as follows:

“III-G DOWNTOWN HINGHAM OVERLAY DISTRICT

1. Purpose.

To protect and promote the viability and value of business and residential properties located in the Downtown Hingham Overlay District (“Downtown”) in a manner consistent with Hingham’s historic character.

2. Objectives.

- a. Encourage planning and development which will maintain and improve the economic viability of Downtown businesses.
- b. Encourage planning and development of the Downtown as a visitor destination for historic sightseeing, shopping and dining.
- c. Encourage creation of mixed-use buildings incorporating business and residential uses to create more diverse housing options in Hingham.
- d. Encourage planning for, and more efficient use of, off-street parking to better facilitate resident and visitor access to and parking in the Downtown.
- e. Encourage maintenance, restoration or replacement of existing structures to bring them into compliance with current building, plumbing and electric codes, as well as the latest fire and handicap access regulations, in a manner consistent with Hingham's historic character.

3. Applicability

Parcels within the Downtown Hingham Overlay District shall be subject to the requirements of this Section. In addition, for any parcel located partially in the Downtown Hingham Overlay District, such portion located in the Overlay District shall be subject to the requirements of this Section, provided, however, that if any structure or use on such parcel lies partially in the Overlay District and partially in another zoning district, such structure or use shall comply with the requirements of this Section.

4. Permitted and Prohibited Uses

The permitted uses and uses allowed by Special Permit in Business District A, as set forth in Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, shall be permitted or allowed, as applicable, in the Overlay District, except that the following uses are prohibited in the Overlay District:

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| Section III-A | 4.3 | Funeral Home |
| Section III-A | 4.4 | Animal or veterinary hospital |
| Section III-A | 4.5 | Commercial breeding |
| Section III-A | 5.1 | Automotive filling or service station |
| Section III-A | 5.2 | Auto repair |
| Section III-A | 5.3 | Car dealership & service facilities |
| Section III-A | 5.4 | Marina; boat livery; sales, storage & repair of boats |
| Section III-A | 6.1 | Wholesale warehouse |

5. Design Review Criteria

- a. Applicability. Any project located within the Overlay District, but not within a Local Historic District, and 1) subject to Special Permit or site plan review or 2) which requires a building permit and affects the exterior architectural features of a building or structure, shall also be subject to Design Review. The following alterations, unless subject to the requirements of Section IV-B, 6 shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection:
 - (i) normal maintenance and repair of the building or structure; and/or
 - (ii) replacement of exterior materials, including roofing materials, shingles or clapboard, provided such materials are replaced with the same type of materials.
- b. Submittal Requirements. The building or special permit application shall include a narrative description of the proposed work affecting the exterior of the building or structure, including a description of the materials to be used. The Planning Board and/or the Board of Appeals may also require additional submittals, including plans prepared by qualified registered professionals showing the total square footage and dimensions of all buildings, the building elevations and perspective renderings, and detailing the exterior architectural features of the buildings and the exterior materials to be used.
- c. In connection with its review of such work, the Planning Board and/or the Board of Appeals may request comments on the proposal from the Hingham Historical Commission and/or the Hingham Historic Districts Commission, and may engage other professional consultants, experts or assistance consistent with the provisions of Section I-I,2 of this By-Law.
- d. Criteria. The Planning Board and/or the Board of Appeals shall consider the architectural and aesthetic consistency of the proposed project with the historic character of the Overlay District, taking into account appropriate scale, massing, location of buildings on lot, roof slopes, street façade, fenestration, exterior building materials, and similar factors.

6. Commercial/Residential Building Special Permit

- a. Application and Review Requirements
An application for a Commercial/Residential Special Permit A2 shall comply with all of the requirements of this Section and with

Sections I-F, I-G and I-I of this By-Law. In addition, the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit A2 under this Section only if it finds that the applicant has demonstrated that the Commercial/Residential Building will not have an adverse impact on abutting residential or commercial neighborhoods and can be constructed with due consideration for health and safety.

b. Eligibility Requirements

Buildings which meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for a Commercial/Residential Building Special Permit:

- (i) Buildings containing a permitted commercial use at the street level story. A permitted commercial use shall be those uses permitted under Section III-G, 4 above, but excluding Parking Areas under Section III-A, 4.18, except as specifically provided in subsection 9(d)(v) below; and
- (ii) Sufficient off-street parking to meet the requirements of subsection 6(d) of this Section III-G.

c. Additional Requirements

- (i) A commercial use shall be located at ground level facing the street(s) on which the parcel has frontage. Dwelling units shall be located above ground level. No dwelling units shall be permitted below the ground level.
- (ii) Dwelling units shall not be smaller than 575 square feet for a studio or one bedroom dwelling unit and 750 square feet for a two bedroom dwelling unit. A dwelling unit may not contain more than two bedrooms.
- (iii) Adequate provision shall be made for the disposal of household trash.

d. Parking Requirements for Dwelling Units in Commercial/Residential Buildings

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection 6(d), the criteria of Section V-A, Off-Street Parking Requirements, shall apply to the Overlay District.

- (i) The purpose of this subsection (d) is to ensure that sufficient off-street parking is provided for all dwelling units created under this Section. Provision for off-street parking shall be as follows:

Studio or one bedroom dwelling unit	1 space
Two bedroom dwelling unit	2 spaces

- (ii) When off-street parking exists or may be constructed on the parcel where the use is proposed, the Board of Appeals may make a finding that the commercial use(s) and the residential use within the Commercial/Residential Building are complementary uses having different peak demand times, in which event on-site parking may satisfy both the residential and the commercial uses (subject to the requirements of Section V-A in the event of a change or increase in commercial uses).
- (iii) Parking for all dwelling units (including, without limitation, dwelling units proposed in newly constructed or reconstructed buildings or in newly constructed stories to existing buildings) shall be located on the same parcel or on a contiguous parcel under common ownership.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for dwelling units proposed in existing stories of existing buildings which, as of December 1, 2003, (a) are at least two stories in height and (b) lack required on-site, off-street parking to meet the requirements of this Section, the Board of Appeals may grant a waiver to permit Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings, provided that a copy of a written, fully executed and effective lease, with a term of at least one (1) year, permitting use of sufficient parking spaces to comply with this Section for a minimum of overnight parking shall be provided to the Board of Appeals prior to the issuance of the Special Permit. For the purposes of this Section III-G, "Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings" shall be the provision of parking for dwelling units in a Commercial/Residential Building on land of a third party located within 500' of the benefited parcel (but excluding parcels with single-family or two-family dwellings outside of the Overlay District)."

The granting of this parking waiver shall require a finding by the Board of Appeals that such lease of parking spaces does not create a violation of the zoning of, parking requirements for existing uses on, or any special permit or variance granted to, the burdened parcel. In addition, the applicant (or its successor) shall be required, as a condition of the issuance of a Special Permit, (i) to certify

to the Building Commissioner annually, on the anniversary of the date of the issuance of a Special Permit, that such lease remains in full force and effect and (ii) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration or other termination of such lease, to apply to the Board of Appeals for a modification of its Special Permit which application shall provide for the required parking in another manner consistent with the requirements of this subsection 6.d.

- (iv) No newly constructed parking shall front on a public way, except along Summer Street (Route 3A,) Station Street or the Station Street parking area.
- (v) For parcels which have opposite property lines along two streets or ways and for parcels with frontage on Summer Street (Route 3A), fully enclosed garage parking may be provided within the building at ground level if such parking is accessed from the rear of the building, is not visible from the front of the building, and such building has a permitted commercial use at the front of the building. For purposes of this Section III-G, any portion of a building facing Main Street, South Street, North Street or Summer Street shall be considered the front of a building.
- (vi) Notwithstanding any provision of Section V-A to the contrary, and except as specifically provided in this Section III-G, 6.d, off-street parking requirements for residential uses in a Commercial/Residential Building shall not be reduced nor waived by special permit or otherwise. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of Section V and this Section, the provisions of this Section shall control."

Item 8. Rename "Section III-G Nonconforming Uses" and "Section III-H Accessory Uses" as "Section III-H Nonconforming Uses" and "Section III-I Accessory Uses", respectively.

2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A Majority Vote

2/3rds Declared

Motion Adopted

Meeting Adjourned 10:41 PM

**Second Session
April 27, 2004**

**Registered Voters: 14,615
Reconvened: 7:44 PM**

Attendance: 300

Article 25

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 VI, Definitions, the term "Attic, Habitable".

Item 2. At Section VI, Definitions, add the following definition for "Half-Story" in order to clarify its meaning in the Schedule of Dimensional Requirements: "Half-Story (1/2 Story): A floor level situated wholly or partly under a sloping roof, suitable for any use permitted in the Zoning District, in which the ceiling area (in plan projection) at a height of at least 7'-3" above the finish floor is not more than ½ the area of the floor level next below."

Item 3. At Section VI, Definitions, modify the definition of "Story" by adding the following final sentence : "A half (1/2) story shall be defined elsewhere in this Section VI."

2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A Majority Vote

2/3rds Declared

Motion Adopted

Article 26

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

1. Amend Section III-A as follows:

- a. Delete the text of subsection 1.1 in its entirety and replace therefor the following:

"1.1 Single-family detached dwelling, together with such accessory buildings and structures as are customarily incidental thereto. Subject to special condition 4 of Section III-B."

- b. Delete subsection 1.3 and 1.4 in their entirety and renumber subsection 1.5 through 1.9 accordingly.

- c. Insert after newly renumbered subsection 1.7 (Garden Apartments), the following:

“1.8 Accessory Uses when in conjunction with single family detached dwellings and two family dwellings (subject to Section III-H)

1.8.1 Garaging of not more than 3 non-commercial motor vehicles [to be permitted as of right in Residence Districts A through E and prohibited in all other districts]

1.8.2 Garaging or parking of one commercial vehicle with a maximum gross weight of 10,000 lbs [to be permitted as of right in Residence Districts A through E and prohibited in all other districts]

1.8.3 Garaging or parking of a commercial vehicle in excess of 10,000 lbs or more than one commercial vehicle [to be permitted with a Special Permit A1 in Residence Districts A through E and prohibited in all other districts]

1.8.4 Professional office or studio of a resident physician, dentist, attorney, architect, artist, musician, engineer, real-estate or insurance broker, or member of another recognized profession, provided that no more than three persons, including the resident professional(s), or business owner(s), shall be employed on the premises at any one time, and further provided that any display or advertising shall be in accordance with provisions of Section V-B. [to be permitted as of right in Residence Districts A through D and Business Districts A and B, with a Special Permit A1 in Residence District E, and prohibited in all other districts.]

1.8.5 The office or studio of a resident art dealer, interior decorator, or appraiser, provided that said office or studio is open to clients by appointment only, that no more than three persons, including the resident professional(s), or business owner(s), shall be employed on the premises at any one time, and that there shall be no display or advertising visible from the street and no exterior signs. [to be permitted as of right in Residence Districts A through D and Business Districts A and B, with a Special Permit A1 in Residence District E, and prohibited in all other districts.]

1.8.6 Customary home occupation such as dressmaking and millinery conducted by a resident on the premises, provided that

no more than one other person is regularly employed therein in connection with such use, and that there is no exterior storage of material or equipment, and that no display of products is visible from the street, and that any display or advertising is in accordance with Section V-B. [to be permitted as of right in Residence Districts A through D and Business Districts A and B, with a Special Permit A1 in Residence District E, and prohibited in all other districts.]

1.8.7 In accessory buildings incidental to a single-family detached house or a two-family house, the following uses are permitted: (a) the accessory uses listed in subsections 1.8.1 through 1.8.6 above; and/or (b) such other uses as are customarily incidental to a residential use, including, but not limited to, barns, garages, workshops, artist studios and the like, living rooms, eating areas, cooking facilities and sanitary facilities (excluding bathing facilities), as long as, in combination, these uses do not create a detached dwelling unit with complete living facilities for one or more households. Notwithstanding the foregoing, bathing facilities shall be permitted within a pool house located directly adjacent to and serving an in-ground swimming pool. [to be permitted in Residence Districts A through E and Business Districts A and B, and prohibited in all other districts.]”

2. Delete Section III-H (Accessory Uses) in its entirety and replace therefor the following:

“III-H ACCESSORY USES

1. Accessory uses shall be those uses that are customarily incidental to and located on the same lot with a principal use or on an adjoining lot under the same ownership and which are uses otherwise permitted in the zoning district in which they are proposed, provided, however, that:
 - (a) Uses considered customarily incidental to residential uses shall be those accessory uses permitted under Section III-A, 1.8. Such uses shall also be permitted in buildings accessory to single family and two-family dwellings located in non-residential districts.
 - (b) Uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production, may be permitted upon the issuance of a Special Permit A2, provided the Board of Appeals finds that the

proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good.

2. Additional Requirements

- (a) Accessory uses may be located in any area contained within a non-conforming residential building (whether primary or accessory) existing as of April 26, 2004.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III-A, 1.8.4, 1.8.5 and 1.8.6, regarding resident offices, studios, or customary home occupations, as described in those sub-sections, no more than three persons, including the resident professional(s), or business owner(s), shall be employed on the premises at any one time.
 - (c) Such uses shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the primary use.
 - (d) Such uses shall not alter the character of the premises on which they are located or impair the neighborhood."
3. Amend Section IV-C, 2. by inserting at the end thereof the following:
"and shall be no more than two stories and shall not exceed 30 feet in height."
4. Amend Section VI (Definitions) by deleting the term "Accessory Buildings or Use" and its definition in their entirety and replacing therefor, the following definition:

"Accessory Buildings
a building customarily incidental to and located on the same lot with a principal building or on an adjoining lot under the same ownership."

A 2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

2/3rds Declared

Motion Adopted

Article 27

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, heretofore amended, by inserting, in Section V-B, Table Footnotes, 5, at the end thereof the following:

The Board of Appeals may, in the South Hingham Overlay District (Section III-E) grant a Special Permit A1 for internal illumination for a ground sign of an opaque background with opaque letters and graphics pushed through the face a maximum of 5/8 inch so as to allow light to shine only through the sides of the letters and graphics.

A 2/3rds Vote Required

Standing Vote Taken

Yes 127

No 110

Motion Failed

Article 28

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, in the "Zoning Map, Part A of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts" by removing from Residence District D, and including in Business Recreation, the land owned by the Town of Hingham, consisting of approximately 154.2 acres more or less, as described in the "Judgment of Condemnation" recorded February 24, 1988 in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 8357, page 277, shown on Town of Hingham Assessors Map, Sheet 70, Parcel 14, located on Fort Hill Street, so-called in said Town, and known as the South Shore Country Club, exclusive of the land included in this parcel currently zoned Business Recreation, and bounded as described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY, by South Street, two hundred twelve and 9/10 (212.9) feet more or less from its intersection with Fort Hill Street;

NORTHEASTERLY, seven hundred fifteen (715) feet more or less by land of Quina Corporation;

EASTERLY, one hundred forty-five (145) feet more or less by land of Quina Corporation;

SOUTHERLY, by three (3) courses measuring one hundred fifty-five (155) feet more or less, one hundred thirty (130) feet more or less and one hundred ninety (190) feet more or less;

SOUTHWESTERLY, one hundred fifteen (115) feet more or less;

NORTHWESTERLY, twelve (12) feet more or less;

SOUTHERLY, fifteen (15) feet more or less to Westerly edge of twenty (20) foot Right-of-Way;

NORTHWESTERLY, by said Right-of Way one hundred twelve (112) feet more or less;

SOUTHWESTERLY, two hundred eighty-three (283) feet more or less all by land of Quina Corporation, to the beginning point,

Containing five and 35/100 (5.35) acres more or less, which land is shown and outlined in its approximate boundaries in red, on a Plan filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

**A 2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 29

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

Item 1. At Section IV-E, subsection 1.a., delete the words “town houses or garden apartments” and insert in their place the words “town houses, garden apartments or apartment houses”.

Item 2. At Section IV-E, delete the words “apartment” or “apartments” wherever they appear in Section IV-E and replace therefor the words “apartment house” or “apartment houses”, respectively.

Item 3. Whereas the zoning bylaw uses the terms multi-unit and multi-family interchangeably, make the following amendments:

- a. at Section VI, replace the defined term “Multi-Family Dwelling” with “Multi-Unit Dwelling”;
- b. at Section VI, amend the defined term “Dwelling” by replacing the term “multi-family” therein with the term “multi-unit”; and
- c. at Section V-E (Personal Wireless Services), subsection 10.g., by replacing the term “multi-family” therein with the words “multi-unit”.

Item 4. At Section VI, insert after the definition of the term “Alteration of Drainage Patterns”, the following definition: “Apartment House - a structure utilized wholly for residential dwelling units (and permitted uses accessory thereto) and containing three or more dwelling units.”

**A 2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 30

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted May 10, 1941, heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1. By deleting, in its entirety, Section IV-G, Residential Planned Unit Development in Residence District E.

Item 2. At Section III-A, change from “Special Permit A2” to “Prohibited” in Residence District E the uses described in subsections 4.1, 4.2, 4.10, 4.11, and 4.12.

Item 3. At Section IV-A, remove the entire dimensional requirements under the following headings: “Planned Unit Development in District E One Family Detached House”, “Planned Unit Development Residence E Town House”, and “Planned Unit Development Residence District E Garden Apartment”.

Item 4. At Section IV-B, delete special requirement 13.

A 2/3rds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 31

VOTED: That the Town adopt and require The Board of Selectmen to initiate good-faith efforts at negotiations with surrounding Towns to consolidate their DPW Departments into a Multi-Town DPW Service Department. That the Board of Selectmen shall complete this effort no longer than 24 months with periodic reporting at various Town Meetings in the interim. That the Board of Selectmen understands to complete a consolidation business plan that redeploys geographic redundancies such as Town of Hingham’s DPW people, places and things resulting in significant savings to all participating Towns. That the Board of Selectmen understands this action will allow Town Meeting to make a due diligent evaluation on the long term future costs, viability and decisions of our DPW Department, is the paramount interest, or take any action relative thereto?

No Action Taken

A Unanimous Vote

Article 32

VOTED: That the Town adopt and approve the changing of the appropriate Article(s) that allows The Town to elect and The Board of Selectmen to operate with Three (3) Selectmen, and change it to allow The Town to elect and The Board of Selectmen to operate with Seven (7) Selectmen or take any action relative thereto?

No Action Taken

A Majority Vote

Article 33

VOTED: That the Town revise the authorization granted under Article 40 of the warrant for the 1997 Annual Town Meeting for the sale, lease or transfer of the Hersey House at 229 North Street to include that portion of the land which was formerly shown as Key 144 on Assessors' Map 60 and is now included in Kay 143 on Assessors' Map 60, or act on anything relating thereto.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 34

VOTED: That the Town revise the charter of the Water Supply Committee established by vote under Article 11 of the Warrant for the 1946 Annual Town Meeting by adding to the charter the following sentence: "The Water Supply Committee shall monitor matters relative to the administration of the Town's Water Supply Policy; monitor compliance with pertinent water-supply federal, state, and local laws, regulations and accepted policies including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Water Supply Policy Statement; recommend guidelines to clarify the Town's Water Supply Policy; continue to study and explore long-term water supply policies for the Town; and report to the board of Selectmen, other Town Boards, and to the Town, as appropriate.

A Majority Vote

Article 35

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council an application for designating the Hingham Shipyard, 349 Lincoln Street, as shown on the Layout Plan of "Hingham Shipyard 349 Lincoln Street in Hingham, Massachusetts, Mixed Use Redevelopment" dated July 22, 2002, as an Economic Opportunity Area.

A Majority Vote

Article 36

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen (1) to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Plan with Building 58, LLC, Hingham Shipyard LLC, Landfall Marine and Recreation Center, LLC, Hewitts Cove Marine LLC, and SeaChain LLC pursuant to the provisions of MGL chapter 40, section 59, in connection with the development of the

Hingham Shipyard located at 349 Lincoln Street, as shown on the Layout Plan of "Hingham Shipyard 349 Lincoln Street in Hingham, Massachusetts, Mixed Use Redevelopment" dated July 22, 2002, and (2) to take such action as is necessary to obtain approval of the certified project applications and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 37

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation establishing the Hingham Shipyard Improvement District, a body politic and corporate, independent from the Town, which will assume all financial liability for the capital and operating costs associated with certain existing, proposed and future public improvements within the boundaries of the district, and be empowered to purchase, own, maintain, construct, reconstruct and operate such public improvements, including streets, parking facilities, sidewalks, water and sewer lines and related facilities, and fiber optic and telecommunications links, to take property within the District by eminent domain, to borrow funds for capital improvements and to assess betterments, assessments and fees in relation thereto and to support operating expenses, to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the District, and to exercise such additional powers as shall be defined in the special act, a summary of which is available at the office of the Town Clerk; provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen are authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

A Majority Vote

Article 38

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to issue four (4) additional licenses for the sale of all-alcoholic beverages (to be consumed on the premises) and one (1) additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages (to be drunk on the premises) and one (1) additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (not to be drunk on the premises) to SeaChain LLC, Hingham Shipyard, 349 Lincoln Street.

