

# Annual Report



Town of Hingham  
2020

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*Hingham's first outdoor Town Meeting, June 2020*

Area	22.59 Square Miles	
Shore Line	21 Miles	
Population	24,287	
Registered Voters	18,933	
Dem. 4,565; Rep. 2,825; Un-enrolled, 11,356; Other, 186		
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,523	
Assessed Value		
Real Property	\$6,790,348,860	
Personal Property	\$111,607,580	
Tax Rate	\$11.80	
Schools	6	
Public School Children, K-12	3,884	
Professional Staff	393	
Support Staff	301	
Total FY2021 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$126,477,072	
Total FY2021 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$58,080,851	
State Senator	State Rep.	State Rep.
Norfolk-Plymouth	Third Plymouth Dist.	Fourth Norfolk Dist.
Patrick O'Connor	Precincts 1,3,4,5,5A,6	Precinct 2
State House,	Joan Meschino	James Murphy
Rm. 520	State House, Rm. 437	State House, Rm. 156
Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1646	617-722-2425	617-722-2240



*The year of Zoom meetings: Chair Mary Power, Joseph Fisher and William Ramsey*

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## Board of Selectmen

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I am pleased to submit this report for Fiscal Year 2021 on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

We begin by recognizing the significant contributions made by our municipal and school leadership and employees over the past fifteen months. We reimagined our services, programs, and public meetings and found new ways to engage the public, while keeping our citizens and employees safe. Our restaurant re-opening team worked with local restaurants to find creative ways to offer outdoor dining. We opened a COVID-19 testing site for our residents, employees, and the general public. With the generosity of the South Shore Baptist Church and support of the Hingham Health and Fire Departments, we conducted COVID-19 vaccination clinics using all the vaccines the Town received. We worked to secure CARES Act and FEMA funding for COVID-19 related expenses. Many of these same dedicated individuals are working to develop a re-opening plan as this report is being written, and we stand ready to reopen our vaccination clinic if requested to do so and upon receiving additional vaccines.

Words cannot adequately express the Board's gratitude to our employees and fellow citizens for the many ways you have taken care of our community, particularly our most vulnerable citizens. Our deepest thanks to you all.

Despite COVID-19, the Town made important progress in other areas. On July 31, 2020, ownership and operations of the water system – now known as the Weir River Water System – were successfully transferred to the Town. Suez, the water system operator, hired all existing staff with the exception of one employee who relocated from the area. The Town hired a Water Superintendent who, among other activities, has commissioned both a Capital Improvement Plan and Cost of Service Study. The citizen volunteer Transition and Evaluation Committee and Citizens Advisory Board are both engaged in this work.

The Town continues to address strategic infrastructure needs. In late 2020, the Town was invited into the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Repair program to replace the windows at Plymouth River School. At an outdoor Special Town Meeting in November 2020, citizens authorized to purchase a parcel of land located on Route 3A upon which to build a public safety facility that would replace the North Fire Station and the Police Station. Relocation of the Police Station would allow for the long-desired expansion of the Senior Center at Town Hall.

Under the direction of our Town Administrator, a Climate Action Planning Task Force defined a process to allow Hingham to plan for our carbon neutral future.

Other items of note since the last Annual Town Meeting include the re-establishment of the Commission on Disabilities, the passage of legislation to enact a Senior Means-Tested Property Tax Exemption, which will provide annual property tax exemptions to qualified seniors, the completion of a Town-wide study of all outdoor athletic facilities, the opening of Beach House Hingham at the Hingham Bathing Beach, the purchase of the Benjamin Lincoln House by the Hingham Historical Society, and the Town's successful efforts to prevent the elimination of the MBTA ferry and drastic reductions to Greenbush commuter rail service.

Our Town continues to be well-served.

### **Leadership**

In June 2020, the Town elected Bill Ramsey to the Board of Selectmen, filling the seat vacated by Karen Johnson. Bill is a Hingham native, veteran, and long-standing Town volunteer. We thank Karen for her many years of dedicated service to the Town and welcome Bill to his new role.

Our Town department heads continue to serve with great professionalism. We saw the retirements of two highly respected leaders, Police Chief Glenn Olsson and Director of Assessing Rick Nowlan. We wish them well in their

retirement and thank them for a job well done. We welcome Police Chief David Jones and Director of Assessing Erin Walsh to their new roles. We also welcome Weir River Water System Superintendent Russell Tierney.

By the end of the current fiscal year, the Town will have two additional retirements, Director of Information Technology Steve Becker and Town Clerk Eileen McCracken. Steve and Eileen were both instrumental in the Town's ability to continue providing services while Town offices were closed. Their dedication and many contributions to Hingham have left an indelible imprint on our community.

Finally, we thank the hundreds of citizen volunteers who generously give of their time and talents to work on behalf of the Town. This year alone, the Board appointed over 70 citizens to various committees and boards. Your willingness to contribute your time and talents to our community are very much appreciated. You are integral to making Hingham a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Power, Chair  
Joseph M. Fisher  
William C. Ramsey

## Town Administrator

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

2020 was a difficult year for all of us. We saw tragedy play out all around us, personally and professionally. The pandemic affected how we interact with loved ones, how we earn a living, how we eat—simply how we engage with the world around us. The pandemic cast a dark shadow over everything we did throughout the year. Our work governing Hingham was no exception. I believe, as the Chief Operating Officer of the Town, it is my responsibility to keep people safe while maintaining an acceptable level of service. Since the onset of COVID-19, we have not had any transmission of the virus through contact while working for or with the Town of Hingham. While services were delivered in less than optimal and certainly non-traditional ways, I believe the public has been well served. Despite the challenges the pandemic wrought upon us, Hingham's local government was active and achieved many important goals.