A Majority Vote

Article 39

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to issue an additional license for the sale of all-alcoholic beverages (to be consumed on the premises) to Linden Ponds Inc., 300 Linden Ponds Way.

A Majority Vote

Article 40 Tully Recused

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not instruct, the Board of Selectmen to convey, for minimum consideration of one (1) dollar, a portion of the public way abutting the premises at 211 and 223 South Street to the owners of those premises, in connection with any plan which may be duly adopted for the relocation of South Street and the closing of the adjacent highway rail crossing.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 41

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to discontinue portions of the public way at (1) Fort Hill Street (east), (2) Torrent Crossing and (3) Weir Street, on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine to be in the best interest of the Town.

A Majority Vote

Article 42

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to grant Glenn Shaw retirement service credit for his service time as a permanent call firefighter in recognition of his unique service to the Town of Hingham.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 43

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire that portion of the former Naval Ammunition Depot in the Town currently under the control of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 44

VOTED: That the Town vote (a) to direct the moderator to create a Committee to study the feasibility and costs of placing existing overhead utility wires underground and removal of remaining utility poles in the following areas:

1. On Elm Street between Main Street and Central Street
2. On Main Street from Elm Street to Water Street
3. On North Street from Station Street to Summer Street (3A),
and

(b) direct this Committee to make an interim report to the Town containing the Committee's recommendations, and, if applicable, setting forth a reasonable detailed plan and timetable to accomplish the work directed by the Town no later than December 31, 2004, and, (c) if appropriate, direct this Committee to present such recommendations in the form of articles for inclusion at the 2005 Town Meeting.

No Action Taken
A Unanimous Vote

Article 45

VOTED: That the Town accept the laying out, as a Town way, or a way beginning at the intersection of Abington Street running northeasterly a distance of 500 feet, more or less, through a turnaround, as shown on plan entitled: "As-Built Plan", Springwood Drive, dated August 22, 2002, prepared by DSR Corp., as revised from time to time, and the name Springwood Drive be given said way.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 46

VOTED: That the Town accept the laying out, as a Town way, or a way beginning at the intersection with Rockwood Road, running

northeasterly a distance of 405 feet, more or less, through a turnaround, and the name Ledgewood Circle be given said way, or act on anything relating thereto.

No Action Taken
A Unanimous Vote

Meeting Adjourned 10:04 P.M.

CASH APPROPRIATIONS

Article 4

Personnel Board	\$365,128
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Article 5

Elected Officials	8,279
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Article 6

General Government

122	Selectmen	
	Payroll	286,609
	Expenses	25,056
132	Reserve Fund	400,000
135	Town Accountant	
	Payroll	270,409
	Expenses	33,090
	Capital Outlay	40,000
	(\$40,000 from excess overlay)	
	Audit	38,000
	Information Technology	63,145
141	Assessors	
	Payroll	221,126
	Expenses	9,670
	Consulting	7,500
	Map Maintenance	4,000
145	Treasurer/Collector	
	Payroll	227,898
	Expenses	39,900
	Tax Title	10,000
151	Legal Services	140,000

159	Town Meeting	
	Payroll	2,692
	Expenses	14,875
161	Town Clerk	
	Payroll	126,978
	Expenses	6,411
162	Elections	
	Payroll	14,320
	Expenses	12,320
171	Conservation	
	Payroll	109,567
	Expenses	11,885
175	Planning Board	
	Payroll	95,957
	Expenses	9,145
176	Board of Appeals	
	Payroll	74,528
	Expenses	5,885
177	Bare Cove Park	
	Payroll	10,253
	Expenses	4,440
191	Hersey House	
	Expenses	4,522
192	Town Hall	
	Payroll	125,626
	Expenses	284,066
	Capital Outlay (\$10,000 from excess overlay)	10,000
193	Grand Army Memorial Hall	5,752

Public Safety

210	Police Department	
	Payroll (Overtime \$282,331)	3,287,510
	Expenses	214,462
	Capital Outlay	178,358
	(\$178,358 from Available reserves)	
220	Fire Department	
	Payroll (Overtime \$271,305)	3,180,779
	Expenses	214,462
	Capital Outlay	197,500
	(197,500 from available reserves)	
230	Dispatch Services	
	Payroll (Overtime \$46,148)	353,187
	Expenses	5,600
241	Building Commissioner	
	Payroll	165,290
	Expenses	6,995
244	Weights and Measures	
	Payroll	9,108
	Expenses	650
291	Emergency Management	
	Payroll	5,000
	Expenses	2,693
292	Animal Control	
	Payroll	45,199
	Expenses	7,400
295	Harbormaster	
	Payroll	64,510
	Expenses	21,350

299	Public Safety Utilities	
	Emergency Water	297,300
	Street Lighting	125,000

Education

300	School Department	
	Payroll	22,412,498
	Expenses	5,790,997
	Capital Outlay	531,100
	(\$531,100 from available reserves)	

Public Works and Facilities

410	Selectmen's Engineering	20,000
420	Highway/Recreation/Tree & Park	
	Payroll (Overtime \$25,161)	1,393,572
	Expenses	251,847
	Capital Outlay	179,500
	(\$179,500 from available reserves)	
	Snow Removal	187,742
	Resurfacing (\$100,000) from	306,500
	available reserves)	
430	Landfill/recycling	
	Payroll (Overtime \$15,914)	343,704
	Expenses	986,581
	Capital Outlay (\$43,000 from	43,000
	excess overlay)	
440	Sewer Commission	
	Payroll	220,015
	Expenses	155,915
	New Equipment	41,500
	Engineering	70,000
	MWRA Charges	1,339,918
	Debt Service	79,306

	Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	75,000
	\$1,981,659 shall be funded from	
	Sewer revenue	
	Human Services	
510	Health Department	
	Payroll	220,167
	Expenses	18,994
541	Elder Services	
	Payroll	131,960
	Expenses	55,510
	Tax Work Off Program	12,000
543	Veterans' Services	
	Payroll	30,241
	Expenses	5,450
	Benefits	160,000
545	Womansplace Crisis Center	2,500
546	South Shore Women's Center	3,500
	Culture and Recreation	
610	Library	
	Payroll	906,692
	Expenses	192,924
	Capital Outlay	31,800
	(\$31,800 from excess overlay)	
630	Recreation Commission	
	Payroll	142,789
	Expenses	5,239
650	Trustees of Bathing Beach	
	Payroll	14,046
	Expenses	1,575

691	Historical Commission	
	Payroll	22,722
	Expenses	5,585
692	Celebrations	9,000

Enterprise Fund

720	Country Club	1,364,000
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The total sum of \$1,364,000 shall be funded from Country Club revenue. In addition, the Country Club is authorized to distribute to the General Fund \$400,000 from Retained Earnings.

Debt Service

710	Maturing Debt-Excluded	5,198,751
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Employee Benefits

900	Contributory Group Insurance	3,052,726
910	Contributory Retirement	2,261,902
911	Non-Contributory Pensions	36,000
912	Workers' Compensation	200,000
913	Unemployment	20,000
914	Mandatory Medicare	374,000

Unclassified

901	Insurance	429,000
	Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	
904	Claims and Incidentals	
	Claims and Incidentals	12,540

Greenbush Legal and Consulting	60,000
Article 4, 5, & 6 TOTAL	\$60,911,693
 Article 11	
Waterways Fund	30,000
 Article 13	
Debt Service	243,391
 Article 17 Central Fire Station Architecture and Design Central Fire Station Architecture and Design Station Professional Fess	236,458
(\$13,542 from excess overlay)	13,542
 Article 18	
DPW cold storage facility	395,000
(395,000 from excess overlay)	
 Article 19	
CPC- Historic Resources	
Liberty Plain Cemetery-replace fence	47,500
Old Ship Meetinghouse-cast fence	35,066
Hingham Cemetery-Rehab burial lot	10,000
Hingham Square-Streetscape rehab	35,000
 Article 20	
CPC-Open Space	
Purchase-6.46Acres (Nokomis Rd)	17,000
 Total Other Articles	\$1,062,957
 Total Appropriations All Articles	\$61,974,650

Articles Authorized to be Borrowed

Article 16

South Shore Country Club-Irrigation System	17,000,000
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Article 22

Sewer Construction-Green Street Court	75,000
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Article 23

Wastwater Master Planning Committee	400,000
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Total Borrowings	17,475,000
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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 2, 2004

DEMOCRAT

Presidential

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	10	1	9	1	0	7	28
Richard Gephardt	1	0	2	1	0	0	4
Joseph Lieberman	5	3	5	3	5	7	28
Wesley K. Clark	1	0	0	2	3	3	9
Howard Dean	14	9	15	12	12	5	67
Carol Moseley Braun	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
John Edwards	58	61	87	68	79	86	439
Dennis J. Kucinich	11	6	13	5	5	10	50
John F. Kerry	258	246	252	214	227	232	1429
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Al Sharpton	4	5	0	2	2	2	15
No Preference	4	0	1	2	1	3	11
Write-In	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	367	334	386	310	334	355	2086

State Committee Man

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	136	119	154	110	127	147	793
Frederick R. Koed	230	214	231	200	207	205	1287
Write-In	1	1	1	0	0	3	6
TOTAL	367	334	386	310	334	355	2086

State Committee Woman

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	134	108	156	109	119	142	768
Karen F. DeTellis	229	224	227	201	215	210	1306
Write-In	4	2	3	0	0	3	12
TOTAL	367	334	386	310	334	355	2086

Town Committee

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	8714	7765	9259	7210	7687	8800	49435
Michael J. Traft	157	156	162	142	169	144	930
Thomas S. Vangel	178	163	174	152	163	146	976
James L. Watson	189	162	187	148	168	151	1005
Timothy H. White	166	161	173	152	183	154	989
Eileen C. McIntyre	176	165	182	144	158	142	967
James R. Watson	174	153	190	147	165	149	978
William B. Marino	157	148	161	142	155	146	909
Lee M. Vigil	176	151	167	140	157	130	921
Paul G. Costello	163	163	166	151	167	167	977
Edmund Demko	177	174	180	147	166	136	980
Garrett J. Bradley	273	252	279	232	247	249	1532
Dawn C. Sibor	161	157	173	151	157	141	940
E. Shawn Worster	160	149	159	139	157	132	896
Thomas J. Cox	172	166	178	154	166	149	985
Eileen M. Engdahl	173	161	173	150	159	158	974
Walter J. Sullivan, Jr.	161	162	180	153	161	142	959
Robert M. Shepard	160	165	163	142	154	135	919
Michael A. Salerno	166	153	176	149	178	143	965
Timothy M. O'Neill	165	163	166	145	156	137	932
Brian M. Condrón	157	148	156	140	153	136	890
James M. Costello	163	158	166	163	165	159	974
George J. Newman	160	161	166	140	160	132	919
Richard B. Larracey	160	156	163	139	157	133	908
Michael P. Holden	184	177	193	171	182	203	1110
Write-In	3	1	18	7	0	11	40

TOTAL	12845	12845	13510	10850	11690	12425	73010
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GREEN-RAINBOW

Presidential

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Lorna Salzman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Glover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Cobb	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
No Preference	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	1	0	3

LIBERTARIAN

Presidential

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jeffrey Diket	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruben Perrez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron Russo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Badnarik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gary Nolan	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
No Preference	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3

REPUBLICAN

Presidential

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	5	4	7	7	6	10	39
George W. Bush	90	83	140	99	99	112	623
No Preference	9	7	15	1	7	10	49
Write-In	1		2	7	0	2	12
TOTAL	105	94	164	114	112	134	723

State Committee Man

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	13	13	11	12	10	8	67
John P. Cafferty	65	65	129	79	90	103	531
Conley W. Ford	16	8	10	13	5	16	68
Jack E. Robinson	8	4	4	5	4	1	26
Ronald B. Wheatley	3	4	9	5	3	5	29
Write-In	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	105	94	164	114	112	134	723

State Committee Woman

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	14	5	4	7	7	2	39
Paula E. Logan	49	42	101	65	59	74	390
Janet R. Fogarty	33	38	54	35	38	35	233
Anne M. Hilbert	9	9	5	7	8	23	61
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	105	94	164	114	112	134	723

Town Committee

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	1392	1290	1964	1468	1526	1778	9418
Donald A. Hussey	69	58	113	69	72	82	463
Ann P. Collins	71	67	115	76	72	86	487
Lynne Powell-Pinto	61	53	101	68	61	76	420
Jerry K. Seelen	61	58	102	69	65	76	431
James E. Claypoole	69	61	109	78	70	90	477
Carl W. Harris, Jr.	68	57	113	70	66	81	455
Bruce Bunten	60	56	104	67	63	79	429
John P. Cafferty	80	61	131	87	89	102	550
Thom . L. P. O'Donnell	71	63	127	84	79	91	515
Guy S. Conrad, Jr.	63	55	98	67	68	82	433
Alexander Macmillan	70	61	117	81	66	85	480
William S. English	70	61	116	82	73	96	498
Edna S. English	71	62	123	86	76	96	514
Brian J. Battista	66	59	106	73	76	96	476
Gloria C. Jantzen	65	56	105	68	67	89	450
Kevin J. Bulman	72	52	105	67	65	77	438
Julie A. Lacy	57	54	100	66	66	80	423
Bonnie M. Hall	59	54	97	70	67	77	424
Virginia B. Gray	67	61	116	77	74	88	483
Maryanne McKenna	68	62	118	77	73	91	489
Bonnard F. Fage	60	51	95	67	60	73	406
Leah M. Godfrey	58	56	101	66	63	78	422
Heather A. Hedlund	80	66	119	80	71	98	514
Deborah S. Lorensen	57	51	100	66	60	75	409
Mario Romania, Jr.	62	57	103	68	65	79	434
Martin Crane	71	56	116	79	71	93	486
Dorothy M. Thomas	55	52	97	63	59	73	399
Susan C. Bush	82	69	128	82	80	98	539
John A. Riley	66	60	110	72	69	77	454
Constance A. Coleman	59	51	96	65	64	73	408
Helga J. Jorgensen	62	53	97	66	65	75	418
William C. Ramsey	63	52	102	68	67	75	427
Kenneth M. Schwartz	57	51	99	63	60	73	403
Patricia A. MacAllen	57	51	98	67	66	71	410
Kathleen M. Joyce	56	53	99	68	66	81	423
TOTAL	3675	3290	5740	3990	3920	4690	25305

TOWN ELECTION
MAY 1, 2004

FOR MODERATOR

For ONE Year	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	396	474	528	558	503	550	3009
Blanks	115	104	138	144	152	160	813
Write-Ins	1	2	3	6	7	1	20
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR SELECTMAN

For THREE Years	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Philip J. Edmundson	377	414	489	534	457	524	2795
Blanks	133	155	175	172	200	183	1018
Write-Ins	2	11	5	2	5	4	29
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR TREASURER/COLLECTOR

For THREE Years	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Ruth Anne Beck	397	462	528	559	495	536	2977
Blanks	115	115	140	146	165	167	848
Write-Ins		3	1	3	2	8	17
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR ASSESSOR

For THREE Years	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Mark F. Tyburski	347	410	450	510	439	485	2641
Blanks	165	169	215	196	218	222	1185
Write-Ins		1	4	2	5	4	16
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

For THREE Years	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Kirk J. Shilts	349	401	446	508	426	481	2611
Blanks	163	176	222	196	233	228	1218
Write-Ins		3	1	4	3	2	13
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

For THREE Years	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Walter A. Foscett	259	241	302	415	269	480	1966
Graham W. Rossano	146	214	227	159	264	130	1140
Blanks	107	125	140	134	128	100	734
Write-Ins					1	1	2
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY

For FIVE Years	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Robert D. Keyes	356	418	463	501	446	490	2674
Blanks	154	162	203	204	212	218	1153
Write-ins	2		3	3	4	3	15
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For THREE Years/Vote THREE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Chrisanne D. Gregoire	273	322	374	442	369	432	2212
Andrew P. Mooradian	203	251	207	277	263	333	1534
Stephen Nagle	299	358	397	385	361	323	2123
Kristin M. Parnell	273	342	324	420	374	427	2160
Blanks	484	467	694	597	612	617	3471
Write-Ins	4		11	1	7	1	24
Total	1536	1740	2007	2122	1986	2133	11524

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE**For TWO Years/Vote**

for ONE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Maureen M. Partyka	117	163	129	204	179	232	1024
Arthur A. Shabo	294	299	406	372	331	346	2048
Blanks	101	118	133	132	150	132	766
Write-ins			1		2	1	4
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR PLANNING BOARD**For FIVE Years/Vote**

for ONE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Paul K. Healey	371	424	482	534	195	504	2510
Blanks	140	154	186	173	464	205	1322
Write-Ins	1	2	1	1	3	2	10
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR SEWER COMMISSION**For THREE Years**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Edmund Demko	346	420	446	505	446	473	2636
Blanks	163	157	220	201	200	230	1171
Write-Ins	3	3	3	2	16	8	35
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

FOR RECREATION COMM**For FIVE Years**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR6	TOTAL
Robert D. Keyes	353	416	460	503	427	231	2390
Blanks	158	162	206	204	229	476	1435
Write-Ins	1	2	3	1	6	4	17
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

QUESTION

Shall the Town of Hingham be allowed to assess an additional \$753,682 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding school operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004?

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	TOTAL
Yes	285	364	406	465	400	443	2363
No	211	209	230	226	248	246	1370
Blanks	16	7	33	17	14	22	109
Total	512	580	669	708	662	711	3842

STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

DEMOCRAT

Representative in Congress

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	10	14	12	11	14	13	74
WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT	76	90	77	57	80	93	473
Write-In		1		1	3		5
TOTAL	86	105	89	69	97	106	552

Councillor

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	15	5	16	6	18	14	74
CHRIS A. IANNELA, JR	32	35	32	31	37	34	201
STEPHEN F. FLYNN	39	65	41	32	41	57	275
Write-In					1	1	2
TOTAL	86	105	89	69	97	106	552

Senator in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	77	81	75	60	87	89	469
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Write-In	11	24	14	9	10	17	85
TOTAL	84	105	89	69	97	106	554

Representative in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	12	9	13	7	15	9	65
GARRETT J. BRADLEY	72	96	69	62	76	94	469
Write-In	2		7		6	3	18
TOTAL	86	105	89	69	97	106	552

Sheriff

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	14	4	5	2	5	8	38
JOE F. McDONOUGH	46	72	50	47	58	70	343
JOSEPH M. PALOMBO	26	29	34	20	34	28	171
Write-In							0
TOTAL	86	105	89	69	97	106	552

County Commissioner

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	66	52	72	43	68	74	375
PETER G. ASIAF, JR.	21	37	30	25	23	34	170
JOHN P RIORDAN	43	68	42	39	55	56	303
JEFFREY M. WELCH	42	52	33	31	46	46	250
Write-In		1	1		2	2	6
TOTAL	172	210	178	138	194	212	1104

GREEN-RAINBOW

Representative in Congress

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Councillor

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Senator in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Representative in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sheriff

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

County Commissioner

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LIBERTARIAN

Representative in Congress

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Councillor

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Senator in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Representative in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sheriff

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

County Commissioner

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

REPUBLICAN

Representative in Congress

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	8	9	6	10	8	9	50
MICHAEL J. JONES	51	44	49	38	53	50	285
Write-In							0
TOTAL	59	53	55	48	61	59	335

Councillor

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	6	5	6	9	10	8	44
DONALD A. HUSSEY	53	48	49	39	51	51	291
Write-In							0
TOTAL	59	53	55	48	61	59	335

Senator in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	4	2	2	6	4	3	21
ROBERT L. HEDLUND	55	51	53	42	57	56	314
Write-In							0
TOTAL	59	53	55	48	61	59	335

Representative in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	52	51	52	45	56	57	313
Write-In	7	2	3	3	5	2	22
TOTAL	59	53	55	48	61	59	335

Sheriff

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	3	1	4	3	3	2	16
JOSEPH D. McDONALD, JR	28	23	29	31	33	39	183
ROBERT J. STONE	28	28	21	14	25	18	134
Write-In		1	1				2
TOTAL	59	53	55	48	61	59	335

County Commissioner

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	116	105	109	94	121	116	661
Write-In	2	1	1	2	1	2	9
TOTAL	118	106	110	96	122	118	670

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2004

President- Vice President

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	48	13	21	18	18	22	140
BADNARIK & CAMPAGNA	9	2	12	10	13	15	61
BUSH & CHENEY	790	911	904	1088	949	970	5612
COBB & LaMARCHE	4	4	2	7	5	2	24
KERRY & EDWARDS	1049	1031	1125	997	976	1052	6230
Write-In	5	11	6	10	13	13	58
TOTAL	1905	1972	2070	2130	1974	2074	12125

Representative in Congress

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	133	106	130	114	96	123	702
WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT	1218	1212	1268	1208	1165	1265	7336
MICHAEL J. JONES	554	653	672	804	711	684	4078
Write-In	0	1	0	4	2	2	9
TOTAL	1905	1972	2070	2130	1974	2074	12125

Councillor

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	224	214	268	247	207	258	1418
CHRIS A. IANNELA, JR	775	802	794	744	729	751	4595
DONALD A. HUSSEY	791	834	884	1008	904	894	5315
BRIAN CONNOLLY	115	121	124	130	134	169	793
Write-In	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
TOTAL	1905	1972	2070	2130	1974	2074	12125

Senator in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	397	420	452	398	422	461	2550
ROBERT L. HEDLUND	1486	1538	1598	1714	1521	1593	9450
Write-In	22	14	20	18	31	20	125
TOTAL	1905	1972	2070	2130	1974	2074	12125

Representative in General Court

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	324	337	382	414	403	445	2305
GARRETT J. BRADLEY	1450	1545	1555	1610	1442	1528	9130
LAURA BURNS (WRITE IN)	120	72	119	86	106	83	586
Write-In	11	18	14	20	23	18	104
TOTAL	1905	1972	2070	2130	1974	2074	12125

Sheriff

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	182	183	214	214	191	215	1199
JOSEPH F. McDONOUGH	1021	990	938	959	902	987	5797
JOSEPH D. McDONALD, JR	700	798	917	954	878	870	5117
Write-In	2	1	1	3	3	2	12
TOTAL	1905	1972	2070	2130	1974	2074	12125

County Commissioner

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	2176	2263	2479	2523	2290	2425	14156
JOHN PATRICK RIORDAN	1101	1138	1142	1157	1089	1120	6747
JEFFREY M. WELCH	527	531	512	568	551	586	3275
Write-In	6	12	7	12	18	17	72
TOTAL	3810	3944	4140	4260	3948	4148	24250

Question 1 - Not Binding

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation the would make possession of less than one ounce of marijuana a civil violation, subject to a maximum fine of \$100 and not subject to any criminal penalties

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	TOTAL
Blanks	176	161	187	201	162	209	1096
YES	1198	1207	1295	1291	1190	1151	7332
NO	531	604	588	638	622	714	3697
TOTAL	1905	1972	2070	2130	1974	2074	12125

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

		Fees Collected
1,096	Building Permits	998,905.
687	Plumbing Permits	95,792.
502	Gas Permits	17,758.
1,259	Electrical Permits	195,929.
<u>66</u>	Municipal Inspection Fees	<u>5,090.</u>
3,610		\$1,313,474.

SUMMARY

Estimated Cost

61	New Sing. Fam. Dwellings	\$18,827,596.
1	Multi Family Residence (118 Units)	12,207,580.
226	Dwelling Additions	16,744,888.
403	Dwelling Alterations	6,218,565.
124	Commercial Alterations	17,301,102.
5	Commercial Additions	3,545,400.
53	Sheds	175,950.
12	Garages	2,871,200.
2	Foundations Only	448,800.
96	Signs	355,841.
1	Pool (above ground)	800.
18	Pools (in ground)	569,000.
7	Chimneys	76,700.
4	Wood/Coal Stoves	1,850.
25	Demolitions	120,600.
12	Demolitions (Non-residential)	38,160.
2	New Stores & Customer Services	1,857,000.
1	Veterans Memorial	150,000.
1	School Scoreboard	14,540.
40	Temporary Tents	57,881.
<u>2</u>	Gazebos	<u>20,900.</u>
1,096		\$81,604,353.

We also remind you to protect yourself before buying property. The records of this department are available to the public to check for legal occupancy, compliance, and for complaints against the property you propose to purchase.

The Building Department wishes to acknowledge the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all town departments during the past year.

Richard E. Morgan
Building Commissioner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hingham Conservation Commission is a seven member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen to overlapping three year terms. It was originally established in 1959 for the management and development of the Town's natural resources and the protection of the watershed and wetlands resources. These goals have been accomplished through the acquisition and maintenance of over 1000 acres of conservation land and the on-going administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, and the Town of Hingham's Wetlands Protection Bylaw. This past year has been an exceedingly active one regarding land development in the town and region.

With well over 1600 acres of land under development or redevelopment in the community, the Conservation Commission has spent many hours conducting public hearings on proposed projects and working in consort with other land use agencies in administering the Stormwater Management regulations. Once the projects are permitted, hundred of hours of site inspection time is required to insure compliance with state and local bylaw regulations.

The acquisition of land for open space continues to be a major goal of the Commission. At the annual Town Meeting, citizens voted to acquire a five-acre portion of the extensive marsh that protects Broad Cove. This parcel was acquired using Community Preservation Funds earmarked for open space protection and is located west of Conditto Lane. Several parcels will be included in the Warrant for this year's Town Meeting as land acquisition articles.

Cliff Prentiss, Conservation Officer, and Administrative Secretary, Virginia Machado continue as full-time staff members and are available daily in the Conservation Office to assist developers, other town agencies, and the general public in conservation matters. A part-time Assistant to the Conservation Officer, Michele Simoneaux, has been added to the staff to assist the Conservation Officer with the increase in development of on-going projects, and monitoring of conservation lands.

Joseph M. Fisher, Chairman
Jennifer L. Davis
James P. Murphy, Vice-Chairman
Susan B. Berry
John L. R. Eisenmann
Eugene Babin
Mark I. Milton

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board negotiated with and recommended approval of successor labor contracts for the Firefighters, Dispatchers, Public Works employees and Library Staff Association, which will be in effect until June 30, 2007. The Board has reached an agreement in principle with the Police Superior Officers and the contract should go into effect in early 2005 with an expiration date of June 30, 2007. Currently negotiations are on going with the Police Patrolmen on the contract expiring June 30, 2003. The Board also recommended a 2% increase in salary rates for non-union employees effective July 1, 2005.

Additional labor relations issues addressed by the Board included the reclassification of the existing position of Benefits Coordinator and adjudicated union grievances regarding overtime pay, injury leave, police details and disciplinary suspensions.

The Project Inspector and Deputy Chief of Police position descriptions were approved by the Board. In addition, title changes for existing positions creating the titles of Assistant Supervisor – Pre-school and Youth Divisions for the Recreation Department were initiated. The Board approved the hiring of two people at salaries above the minimum step for the positions involved because of their background and considerable expertise. These positions are the Assistant to the Conservation Officer and the Project Inspector.

The Personnel Board worked with the various Department Heads in addressing 11 requests for vacation carry-over and 2 sick leave extension requests.

The Board is recommending a number of By-law changes and an equity adjustment for sick days payout at retirement for non-union employees comparable to the DPW, Police Officers and Library contracts. The Board recommended that employees must give two-week notice before scheduling a vacation and language specifying which employees are required to have post-hire physicals.

Michael J. Puzo, Chairman
James E. Claypoole
Marie Harris
William D. MacGillivray
Nelson Ross

HINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2004. Board activity remained at a brisk pace throughout the year in response to a wide variety of development proposal for residential, commercial and professional uses. 2004 witnessed the review and approval of Ridgewood Crossing, a 31-unit townhouse condominium on French Street, and Hingham's first project to receive a Special Permit A-3 under the Flexible Residential Development (FRD) By-Law. This by-law, voted at Town Meeting in 2003, permits relief from certain dimensional standards in exchange for the preservation of open space, and allows for additional density with the provision of affordable units. Subdivision approval was also granted for Commerce Road extension, providing access for the new Blue Cross Blue Shield facility, and opening up the land owned by A.W. Perry in South Hingham; and Gardner Terrace, a small residential subdivision on Gardner Street. The Board and its staff oversaw significant progress at several residential subdivisions, including Brandon Woods, Christina Estates, and Hidden River.

During 2004 the Planning Board conducted Site Plan Review and prepared recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals for several significant projects, including the 40,000 square foot Blue Cross Blue Shield facility on Commerce Road; the redevelopment of the Aloha property on Whiting Street for commercial and office use; and the redevelopment of the former Hingham Police Station on Lincoln Street for dental offices. The newly opened Derby Street Shoppes required two modifications to their initial Special Permit, as issues related to parking and traffic continue to present challenges. Additional Site Plan Review recommendations focused on modifications to some of Hingham's long-time businesses, such as Best Chevrolet and Ernie's Auto Body, as they continue to grow and expand. Along with these larger projects, the Board acted upon nearly 30 Approval Not Required (Form A) plans for properties in all parts of the Town, resulting in lot line changes, zoning freezes, assemblages of land, and land swaps.

The Board held hearings on and made recommendations to Town Meeting for seven amendments to the Zoning By-Law. One of these articles resulted in the creation of a Downtown Overlay District, which would require limited design review in the Downtown Area, and would permit, with a Special Permit A-2, residential uses in upper stories of commercial buildings. Planning Board members and staff continue to serve active roles on other Town committees, including the Hingham

Development and Industrial Commission, the Community Preservation Committee and the Hingham Housing Partnership.

It is without a doubt that growth and change will continue in 2005. Along with continued private development, special challenges are anticipated relative to proposals for the development and disposition of Town-owned land. As always the Board will strive to balance the rights of private property owners and potential economic benefits to our community with environmental impacts, traffic, and our overall quality of life.

Sarah H. Corey, Chairman
Paul K. Healey
W. Tod McGrath
Susan Murphy
John A. Riley

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and maintenance of public roadways and associated drainage systems, sidewalks, shade trees, roadside areas, islands, grounds, recreation and athletic fields, parking areas, the Town beaches and wharfs, the Town Forest and nursery, tennis courts, playgrounds, basketball courts, and the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility. We also maintain or provide assistance in the maintenance of Conservation areas and parklands, such as Bare Cove Park and numerous other public properties throughout Town.

The Department is directly responsible for Snow and Ice Control on all public ways, parking areas, public buildings and schools, and certain private ways and unaccepted subdivisions. At this time we estimate that there are approximately 138 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivision roads, 62 miles of sidewalk, 20 miles of private roadways, and over 10,000 public shade trees under our care.

Highway Division

Roadwork and Reconstruction:

Full Depth Reclamation: Prospect St., (Main St. to Amber Rd.), Hope Rd., Huntley Rd., Hoover Rd., Forest Ln., Codman Rd., and Kilby St. (Rockland St., to Route 3A); Resurfacing: (1 ½ inch overlay): Ringbolt Rd., Weir St. Ext., and Green St. Crt; Grader Patch: Martins Ln., and Abington St.; Crack Seal: Industrial Park Rd., Research Rd., Free St., Union St., and New Bridge St.,; Sidewalk Reconstruction: Kilby St., (Rockland St. to Route 3A), and Prospect St. (Main St., to Amber Rd.,).

Snow and Ice Control (40" total snowfall): (5) Snow Plow Operations, (18) Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: (1) 2004 Volvo L-60E Wheel Loader, (1) 2004 Silverado Dump Truck with Snow Plow, (1) 2004 Pequea Utility Trailer, and (1) 2005 Ford Ranger Pickup Truck.

Roadways accepted at Annual Town Meeting: Springwood Drive.

Special Projects/Maintenance: Constructed a handicapped parking space and installed drainage at the Grand Army Hall, assisted with the construction of the Veterans Memorial at the Town Hall, the renovation of Whitney Wharf, and traffic improvements at the Free/High and Main Street and the Cushing/South Pleasant and Main Street intersections.

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 84, Tree Removals: 157

Special Projects/Maintenance:

On-going maintenance includes the upkeep of two nurseries, the George Washington Town Forest, corrective tree pruning, cabling, and removal of public shade trees, and care and maintenance of roadside areas throughout Town. We maintain approximately 200 parks and islands, and provide assistance to the School Department, Sewer Department, Fire Department, Conservation Commission, Elder Care Services, Library, and Bare Cove Park Committee. The Garden Club of Hingham donated a Greenvase Zelkova tree, which we planted as part of the Hingham Cemetery Beautification Program and the Town's Arbor Day Celebration. The Tree Board voted to increase the tree replacement fee from \$100 per inch to \$200 per inch as part of the Town's Tree Replacement Policy. Hingham was named a Tree City USA for the 17th time in recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protecting our public shade trees.

We are glad to advise residents and answer any questions regarding tree and shrub care and maintenance.

Recreation Division:

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds, and other open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Pal Field, Cronin Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Park and Kress Playground Park and Field, the harbor waterfront area, and numerous other public grounds, areas, and schools.

Special Projects this year include the restoration of the infield and replacement of fencing and backstop at Hersey Field, and the reconstruction of the basketball court at Kress Field.

Recycling and Trash Transfer Station:

Last year we transferred approximately 8,343 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 1,547 tons of bulky waste and demolition to the Bourne Landfill. We recycled 19,900 tons of mixed recyclables, 6,940 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 25 tons of textiles, 3,600 gallons of motor oil, 1,500 tires, 210,270 pounds

of CRT's, and over 1,000 pounds of household hazardous waste. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees and benefits the environment, as well.

We recently completed the renovation of the recycling area to consolidate the collection of most recyclables into one area. The renovations of the recycling area and new contracts for our recyclables have already resulted in considerable cost savings for the Town through increased revenues and the elimination of hauling fees. Future work will include final capping of the landfill and renovation of the baler building.

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 new Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like to commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many long hours this winter in order to keep our roads safe and passable. I would especially like to thank Harry Sylvester for a great job in directing the Town's Snow and Ice Control Operations, and Helen Daigger and Mary Grassie for keeping the Public Works Department office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

Joseph Stigliani,
Superintendent

HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

I am very pleased to submit this report to the citizens of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant on behalf of the Light Board, the General Manager and the employees of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant.

The Light Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electrical system to all of its customers. The three-member elected Light Board sets policies and procedures with the customers of Hingham in mind.

The Light Board has voted to transfer to the Town a payment-in-lieu of taxes of \$429,975 to the Town's fiscal 2005 budget year.

At this time, the Auditor's report for the 2004 calendar year for Hingham Municipal Light Plant is not available for publication. The Light Plant experienced a 3.24% increase in electricity sales for 2004 to 164,033,492 kWh of energy. This increase is a result of the new customers that were added to the electrical system late in 2004, the Derby Street Shoppe's and the Lyndon Pond retirement community. The growth is expected to continue during 2005 as Lyndon Ponds moves forward with its phased construction plan, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building begins construction and the Hingham Shipyard begins its transformation to a residential/commercial property.

The Light Plant continues to perform at or near first quartile performance with regard to system reliability. The average customer outage duration was reduced by 2 minutes in 2004 from the previous year. The continued infrastructure improvements and the upgrades in the Crow Point and Liberty Pole areas, have added to the increased system performance.

The Light Board consisting of Chairman Kevin J. Bulman, Secretary John A. Stoddard, Jr. and Commissioner Walter A. Foskett, continues to work hard to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that the residents of Hingham can be proud of.

We would like to also thank the employees of the Light Plant for their tireless hard work, in making the system more reliable and responding to customer outages and requests in a timely manner. The employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the company.

John G. Tzimorangas
General Manager

Kevin J. Bulman, Chairman
John A. Stoddard, Jr., Secretary
Walter A. Foskett, Commissioner
Hingham Municipal Light Board

SEWER COMMISSION

Phase II of the Weir River Sewer District project was completed and is now in full operation and is available for hookups. Residents will share the full cost of the construction with the Town financing the project to be recouped by betterments over twenty years. Arrangements were made to allow connections for some properties in need outside the project at their expense. The Hingham District Courthouse, a long-standing problem, is included in this group.

Town Meeting approved the preparation of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan under the State's Department of Environmental Protection rigorous guidelines. The process will take at least two years and will address wastewater disposal options and development and growth control. Ample opportunity for public participation will be provided and is encouraged.

As a result of Greenbush construction and the relocation of Town Brook, installation of a new pump station near Talbots' parking lot as well as a new force main on Lincoln Street was carried out by the MBTA at no expense to the Town. Careful monitoring of Greenbush construction work in general is continuing to insure the integrity of the system.

Significant operational upgrades were made to the Howe Street pump station and a number of major improvements were made to five other stations in the North Sewer District.

The Commission continues to require that no sump pump generated groundwater inflow be discharged to the sewer system and, as part of our ongoing I&I elimination program, advises that **we will pay** to redirect the flow from any existing pumps.

Commissioner Mark White retired after two terms of valuable service and Commissioner Edmund Demko was elected to replace him.

As always the Commission expresses its thanks for the dedication of our office staff and field crew, Jim Dow, Kate Lathrop, Ed Hunnefeld, Steve Dempsey, Larry Hallahan, Joanne Carpenter, and Susan Morrison.

John M. Brandt
Michael A. Salerno
Edmund Demko

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2004 was a productive year for Emergency Management. We continue to meet the challenges of a modern and fragile society. Members of several town departments and I attend training seminars and workshops throughout the year in an effort to keep up to date with the emergency planning requirements of the community.

The telephone outage in February presented our community with some serious and far-reaching issues. All town departments and many local businesses and residents were effected. Some phones were out of service for almost 3 weeks and I thank everyone for their patience and understanding during that time. Our secondary dispatch center located at Central Fire Station was activated and within minutes we were operational. All emergency lines were restored almost immediately. A special thanks goes to our dispatchers who worked flawlessly during the emergency. The key to the operation was planning which certainly paid off during this event.

I am very happy to announce the formation of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Through a grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, sixteen residents of Hingham have received training in basic first aid, fire safety and light search and rescue.

The function of the team is to support public safety during major operations and large-scale events. The team meets quarterly and each meeting is designed to enhance the skills of the team members utilizing lectures and hands on exercises. We expect to begin training a second class in early 2005. All members of the team are volunteers who have a sincere interest in public safety. The ability and dedication of the team members is outstanding!

During 2004 the Community Emergency Management Plan was updated. The plan gives a complete overview of the town's readiness and assets should they be required. We also updated the special needs list of Hingham residents who may require additional assistance during emergencies.

I continue to recommend each and every family have a disaster supply kit available in your homes. The kit should include everything necessary to support yourself and family for three days in the event of a major weather event or long-term power outage. Please feel free to contact Emergency Management should you require help in assembling the kit.

Mark J. Duff, Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Permits & Inspections

50	Blasting Permits	487	Smoke Detector Inspections
50	U.G.T. Tank Removal Permits	22	Propane Storage Permits
52	Oil Burner Inspections	229	Plan Reviews (residential)
118	Misc. Permits	70	Plan Reviews (commercial)

Emergency Incident Responses

79	Fire Situations
40	Engine/Ladder Mutual Aid
229	Ambulance Mutual Aid
21	Steam/Gas Ruptures
1320	Medical Aid
113	Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)
402	Motor Vehicle Accidents (without injuries)
223	Good Intent Calls
62	Malicious False Alarms
0	Bomb Threats
181	System Malfunction
279	Hazardous Conditions/Spills
150	Accidental Alarms
446	Public Assists
13	Carbon Monoxide
3,485	TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES

It has been a very busy year, the 2004 emergency call volume was up from last year, and is very the all-time record year of 3,498.

Emergency Medical Services

During 2004, the Hingham Fire Department Ambulance responded to 2,069 Emergency Medical calls. Our ambulance transported 1,370 patients. 572 of those required some form of Advanced Life Support (Paramedic Level) service, and 573 Basic Life Support. On 260 Emergency Medical responses, a mutual aid ambulance (from a neighboring town) was required because our ambulance was already committed to a previous call. Our ambulance provided assistance to our neighboring communities on 219 calls.