Annual Town Meeting 2020 (held outdoors for the first time) adopted a balanced budget that was accompanied by a spending management plan. This "financial management plan" was adopted by the Board the Selectmen, Advisory Committee, and School Committee in a show of solidarity in understanding the difficult budget environment imposed on the Town as a result of the pandemic. Thankfully, projected revenue deficits did not fully materialize. When coupled with the allowance from a healthy Fund Balance for appropriate operating expenditures, significant local support provided by the federal CARES Act and FEMA, and strong fiscal management practices, the Town was able to weather financial difficulties resulting from the pandemic in 2020.

The transition of ownership of our public water system from Aquarion to the Town has begun. After 2019's historic decision to purchase the water company from the long-time private operator, the Town has now hired its first Water Superintendent and engaged the services of Suez, a national provider of drinking water services. With operations running smoothly, Suez will soon take over customer service and billing to complete the transition.

At a rare Special Town Meeting held in November 2020 (also outside), the Town voted to purchase property located at 335 Lincoln Street for the purposes of designing and building a new joint public safety complex. This new building would eventually house the North Fire Station as well as Police Headquarters.

Hingham was successful in being invited into the Massachusetts School Building Authority's funding programs for both a new Foster Elementary School and new windows at Plymouth River Elementary School. This program will save the Town millions of dollars and given the economic uncertainty as a result of the pandemic, this assistance is especially valued.

Other important initiatives were accomplished during the year, including advancing the Master Plan, completing a town-wide athletic fields and courts study, helped to save the ferry and Greenbush lines from closure, permitted outdoor table service to help sustain local restaurants, preserved the Benjamin Lincoln House for future generations, advanced climate planning initiatives, and much more.

As always, the citizens of Hingham found ways to give back, including by supporting neighbors in need, providing food or other support to anyone struggling with the impact of the pandemic, or volunteering in your local government as is the custom in Hingham. Public service has certainly taken on a different look in 2020 with all of the Zoom meetings; however, while not our traditional approach, the work of our volunteers was no less important. Volunteers allow the Town to function and prosper. As with every year, I would like to thank all those who contributed their time and talents to the Town this year. We simply could not do it without you.

Facilitation of the Selectmen's policy agenda continues to be the focus for our office. Beyond the daily activities of meeting agendas, addressing citizen concerns, personnel management, and budget and Town Meeting Warrant preparation, this includes implementing policies identified in the Selectmen's Annual Goals and Objectives.

As I continue in my role as your Town Administrator, I do so as part of a team. I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and welcome Bill Ramsey to the team. I would also like to thank the department heads and all Town employees and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Hingham. Specifically, I would like to thank our dedicated and highly professional staff in the Selectmen's office consisting of Michelle Monsegur, Sharon Perfetti, Heidi Gaul, and Kathy Reilly for their ongoing commitment to the success of the entire organization. We have a great team in the Selectmen's office and I look forward to another successful year in 2021.



Tom Mayo  
Town Administrator

## A Farewell Note from the Town Clerk

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What a year 2020 was! In addition to managing four elections, implementing new early voting procedures, and assisting with two Town Meetings, we had to adjust all of our work to reflect the new realities and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am grateful to my team in the Clerk's Office and our dedicated group of election workers and volunteers who enthusiastically put in long hours and extra efforts to ensure all elections and events were successful. They were amazing!

Thankfully, the Presidential Primary, in which 45% of the voters attended, was already behind us when Town Hall temporarily closed in March 2020 due to COVID-19. We found new ways to keep citizens and voters informed, made sure they could safely participate in elections, and continued to serve the public as best we could. For the first time, Town Meeting and the Town Election were moved to June and Town Meeting was held outdoors so residents could remain socially distant and stay safe. The State Primary in September 2020 had early voting, which helped contribute to a turnout of 42%. There were no breaks for our team, who immediately turned to the Presidential Election in November. Again, thanks to my committed colleagues, over 11,000 early voting ballots were cast and turnout was at 86.5% by the end of Election Day. Good job, Hingham!

At the end of this year, I made the difficult decision to retire as Town Clerk. The Town Clerk's Office is where people usually start their journey into knowing what our town has to offer. We strive to make citizens feel welcome and to serve as an excellent source of information. I think we have been very successful.

I have served as your Town Clerk for 24 years and have worked for the Town of Hingham for over 34 years. This has been the best job I could have imagined and I have enjoyed every minute. It has truly been an honor to have been elected by the community eight times. I must have done something right!

I have been very fortunate to have a great team. I want to thank Liz MacVarish for working with me in the Clerk's Office for 22 years. Liz was a fantastic teammate as well as a good friend. I wish her all the best and hope she is enjoying her retirement.

Even though this last year was difficult, especially not seeing my colleagues as often in Town Hall, I know I will miss every one of them.

The Town of Hingham is very lucky to have such a good group of people who are dedicated to doing the best they can to help the people of Hingham. I will miss being a part of this "family".