Personnel changes

Three members, Firefighters Gary Parker, William Nolan, and Richard Rodriguez, retired in 2004. Two members, Firefighters Paul Morrison and Jeffrey Blaine left to accept other positions. We are currently recruiting six new Firefighter/Paramedics to fill vacancies within the department. We wish each of our departing members all the best, as they begin their well-deserved retirement, or depart to pursue new opportunities.

Apparatus

Two new four-wheel drive vehicles were placed in service to replace a 1993 and a 1994 Ford Crown Victoria, as the administrative and Fire Command vehicles. We also had to complete major repairs to two KME pumping engines due to cracks in cab of each where they mount to the chassis. These engines are both scheduled to continue service as reserve apparatus, with the arrival of our next scheduled replacement, in 2006.

Facilities

The Central Station Building Committee has been hard at work examining options for the new central station. The Committee will be presenting a report regarding the current status of this project at Town Meeting.

I wish to thank all the members of the Hingham Fire Department, as well as the elected and appointed officials of the Town of Hingham for their continued support and assistance throughout my tenure as Chief of the Hingham Fire Department.

Wm. E. Johnson
Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The opening of the Derby Shoppes, Black Rock, and Linden Ponds has made it clear that the predicted increased demand for services has arrived. The continued expansion of Linden Ponds, Christina Estates, development of the Shipyard and the momentum of Greenbush construction will place even greater demands for police services in the very near future. Tomorrow's demands are here.

PLANNING:

Between 1970 and 2000, the Town's population expanded by 11%. Current and proposed build-out plans for the Town indicate that within this decade (2001-2010) Hingham's population will increase 22%. In order to preserve Hingham as a safe and desirable community, and to continue to provide the high level of services to which our citizens have become accustomed, the hiring of ten additional Police Officers will be necessary within the next five years.

September 11, 2001 brought to the forefront our need to continually work our emergency plan. The anthrax issue reinforced the need. We are indeed fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with all the Town's departments, particular Fire and School. The Town has an emergency operation center separate from its Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) or Dispatch Center. This separate center allows our LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) to coordinate and communicate without interference with PSAP.

We are members of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (Metro-LEC), a resource of 40 law enforcement agencies that can provide a Regional Response Team, Hostage Rescue Team, Search and Rescue Team, Special Weapons and Tactic, K-9, Communications (Mobile Command Post). We are also members of the Greater Boston Police Council.

Part of emergency planning is equipment maintenance as well as upgrades to existing older technologies. Our current Dispatch Center needs to be upgraded to enable it to meet the department's interoperable needs.

TRAINING:

The training required to prepare officers to defend us from both domestic and international terrorism is staggering in comparison to historical

requirements. They will be constantly required to think the unthinkable and prepare for the unimaginable.

This past year we have trained our personnel in diverse subject matter ranging from first aid/CPR-AED to Swat Team Organization and Supervision. To date over 1500 hours of training have been received with much more to follow.

The future needs of this agency demand that personnel be trained and retrained to meet its needs, be it delivery of emergency medical services, to domestic incidents, to violent crimes, to mitigating an actual all hazard incident.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

The Traffic Division of the Hingham Police Department continues to expand to meet the growing need for traffic enforcement in our community. Railroad Grade Crossing Accident Investigation has been given priority status. A Police Motorcycle Unit has been deployed as a new asset, giving us greater flexibility and visibility. Derby Street Shoppes, Greenbush and the Shipyard Project will continue to challenge our efforts at traffic calming and accident reduction.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Every officer of this Department is community committed and required to be fully involved in this mission. We offer a complete spectrum of community-based initiatives from car seat installation by Federally trained Officers/Technicians, to highly skilled School Resource Officers in all our schools, to TRIAD support for Elder Affairs/Senior Safety. Our goal is to maintain this high level of community involvement while enhancing the availability and delivery of services.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and counsel. I also wish to thank Town Administrator Charles J. Cristello for his leadership and guidance. The success of Department operations is due largely to open communication and the work environment they have created.

Thank you to all other town departments, boards, committees and agencies for your assistance. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Harbormaster and his assistants as well as acknowledge the dedication of our Animal Control Officer.

I wish to thank the Hingham Public Safety Dispatchers for their tireless efforts in communicating information to the public and to our Officers.

Theirs is a difficult job, and their professionalism and commitment are to be commended. Thank you also to the Special Police Officers who provide competent manpower when called upon to assist the Department.

A special thank you to the Officers and civilian personnel of the Hingham Police Department. Your commitment and high level of providing services are the backbone of this Department. As we face the challenges ahead, I am truly confident in your ability to meet them.

Steven D. Carlson
Chief of Police

PART 1 CRIMES – AS REPORTED TO FBI

Murder.....	2
Rape	3
Assaults	53
Robbery	2
Burglary.....	31
Larceny	391
Auto Theft.....	22

SUMMARY OF ARREST CHARGES

Domestic Assault & Battery	28
Rape	1
Robbery	2
Assaults	29
Burglary.....	4
Larceny	12
Auto Theft.....	4
Receiving Stolen Property	7
Shoplifting	52
Liquor Laws.....	6
Drug Offenses	108
Minor With Alcohol.....	113
D.W.I. Alcohol/Drugs	79
Traffic.....	408
Warrants	148
Protective Custody	8
Other	87

SUMMARY OF COURT ACTIVITY

Magistrate Hearings	1801
Court Conferences	1507
Judge's Appeals	573
Six-Person Jury	350
Grand Jury	41
Summons Processed.....	627
Warrants Processed	224

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS

CALLS FOR SERVICE	15,436
Alarms, Fire.....	398
Alarms, All Others.....	1922
Animal Control.....	389
Assault With Dangerous Weapon	7
Officers Assaulted	2
Assaults, All Others	44
Burglary, Business.....	12
Burglary, Residential.....	38
Child Abuse	4
Dangerous/Hazardous Situation	66
Disturbances	247
Domestic/109A Services.....	248
Erratic Operation of MV/Road Rage.....	346
Fire/All Types	143
Fraud	40
K-9	4
Kidnapping	0
Larceny From Motor Vehicle.....	62
Larceny/Bicycles	5
Larceny/Shoplifting	64
Larceny/All Others.....	260
Lost and Found	170
Mutual Aid	238
MV Stolen/Recovered.....	25
MV Towed by Police.....	806
MV Traffic Hazard.....	135
Open Door/Business.....	119
Phone Calls/Harassing	59
Police Information/General Request.....	1272
Crimes/Sexual	6
Suspicious Activity.....	378
Threats.....	52

Threats/Bomb.....	0
Transport/Persons	378
Vandalism	119
Youth Complaint.....	122
Welfare Check.....	240
 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE VIA 911.....	 3461

TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS ISSUED

Warnings (No Fine)	1744
Civil (Fine).....	1562
Criminal.....	272
Arrests.....	406
TOTAL	3986

Voids.....	46
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PARKING TAGS ISSUED.....	810
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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT FACTS AND FIGURES

<u>Year</u>	<u>MV Accidents</u>	<u>MV FataIs</u>	<u>MVA w/Injuries</u>
1995	873	2	242
1996	863	3	172
1997	775	2	165
1998	839	2	169
1999	814	2	147
2000	850	0	139
2001	872	0	238
2002	750	2	243
2003	640	0	182
2004	647	2	198

PERSONS INJURED/KILLED IN M.V. ACCIDENTS 2004

Killed	2
MVA with Injury	132
MVA with No Injury	515

OTHER FACTS

Busiest Day for Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	Tuesday (110)
Busiest Time for Motor Vehicle Accidents	2:00-3:00 pm (74)
Busiest Street for Accidents.....	Main Street (222)
Town of Hingham Square Miles	23
Town of Hingham Road Miles	185
Town of Hingham State Highways (Rt. 3, Rt. 3A, Rt. 228, Rt. 53).....	4
Motor Vehicles Garaged in Hingham as of 12/31/04.....	21,450

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Department provides coverage on an emergency basis 24 hours a day. Due to concerns about rabies, this office has received numerous calls regarding raccoons, woodchucks and skunks. Many calls were also received regarding coyotes. This trend will continue putting great demand on this department.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and all other town departments for the assistance given me during the year.

The adoption rate for dogs that were picked up is 100 percent.

Reported Dog Bites	15
Dogs to the vet for euthanasia for calendar year	0
Disposal of dead animals.....	1213
Animals in quarantine	45
Calls on coyotes	76

Total Dog Complaints Received by Police Department.....	155
Total Other Animal Complaints Received by Police Department.....	234

Albert J. Currie
Animal Control Officer

HARBORMASTER

In Hingham Harbor we have over 1500 boats. The duties of the Harbormaster Department in the season of 2004 included: assisting boaters, recovering lost and stolen boats, supervising mooring locations, assisting the Boston Harbor Islands Group, run an environmentally sound pump-out program, assisting in monitoring the quality of water, and helping to educate boaters of the State and Town laws.

Money collected from boat excise tax and mooring permit fees will help pay the Town's portion of future projects. Tentative projects include inner harbor dredging (2008), boat ramp improvements (2006-2008), including floats on ramp, Harbormaster office, and transient access improvements.

This year all mooring permit fees are processed by the Town. Our data bank has been improved and this season GPS coordinates will be added.

Finally, it should be noted that in an emergency a boater can call 911 or 781-749-1212 with his or her cell phone asking for Hingham Police. For non-emergencies one can call 781-741-1450.

John R. Souther
Harbormaster

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The Traffic Committee continued in its efforts to assist residents with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in various areas of Hingham. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes, but recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. We thank the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation and interest in the recommendations made by the Traffic Committee.

The topic of speeding on Kilby Street was brought before the Committee with an additional concern regarding the intersection of Rockland and Kilby Street. Much discussion ensued regarding ways to improve this intersection, and a suggestion was made to install some kind of traffic island. Our State Representative and Mass. Highway are continuing talks regarding the installation of an island at that location. The Police Department's Traffic Division will continue conducting traffic enforcement on Kilby Street in an effort to alleviate speeding.

The intersection of High and French Streets was the topic of two meetings. As a result, improvements were made at that intersection with more to follow. When all changes are complete, this area will be monitored to see if the changes have improved the safety of this intersection.

As the result of a recommendation by the Traffic Committee to the Board of Selectmen, stop signs were placed at Sayles Road and Golf View Drive to improve the safety of their intersections with New Bridge Street. A crosswalk was also painted on Friend Street in the area of the Cracker Barrel to improve pedestrian safety at that location.

As in the previous year, discussion ensued regarding parking in Hingham Square. As a result, parking times were changed on Main Street in the area of the Old Ship Church and Elm Street. All Committee members agreed that as construction sites moved throughout the Square, there would be different parking problems to address in the future.

"No Parking" signs were erected on a section of Downer Avenue from Conditto Road to Rt. 3A as a result of a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. It had been noted that school buses, MBTA buses and vehicles had difficulty maneuvering on Downer Avenue when vehicles were parked on the side of the road.

The Hingham Police Department has received a portable radar trailer through a generous donation by the W/S Development Association. If you would like to have it placed in your neighborhood, arrangements can be made through the Traffic Sergeant at the police station.

Future issues for discussion will include parking along the Greenbush right of way, particularly in the area of the two train stations.

The Traffic Committee is available to assist residents with traffic concerns. Should you have a topic you would like to bring before the Committee, please make a request to the Board of Selectmen. Cc: Chief Steven D. Carlson, Hingham Police Department.

Chief Steven D. Carlson, Chairman
Represented by Sgt. Richard Corcoran, Traffic Sergeant
Chief William Johnson
Represented by Deputy Mark Duff
Harry Sylvester, DPW
Katy Lacy, Town Planner
Joseph Burton
Nancy Stimson
Philip Resca

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of work accomplished from January through December, 2004.

All gas station motor fuel and diesel dispensers located in the Town of Hingham were tested. A total of 189 dispensers were adjusted as needed and sealed.

Testing of 89 scales (apothecary, delicatessen, coffee shop, food shop, supermarket, propane tank, jewelry and school equipment) was completed.

All town owned sealer equipment has been tested and sealed and/or certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Weights and Measures Laboratory to be correct.

Massachusetts State Division of Sealer Certification Continuing Education Credits have been completed.

The 2004 annual report was filed, as required by state law, prior to the January 31, 2005 deadline.

Harold Tuttle
Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures

Charles Alexson
Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures

BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE

The Bare Cove Park Committee met monthly throughout the year at the Town Hall and at the park to discuss and oversee its day-to-day operations.

Jonathan O'Neil, Chairman, 2003-04, completed his last of two allowed three-year terms on the Committee, with a job well done. Jeff Nutt resigned from the Committee, while Jane Conrad joined it. Ron Clough, past member and chairman, returned to the Committee after an absence of several years. An opening for one additional member remained unfilled at the end of the year.

As he has for many years, Committee member and volunteer landscaper Frank Sheltry labored tirelessly throughout the summer to keep the grass fields trimmed and beautiful. During the winter, Scott McMillan, retired Hingham firefighter and park ranger kept the roads clear of snow. Scott also increased access to the less utilized, paved trails at the south end of the park by clearing fallen leaves and overgrown trees and brush. Committee member and volunteer mechanic Andy Read and DPW personnel maintained the lawnmower and the snow plow truck throughout the year. From her extensive wildlife observations in the park, ranger and naturalist Susan Kains documented its many plants, ground animals, and birds. Her list of sightings can be found in the information kiosk near the perennial flower garden. Susan, a professional wildlife park manager for many years in Ohio, is using her experience to advise the Committee on developing a park resource management plan.

Also during 2004, to improve the appearance and security of the green dock building, the Committee had the remaining broken glass windows bricked in and the face of the building repainted. Furthermore, the Committee asked the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project to spray the entire park several times during the spring and summer. For public safety, the Committee also asked the DPW to remove many protruding, metal reinforcing rods from the beach area, remnants of the now demolished loading dock. Under the direction of volunteer gardener Barbara Nicosia, the Tree and Park Department planted a crab apple tree in the center of the perennial flower garden. Barbara and other volunteers planned and built the garden, and they continue to maintain it, with help from Frank Sheltry, Scott McMillan, and Project Turnabout volunteers. For the convenience of park visitors, the Committee installed a new trash barrel near the information kiosk on Bare Cove Path. During the fall, the Committee hosted a Park Appreciation Day, when Committee members, rangers, and Project Turnabout and other volunteers, cleared the waterfront of floating debris. As part of an effort to

better chart the numerous roads and paths throughout the park, and locate several hazardous well holes, the Committee purchased a portable GPS unit and mapping software.

During the year, Spectrum Health Systems, the parent company of Project Turnabout, determined that its Hingham Property, located adjacent to Bare Cove Park, was no longer needed and should be sold. Subsequently, Spectrum signed a purchase and sale agreement with the Hastings Companies, a Hingham real estate developer. During the summer and fall, members of the Committee worked with Town Administrator Charles Cristello, Selectman Phil Edmunson, and representatives of the Hingham youth baseball and football leagues, and other interested parties in developing a land-swap plan with Hastings. The plan seeks to rearrange the property layout to better accommodate the land needs of each organization.

Bare Cove Park continues to grow in popularity. The new entranceway road signage has thus achieved its goal of raising park awareness and its many features and uses. To assist visitors, the Committee supplied free park brochures throughout the year, which are available at information kiosks at the Beal Street and Fort Hill Street entrances. They contain a trail map, a brief history of the park, security provisions, allowed activities, and restrictions.

The Committee hopes to further enhance the public's enjoyment of the park during 2005. Its plans include:

- Landscaping the picnic area near the green dock building
- Naming new roads
- Revising the park brochure
- Adding additional benches
- Establishing new river viewing areas
- Trimming trees and removing brush

In addition, the Committee also hopes to stay involved and informed about issues affecting park land. At the present time, this includes discussions related to the development of the Project Turnabout property, and developments related to the work of the Joint Committee (Bare Cove, Great Esker, Bouve Parks). This Committee is seeking to add a state-owned 15-acre parcel abutting the park's northern end.

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, excluding holidays, and it welcomes visitors. Meeting dates, times, and locations are posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall.

Committee Members

John Swanson, Chairman
Robert England, Vice Chairman
Jeff Mosholder, Treasurer
Brooks Robbins, Secretary
Frank Sheltry
Mary Power
Ron Clough
Jane Conrad
Andy Read

Rangers

Susan Kains
Scott McMillan

TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH

Summer 2004 was cooler and wetter than usual, however attendance at the Bathing Beach and Picnic Area showed an increase over past years.

Some of our needed renovations were completed, including a new roof and painting, both inside and out. Next year, we shall update the electric wiring.

The Rotary Club, with their ongoing generosity, donated two fine picnic benches.

Due to the construction in the downtown area, we were able to accommodate three new activities: a bus stop is being used slightly; the Farmers' Market had a very successful season, as did a benefit Christmas tree sale in December. These latter two endeavors will be returning next year. With these new uses, as well as other functions, many folks, young and old, enjoyed the area.

We could not operate without the help of other Town Departments. Thanks specifically to the Police, Fire, Board of Health and the tremendous amount of work by the Public Works Department.

F. Peter Fee, Chairman
Joan Williams
Alan B. Devine

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on June 15, 2004 it was voted to establish the Hingham Beautification Commission. On June 29, 2004 ten members were sworn before the Town Clerk.

The members are:

- Joan Hansel, Chairman
- Shirley Rydell, Vice Chairman
- Avis Studley, Treasurer
- Barbara Nicosia, Secretary
- Alyce Nobis
- Miriam Tod
- Catha McSweeney
- Nancy Mellen
- Vesna Williams
- Laura Spaziani

The mission of the Beautification Commission is to foster the beautification of Hingham public areas using community resources. The Commission is working to enhance Hingham's beauty through the planting and maintenance of some of the town's innumerable traffic islands as well as selected other town properties. The Commission seeks volunteers to help with the maintenance of these projects. The Commission will provide design and selection of hardy floral material and/or shrubbery.

The Hingham Beautification Gift Account has been established so that any donations received can go into the town treasury and then, of course, used to support projects designated by the Commission.

This fall two traffic islands, one at Main and Scotland Streets, the other at the intersection of Wompatuck, Foley Beach and Kimball Beach Roads, were planted and maintained by enthusiastic neighbors with the design and installation help of the Beautification Commission.

Plans to beautify more town properties will go forward this spring, but their success depends on the expected ability to maintain and water.

Joan Hansel, Chairman

CENTRAL FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Central Fire Station Building Committee was established in accordance with Article 14 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting to determine the appropriate scope and nature of a project to renovate and expand or replace the Central Fire Station, to prepare architectural and engineering design documents, and to oversee the project.

At the Annual Town Meeting in 2003, the taxpayers approved Article 16 providing additional funding for the purpose of architectural and engineering design and development work. Due to the strained nature of the Town's finances at that time, a request for funding construction costs was not presented to the Town Meeting. At the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, additional money was appropriated toward the project but again, timing was not right to request construction funding.

In the past year, with construction costs rising, the entire project was revisited, including the program to be housed at the central fire station. Three schemes to meet the revised program were developed and each scheme was modified and refined to develop the most cost effective solution for using the scheme. The three schemes include:

- 1) Renovating the existing fire station to have administrative space on the street level and fire fighter living facilities on the second story, and to continue to use the basement for apparatus storage. An addition would be added to the south side of the building to accommodate the department's larger fire apparatus, which are currently housed at street level in space that has ceilings that are too low for modern apparatus.
- 2) Renovating the existing fire station to have administrative space on the street level, fire fighter living facilities on the second story, and storage in the basement. An addition would be added to the rear of the building to accommodate all the fire apparatus that will be housed at the station.
- 3) Constructing a new facility to the rear of the current station as a two-story building to house apparatus on the first story and administrative space and fire fighter living facilities on the second story. The current station would be demolished when the new facility was completed.

The committee is pursuing the development of Scheme 1 (renovation with side bay addition) as the scheme that is most cost effective as well as best meeting the various other criteria we considered in deciding from among the three schemes.

The committee is recommending to the town that construction funding be appropriated at this year's Annual Town Meeting and that the committee be authorized to finalize design plans and proceed to construction in the coming year.