I want to extend my best wishes to the next Town Clerk. I hope you will enjoy the position as much as I have.

Thank you and take care,

Eileen McCracken, Town Clerk



# 2020 Elected Town Officers

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	Term Expires
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b>	
Michael J. Puzo	2021
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)</b>	
William C. Ramsey	2023
Joseph M. Fisher	2022
Mary M. Power	2021
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b>	
Eileen A. McCracken	2021
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b>	
Stuart Gregory Hall	2023
Christine M. Roberts	2022
Charlton A. Chambers	2021
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b>	
Elizabeth Eldredge	2023
Kirk J. Shilts	2022
Peter B. Bickford	2021
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b>	
John Ryan	2023
Roger M. Freeman	2022
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2021
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b>	
Megan M. Buhr	2025
Janine Suchecki	2024
James Watson	2023
Greg O'Meara (Selectmen Appointment)	2022
Irma Lauter (Appointed by State)	2021
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)</b>	
Michelle Ayer	2023
Jennifer Benham	2023
Elizabeth O'Reilly	2022
Carlos A. F. Da Silva	2022
Nancy Correnti	2022

Elizabeth Emerson Lewiecki	2021
Kerry J. Ni	2021

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Rita Dasilva	2025
Kevin M. Ellis	2024
Judith Sneath	2023
Gordon M. Carr	2022
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2021

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Stephen Harold	2023
Kirk J. Shilts	2022
Robert M. Higgins	2021

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Adrienne S. Ramsey	2025
Ryan J. Lynch	2024
Vicki Donlan	2023
Nandita S. Scott	2022
Bruce Thompson	2021

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

Karen Sadlon	2023
Laura Boyle	2022
Laurel H. Cosman	2021

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

Edward Johnson  
Alan Perrault  
Christopher Daly

# 2020 Appointees

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Term Expires

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

**(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)**

Susan Nickerson

## **ADA COORDINATOR**

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Michelle Monsegur

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Andrew McElaney	2023
Elizabeth Claypoole	2023
George Danis	2023
Evan Sheehan	2023
Alan MacDonald	2023
David Anderson	2022
Brenda Black	2022
Robert Curley	2022
Eryn Kelley	2022
Julie Strehle	2022
Kristin Dziergowski	2021
Tina Sherwood	2021
Victor Baltera	2021
Nancy MacDonald	2021
Davalene Cooper	2021

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 21 ATM 2007) 2 Year Term**

Elizabeth Von Pier	2022
Timothy White	2022
John Falvey	2021
Kathleen Amonte	2021
(Vacant)	2021
Gregory Waxman	2021
Amy Farrell	2021
Nancy Kerber	2021
Al Chambers	2021
Bill Ramsey (Selectmen's Rep)	

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

Paul Healey 2022  
Robyn Maguire 2021

**Associate Members (one year term)**

Lauren Galvin 2021  
David Ullrich 2021  
Michael Mercurio 2021  
Mario Romania, Jr. 2021  
Joseph Ruccio 2021  
Andy Touchette 2021

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

Leonette Scappini (Moderator Appt.) 2023  
Doug Farrington (Selectmen Appt.) 2022  
Rob Shickel (Moderator Appt.) 2022  
Joshua Marine (Moderator Appt.) 2021  
John Deeley (Selectmen Appt.) 2021  
Thomas Mayo, Town Administrator, ex-officio  
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio

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

Karen Trask 2023  
Michael Cioffi 2023  
David Sargent 2023  
Rikard Johnson 2023  
Claudia Eaton 2023  
DeWitt DeLawter 2022  
Leah Godfrey 2022  
Lauren Murphy 2022  
Ray O'Neill 2021  
Edward Matthews, Chair

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

Carolyn Aliski 2023  
Diane Morrison 2023  
Patricia Bray 2022  
Margaret Coleman 2022  
Patricia Collins 2022  
Laura Spaziani, Chair 2022  
Susan Kiley 2021

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Elizabeth Eldredge, MD

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN CLERK**

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Sally Sinclair

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon

Chris Daly

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner

Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector

David Comoletti, Inspector of Wires

Donald Drew, Ass't. Inspector of Wires

David Bennett, Ass't. Inspector of Wires

Jay Yetman, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

John Rice	2023
Christopher Baron	2022
David Jones, Chairman	2022
Michael Leary	2022
Jeff Cutler	2021
(Vacant)	2021

Dr. Paul Austin (School Rep)

Michelle Balconi (Harbor Media)

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**

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

Kevin Flaherty 2022

Matthew Goulet 2021

Eric Valentine 2020

Michael Donovan 2019

**Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman**

Elizabeth Claypool

Eric Haskell

**Ex-Officio**

Treasurer (Non-voting member)

**CLEANER GREENER HINGHAM COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974, 2 year term)**

Janice McPhillips	2022
Stephen T. Jiranek	2022
Andrew Ayer	2022
Alyson Anderson	2022
Katie Gallacher	2021
Christine Nielsen	2021
Kathleen Puzo	2021
David P. White	2021
Maria Zade	2021

**Ex-officio**

Superintendent Public Works

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**(ART38 ATM 2001)**

William Harrington (Selectmen Appt.)	2023
Larry Lindner (Selectmen Appt.)	2022
Charles Byrne (Moderator Appt.)	2023
Kirsten Moore (Moderator Appt.)	2022
Judith Sneath (Planning Board Rep.)	2021
Thomas Roby (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2022
Kevin Burke (Historical Comm. Rep.)	2022
James R. Watson (Housing Authority Rep.)	2019
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2022

**COMPRESSOR STATION TASK FORCE**

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Turner Bledsoe  
Kristin Casey  
Mary Farrington  
Richard Norman  
Joshua Ross

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Crystal Kelly	2022
Jacqueline Zane	2022
Thomas Roby	2020
Henry Hidell	2023
Robert Mosher	2023
Paul Hall	2019

**CONSTABLE**

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

Horatio Hemmings	2022
Kathleen Peloquin	2020

**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD**

**(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Robert Mansfield	2022
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2021
Eileen A. McCracken (Retirement Board Appt.)	2021
Charlie Cristello (Appointed by Selectmen)	2021

**Ex-officio**

Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

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

Debra Sullivan	2023
Linda Powers	2023
Scott Stevenson	2023
David Alschuler	2022
Kristin Arute	2022
Warren Millburg	2022
Eleanor Letterie	2021
Linda Hurley	2021
Karen Johnson	2021
Dawn Sibor	2021
Chrissy Roberts	2020
Gail Faring	2020
Debra Hoffman	2020

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)**

John J. Bailey	2021
Christine Smith	2021
William Friend	2020
Roderick C. Gaskell	2020
Susan Sullivan	2020
Sean Toland	2020

**COURT PROSECUTORS HINGHAM DISTRICT COURT**

Hanover Police Dept. - Sgt. Daniel Salvucci, Sgt. Timothy Kane  
Hull Police Dept. - Officer Michael J. Flaherty  
Norwell Police Dept. - Sgt. Urpo Nurmenniemi, Officer William Pasteris  
Rockland Police Dept. - Officer Sean Brundige, Officer Jeff DiRenzo  
Scituate Police Dept. - Det. Owen Kirkbride, Sgt. James Bulman,  
Sgt. James Gilmartin

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)**

Ellen Stone	2023
Stephanie Gertz	2022
Megan Ward	2021
Leah Godfrey	2021
Janine Suchecki, Chair	2020
Patti Coyle	2020
Patricia Byrnes	2020

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

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

Jill Nilsen	2025
Nancy Wiley	2021
Brian Stack	2021
Michael Fisher	2020
Michael Kranzley	2022
Kevin O'Brien	2025
Brett Rosenquest	2020
Brian Tomasello	2020

**DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON**

**(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989, ART. 50)**

Stephanie Gertz	2023
Keith Jeermyn	2023
Diane DeNapoli	2023
Megan Baker	2022
Marie OLaughlin	2021
Elected/Appointed Town Official	2022
At-large	2021

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)**

Dr. Paul Austin  
Jennifer Henriksen  
Patricia Tomecek

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Chief Stephen Murphy

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE**

**(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

Mikhail Kacherovich, Moderator Appt.	2023
Ben Kerman, M.D., Selectmen Appt.	2022
Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt., Chair	2022
(Vacant), Selectmen Appt.	2022
Michael Reive, Moderator Appt.	2022
Beth C. Porter, Moderator Appt.	2021
Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.	

**Ex-officio**

Town Accountant  
School Business Manager

**FIRE CHIEF**

Stephen Murphy

**FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Greg MacCune	2021
Al Kearney	2021
Kevin Ellis	2021

**(Appt. by Moderator)**

Mark Wilkin	2021
Karen Griswold	2021
Thomas Carey	2021

**FOSTER SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**ART 19 ATM 2017**

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Linda Hill	2023
Jennifer Murphy	2023

**(Appt. by Moderator)**

Raymond Estes	2023
Kevin Lynch	2023

**(Appt. by School Committee)**

Edward Schrier	2020
Timothy O'Neill	2020

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)**

Jason Caine	Cassie McDermott
Mary Ellen Lahiff	Jim Murphy (Chair)
Monica Conyngham	Carrie Murphy
Mark Everett	Dewitt DeLawter
Jack Dean	Louis O’Dea
John Monz	Glenn Olsson
George Ford	Gabby Roegner
Lynn Rayburn	Dan Lahiff
Tom Hoffman	Lynn Barclay
Jeff Lally	Maura Richards
William Fortune	Brian Appel
Heather Johnson	

**GAR HALL TRUSTEES**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)**

Robert Beal, Jr.	2023
Scott McMillan	2022
Frank Sheelen	2022

**HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

Paul Branagan	2023
Marco Boer	2023
Paul Gannon	2023
Scott Darby	2022
William S. Reardon, Chair	2022
Katie Doran Cutler	2021
Deirdre Anderson	2021

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

Kenneth R. Corson, III

**Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)**

Joseph P. Driscoll, Head Assistant	2022
Michael McCue	2022
Danny Souza	2022
Daniel Goldstein	2022
Connor Kennedy	2022
Jake Handrahan	2022
Max Goldstein	2022

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

**HISTORIAN, TOWN**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 ATM 1943)**

Alexander Macmillan

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**

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

Carol Pyles, At-large	2023
Justin Aborn (Planning Board Designee)	2022
Hans von der Luft (Resident in HD)	2022
Michael Collard (Architect)	2021
Catherine Daly (Historical Society Rep.)	2021