Kate Boland
Richard Calame
Tally Lauter
Paul Murphy
Carl Peterson, Secretary
Tina Sherwood, Chair
William Johnson, Fire Chief, ex-officio member

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee is comprised of nine members, - one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Historic Commission, the Planning Board, the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen, and four citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee is charged with studying the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, historic resources and low and moderate income housing and making recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. That fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes effective beginning July 1, 2001, state matching grants payable each October 15 based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount collected by the Fund will be approximately \$3,200,000 at June 30, 2005, including a total of \$1,360,000 in state grants matching the surtax revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002, 2003 and 2004. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Preservation categories. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of the categories as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The Committee recommended to the 2004 Town Meeting four historic preservation projects, including restoration of the historic cast iron fence along Main Street in front of Old Ship Church (\$35,000) and the preparation of plans for streetscape rehabilitation of the Hingham Square and Station Street areas (\$35,000), and the purchase of approximately 6.4 acres of open space on the west side of Downer Avenue near Foster School (\$17,000).

Giving effect to amounts authorized and set aside through June 30, 2004, a total of approximately \$1,570,000 will be available as of June 30, 2005 for additional Community Preservation projects, of which approximately \$172,000, \$96,000 and \$302,000 will be required to be spent or set aside for open space, historic resources and affordable housing, respectively, and the remaining \$1,000,000 may be spent on any one or more Community Preservation categories. As of the writing of this report the Committee has approved and recommended to voters for approval at the 2005 Town Meeting three open space and three historic preservation projects and an addition to the Committee's operating and administrative fund.

Although the Committee has authorized funding for what it believes to be excellent projects for historic preservation and the protection of open space, to date its has been presented with very few affordable housing projects and, as noted above, substantial unspent funds remain in the affordable housing reserve. The Committee is hopeful that substantial and worthwhile affordable housing projects will be presented to it for the next fiscal year.

Thomas J. Maloney
Mathew E. MacIver
Valerie A. Talmage
James R. Watson

Judith M. Cole, Chair
Susan B. Berry
Sarah Corey
John L. Davenport
Willis M. Ertman

COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

With the installation of the new irrigation system in progress, we are enthusiastically looking forward to a new season. This new system, which replaces an antiquated and failing one, will offer South Shore Country Club the ability to provide better course conditions, allow for the opportunity to make course improvements previously unfeasible, and make more efficient use of our water resources. The Committee is most grateful to the residents of the Town of Hingham for voting to approve the request to borrow the funds necessary to undertake this project.

The restaurant, operated by South Shore Catering Group, has experienced continued growth as they conclude their second year. Over the past season they have offered varied specials and entertainment options – from comedy nights to cooking demonstrations - all open to the public. Perhaps most notably, the 2nd Annual Hingham Community Clambake, held in September, attracted over 300 residents of the south shore.

Country Club Lanes, the ten- lane candlepin bowling alley, has also posted a successful year. League play, open bowling, and those famous bowling birthday parties provide safe and affordable fun for all ages.

The swimming pool and swim lessons, under the direction of the South Shore YMCA, Quincy branch, once again had a busy season and the tennis program had a successful conclusion to its third season. A number of clinics for students, ranging in age from three through adulthood, were held and private lessons were also available. Each year has seen an increase in the number of participants.

The Country Club Management Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Administrator for their support and encouragement.

Edward Underwood, Chairman
Sarah J. Boynton
Daniel Walsh
Timothy Curry
Jack Gamache
Nora Berard, Director of Operations

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER SERVICES

The Department of Elder Services provides and coordinates services that assist seniors to live within the community with dignity and enhances their quality of life. The Senior Center serves as the focal point for the delivery of these services as well as offers a wide range of activities on a daily basis.

During 2004, 24,334 units of services were delivered to 17,299 different individuals. To further illustrate, 900 units of services were provided during health screenings such as blood pressure, hearing, and osteoporosis. 72 individuals received assistance in preparing their income tax returns. 837 congregational meals were served on Mondays and Wednesdays; 900 units of service were delivered for group support through the Stroke Group, Vision Group and/or Caregivers group; 1,406 hours were provided through the Tax Work-Off Program.

Transportation continues to be a critical service to assist elders in accessing medical appointments, grocery shopping, accomplishing daily errands, and attending Senior Center programs. Medical transportation remained a priority and due to the age, mileage, and repairs to the medical van, Elder Services purchased a new medical van through its donation account. The delivery of this vehicle is expected sometime between late January 2005 and mid-February 2005. The demand for transportation services remains high and in 2004, 6,122 one-way trips were provided to 379 different individuals.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members in accessing needed community services. Through an assessment of an individual's needs, the Outreach Worker is able to provide information and referral to services that enable individuals to remain at home or to find long-term placements suited to their needs. The Outreach Program also assists individuals with minor home repairs; provides companionship through the Friendly Visitor Program; provides respite for caregivers; and the Outreach Worker completes applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for all Hingham residents regardless of age.

Two new initiatives undertaken this past year by the Department of Elder Services were to provide support to family caregivers and to encourage greater involvement of Senior Center participants and the community at large in the planning and development of senior center programs.

The Caregivers initiative was launched in March through a four part series titled "Caring for Your Aging Parent". At the conclusion of this

series, there was an expressed interest in continuing the program through a monthly support group, which began in May and has continued monthly on the third Tuesday evening of the month. This monthly support group provides an opportunity for those caring for an older adult to share resources, coping tips, and learn new information that is helpful to their role as a caregiver.

In August, as a part of its second initiative, the Elder Services Board appointed a Program Planning Committee of interested Senior Center participants and members from the general community with the majority of the members being 60 and older. This group began meeting in September and is reviewing and assisting with conducting formal evaluations of all senior center programs and providing concrete suggestions for other programs based on these evaluations.

One of the major highlights of 2004 was a joint conference on housing issues held by Hingham Elder Services and Cohasset Elder Affairs. Titled Housing that Works – A Free Conference for the Older Adult Considering A Move, this day- long event attracted over 120 individuals. Conference sessions ranged in scope from how to sell your home, downsizing, housing options, and Title V Septic Systems. During the spring of 2005, a second conference will be held and focus on individuals who wish to remain in their own homes.

We would be remiss without thanking our many volunteers. Over 140 individuals volunteered 10,485 hours to the Elder Services during the past year. Volunteers drive our vans, serve as front desk receptionist, provide friendly visits to homebound seniors, provide counseling on health insurance benefits, prepare the newsletter for mailing, prepare income taxes, conduct classes and programs, and input information into the Department's data base. The work of these individuals is vital to our operations and we would not be able to provide the many services and programs without their assistance.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director
Ruth Briggs, Chairman
Joseph Willard, Vice-Chairman
James Plotner, Treasurer
Carolyn Kelliher, Secretary
Anne Condon
Linda Hurley
Robert Montgomery
William Scott
Mary Thomas
May Vuilleumier
Stephen Waynen

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

The 2004 Fourth of July Parade was another annual event not to be missed. It was a special time for many who watched members of the 1058th unit and their families march down Main Street.

The 17-member committee began meeting in January and continued meeting once a month through March. The parade committee met twice a month in April, May and June. Ben Matthews served as the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club liaison to the committee. The first order of business was to pick the theme, "Celebrate America." This year's parade, the largest ever, hosted a record eleven bands, ranging from two High School Marching Bands to the much cherished Roma band. There were fifteen floats, clowns, hundreds of walking participants and antique cars representing a multitude of models and years.

Each year the entire fifth grade class of all three elementary schools, compete to design the winning button which best illustrates the chosen theme. The 1st place winner was Katherine McDowell. Students Katie Walsh and Maria Freitas, were awarded second and third place respectively. Local merchants and members of the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club sold the buttons, which were produced by Jerry Goldberg Enterprises. All of the proceeds, about \$5,000, helped finance the privately funded parade. The other parade fundraiser is the Stars and Stripes golf outing. This year's outing was headed up by Ron Sherwood and Pat Casey.

Each year, a member of the Hingham community is chosen to be the parade's Grand Marshall. This year's honoree was Phil Swanson. Phil and our three fifth grade button winners rode in luxury cars donated by Shaw Saab. Continuing the established tradition, Swanson was led by Uncle Sam, Hingham's own Dr. Al Carpenter. This year's parade winners were Hornstra Farms, the Inly School, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Lincoln Sailing Club.

The committee owes a great debt to the support given by members of the residential and business community. Thanks to the Hingham Selectmen and other local officials for their participation and support. Lieutenant Brad Durant and the entire police and fire department are crucial to the parade's success each year. Thanks to the fifth grade art teachers who help facilitate the button contest. Special thanks to Aquarion water and the R.A.D. Corporation. The committee appreciates the publicity and interest of the Hingham Journal and its editor Mary Ford and staff writer, Carol Briton Meyer.

Note: It is with great sadness that we inform you, our Grand Marshall of the Hingham 4th July Parade, Phil Swanson passed away on October 15, 2004. We were grateful that Phil, who contributed so much to our community, was able to enjoy the parade with his grandson at his side. He will be missed.

Committee members:

Liz Bridges	Al Carpenter
Susan Hagstrom	Ginny Spannagel
Kate Boland	Karen Lohnes
Shanna Nicholson	Lew Scotten
Betsy Casey	Mary Ann Blackmur
Cindy Tonucci	Megan Buhr
Eric Gauthier	Phil Herzberg
Ed Rinella	Ruth Potter
	Ben Matthews

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HALL

In May 1888, a handful of charter members of the LT. Edwin Humphrey Post #104 led the citizens of Hingham to remember the Civil War Veterans by the commemoration and grand opening of Hingham's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Hall, for veterans' use and in their honor – and for the future generations to come.

In this year of 2005, 127 years later, we look forward to rededicating the G.A.R. Hall following a major construction project over the past year. Now, the building conforms to handicapped standards, with a new elevator and a new staircase accessing all three floors. Construction has also been completed to insure the long-term stability and strength of the structure. The remaining internal wall work should be completed by late fall.

The Trustees have begun several innovative initiatives creating an active "Friends of the G.A.R. Hall" to perpetuate and expand appreciation of Hingham's gem. Also, preliminary contact has been made with the American History faculty/administration at Hingham High School for a new joint effort with our town's students and historically appropriate enactors to indeed "come alive" bringing the past to the present.

The enthusiastic members of all the Hingham Veterans' groups are ready to move in: the Veterans' of Foreign Wars Post #6053, the American Legion Post #120, the Hingham Militia and the Military Order of the Cootie, among others. It will be a memorable year.

Ernest Sofis
Robert Shepard
Arthur Smith
Trustees of G.A.R. Hall

HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND

In 1915, the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund was established by Ada Bacon in memory of her mother. Ada Bacon gave \$15,000 to the Town of Hingham to be invested with the intention that the income generated from this gift be used for the purpose of "relieving the necessities of the deserving poor or unfortunate of South Hingham."

Opening Balance (1/1/04)	\$139.22
Income	
Interest from checking account	.88
Investment distribution from Hingham Treasurer	\$1,000.00
Total Funds Available	\$1,140.10
Distribution	\$600.00
Closing Balance (12/31/04)	\$540.10

Paul Chaffee

Judith Belknap
Patricia Pierce

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Originally formed in 1957 as the Dredging Committee, the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) was established in 1971 by Town Meeting Warrant Article as a six member advisory committee with a mandate to "coordinate the planning and development of the tidal water areas within the Town borders." Membership has since increased to seven plus the Harbormaster ex officio. HDC works towards carrying out its assigned responsibilities within a basic goal framework which includes (1) environmental preservation and conservation, (2) expansion of waterways access and user base and (3) improved channels of communication among all waterways interests.

These basic goals are now expressed in the Hingham Harbor and Tidal Waterways Management Plan, revised in January of 2005. A combined effort of past and present HDC members, the plan provides a history of Hingham's tidal waterways together with a list of specific objectives for their preservation and development. Current conditions are sketched, problems and possible solutions are presented and specific projects, plans and priorities are discussed. Copies of the plan are on file at the office of the Town Clerk. The plan should be regarded as a work in progress and is already in revision.

HDC has supervised the basic restoration of Whitney Wharf Park. The landscaping of the park was completed in the fall of 2004. An overall plan has been developed for the full restoration of Whitney Wharf and the addition of a pedestrian bridge, which will provide safe access to the wharf. HDC is currently reviewing design plans for the bridge and negotiating an easement agreement with Old Salt Marine.

Whitney Wharf is but one link in a chain of improvements needed for the harbor waterfront to reach its full potential as a community resource. HDC submitted an application for State funding assistance in conjunction with repairs of the inner harbor bulkheads. We are continually following with the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) to determine the status of our request.

Also, HDC is discussing the improvement and upgrading of Barnes II (Steamboat Wharf) with various Town entities and the Lincoln Sailing Center.

Public access to the Bouve property is a concern of the committee; a grant to provide access to this property was received in February of 2002. We are currently working with the planning board and the shipyard developer to make sure that grant funds are spent appropriately and

there will be public parking as well as public access to the Bouve property.

Harbor dredging is a major activity of the committee; the committee is working with the DEM and other State agencies to make sure that the planned Harbor dredging scheduled for 2007 takes place in 2007. The committee will contact our elected representatives to make sure that the appropriate state funding is available.

All of these projects require revenue enhancement. Mooring fees have helped and their contribution to waterways management expenses will increase as experience lends itself to their application. Grant monies continue to be sought. HDC has worked effectively with the Community Preservation Committee in conjunction with the Whitney Wharf project and we hope to work with the Committee again on future projects.

The Harbor Development Committee continues to expand its activities in the areas of communication and outreach. HDC co-sponsors the spring and fall harbor cleanups in conjunction with other Town civic organizations. An increasing number of waterways projects have been brought before HDC for recommendations prior to presentation at required regulatory boards and commissions. HDC encourages this latter practice since it is clearly in line with its established mandate.

James Doyle, Chairman	Elizabeth Harling, Associate
W. Sturtevant English, Jr., Secretary	John Sullivan, Associate
Warren J. Nottleson, Treasurer	Harry Wey, Associate
Nick Amdur	John Souther, ex officio
Grant Hansel	
Margaret Merrill	
Gregory M. Synnott	

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Hingham Board of Health is a municipal agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of the public health within the community. In order to achieve this goal, the Board of Health is involved in many aspects of the community, including prevention, planning and enforcement.

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities includes such activities as adult immunization programs, domestic abuse, crisis intervention, Food Establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local emergency planning, Right-to-Know program, septic system approval and inspection, bioterrorism response, Body Art licensing, recombinant DNA licensing, group day care licensing and inspection, communicable disease surveillance, massage, camp licensing, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. Stephan White currently serves as the Board Chairman. Serving along side of Chairman White are member Peter Bickford and recently elected member Dr. Kirk Shilts. Dr. Shilts fills in the vacancy left through the retirement of long time Board member David Bennett, who faithfully served on the Board for the past 9 years. M. Anita Barry, M.D., MPH serves as Board of Health Physician and advises the Board on medical issues that may come before them.

The Board of Health office staff consists of Bruce T. Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer, Kathleen Crowley, RN, Public Health Nurse, Michael McDonald, Health Agent, William Peterson, Food Inspector, Carol Ford, Administrative Secretary and Barbara Leonard, Health Clerk.

2004 found the Board of Health responding to two separate and unrelated fatal meningitis cases. The quick responses by our Public Health Nurse, the State Department of Public Health and others associated with the victims resulted in no other individuals becoming infected. These events demonstrated that Hingham is served by an experienced and knowledgeable staff who are ready to respond to any biological or infectious incident presented to them.

An initial influenza vaccine shortage, caused from a vaccine manufacturer's shutdown, created a national public health emergency.

The Hingham Health Department responded by conducting a series of clinics, which gave priority to our residents who were at the greatest risk of developing complications from the flu. Later, during the Influenza season, additional vaccine was supplied to local Boards of Health, which allowed the Hingham Health Department to offer this important immunization to most residents. The Hingham Board of Health would like to thank all of the nurses and volunteers who helped to make this challenging year a successful one.

This year, the Hingham Health Department was able to immunized over 1,840 residents. In addition, over 55 pneumococcal vaccinations were given to our senior and high-risk populations. Pneumococcol vaccinations are available to Hingham residents free of charge all year by simply calling the Board of Health office to schedule an appointment.

The Hingham Board of Health would like to inform residents that they can have their blood pressure taken by the Public Health Nurse either by attending one of our free clinics or by scheduling an appointment. Home visits are also offered free of charge to those residents who are homebound.

This year the Board of Health received Region 4B funding (homeland security), which will allow the Board to develop permitting, licensing and inspectional software. This pilot program is being designed with the hope that other municipal departments may integrate their permits and licenses with the Health Department providing residents, builders and other individuals easy access to public records for permit filing and tracking. This program is expected to provide a secure electronic record, reduce filing storage requirements and significantly reduce the daily workload generated from questions and file recovery requests.

The Town continues to expand at a steady rate with building permits being issued for the redevelopment of the Derby Street Shops, formerly Hingham Plaza and new developments including Baker Hill, Linden Ponds of Hingham, Black Rock Country Club and Boston Golf.

The majority of the developments, within Hingham, dispose of their wastewater on-site rather than through the municipal sewer system. The Board of Health has taken a strong stand to protect the water quality of the aquifer.

Through the use of high technology wastewater treatment facilities, high quality wastewater can now be discharged into the same single source aquifer rather than sending the water out of town through the municipal sewer system. This "recycling approach" also serves as a cost saver for

the town by placing construction, operation and maintenance upon the property owner.

Permits issued in 2004 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Day Care Centers	6	Food Establishment.	135
Retail Food	76	Store Milk.....	85
Catering.....	14	Frozen Desserts.....	16
Residential F.S.....	0	Mobile Food Service .	15
Milk Vehicle.....	0	Septage Haulers	40
Rubbish Haulers	15	Septic Installers.....	48
Tanning Salons.....	3	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools.....	6	Pool Constr.Permits ..	19
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps.....	10
Septic Permits.....	159	Variance Appl.	66
Building Permits....	1096	Treatment Plant	116
Massage Business.....	4	Tobacco Sales	28
Massage Practice	11	Private Well Permits..	30
Soil Evaluations. . . .	88		

Stephan White, Chairman
Peter Bickford, Member
Kirk Shilts, D.C., Member
Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer

TOWN HISTORIAN

This year marked the first full year that Hingham Square was impacted by the work involved in the return of the Greenbush rail line. I say the first full year because it bids fair to be one of several as the only thing addressed this year was the rerouting of the Town Brook into a conduit to take it away from the rail line and the tunnel under the Square. This process was delayed several times by the finding of archeologically significant sites along the route. These sites, consisting of a pier or dam near the South Street/North Street intersection and an early Indian camp site behind Talbot's, were inspected by the State archeologist and certain artifacts were taken to the State Archeological Archives at University of Massachusetts at Amherst for evaluation. No official report has been received on them at this date.

Local interested citizens have formed an organization called "Friends of Hingham Square" which joined with the local Merchant's Association to promote the health of the Square and to identify and mitigate as far as possible the negative effects of the construction taking place. One negative effect may be the opening of the Derby Street Shoppes located in the former Building 19 area on Derby Street adjacent to Exit 13 from Route 3. These primarily upscale stores opened just before Christmas this year. However, Christmas In the Square demonstrated viability still exists there in good measure.

Winston Hall
Town Historian

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40C of the general laws of the Town of Hingham, the Historic Districts Commission is charged with preserving the historical and architectural legacy of the town by reviewing the appropriateness of all proposed exterior alterations and renovations of historic properties, as well as the design of new construction located within the town's six local historic districts. Each year the Commission or the Administrator reviews hundreds of applications seeking approval for exterior work on historic properties. In addition, the Administrator and Commission members respond to numerous and varied requests for information, some requiring considerable research. This year, as in the last several years, the trends toward renovation, additions to existing homes and buildings, and new construction in historic districts continued.

The Historic Districts Commission preserves the unique character of Hingham by serving as a design review board. The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission include an architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, and a resident from an historic district. The knowledge and expertise of Districts Commission members in the areas of building and landscape architecture, architectural history, and history of the town have proved invaluable to the owners of historic properties.

The public is always welcome to attend Commission hearings held at the Hingham Town Office Building on Thursday evenings as scheduled. Public notices appear in the local newspaper and are posted on the Town Office bulletin board on the first floor; abutters located within one hundred feet of a property being reviewed are notified. In addition to the public hearing process, the Commission encourages applicants to schedule a preliminary design discussion prior to submitting an application. Commission approval for exterior work in an historic district precedes a building permit. The Commission appreciates the continued support of the Building Department and the Town Administrator's Office; and the cooperation of the Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, other town offices and the public.

The *Historic Districts Handbook* defines the guidelines for proposed work in a district. It is a valuable resource to property owners, architects, contractors, realtors, and to other communities, which often use Hingham's handbook as a model. The handbook is available free of charge to all property owners within historic districts and can be obtained from the Historical Commission and Building Department Offices.

The Historic Districts Commission thanks the Historical Commission for its fiscal support. These appropriated funds cover the general operating expenses, and the salary for the part-time administrator who serves both Commissions. The Commission Office, on the second floor of the Town Office Building, is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

The members and alternates of the Historic Districts Commission are devoted to preserving the character and aesthetic qualities of Hingham's irreplaceable historic resources. The Commission is grateful to Peter Puciloski for the many contributions he made during his tenure both as an alternate and a member, and for the insightful leadership he provided during his three years as Chairman. The Commission thanks Charles Willse for contributing his knowledge of period architecture to the Commission's mission to preserve the historical character of the town, and for his service as Vice-Chairman. The Commission also thanks Bonnie Hobbs for her service and for sharing her expertise as an architect. The Commission welcomes new alternates Ben Wilcox and Sean Papich.

MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
Scott Ford, Chairman	Sally Weston
Peter Barlow, Vice-Chairman	Gene Raymond
Winston Hall	Ben Wilcox
Marty Saunders	Sean Papich
Scott Butler	
	ADMINISTRATOR
	Andrea Young

HINGHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Hingham Historical Commission is the town's agency responsible for identifying, evaluating and protecting the historic, architectural and archeological assets within the town. The Historical Commission once again retained its "certified" status with the Department of Interior and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The Hingham Historical Commission administers the *Preservation Projects Fund*, a fund established to carry out projects and programs important for preserving the historic character of the town. Grants, private contributions, and receipts from the sale of the books on Hingham's history, Not All Is Changed and When I Think of Hingham, provide the income for this fund. Through the Preservation Projects Fund, the Commission contributes to the town's preservation efforts in various ways; exploring measures to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, cataloguing archival materials in the Loring Room of the Hingham Public Library, making information on historic properties available on CD Rom for use in the library, and publishing the aforementioned histories are notable examples. Monies from this fund are also used to maintain town assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, historical markers, and the Iron Horse, "Victory", on Hingham Harbor. A generous contribution from the Orchard Foundation will enable the Commission to clean and refurbish several of these assets during the coming year.

The Hingham Historical Commission maintains the inventory of the town's historic assets, which includes information on over 1,400 properties. Many of these properties are located within Hingham's six local historic districts and two National Register historic districts. Updates are made to the inventory as more historical properties are researched, and additional information is added to properties currently listed. The *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory* is available on the town's website.

The Commission administers specific statutes that protect historic properties, such as the demolition delay by-law, and works with property owners and developers to consider alternatives to demolishing residences and outbuildings that are a part of the town's historic character. Due to the dramatic increase over the past three years in the number of properties being demolished, the Commission believes that extending the demolition delay period from six months to twelve months on properties of historical and/or architectural significance will help preserve the character of the town. The Commission also advises on environmental reviews through the federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places*

program. The adoption of the *Community Preservation Act* presents an additional opportunity to preserve the historic and aesthetic qualities of the town. The Historical Commission is represented on the Community Preservation Committee.

The Historical Commission meets monthly at the Hingham Town Office Building on a Monday evening at 7:30 P.M. The Administrator's office is located on the second floor and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

The Commission thanks Randy Young for his contributions during two terms of service, and Rebecca Flaherty, who completed one term this year. The Commission welcomes new members Susan Boyd and Arlyn Vogelmann.

Michael Studley, Chairman
Kathleen Sutton
Gary Tondorf-Dick
Stephanie Shute Kelsch
Will Ertman
Arlyn Vogelmann
Susan Boyd

ADMINISTRATOR
Andrea Young

HINGHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hingham Housing Authority is composed of five Hingham residents; the town voters elect four and the Governor appoints one. Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Building at Thaxter Park. All meetings are open to the public, and any interested citizen is welcome to attend. All meetings are posted with the Town Clerk.

The Authority has four employees; an Executive Director, an Administrative Assistant, a Maintenance Supervisor and a Maintenance Assistant. Under the jurisdiction of the State Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Housing Authority administers 84 state elderly/handicap units, 8 state family apartments, and 25 Federal Section 8 Vouchers. It owns a complex at 100 Beal Street, a residential/educational program for adolescents operated by the South Shore Educational Collaborative.

The Authority completed two Modernization Projects with grants from the Department of Housing and Community Development. The exterior porches were upgraded and new roofs were installed on the brick buildings at Thaxter Park. At the present time the Housing Authority is undergoing an upgrade to the fire alarm system. The Authority has received a grant for approximately \$650,000 to renovate 60 bathrooms. This project is in the final design phase and bidding on the project should take place in the spring of 2005.

The tenants, staff and Board of Commissioners wish to extend their gratitude to all the various Town Departments for their assistance and dedication this past year.

Robert Keyes, Chairman
Heather Hedlund
James Watson
Marylou Tutkus
John Cafferty
Gail Neibaur, Director

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee is one of many state-certified local Partnerships working with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership and Town agencies to increase / preserve housing opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons. These include young adults priced out of their hometown, former residents seeking to return, older residents needing appropriate-sized housing, town employees hoping to live locally, and others who cannot move here as many of us did in the past.

We work to lower costs through donation of town land, sponsorship of favorable financing e.g., the Soft Second Mortgage Program, review/endorsement of sound Local Incentive Projects, and support for needed legislation. The members of the Partnership are appointed by the Selectmen.

For the last 18 months, the Partnership has been working on a recommendation to the Selectmen for development of affordable housing on the "Selectmen's Parcel" in the old Naval Ammunition Depot off Beal Street. The 2003 Town Meeting charged the Selectmen with this task. An Article for such a development has been entered in the 2005 Town Warrant. The Partnership also advised the Selectmen on a Hingham Housing Strategy which was adopted in January of 2004.

We appreciate the continued sensitivity of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Board of Appeals to Hingham's housing needs. All are welcome at our meetings.

Lee Vigil, Chair
Robert Bone
Gretchen Condon
William Fideli
Eric Gauthier
John Sneath
James O'Brien
Mathew MacIver, ex officio

ICE RINK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Ice Rink Development Committee was established by a vote of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting to study the feasibility of the Town's building an ice skating facility in Hingham. The committee has updated the pro forma report created last year to reflect current costs of construction, anticipated revenues, and expenditures. BSC Engineering of Norwell, MA, has been engaged to undertake a preliminary feasibility study of siting a rink at the South Shore Country Club. Two new members, Alison Ferrante and Jack Diamond joined the committee following the resignations of Jean Kurtz and Ron Driscoll.

Carolyn Nielsen, Chair
Greg O'Meara, Secretary
Kevin Bannan
Jack Diamond
Alison Ferrante
Chris Semlies
Elliot Sherman

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Strategic Planning Committee, a group of seven appointed Hingham residents, was commissioned by Selectman Philip Edmundson on September 1, 2004. The mission of the group was to independently review several areas of the municipal light company including capital, operational efficiencies, growth, power supply, alternative sources of supply and oversight and board governance. The Committee was asked to periodically report back to the selectmen and also plan to present a final summary report in the early part of 2005.

The Committee has met on a regular scheduled basis since September 2004. A preliminary verbal update with preliminary findings was made to the Selectmen on November 9, 2004. Major areas that were addressed included energy and sustainable growth policy issues, system-wide infrastructure expansion (Hobart Street Substation upgrade) and planning, long term power supply concerns, operational efficiencies and opportunities and overall board planning and governance.

The Committee expects to complete its final written and verbal report of findings and recommendations in April 2005.

Robert P. Whitney, Chairman
Walter Foscett
Alice P. Granahan
Russell Heissner
Nicole Raphaelson
John Ryan
John Quinn

LONG RANGE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Long Range Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee was established to review solid waste disposal alternatives. We continue to support separation and recycling as the best way to minimize solid waste disposal costs.

The Town is contracted with SEMASS for the next ten years for incineration of our household rubbish at the trash to energy plant in Rochester, MA. We are presently transporting bulky waste and construction demolition to the Bourne Landfill. With tipping fees for bulky and C & D on the rise, we are investigating more cost effective alternatives for disposing of these materials.

The newly renovated recycling area was opened in December and we were able to consolidate the collection of most recyclables into one area. We also entered into a contract with Newark Recycled Fibers for the pickup and processing of our recyclables. The recent renovations and new contract have already resulted in considerable cost savings for the Town through increased revenues and the elimination of hauling fees.

With disposal cost 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 reduce the amount of waste generated, as we continue to investigate methods of increasing recycling numbers through enforcement of waste bans and public education. We will also continue to explore the feasibility of disposal or user fees for the facility and/or specific items or wastes.

Thank you for your patience in dealing with the ongoing changes at the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility. We urge you to continue your efforts to help us reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting.

Joseph Stigliani, Public Works Superintendent
Patricia A. Bickford
S. Edward Eaton
Timothy H. White
Marianne MacDonald

John J. King
Peter Stathopoulos
Helga Jorgensen
Donald N. Jensen
Maureen A. Devine

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council is the regional planning and economic development district representing 101 cities and towns in metropolitan Boston. In addition, the Council shares oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program as one of 14 members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Council's legislative mandate is to provide technical and professional resources to improve the physical, social and economic condition of its district, and to develop sound responses to issues of regional significance. The Council provides research, studies, publications, facilitation and technical assistance in the areas of land use and the environment, housing, transportation, water resources management, economic development, demographic and socioeconomic data, legislative policy and interlocal partnerships that strengthen the operation of local governments.

The Council is governed by 101 municipal government representatives, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 10 state and 3 city of Boston officials. An Executive Committee composed of 25 members oversees agency operations and appoints an executive director. The agency employs approximately 30 professional and administrative staff. Funding for Council activities is derived from contracts with government agencies and private entities, foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment charged to municipalities within the district.

In the past year, the Council has focused on initiatives that respond to regional challenges, some of which include:

- **Municipal planning:** working with more than 25 communities under the Executive Order 418 program. EO 418 provides communities with up to \$30,000 in state funding to undertake overall visioning on local planning issues, including housing, economic development, natural resources, and transportation.
- **Bringing advanced technology to cities and towns in the region:** a contract with Pictometry International will provide aerial photographic images that municipal departments, including police and fire, can utilize to improve service delivery.
- **Adoption of smart growth principles:** MAPC developed and adopted principles of good planning practice that will encourage sustainable patterns of growth to benefit people living throughout the metro Boston region. MAPC is also a founding member of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance.
- **Metro Data Center:** The Center is an official US Census affiliate, helping to distribute demographic data throughout the region, including demographic, economic, and housing profiles for all 101 communities in metro Boston.

- **Transportation planning:** as vice chair of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, MAPC worked to develop the 25-year Regional Transportation Plan as well as the annual Transportation Improvement Program, including transportation spending priorities for the region. We also spearheaded development of transportation spending criteria, taking into account environmental, economic, and equity considerations.

- **Metropolitan Highway System Advisory Board:** MAPC staffs this board, established in 1997 by the Commonwealth to advise the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority on issues relative to land use, air rights, zoning, and environmental impacts associated with development of land owned by the authority.

- **Regional Services Consortia:** The four regional consortia established by MAPC collectively purchased \$18 million in office supplies and highway maintenance services for its 31 member municipalities. The project also facilitates collegial forums among members' chief administrative officers focused on collaborative problem solving and resource sharing. MAPC recently became the purchasing and administrative agent for the Greater Boston Police Council, which assists over 300 units of local government in the purchase of police vehicles and other public safety supplies.

- **Metro Mayors Coalition:** Working with the mayors and city managers of 10 municipalities in the urban core on issues such as group purchasing, employee health insurance, security and emergency coordination, and municipal relief legislation.

- **Homeland security:** addressing homeland security issues by facilitating cross-municipal partnerships between police, fire, and emergency management departments to acquire and share equipment, and more generally to plan for emergencies involving multiple municipalities; fiduciary agent for state/ federal grant funding through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety.

- **Hazard mitigation:** initiating a federally-funded partnership to produce a hazard mitigation plan to protect nine coastal communities in the event of natural disasters, including flood, winter storm, wind, fire, and geologic hazards.

Please visit our website, www.mapc.org, for more details about these and other activities.

Metrofuture: Making A Greater Boston Region

MAPC has launched a new civic process, called MetroFuture, to create an updated regional vision and growth strategy for metropolitan Boston. MetroFuture engages city and town governments, state agencies, non-profits, business, labor and academic groups in this planning process. The outcome will be a vision and growth strategy that puts the region on

a sustainable path in terms of land use, economic, environmental and social issues. MAPC will need the support of a broad range of organizations in the region to help plan, fund and implement this new framework for addressing the challenges facing metropolitan Boston.

The effort to create this new strategy was launched on October 29, 2003 at a Boston College Citizens Seminar. More than 400 citizens from a wide range of local and regional groups attended the event, and expressed their opinions on the region's resources and challenges as well as their own visions for the future. This input will be critical as we move to the next phase of this exciting multi-year project. Please visit the project web site, www.metrofuture.org, for more information.

South Shore Coalition

In 2004, the South Shore Coalition (SSC), one of the eight subregions of MAPC, met on a monthly basis to discuss issues of mutual interest from drinking water supply, Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning, and transportation issues. SSC is comprised of the communities of Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate, and Weymouth.

During the year, SSC heard presentations regarding and provided input to MAPC's actions relating to the following regional transportation issues: Suburban Mobility program, 2005 Transportation Improvement Program, and the 2005 Unified Planning Work Program. SSC participated on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC), developed a set of subregional legislative priority issues to help guide MAPC's priorities, and reviewed the ongoing efforts of redevelopment taking place at the now closed South Weymouth Naval Air Station. The subregion was briefed periodically on the MetroFuture project, the on-going review of the subregions that is taking place in conjunction with the MAPC strategic planning process, and other activities of MAPC.

MAPC completed an Open Space Plan under Executive Order 418 for the Town of Rockland. MAPC also assisted several communities by administering their planning contracts with private planning consultants under EO418. As a follow-up to Executive Order 418, MAPC presented information on three state initiatives; the Commonwealth Capital Fund, the Priority Development Fund and the 40R Smart Growth Zoning initiative. MAPC also assisted Pembroke completing the Commonwealth Capital Fund application.

MAPC Annual Report prepared and submitted by Marc D. Draisen,
Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Memorial Day observances took place at Hingham High School featuring the high school band with Lt. Col. Veneziano, US Air Force as the featured speaker. A Remembrance ceremony for POW/MIA's was conducted and Col Lee Shackford USA Ret. and John Overbagh read the names of Hingham veterans who passed away during the year. A parade to Veterans Memorial park followed the high school ceremony where wreaths and geraniums were placed at the WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam memorials.

More than six hundred residents attended Hingham's Veteran's Day ceremony at the town hall. Honor Guards from the 25th Marines, Hingham militia, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars escorted the principal speaker General Richard I. Neal, USMC Ret. The Veteran's Memorial Committee, represented by Jim Claypoole presented the town with its new veterans memorial, a granite and bronze sculpture dedicated to Hingham veterans. Michael Puzo and Sara Gassert sang the National Anthem and Vietnam veteran Joseph Hunter led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Honored guests included Army Captain William Ramsey and Betty Sweeney, widow of decorated World War II veteran Dick Sweeney. Light refreshments were later served in the town hall.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the following members of the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day committee for their commitment and hard work.

James Claypoole
Richard Corcoran
John Diggins
Ted Evangelides
Bob Haviland

Keith Jermyn
Steven Kelsch
Michele Meade
John Overbagh
Joseph Willard

Michael Cunningham, Director
Hingham Veterans' Services

HINGHAM MEMORIAL BELL TOWER

The year 2004 brought several visitors from England to the Memorial Bell tower. We had quite a few visitors from the surrounding towns, along with our local residents, visiting the Tower. Many were amazed as to what was in "that tall building on the hill." They were able to try their hand at ringing and totally enjoyed the experience.

We rang for several weddings and also for *Christmas in the Square*. Walking and shopping along Main Street and hearing the bells ring would certainly put you in the Holiday spirit.

The Bell Tower Committee members would like to extend a welcome to all visitors and especially encourage potential ringers to the Tower. Having this Bell Tower in Hingham is an asset to the town. We ring the bells on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Please join us on Tuesday evenings.

Kenneth W. Drescher
Joan R. Getto
Michael Shilhan
John McKendry
Shirley Newsom

Peter Shaw
Betty Shaw
Nancy Stimson
Justine Thurston
Dorcas Wagner

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

The Open Space Acquisition Committee is comprised of five members, three appointed by the Conservation Commission and one each by the Planning Board and the Selectmen. With assistance from Conservation Officer Cliff Prentiss, the Committee looks for open space acquisition opportunities for the Town and, when possible, evaluates and negotiates the terms and conditions of such acquisitions and presents them to the Community Preservation Committee for funding from the Town's Community Preservation funds.

During the winter and spring of 2004 the Committee negotiated and presented to the Community Preservation Committee the purchase of approximately 6 acres of relatively rare open wetlands and emergent marshlands on the west side of Downer Avenue near Foster School. This acquisition was approved by the Community Preservation Committee and the 2004 Annual Meeting and was completed in late 2004. The property is held by the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes.

As of the writing of this report, the Committee is actively pursuing other potential open space acquisition opportunities.

John L. Davenport, Chair
Roderick C. Gaskell
Michael Pollard
Peter Rosen
Walter B. Sullivan

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County include: garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; educational resource materials; training and resources for green industry professionals and youth service agencies; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; and teacher workshops and resources. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access – www.umassextension.org.

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at P. O. Box 658, High Street, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) E-mail address is plyctyext@mindspring.com. Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts. UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham.

Marjorie Mahoney, Hingham Trustee
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant
Timothy McMullen, Pembroke, Plymouth County Commissioner

By all statistical measures, Fiscal Year 2004 was a very successful one for the library. Circulation topped out at 446,489 items, an increase of 27% over the pre-renovation statistics from Fiscal Year 2001. Hingham had the third highest circulation in the Commonwealth for communities with populations between 15,000 and 24,999 in Fiscal Year 2004. Circulation staff processed a record-breaking 72,774 interlibrary loan transactions. This figure is comprised of the 29,339 items received from other libraries and the 43,435 items provided to other libraries.

Based on sampled data, an estimated 280,000 visitors came to the library over the course of 2,686 open hours. Registered borrowers now number 15,116, of which, 13,941 are Hingham residents. The library hosted 406 community meetings throughout the year.

The Reference Department answered 7,328 research questions in person, online, by mail and by telephone. The department also introduced 24/7 reference service through Hingham's participation in the Commonwealth's *Mass Answers* program. *Mass Answers* provides an on-line reference librarian to field questions whenever the library is closed. Visit www.hinghamlibrary.org to use the service.

The Reference Department also began a reader's advisory program, the goal of which is "to match the right reader with the right books". Specially-trained staff work with patrons one-on-one, prepare booklists, and deliver periodic book talks within the library and at other locations.

Several technology initiatives worthy of note can be viewed or accessed from the library's website www.hinghamlibrary.org. These initiatives include a new on-line calendar of library events and meetings, on-line museum pass booking, and the ability to "push" information about library services and activities to residents who sign up for our VIP service. The VIP service uses interest group management software to email information on self-selected topics to its participants.

Programs featured very strongly in the library's success in 2004. Approximately 7,200 individuals of all ages participated in library-sponsored programs. Children's programming mainly consisted of story times and related activities. This year's Summer Reading Program had its highest participation on record with nearly 600 children attending weekly reading incentive activities, concerts, performances and story times. Adults also enjoyed book discussion groups, films, author visits, dramatic presentations and concerts throughout the year. In addition, the library hosted 26 art shows and special exhibits over the year.

The library also received several grants to augment its services. In July, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awarded a \$10,000 "Customer Service Grant" to the library. The grant, administered by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners and funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, provides for basic customer service skills training. It also offers training in specific areas supportive of good customer service such as technology troubleshooting and building affirmative relationships with adolescents. At the grant's conclusion in October, 2005, the library will adopt a customer service policy supported by standards. Linda Harper, the grant's project manager, deserves commendation for her initiative in securing the grant.