**Alternate Members**

Tracy Shrinver (Architect)	2023
Mary Anne Donaldson (Planning Board Rep.)	2023
Ben Burnham, At-large	2022
Robert Edson, (Resident in HD)	2020

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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

Robert Stansell	2023
Stephen Dempsey	2023
Elizabeth Dings	2023
Kevin Burke	2022
Sarah Carolan	2022
Jim Conroy	2021
Signe McCullough	2021

**LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF**

Lucy Hancock  
Charles B. Abbott, Esq.  
Jeremy Parker  
Aylene Calnan  
Edward D. Boylan  
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.  
Arthur Garrity  
David Mehegan  
JoAnn Mitchell  
Edward Siegfried  
Elizabeth Eldredge  
Michael Spatola

**Appt. By Selectmen**

Tom Carey	2023
Mirela Izmerlic	2022
Thomas Ventresca	2021

**Appt. By Moderator**

Eric Haskell 2022  
George Schwartz 2021

**Ex-officio**

Rep. of Board of Selectmen  
Treasurer/Collector  
Superintendent of Schools

**LINCOLN APARTMENTS, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS  
(ART 1 STM 2008)**

Greg Doble (Selectmen Appt.) 2023  
Gretchen Condon (Moderator Appt.) 2022  
Dave Ellison (Selectmen Appt.) 2021  
Amy Farrell (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.) 2020  
Janet McNulty (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.) 2020

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

Tom Mayo, Selectmen Designee  
Michelle Monsegur, Broadcast & Print Media  
David Jones, Law Enforcement  
Stephen Murphy, Civil Defense  
Lou LaChance, Firefighting  
Jim Sheard, First Aid  
Susan Sarni, Health  
Loni Fournier, Local Environmental  
Joan Cooper-Zach, Hospital  
John Ferris, Transportation Personnel  
Jennifer Young, Community Groups  
Paul Heanue, Owners and Operators of Facilities  
Randy Sylvester, Department of Public Works  
Ken Corson, Other

**MBTA ADVISORY BOARD**

David Alschuler, Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.**

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

**MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)**

Brendan Concannon, Hingham Representative

**MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE  
(Article 36 ATM 2019)**

Gordon Carr  
Adrienne Ramsey  
Liza O'Reilly  
Paul Healey  
Nancy Kerber  
Susan Sarni  
Donna Smallwood  
Deidre Anderson  
Michael Kranzley  
Hans Von der Luft  
Bryce Blair  
Bob Hidell  
Liz Klein  
Jerry Seelen  
Vcevy Strekalovsky

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

Kenneth Drescher, Chair  
Jason Ryan 2022  
Sarah Carolan 2022  
Martha Ryan 2022  
Michael Shilhan 2022  
Shawn Wegener 2022

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)**

David Alschuler 2021

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**NAMING BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

Phil Edmundson  
Wendy Ellison  
Scott Ford  
Sarah Melia  
Melissa Tully

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
(MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Charles Berry (Planning Board Appt.)	2021
Gerald Allen (Conservation Appt.), Chairman	2020
Carolyn Nieslen (Selectmen Appt.)	2019

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

Eileen A. McCracken

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

Russell Conn	2023
Jack Manning	2023
Joseph F. Kelly	2022
Courtney Orwig	2021
David Pace	2021

**PLANNING BOARD  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Ted Matthews (Associate Member)	2021
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**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

Mary Power

**POLICE CHIEF  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

David Jones, Interim

**PRESERVATION AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Benjamin Burnham	2023
Vcevoid Strekalovsky	2023
Jack Hobbs	2021
Jennifer Schwartz	2021

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE  
ART 13, ATM 2020)**

**(Appt. by Moderator)**

Paul Healey  
Joseph Kelly  
Talbert Lauter  
Bruce MacAloney

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Robert Garrity  
Donna Smallwood  
Andy Touchette  
David Jones, Ex-Officio  
Steve Murphy, Ex-Officio

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

Randy Sylvester

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)**

Judith Nims	2023
Donna Marchand	2022
Thomas Burbank	2021
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

**ROUTE 3A TASK FORCE**

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Deirdre Anderson  
Bryce Blair  
Alan Perrault  
Judith Sneath  
Paul Healey  
J.R. Frey, Town Engineer  
Mary Savage-Dunham, Community Planning

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)**

Adam White	2023
Roger Nastou	2022
Matthew McGonagle	2022
Francis Gaul, Jr.	2022
John Fitzsimmons	2021
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer	Statutory

**SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE  
(ART 14, ATM 2020)**

**(Appt. by Moderator)**

Vicki Donlan  
Clement McCarey  
Jean Silverio  
Stephen Young

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Beth Rouleau  
Sally O’Hare  
Tom Carey  
Jennifer Young, Ex-Officio

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Michael Studley	2023
Philip Shute	2023
James R. Huse, Chairman	2021
Barbara Kardok	2021
Dorothy Manganaro	2021

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen Messinger  
Randy Sylvester

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER**

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Raymond Abreau	Jake Handrahan	Michael Riley
Leslie Badger	Robert Mansfield	Charles Souther
Mark Brennan	Michael McCue	James Taylor
Kenneth Corson	Michael Murray	Ashley Thomas
Joseph Driscoll	Kevin Nguyen	Russell Way
Daniel Galvin	John Norris	James Wells
Daniel Goldstein	Michael Parker	Brian Willard
Max Goldstein	Mitchell Powers	

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Thomas Mayo

**2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Ad Hoc Appt. by Selectmen, 12/20/12)**

Charlie Cristello  
Tina Sherwood  
Thomas Carey, Jr.  
Ronnie Kirvin  
Jerry Seelen

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Jeffrey Kilroy (Police Rep.)	
John Haley (Fire Rep.)	
William Ramsey (Planning Board Rep.)	
Matthew Person	2022
Daniel Miller	2021

**TREASURER**

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer/Collector

**TREE PRESERVATION STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. by Selectmen Article 27, ATM 2020)**

Priya Howell  
 Heather Kaas  
 Katie McBrine  
 Rebecca Mullaley  
 Ben Smith

**TREE WARDEN**

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

**VETERANS COUNCIL**

**(MGL Ch. 115, Sec. 12, Appt. by Selectmen)**

Thomas Burbank	2022
Benjamin Dulieu	2022
Joseph Gragg	2022
Janine Suchecki	2022
Hank Maude	2021
Mary Ann Blackmur	2021
James Ippolito, Chaplain	2021
Kelly Collins	2021
Frank Curtis	2020
Scott McMillan	2020
Jack Rayburn	2020
Joseph Sweeney	2020

**WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

Maureen F. Doran  
 Matthew H. Greene  
 Ron Kirven  
 Samuel S. Mullin, Chair  
 Kirk J. Shilts

Adam C. S. White  
Melissa Bower Smith  
Kelly Huffman

**WATER TRANSITION & EVALUATION COMMITTEE  
(ARTICLE 11, ATM 2019)**

**Appointed by Moderator**

David von Loesecke	2022
Dick Norman	2021
Joe Welch	2021

**Appointed by Selectmen**

Scott Cyr	2023
Jim Taylor	2022

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)**

Robert Egan

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Sharon Burbank Allen, Hingham Representative  
Patricia Coyle, Hingham Representative

**WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD  
(Appt. by Selectmen, ARTICLE 11, ATM 2019, modified ARTICLE  
21, ATM 2020)**

Chrissy Roberts  
Stephen Weiss  
Sam Mullin  
Donna Pursel (Hull Appointment)  
John Struzziery (Hull Appointment)

**WHISTLEBLOWER COMMITTEE**

Dan Dwyer (Moderator Appt.)  
Michael Dwyer (Chair of Audit Committee)  
David Pace (Chair of Personnel Board)

# Annual Town Meeting

## June 20, 2020

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**Registered Voters: 18,055**

**Attendance: 392**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held outdoors at the Hingham High School Multi-Purpose Athletic Field, 17 Union Street, on June 20, 2020. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m, a quorum being present. The Pledge of Allegiance led by John Asher, a member of the Veterans Council. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **ARTICLES INDEX**

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, Etc.
3. Reports of Various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
8. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
11. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
12. Public Safety Facility Feasibility & Design Funds
13. Public Safety Facility Building Committee
14. Design Funds for Senior Center Renovations
15. Senior Center Building Committee
16. Amendment to Council on Aging By-laws
17. Additional Funds for Foster School Feasibility Study
18. Community Preservation Committee
19. Community Preservation Committee-Benjamin Lincoln House
20. COLA Adjustments for Retirees
21. Water: Modify Size of Citizens Advisory Board
22. Water: Local Acceptance of M.G.L. c. 40, § 42A through 42I
23. Water: Funding for Water Capital Improvements
24. Town-wide Facilities Study
25. IT Department Upgrades
26. Maintenance Facility for the South Shore Country Club
27. Citizen Petition: Tree Preservation By-law
28. Acceptance of Solar PILOT agreement 1
29. Acceptance of Solar PILOT agreement 2
30. Citizen Petition: Hingham Cemetery Expansion

31. Amend Zoning By-law: Site Plan Review
32. Amend Zoning By-law: Downtown Overlay District
33. Amend Zoning By-law: Abandonment or Discontinuance of Nonconforming Single Family Dwellings
34. Amend Zoning By-law: Update Floodplain Map References
35. Transfer of Insurance Funds Related to High School Fire
36. Transfer of Insurance Funds Related to East School Flood
37. Discontinuance and Disposition of Portion of Old Derby Street
38. Acceptance of Easements

## **Article 1**

**VOTED:** That Karen Sadlon, 33 South Pleasant Street, be re-elected as a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hanna Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term if three years.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and only to the extent permitted by, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 91, section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance, and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores, and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with section 11 of said chapter 91, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

A Unanimous Vote

## **Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the reports, if any, of the existing Town Committees and Commissions and the Town Historian be received; and that all of said bodies and posts of government be continued, except that the Fire Station Building Committee be discharged with thanks.

### **A Unanimous 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 Cost Item agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2020, or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$463,454 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personnel Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the 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, 2020, through June 30, 2021, for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

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

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

Town Clerk<sup>1</sup>: in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-law.

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

Provided: that the salary of the Town Clerk shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

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<sup>1</sup> Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 41, section 19G.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 6**

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate for each of the following purposes, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, 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 partial payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; and provided that any amount or portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 7**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$178,836 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate.