The library's Reference and Adult Services Department lead by Kathy Leahy received a grant from the Hingham Cultural Council to present a dramatic performance based on characters from Shakespeare's plays. The Reference Department also received a prestigious award from the American Library Association and National Video Resources to host a pilot film and discussion series focusing on the 1960s. Hingham's "No Place for Hate Committee" generously funded book and media purchases on the subjects of tolerance and inclusion.

In addition to grants, the library's New Century Fund received gifts in the amount of \$29,160 from local donors. These donations helped the library meet its State Aid to Libraries certifications and insured the arrival of new books throughout the year. Trustees Charles Abbott and Kevin Owens organized and lead this successful annual fund drive. Donations large or small to the New Century Fund are always welcome.

The library staff deserves commendation for its dedication to making the Hingham Public Library one of the Commonwealth's finest. Volunteers also gave 5,110 hours of service in support of the library including the operation of a very successful used book store. Without their help our library would be greatly diminished.

The Board of Trustees underwent several changes. Charles Abbott succeeded Sted Murdy as President. Hal Goldstein is the new Vice-President. Edward Siegfried is Assistant Treasurer. Kathleen Norman succeeded Peggy Weymouth as Secretary. Joan Newell resigned from the Board after 33 years of distinguished service. The Selectmen appointed Edna English to the Board.

To conclude, we thank Hingham's residents for their on-going support.

Dennis R. Corcoran
Library Director

HINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The year 2004 brought personnel and program changes to the Hingham Public Schools. Once again, a significant number of staff retirements coincided with vacancies resulting from leaves of absence, resignations, and the funding of a couple of new positions. As a result, spring and summer months were busy ones in terms of recruiting and interviewing as 56 new professional staff and about half as many support staff were hired for the 2004-2005 school year.

As of October 1, 2004, there were 3,624 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 86 students over June 2004. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 54 pre-school students in the integrated program, 54 out-of-district students (special education), and eight vocational students.

As a consequence of housing development growth and increasing school enrollment, the School Committee commissioned an independent enrollment study in September 2004. The resulting report from the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) will become the focus of 2005 efforts to quantify the magnitude of the school space needs problem and to plan for addressing it.

The 2004 Town Election saw Art Shabo and Chris Gregoire returned to the School Committee and Steve Nagle and Kristin Parnell elected as new members, replacing retiring members Jack Slater and Mary Ann McKenna. In fall of 2004, Sara Frederick was appointed to the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Irena Sinclair.

Significant changes in leadership occurred over the summer, a result of retirements. Roger Boddie became the new principal of Hingham Middle School in July 2004, and Derek Smith joined the staff as an assistant principal at the middle school. Bob Mullaney replaced Roger Boddie in his former role as a high school assistant principal. At South School, Cheryl Edgar has assumed the principalship and Eliza Burns replaced Cheryl as the assistant principal. Those changes took place in November 2004. In departmental leadership roles, Laney Silva was appointed as Director of English/Language Arts K-12, and Heather Lewallen is the new Director of Counseling. Leslie Flanagan has become the district's Early Literacy Coordinator, a new role.

During 2004, major facilities improvements included roof and boiler chimney repair, corridor ceiling and light replacement and lavatory refurbishing at Foster, and lavatory upgrading, gym floor refinishing, planning room ventilation improvement, and a carpet replacement project

at Plymouth River School. At the middle school, extensive roof repair, the refinishing of the gym floor and installation of new bleachers, and the installation of a new phone system were accomplished over the summer. Some additional parking was added at South School, and acoustics in two classrooms were improved with the installation of dropped ceilings at the high school. The 2002 Gale Engineering Facilities Study/Report and staff identified needs continue to guide capital budget planning and maintenance project focus.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2005 was set at \$28,203,495. That figure includes a \$753,000 override approval at the 2004 annual election, and it represents an increase of 7.72% over the prior year. A capital budget of \$531,100 included \$95,400 for technology upgrades and \$93,000 for needed furnishings and equipment. Particular stresses on the 2004-2005 operating budget were: spiraling special education tuitions and related transportation costs, less than anticipated "Circuit Breaker" funding of special education costs, several extended faculty absences, increased utility costs, and reduced funding from Chapter 70 (state education aid) for FY 05. A significant decrease in the federal Title I grant eliminated teacher coordinators at Foster, Plymouth River, and the Middle School for the start of the 2004-2005 school year. Again this year, the increasing number of state and federal mandates continues to challenge staff time and energy, as well as to tax fiscal resources.

Early in 2004, successor agreements for all of the union employee contracts that expired at the end of the 2002-2003 school year had been finalized. During the spring, individual agreements were negotiated for all staff with individual contracts and salary guidelines were adopted for non-union employee groups. All Hingham Public School employees accepted a 0% COLA for the 2003-2004 school year.

Spring 2004 MCAS test results released last fall again indicated that Hingham students continue to perform above state averages across the grade spectrum. All members of the Class of 2004 received a state certified high school diploma and everyone in the Class of 2005 has passed the requisite MCAS tests as well. District and individual school improvement ratings issued by the Department of Education in Fall 2004 resulted in a rating of Adequate Yearly Progress for aggregate scores in each building and the district and in all disaggregated subgroups. SAT and AP results for the Class of 2004 indicated high levels of achievement with the SAT I combined score, at 1160, the highest in history. This is particularly noteworthy considering the exceptionally high (95%) participation rate of Hingham students.

After evaluating five different reading programs and narrowing the choices to three, the literacy team selected the Macmillan McGraw-Hill

reading program for a phased implementation at grades K-5. In September 2004, “early adopter” teams of five teachers at each of the three elementary schools began using the new program after summer training sessions. Funding for the first phase of the planned two-year adoption came from the 2004 budget override, a Hingham Education Association grant, and a state grant. Work also began in 2004 on exploring options for a planned elementary mathematics program adoption.

On June 5, 2004, 205 students graduated from HHS. One hundred seventy-one students are attending four-year colleges; 13 have entered two-year institutions; six are attending other post-graduate programs; ten have begun full-time employment; five have joined the service, and a few had yet to finalize their plans at the time of graduation.

Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2004 include: five National Merit semifinalists, eight commended students, 39 Advanced Placement Scholars, 41 members inducted into the National Honor Society, four students who earned Boston Globe Scholastic Art awards, and one National Council of English Teachers Award in Writing winner.

At the sixth annual Senior Awards Night, 191 members of the Class of 2004 were honored. Over \$250,000 in scholarship money was awarded to these graduates. As well as scholarships, more than fifty awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or a student's involvement in school organizations such as the student council or the ADL facilitator program.

After a year of planning, Hingham High School, in conjunction with the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club, held its first academic recognition banquet on May 25, 2004. One hundred students (25 from each class) were welcomed into the HHS Century Club with the Rotary Club providing the students with dinner, a speaker, and gifts.

During the winter 2003-2004 season, the Hingham High School boys hockey team qualified for the Super 8 for the third successive year. They were ranked fourth in the state and proved to be the best public school hockey team in the state. The 2004 football team was the league champ with a 10–1 record and made its first-ever trip to the Super Bowl. In the spring of 2004, the girls track and tennis teams were Patriot League champions, and the fall 2004 boys soccer team earned the Patriot League championship for the second year in a row.

Hingham Middle School began the 2004-2005 school year with some significant personnel transitions including the retirement of the principal (E. Scott Burke), an assistant principal (Maureen Janik), and ten faculty

members. Reorganized responsibilities of the assistant principals and the guidance counselors along grade level lines has allowed more of a team focus to supporting student needs.

The long awaited middle school phone system utilizes the town-wide fiber optic loop and provides each staff member with voice mail capabilities. As well, an attendance line has been established, and the new system has increased efficiency and enhanced communication within the building and between home and school.

Middle school activities continue to attract student enthusiasm and interest. The Adventure Club, the largest school club, continues to grow and has offered extended trips with a biking, hiking, rafting, and skiing focus. Charitable activities at HMS over the past year have resulted in donations to the Jimmy Fund, the American Red Cross, the Perkins School, and the tsunami victims. Nurturing humanitarianism and community service continues to be a focus at Hingham Middle School.

As part of the Foster School focus on reading, the PTO sponsored visits to classrooms by authors and illustrators. Student book reports have been featured in library and lobby displays. The Reach for the Stars project was designed to foster reading for pleasure at home. Students earned stars for reading for 20 minutes and a model rocket recorded the school's progress toward the goal. The culminating activity was the opening of a new piece of playground apparatus called The Rocket. The \$17,000 amount needed for that purchase was raised by a fall Readers' Road Race.

Foster School hosted two Swiss teachers for three weeks last fall. The teachers were in classrooms daily and were housed by Foster School families. The teachers are part of a Swiss government program to enhance the English speaking ability of their elementary classroom teachers.

Character development has continued as a major focus at Foster School. In 2004, daily school life and several special programs and student recognitions were dedicated to fostering traits such as respect, empathy, manners, kindness, and responsibility.

The Plymouth River School Family Health, Nutrition, and Fitness Fair was a PTO sponsored event that was designed to help children and their families make the connection between being fit and practicing healthy eating and exercising habits. The May 2004 event featured speakers, hands-on demonstrations, exercise participation, taste testing, and demonstrations.

The Plymouth River School Council celebrated reading during the month of March 2004 in honor of the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss. Students received a Read Across America “passport” and their book reading was recorded with links in a chain that eventually showed that more than 8,000 books/chapters were read. The Cat in the Hat visited all school assemblies to provide motivation, and a culminating event featured a presentation by a story teller.

A second reading incentive program, Let’s Book, brought readers from the entire community to PRS classrooms last spring in celebration of National Children’s Book Week. Photographs of children and faculty “caught” in the act of reading were taken by the “DEAR Sleuth” (Drop Everything and Read) and posted on school bulletin boards.

Plymouth River School also hosted a fall 2004 visit from a Swiss teacher, who spent his time each day in a third grade classroom and stayed with Plymouth River families.

A number of the fall South School activities were dedicated to long time principal Judith Monahan who retired in November 2004. These included the China Project culminating event, the all school Thanksgiving feast, and a record hop. Mrs. Monahan’s induction into the new South School “Hall of Fame” was commemorated with a plaque.

South School teachers have enhanced their skills by participation in Responsive Classroom training with several faculty members attending a week-long summer training and follow-up activities and sharing among the entire staff throughout the fall. As part of the continuing focus on literacy, South School teachers have also embraced the Mosaics of Thought strategies for increasing reading comprehension. Faculty training and sharing opportunities were provided to assist teachers in integrating these strategies into grade level appropriate instructional practice.

Despite many achievements, 2004 was punctuated by a series of tragedies that impacted all of our schools. These include the death of a staff member from meningitis, the deaths of two elementary students after long illnesses, the accidental death of a high school student, and the double-murder, suicide tragedy that took the lives of a young student and her family. Hingham Public Schools crisis teams supported staff and students during these difficult times and entire school communities reached out to support both the families of victims and each other.

During 2004, the Hingham Public Schools continued to move forward with the support of parents, community groups, and civic organizations. Progress in realizing the district’s stated mission, and the many other

goals that are established annually by the administration, was again both visible and measurable in 2004. The School Department and the School Committee appreciate the level of community support that has marked another year of sound educational practice, academic progress, and meaningful programs and activities for the youth of Hingham.

Dorothy Galo
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Linda Hill, Chair
Chrisanne Gregoire, Vice Chair and Secretary
Richard Amster
Sara Frederick
Arthur Shabo
Stephen Nagle
Kristin Parnell

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING COMMITTEE

The April 2002 Town Meeting established the Public works Building Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee was authorized to plan, design and construct a Project on the Town owned property known as the School Depot Parcel and the Bare Cove Parcel. The Project involves the development of a new consolidated facility for the DPW and the development of athletic fields. At the April 2003 and April 2004 Town Meetings, sufficient funding was authorized to allow the Committee to authorize the design engineer, Gale Associates, Inc., to design the Project to the point where all applicable permits for the Project could be applied for and received. The Committee currently has a permit application for the Project before the Conservation Commission and we are hoping for favorable action. Upon approval we will proceed to submit the Project to all other permitting agencies in Town and to the State's MEPA Unit. The Project did experience nearly a one-year delay as a result of the Town's successful appeal of an environmental permitting issue. It is expected that the Project will be constructed on a phased basis over several years, depending upon the funding that is made available by the Town.

Robert P. Garrity, Chairman
John Bailey
Edward Colbert
Linda Kutsch
William Martin
Brian McSweeney
Karl Willner

HINGHAM RECREATION COMMISSION

Hingham Recreation had a banner year in 2004 and is busier than ever. Hours have expanded to run from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM seven days a week. The "Rec. Center" attracts residents of all ages and offers a wide variety of sports, fitness and health programs. The Rec. Center provides a wealth of information on almost all sports leagues for Hingham youth and is a great source of knowledge for parents of school-aged children. Hingham Recreation prides itself on offering excellent programs at affordable prices while still maintaining daily "free play" for our youngsters.

The Hingham Striders Fitness Room continues to thrive. With over nine hundred current members, the Fitness Room provides an excellent opportunity for residents to realize their goals in a friendly atmosphere. Whether to lose weight, increase muscle or strength, reduce stress, improve sports performance or simply start to feel better, the Hingham Striders Fitness Room has everything necessary to help residents achieve their objectives. It offers a wide selection of exercise machines and cardiovascular equipment to make workouts enjoyable and productive. For a minimal fee, residents over eighteen years of age may become members of the Hingham Striders Fitness Room and enjoy the benefits of gym in their own neighborhood. Other health and fitness activities that are offered include Pilates, Aerobics, Spinning and Cardio-Pump classes. Babysitting is offered for a small fee during the week from 9:00 AM till noon for young pre-schoolers.

The "Rec. Center" focuses on a supervised "open rec" approach for youngsters over six years of age. The Game Room includes the latest non-violent video games, ping-pong, air hockey and a CD juke-box.. The popular Pump-It-Up dance game has been a big hit and is the first video game to require physical exercise. All games are "free play." In an effort to promote well-being and fitness, the vending machines will only include only healthy drinks next year. The Recreation Commission is committed to offer the opportunity for healthy supervised and productive play experience for the children of Hingham.

The East Street Skating Club has had recent improvements including a new warming stove and updated electrical service. More cold weather and less snow would help get it up and running this year. A new beach volleyball court has been added to the Rec. Center and has been a popular spot for high schoolers.

Hersey Field has been renovated this year with the cooperation of the Hingham Highway Department. A brand new infield, mound, dugouts and fence have been installed for the Little Leaguers. The Recreation

Commission is planning on improving the adjacent playground area this season so that younger siblings may have a place during games.

Hingham Recreation strives to offer quality programs that encourage the health and well being of residents of all ages and interests. The Recreation Commission appreciates input from the community and looks forward to meeting the ever-changing needs of the Hingham community.

Jill Drohan, Director
Ted Carroll, Program Manager
Mark Thorell, Teen Supervisor
Tom Campbell, Chairman
Robert Keyes
Beth Marcella
Kristin Parnell
Donna Powers

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is charged to invest the assets of Hingham's scholarship fund. Scholarship fund assets for the year ending 2004 totaled \$3,019,849.74 compared to \$2,784,613 at yearend 2003, an overall increase of more than 8%. For the second time in two years, US stock markets recorded positive returns: The Standard and Poor's 500 index was up 10.9% for the year (versus 28.6% last year), The Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond index was up 4.3%, and three month U.S. Treasury Bills returned 1.3%.

Income from the fund provided scholarships to 148 students who graduated from Hingham High School in June 2004, totaling \$131,000 (In 2003, 146 students received awards totaling \$127,000). The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975 and in the intervening years a total of over \$1.3 million has been awarded to college bound Hingham High School students.

At the beginning of 2004, the fund was structured with about 75% of its assets in equity securities and about 25% in bonds and money market instruments. The fund's current asset mix is little changed at 74% equity / 26% bonds and money market. The committee feels that a large proportional exposure to stocks is justified given the perpetual nature of the fund. In the later part of the year, the committee reduced the sensitivity of the portfolio against rising interest rates by reducing the holdings in the long term Treasury fund and increasing other shorter term fixed income portfolios.

The fund received new contributions from citizens and friends of the Town of Hingham during the year of \$26,981. The Committee welcomes continued contributions to the fund in whatever amounts, however, a minimum of \$2,500 is needed to establish a separately named scholarship. For contributions less than the minimum the Hingham Scholarship Memorial Fund has been established.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. It must be noted that the committee could not properly function without the efforts of the professional staff of the Town of Hingham, including Ruth Anne Beck, Treasurer-Collector, and Jean Montgomery, Assistant Treasurer-Collector and their co-workers in the Treasurer's office.

Kenneth M. Buntrock, Chairman
Ruth Anne Beck, Treasurer
Scott D. Peterson, Clerk
Frederick J. Hussey
Heidi Ford

Lisa Virello
Patricia Tomecek
Francis Gaul
James MacAllen

VETERANS' SERVICES

The Hingham Veterans' Services office is responsible for the processing and distribution of veteran's benefits in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115. During the past year, the Veterans' Services office was able to provide assistance as well as benefits to eligible Hingham veterans and their families. Assistance was provided to qualifying veterans or their families in the areas of health care, disability compensation, education, job placement and retraining programs. Medical and supplemental expenses for eligible applicants were processed and distributed through the Veterans' Services office.

There was a continued effort to increase outreach among Hingham's veterans and to provide up to date information concerning current levels of state and federal benefits available to veterans; particularly Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom veterans.

The creation of a new computerized database of military discharges implemented statewide has enabled this office to secure a copy of a veteran's discharge in a matter of minutes.

Hingham Veterans' Services was the first to exhibit the photo display, "We Need To Say Thank You", a tribute to World War II veterans by John Webster, a renowned artist and Vietnam veteran. The exhibit attracted more than two hundred World War II veterans and their families.

The Veterans Memorial was completed this year; a project of immense community involvement and pride that culminated with more than six hundred residents attending the dedication ceremony on Veteran's Day. A granite memorial was also erected in honor of the Marine Corps' canine mascots who patrolled the old Naval Ammunition Depot. This new memorial is located in Bare Cove Park.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Charles Cristello for their unwavering support and commitment to veterans issues.

Michael Cunningham, Director
Hingham Veterans' Services

WASTEWATER MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Wastewater Master Planning Committee was created by action of the 2004 Town Meeting for the purposes of overseeing the development of a strategic plan for the management of wastewater generated in Hingham.

The plan will serve two overall purposes. First, the plan will provide a foundation for making decisions about which types of wastewater disposal alternatives are most appropriate for each of our different neighborhoods, based on both technical criteria and community consensus on future development. Second, the plan will provide the MWRA with a comprehensive view of our future wastewater needs, making it more feasible to consider extending Hingham's MWRA sewer service area to those areas where such services are most practicable and desirable.

This planning process is a multi-year endeavor, structured around the work of environmental and civil engineering consultants to be engaged for the project. Initial work this year has focused on getting all members of the Committee up to speed on past plans and current studies, in preparation for the more detailed work focusing on wastewater needs, disposal alternatives and community outreach activities. Such work will commence when notification of funding is received under the State Revolving Fund, which is anticipated to be secured not long after this report has been drafted (end of March, 2005).

I would like to thank all members of the committee, prospectively, for their willingness to serve the town in this capacity and look forward to a year in which we make great progress in this study.

Mathew E. MacIver, Selectman
Chairman, pro tem
Committee Members

Eugene Babin
John Brandt
Iris Daigle
Richard Hull
Francis Mahony, Jr.
John Riley
Kirk Shilts
Mark White

WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

The 2004 Town Meeting expanded the responsibilities of the Hingham Water Supply Committee (WSC). The WSC now serves as the Town's central agency to monitor water-supply related matters among our Town's various boards and committees, fulfills the role as our community's information resource on water-supply issues, and leads planning efforts to assure long-term water sufficiency to meet our growing needs over the decades ahead.

The WSC set out to accomplish three immediate goals as our first order of business. We have just completed the first, which was to meet with each appropriate town board and learn the concerns and difficulties that they have encountered. Second, we have been actively engaged in monitoring Free St. well #4 as a potential and viable source of additional water for our growing community. Third and most important, we have forged a working relationship with our privately owned water utility, Aquarion Water Co., built on mutual cooperation and trust.

The Committee met with our state's Water Management Authority last year and confirmed that while the State controls water supply throughout the Commonwealth, state water policy encourages localities to determine whether sufficient water will be available before new developments are approved. Specifically, the State encouraged the WSC to become involved in the process of providing water availability certification to our various town boards when they consider new water-dependant projects. The State has also encouraged us to monitor developers' compliance with the terms of water balance plans agreed to by developers as a condition of approval of their projects. The Committee is actively engaged in the details with Aquarion of how this process will work.