### **2/3rds Vote Required**

#### **A Majority Vote**

## **Article 8**

VOTED: That, with the exception of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant's ("HMLP") payment in lieu of taxes, which is hereby transferred to the Town's General Fund, all funds received by the HMLP during the 12-month period commencing July 1, 2020, be appropriated to said HMLP, the same to be expended by the Manager of said HMLP under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board, for the expenses of the Plant during said period, as defined in sections 57 and 57A of chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and, if there should be any surplus receipts at the end of said period, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Plant's net investment in capital assets and appropriated and used for such additions to the Plant as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 9**

**VOTED:** That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Building Department Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2021 to \$350,000.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 10**

**VOTED:** That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Elder Services Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2021 to \$80,000.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 11**

**VOTED:** The Advisory Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

### **No Action**

## **Article 12**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer from available reserves an amount not in excess of \$250,000 for a feasibility study and conceptual design documents related to a new Public Safety Facility located at 335 Lincoln Street, Hingham, MA.

### **Majority Votes Required**

#### **A Majority Vote**

## **Article 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town establish a Public Safety Facility Building Committee consisting of seven members, as follows: four citizens of the Town appointed by the Moderator and three citizens of the Town appointed by the Board of Selectmen, with the Fire Chief and the Police Chief serving as ex-officio, non-voting members and the chair of said committee to be elected from among its members.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 14**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from available reserves an amount not in excess of \$525,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to be used for any expenses for architectural, engineering, and other services related to site design through the issuance of bid documents for construction for renovations to the Senior Center and the space currently occupied by the Police Department in Town Hall, including ancillary space in Town Hall and related parking spaces.

### **Majority Votes Required**

#### **A Majority Vote**

## **Article 15**

**VOTED:** That the Town establish a Senior Center Building Committee consisting of seven members, as follows: four citizens of the Town appointed by the Moderator; three citizens of the town appointed by the Board of Selectmen; with the Director of Elder Services serving as an ex officio non-voting member, and the chair of said committee to be elected from among its members.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 16**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend article 16 of the General By-laws of the Town, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, as follows:

By deleting section 1 of article 16 and replacing it with the following sentence:

“There shall be a Council on Aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in cooperation with programs of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs as established under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 6A, section 16.”

By deleting the first sentence of section 4 of article 16 and replacing it with the following sentence:

“The Council on Aging at its annual meeting to be held at a date, time, and place as determined by the Council shall elect from its membership a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.”

And by deleting section 5 of article 16 and replacing it with the following:

“Section 5 - The Council shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Town and shall send a copy thereof to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.”

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$350,000 (in addition to those funds appropriated under Article 20 of the 2017 Town

of Hingham Annual Town Meeting) to be expended under the direction of the 2017 School Building Committee for a feasibility study for Foster Elementary School located at 55 Downer Ave (Assessor's Map ID 38/0/1), for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 20 thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 18**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate or set aside for later spending funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows:

- 1) Appropriate \$123,400 from the Community Affordable Housing Trust and \$148,900 from the Community Preservation General Fund, for a total of \$272,300, to be used by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for the HAHT Opportunity Fund;
- 2) Appropriate \$75,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Recreation Commission to repair the tennis courts at Plymouth River School located at 0 High Street, Map 124/Lot 43;
- 3) Appropriate \$8,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Conservation Commission to re-survey the property boundary of the Lehner Conservation Area, erect two way-finding kiosks, and mark with fence posts a boundary between the Lehner Conservation Area and a private property located at 0, 32, and 56 South Pleasant Street, Map 137/Lots 1, 18, & 21b;
- 4) Appropriate \$40,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Historical

Commission to clear the land and restore gravestones at the Canterbury Street Cemetery located at the intersection of Canterbury and Rockland Streets, Map 43, Lot 110;

- 5) Appropriate \$500,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the South Shore Country Club for the design and construction documents of a new pool to be located at 274 South Street, Map 70/Lot14;
- 6) Appropriate \$32,030 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Congregation of Second Parish to restore the tower clock faces located at 685 Main Street, Map 126/Lot 47.

**Number 5 Majority Vote**  
**Others Unanimous Vote**

**Article 19**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$772,000, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to be used by the Hingham Historical Society to help purchase the Benjamin Lincoln House located at 181 North Street, Map 61/Lot 12, in order to repurpose the property as a museum open to the public, and to meet such appropriation by a) expending \$32,713 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve and \$243,956 from the Community Preservation General Fund and b) authorizing the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$495,331, together with the costs of borrowing, under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44B, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. In order to carry out the purposes of this vote, the Board of Selectmen and the Community Preservation Committee are authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Hingham Historical Society.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

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

## **Article 20**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 32, section 103 (j) and increase the maximum base on which the COLA (Cost-of Living Adjustment) is calculated to \$14,000 and, provided further, that an appropriations increase of \$93,600 for Fiscal Year 2021 be approved and transferred from available funds to meet the Fiscal Year 2021 obligation.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 21**

**VOTED:** That the Town alter the composition of the Citizens Advisory Board as previously established under Article 11 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the total number of members from five to six and by increasing the number of members nominated by the Town of Hull Board of Selectmen from one to two members.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Chapter 40, Sections 42A through 42I of the Massachusetts General Laws.

### **Majority Votes Required**

#### **A Majority Vote**

## **Article 23**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$2,700,000 to pay costs of designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, repairing, and improving the Weir River Water System. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 8, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts

General Laws chapter 44, section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 24**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from available reserves an amount not in excess of \$300,000 for the purpose of funding an independent review of existing municipal and school facilities, which would include an analysis of space and service demands and deficiencies, and a summary report detailing findings, providing options, and estimating the general costs of those options.