The Committee's priority concern is monitoring Aquarion's application for approval of Free Street Well #4. The Town needs to increase its water supply in ways that are environmentally acceptable. If Well #4 is accepted by the State as meeting its supply and environmental standards for approval, the water company projects that it would meet Hingham's needs for the next 15 years. Without Well #4 Aquarion would need to turn to higher-cost options, any one of which would take time to implement, requiring the town to implement stringent conservation measures and postponement of any project that would be a substantial user of water.

We are also exploring with other town boards and agencies the feasibility of developing a comprehensive water management plan to address long-term water-related issues.

The Committee encourages citizens of the Town to bring their questions and concerns to the attention of the Committee and attend one of our regular meetings.

Roger Sullivan, Chairman
Kirk Shilts, Secretary
Greg May
Peter Puciloski
William Schrader
Robert Stuart

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

The Weir River Estuary Park (WREP) committee was formed in 2002, and brings together representatives from Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset. The committee works with local, state, and national government agencies, non-profit organizations and volunteers. The goals are to protect and restore the health of the estuary, link the land, water, and habitat resources, preserve wildlife, protect water quality, provide recreation and promote learning environmental stewardship for this natural resource.

The Weir River Estuary is one of Boston Harbors' most valuable natural resources and in 1986 a major portion of the estuary was designated an Area of Critical Environmental concern (ACEC) by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset share the Weir River Estuary and the ACEC, which includes 900 acres of water, fresh and saltwater wetlands, uplands, and borders World's End.

In 2004, Urban Harbors Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston prepared for the Weir River Estuary Park committee:

1. *Weir River Estuary Park: A Paddling & Public Access Guide*; available for distribution at the Town Libraries and Town Hall offices.
2. The *Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan* provides strategies on how to protect the lands identified in *The Building a Vision report 2003*, which identified unprotected lands around the Weir River ACEC, and *The Weir River ACEC Natural Resources Inventory 2002*. The Plan can also be accessed on the Urban Harbor website <http://www.uhi.umb.edu/publications.htm> or at www.weirriver.org.

Actions taken to support the Weir River Estuary Park Land Protection Plan in 2004 include:

1. State and local partners purchased six acres of scenic salt marsh and uplands in the estuary, of which .5 acres in Hingham will be donated to the Conservation Commission after an environmental cleanup.
2. Writing a federal grant with partners for funding to protect coastal habitat.
3. Submitting a Community Preservation Committee application.
4. Providing support for the Route 228 West corner bridge repair and culvert redesign to increase water flow to Strait's Pond.
5. Recommending that the Hingham Open Space parcel on the Porter's Cove point, as well as a parcel of land on Foundry Pond, be transferred to the Conservation Committee so that the property will be protected in perpetuity by the rules and regulations governing the use of conservation land in Hingham; approval is sought at Town Meeting 2005.
6. Spring and Fall Weir River Estuary clean-up of Rockland St. marshes.

Members of Weir River Estuary Park committee & the Weir River Watershed Association have formed a building committee to establish an educational center on the 2.8 acres of land located next to the George Washington Bridge, Hull.

The committee wishes to thank all the state and local officials, committees, and citizen volunteers for all their hard work in making this year a successful one.

The Committee and each community encourage and welcome additional resident participation at all the meetings posted in the Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull Town Halls and on the Weir River Watershed Assoc. web-site <http://www.weirriver.org>.

Faith L. Burbank, Hingham
Judeth Van Hamm, Chairperson, Hull
Richard Avery, Cohasset

FINANCE DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37 and 38.

The report is the primary means of reporting the Town's financial activities. The objective of this new model is to provide a clearer picture of our government as a single, unified entity, while retaining certain traditional financial information previously provided.

This document presents the Town's financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose. The last section of the book includes as "required supplementary information" budgetary basis schedules, which are prepared in accordance with the Town's budgetary process.

The fund perspective statements present the governmental operation on the same basis (modified accrual basis of accounting) as previous CAFR's with one exception. The account groups for long-term debt and fixed assets have been deleted. In addition, there is a perspective difference in that certain funds that are shown as fiduciary under this perspective are not portrayed under GASB 34, or are reclassified. This basis is designed to measure inter-period equity, the extent to which current resources (available within the next year) fully fund all current services provided by the government. Long-term liabilities are excluded with the implicit assumption that future tax revenues will fund them.

In addition to this "fund perspective," the new CAFR presents an "entity wide" perspective. This perspective combines all governmental and business activities in a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting. All fixed assets, with the exception of road and bridge infrastructure, are added to the statements, as are long-term liabilities such as outstanding debt. The Town is presently undertaking the task of capitalizing road and bridge infrastructure. The balance sheet has been reorganized into a "net assets format." This format classifies assets and liabilities as short and long-term and then subtracts those liabilities from net assets to arrive at net assets similar to a private company.

The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances has been completely reorganized to a new statement of

activities. The expenses of the town, organized by activity, are netted against fees, fines, grant revenues and assessments generated to fund each activity in an attempt derive the net cost to the taxpayer of each activity. The reader of the financial statements can now discern the net cost of a particular function of government funded by taxation and other general revenues by a review of this statement.

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 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. This was the eighth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of the Town and others who are concerned with its management and progress such as bond analysts, banking institutions and credit raters as well as residents and taxpayers of Hingham.

This CAFR is presented in three sections: **Introductory, Financial and Statistical**. This **Introductory Section** contains this transmittal letter with economic conditions and outlook, major initiatives, financial information and other relevant information. The **Financial Section** contains a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of an MD&A. This letter of transmittal is designed to compliment the MD&A where the financial analysis is now presented. The Town's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report from O'Connor & Drew, PC. The Town of Hingham is responsible for the accuracy of the financial statements as well as their completeness and fairness. We believe the statements are accurate in all material aspects and that they fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The **Statistical Section**

contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

PROFILE OF THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority and the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant are not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the former being a discrete unit, and the latter being a blended unit, including within the statement of fiduciary net assets.

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 districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 60 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 25% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a very active Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various activities as well as outreach programs. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority. Commuter rail service to Boston is currently under construction with a projected completion date of 2007.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. The town owns and maintains Bare Cove Park, a former federal ammunition depot during World War II that contains 468 acres. 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, Cohasset and Norwell containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities

provided by Bare Cove Park, it offers a bicycle path, hiking trails and cross country skiing trails in the winter. The state provides and maintains extensive camping facilities within the park.

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 Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day to day administration.

ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which have been in decline for much of the past decade, have risen during the last year. However, the Town traditionally and currently has lower rates than the state or the nation.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties.

State budget problems have continued over the last year, and the state has in fact decreased aid to cities and towns during fiscal year 2004. Further decreases are expected over the year.

MAJOR INITIATIVES

Since the mid 1990's the Town has made capital expenditures a high priority, and to that end the Capital Outlay Committee recommended a total of \$3,597,758 for capital improvements for Fiscal 2005. In addition a renovation to the Central Fire Station and a consolidation of the Public Works functions in to a centralized facility are being planned, with funding being reserved for both projects.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee has adopted a Financial Policy. 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 Available Reserves (Undesignated Fund Balance) be maintained at about 5% of annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the 5% level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

Budgetary Controls. The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen, attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. 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 Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all Real Estate taxes are collected during the fiscal year of billing with the remaining 3% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in Fiscal Year 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000 per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Finance Director/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, who also serves as the Director of Finance, holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals

and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

OTHER INFORMATION

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, town or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. We will be submitting the fiscal 2004 report to GFOA for review in anticipation of receiving the certificate.

Independent Audit. The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 were audited by the public accounting firm of O'Connor & Drew, P.C. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as prescribed in the Federal office of Management & Budget's Circular A133.

Acknowledgments. A special gratitude is owed to Dave A. Dilulis, and Kevin Carnes, Partners, at O'Connor & Drew, P.C., whose attention to the fiscal year 2004 financial statements was invaluable.

I also want to express my appreciation to the accounting personnel, Sue Nickerson, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, and Debra Sullivan for their assistance with the preparation of this CAFR, and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. I wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO
Finance Director/Town Accountant

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors wishes to pass on its continued praise for the staff's ongoing improvement in service to the public and for its ability to master the ever-changing functions in the system of assessing properties fairly. Lane Partridge, with the able assistance of Kathleen Collins, the Assistant Assessor, has made great strides towards reaching our ultimate goal to assure a level playing field and a fair assessment for all properties. Sandra Alger has joined the team, and along with Susanne Walker and Jean White, has done a great job of integrating all the functions resulting from the over 800 inspections performed by Bob Abbott.

Today all assessment data is available on line to all residents, real estate brokers, appraisers and bankers. With all this information also "on the counter" Susanne, Jean and Sandra have more time to concentrate on their specific tasks.

The Geographical Information System is almost ready, and a trial map is displayed in our office showing all the parcels in Hingham. A program exists that shows each property individually and the location of the improvements on the parcel. This is a great boon for appraisers in their task of viewing comparable properties, and is just another step in making sure that Hingham has one of the best assessing offices in the State.

We added over \$1,000,000 in tax dollars for new growth, allowing us to effect a slight decrease in the tax rate in spite of an increased town budget. We can look forward to a few more years of this new growth with the addition of Linden Ponds, Black Rock and the shipyard development.

We feel very fortunate that our staff operates in such a way to make our office "user friendly" to everyone.

Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman
Robert Kurtz
Mark Tyburski

HINGHAM CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

The annual report for Fiscal 2004 contains the financial statements as well as a membership statistics report, a list of new members and a list of members that retired in 2004.

The retirement system was independently audited for the year ended December 31, 2003 and an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2004 was performed in January 2004.

Ted C. Alexiades, Chairman and Ex-Officio Member
Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member
Thomas P. Hall, Appointed Member
Peter J. Blampied, Appointed Member
Nancy M. Hutt, Administrative Assistant to the Board

Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2004 (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash - Citizens Bank	\$	220,265.89
Checking – Citizens Bank	\$	0
Investments - PRIT CAPITAL	\$	54,580,409.77
Accounts Receivable	\$	1,150,913.85
Sub Total	\$	55,951,754.51

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	6,807.28
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FUND BALANCES

Annuity Savings Fund	\$	-11,743,887.38
Annuity Reserve Fund	\$	-5,397,875.65
Military Service Fund	\$	-9,660.35
Pension Fund	\$	0
Pension Reserve Fund	\$	-32,697,258.99
Sub Total	\$	-49,848,682.37

REVENUES

Investment Income	\$	-1,695,294.72
Interest Not Refunded	\$	-14,239.96
Miscellaneous Income	\$	0
Realized Gains	\$	-3,345,933.87
Realized Loss	\$	0

Unrealized Gains	\$	-4,683,007.54
Unrealized Loss	\$	2,787,079.58
Contrib. received for Military Service	\$	0
Members Deductions	\$	(1,38,844.77)
Transfers from Other Systems	\$	-48,941.69
Members Make Up & Re-deposits	\$	-101,456.41
Pension Fund Appropriation	\$	-2,570,666.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	\$	0
3(8) (c) Reimb. From Other Systems	\$	-91,894.76
Received from Commonwealth COLA	\$	-79,349.71
Member Payments from Rollovers	\$	-95,403.48
Sub Total	\$	-11,377,953.33

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	\$	42,053.19
Consultant Fees	\$	0
Management Fees	\$	208,907.28
Legal Expenses	\$	8,473.75
Medical Expenses	\$	0
Fiduciary Insurance	\$	3,787.20
Service Contracts	\$	11,023.88
Administrative Expenses	\$	35,872.09
Furniture and Equipment	\$	0
Travel	\$	826.2
Annuities Paid	\$	594,541.20
Pensions Paid	\$	3,908,124.27
COLA's Paid	\$	34,560.19
3(8) (c) Reimb. To Other Systems	\$	110,947.77
Transfers to Other Systems	\$	44,356.23
Refunds to Members	\$	225,014.56
Option B Refunds	\$	46,393.38
Sub Total	\$	5,274,881.19

New Members 2004

Alves, Abigail H.	Banks, Merrill L.
Barbuto, Antoinette M.	Berard, Jacqueline
Bickford, Ruth Janet	Bleicken, Leah
Bowers, Kenneth B.	Buckley, Diane M.
Burke, Brenda M.	Burns, Caroline C.
Calianos, Tara C.	Campbell, Catherine E.
Chase, Christian	Conway, Denise M.
Corson, Kenneth R. III	Cunningham, John M.
Davolos, Brooke, L.	Doyle, Camelle M.

Dresser, Susan L.
Fahie, Lynn M.
Garvey, John F.
Gentile, Robert T.
Glass, Tammie H.
Griffin, Richard T.
Hersey, Matthew H.
Kaulins, Maryann
Leary, Caitlin E.
Londergan, Elizabeth A.
Marani, Deborah L.
Melanson, Mark J.
Moschella, Barbara A.
Oag, Ryan J.
Rogg, Christine F.
Russell, Noelle M.
Skillings, Nancy
Stobaugh, Jennifer R.
Tzimorangas, John G.
Wall, Marybeth
Young, Jacqueline E.

Retired Members 2004

Barry, Marjorie A.
Della Barba, Linda J.
Erikson, Russell K.
Howard, Janice M.
Nolan, William F.
Rodriguez, Richard J.
Valente, Robert A.

Deceased Members 2004

Arkell, Howard A.
Corrigan, Loretta R.
Garvin, Robert W.
Kelley, Donald L.
Nardo, Vito A.
Spring, Howard E.

Dugard, Brian K.
Fernandes, Roger P.
Garvin, Eileen F.
Gillen, Joan E.
Gordon, Johnathan
Gustafson, Michelle D.
Higgins, Deborah C.
Krause, Michael F.
LeBlanc, Kathleen R.
Loscalzo, Joanne
Martin, Lynda H.
Mock, Kevin C.
Moseley, Marianne E.
Peters, Patricia
Ruffini, Catherine A.
Shilts, Suzette E.
Smoot, Elaine M.
Thorell, Mark D.
Ulrich-Nims, Margaret
Whyte, Carol A.

Burr, Marcia L.
Emery, Linda
Foley, William E.
Marcella, Mario P.
Parker, Gary R.
Shaw, Glenn A.
Welsh, Sandra

Black, Grace
Falvey, Charlotte T.
Greenberg, Donna M.
Linscott, Robert E.
Presley, Elizabeth F.
Vaugh, Jeanne M.

Membership Statistic Report 20034

Active Members

Active Membership Dec. 31, previous year	521
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, previous year	43
Enrolled during current year	61
Transfer between groups	0
Reinstatement of disabled members	0
Subtotal	625
Deduct	
Death	2
Withdrawal	53
Retirements	14
Subtotal	556
Active Membership Dec. 31, current year	493
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year	63

Retired Members, Beneficiaries and Survivors

Retired Beneficiary and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	248
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	13
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	1
Termination Retirement Allowance	1
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	0
Survivor benefits from active membership	1
Subtotal	264
Deduct	
Death of retired member's	11
Termination of Survivor's Benefits	0
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
Subtotal	252
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	
Superannuation	198

Ordinary Disability	5
Accidental Disability	16
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	9
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	2
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	9
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	12
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	2
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year	253
<u>Total Membership</u>	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary And Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	809

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

In fiscal year 2004, it was necessary to issue Bond Anticipation notes in the amount of \$4,225,000. The authorization and purposes are listed below.

Authorization Date	Amount Authorized	Purpose	The Notes
4/24/95	\$5,320,000	Middle School	\$45,000
4/22/02	980,000	Rte 3A Force Main	180,000
4/29/03	2,300,000	Sewer Construction	2,300,000
4/26/04	1,700,000	Country Club Irrigation	1,700,000
Total			\$4,225,000

The notes will be due on June 22, 2005. The net interest cost was 1.6540%. The notes were not rated. The Town's current rating is Aaa from Moody's.

I would like to thank my staff for their continued support and dedication.

Ruth Anne Beck
Treasurer Collector

WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2004

2004 Real Estate Tax	40,946,567
2004 Community Preservation Surcharge	499,730
2004 Personal Property Tax	744,776
2004 Boat Excise Tax	90,589
2004 Motor Vehicle Tax	2,535,043
2003 Motor Vehicle Tax	497,820
2002 Motor Vehicle Tax	10,973
Sewer Betterments-Paid in Advance	35,589
Deferred Real Estate Taxes and Betterments	137,996

Betterments and Liens Added to Taxes

Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	142,212
Water Betterments & Committed Interest	1,171
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest	4,413
Sewer Use Liens	123,129
Light Liens.....	28,392

TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2004

Stabilization Fund	930,078
Electric Light Depreciation	5,617,327
Fourth of July Fund	82,585
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial Fund	67,475
Medical Insurance Fund	3,542,197
More-Brewer Fund	78,354
Hannah Lincoln Whiting Charity Fund	15,880
Light Department-Customer Fund	509,161
Foundry Pond	5,856
400th Anniversary Fund	12,732
Hingham Historical Commission	46,011
Education Fund	13,723
Federal Withholding	14,529
Charles Langenhagen II Memorial Trust	14,753
Buttonwood Tree	2,358
Aid to Elderly/Disabled	5,799
USLST Association	1,136
Library Building Trust	14.68
Open Space Conservation Fund	19,625
Hingham War Memorial	154,202

TRUST FUNDS - CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2004

	Balance	
Scholarship Fund	6/30/03	6/30/04
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon	19,568.....	21,947
Orvis K. May B. Collins	41,662.....	46,845
Amasa J. Whiting.....	20,087.....	22,612
Second World War Memorial	50,561.....	56,957
Margaret McElroy	10,404.....	11,645
Stuart Macmillan.....	43,780.....	48,761
Anne Mulholland.....	4,028.....	4,459
John Lewis Russell.....	12,400.....	13,979
Caroline Murdock	9,506.....	10,660
Charles (Chuck) Martell	16,497.....	18,256
Francis James Thompson.....	1,710,945.....	1,897,805
Patricia Lynne Schneider.....	3,676.....	4,096
Harold L. Downing	15,107.....	16,977
Hingham Theater for Children.....	3,906.....	4,513
Curtis Chase	9,284.....	10,391

Wallis Lee Chipman.....	5,796.....	6,387
Russell H. Arkell.....	7,603.....	8,471
Hingham Basketball Boosters.....	9,889.....	11,150
Charles Berry.....	4,269.....	4,833
Edward O. Hornstra.....	13,563.....	15,048
William J. Laubenstein Jr.....	4,102.....	4,549
Mary Sheldon.....	5,171.....	5,745
Robin Karen Kurciviez.....	4,196.....	4,622
Mary J. Fee.....	4,029.....	4,410
Jacobs.....	24,905.....	27,631
Burditt W. Collins Memorial.....	6,077.....	6,534
Savini Music.....	4,753.....	5,246
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce.....	149,523.....	171,961
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	15,096.....	16,681
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial.....	4,291.....	4,850
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant.....	94,630.....	104,238
Hingham Band Parents.....	4,674.....	5,176
Hingham Taxpayers.....	41,030.....	45,867
Susan Burton.....	16,890.....	18,518
John Barba.....	16,250.....	18,016
Leroy L. Eldredge.....	12,425.....	13,692
M. Tilghman Earle.....	13,748.....	15,355
Lewis J. Ernst.....	9,768.....	10,998
Joan E. Pyne Memorial.....	5,383.....	6,024
John Peter Nionakis.....	4,815.....	5,375
Kids Cabaret.....	2,594.....	2,801
Field Hockey Tea.....	6,161.....	7,352
Charles L. Vickery.....	18,324.....	22,412
Jamin Guarino.....	22,518.....	26,383
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace.....	7,392.....	8,242
M. Dorothy Clifford.....	6,804.....	7,541
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.....	2,254.....	2,430
Hingham Scholarship Memorial.....	665.....	2,930
Crofoot Trust.....	15,911.....	17,258
Gloria O. Lofgren.....	10,116.....	11,264
Robin Helene Ruben.....	8,100.....	11,040
Robert L. Goodrich.....	24,627.....	27,386
Helen S. Wollan.....	3,003.....	3,537
Former Students of Hingham High School.....	10,450.....	11,453
General Fund.....	3,533.....	4,083
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	0.....	10,115
Hingham Women's Club.....	0.....	5,617
Total.....	2,596,739.....	2,913,123