## **Majority Votes Required**

### **A Majority Vote**

### **Article 25**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$296,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to be used for the design, engineering services, and renovation of the Town Hall data center. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 20 thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 26**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate an amount of up to \$2,200,000 for the design and construction of a new maintenance facility for the South Shore Country Club. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 27**

**VOTED:** That No Action be taken on this Article.

### **Majority Votes Required A Majority Vote**

## **Article 28**

**VOTED:** That the Town approve an Agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes beginning in Fiscal Year 2020 by and between TGC III MA Portfolio Operating, LLC (as assigned to TGC III MA Portfolio Operating 1, LLC) and the Town of Hingham, made and entered into on July 1, 2019, for the solar project located at the MBTA Nantasket Junction Station, 190 Summer Street, Hingham, MA.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 29**

**VOTED:** That the Town approve an Agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes beginning in Fiscal Year 2020 by and between TGC III MA Portfolio Operating, LLC (as assigned to TGC III MA Portfolio Operating 1, LLC) and the Town of Hingham, made and entered into on July 1, 2019, for the solar project located at the MBTA West Hingham Station, 20 Fort Hill Street Hingham, MA.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 30**

**VOTED:** That the Town grant permission to The Hingham Cemetery Corporation to use for burial purposes an approximately 2,470 square foot parcel of land abutting existing land of The Hingham Cemetery Corporation at the rear of the property at 24 South Street shown as Assessors Map 61, Lot 129, said parcel being shown as "Parcel A" on a "Plan of Land for 24 South Street in Hingham, MA" dated December 16, 2019, a copy of which is on file with the Hingham Planning Board.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 31**

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

Item 1: By amending Section I-I.5.a by deleting "I- I.6" and inserting "I-I.4" from the first sentence;

Item 2: By amending Section I-I.8.a to insert "For all projects requiring erosion control installation or any clearing" at the start of the first sentence; and

Item 3: By amending Section IV-B.6.b to replace the existing text of subsection 1) with "would 1) create a land disturbance or an alteration of drainage patterns over an area greater than 5,000 square feet;"

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 32**

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

Item 1: By amending Section III-G.4.c.iii by replacing the clause "prevent umbrellas from become flying projectiles" with "prevent umbrellas from becoming flying projectiles";

Item 2: By amending Section III-G.6.b.ii to replace "street level story" with "ground floor";

Item 3: By amending Section III-G.6.c.i to replace the existing text in its entirety with: "A commercial use shall be located at the ground floor facing the street(s) on which the parcel has frontage or facing the Station Street parking lot. The commercial use must occupy not less than 65% of the linear width of the structure facing the street and must comprise not less than 55% of the area of the ground floor of the structure; provided, however, that the Board of Appeals may approve a lesser percentage of linear width or area of the ground floor (but not less than 40%) upon making the following findings:

(x) with respect to parking (A) the Planning Board has made a determination pursuant to a Special Permit A3 as to the minimum required on-site parking for such site and (B) the reduction in required commercial use along the linear frontage or within the area

of the ground floor of the structure is necessary for satisfying such parking determination; and  
(y) such reduction in commercial use along the linear frontage or within the area of the ground floor of the structure is consistent with Section III-G.1 and 2, and is not detrimental to the streetscape along which the structure is located.”;

Item 4: By amending Section III-G.6.c.ii to insert the following language at the start of the section: “Dwelling units shall be located above the ground floor. No dwelling units shall be permitted below the ground floor. In the event of a building with multiple ground floors due to topography the residential use may occur at different elevations in the same building but shall always be above the respective ground floors as long as the percentages are consistent with Section III- G.6.c.i.”;

Item 5: By amending Section III-G.7.a.vi. to replace “ground level” with “ground floor”; and

Item 6: By replacing the definition of “Commercial/ Residential Building” with the following: “A building containing commercial uses on the ground floor and a dwelling unit or dwelling unit(s) above the ground floor. A Commercial/Residential Building may also contain commercial uses above the ground floor, but in no event shall residential uses be permitted on or below the ground floor, except as expressly provided in this By-law.”

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **ARTICLE 33**

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

Item 1: amend section III-I,1.D.(i) by replacing the reference to “Single-Family or Two-Family residential use” where it appears in parentheses with “Single-Family Dwelling or Two-Family Dwelling”;

Item 2: replace section III-I,1.D.(iii)a. in its entirety with the following: “This subsection (iii) shall not apply to and shall not prohibit the conforming use as a Single-Family Dwelling or a Two-Family Dwelling, as applicable, of a building or structure that would be a lawful nonconforming building or structure if it had not been deemed discontinued or abandoned hereunder; provided, however, that section III-I, 2 shall not apply and any alteration, reconstruction, addition, extension, or structural change to such building or structure shall not extend the yard and/or height

dimensional conditions that were nonconforming at the time the building or structure was abandoned or discontinued.”;

Item 3: in section III-I,1.D.(iii)b., replace the reference to “subsection (iii) “a”” to “subsection (iii)a.”; and

Item 4: insert after section III-I,1.D.(iii)b. The following: “a building or structure reestablished pursuant to the above exceptions (iii)a or (iii)b shall no longer be considered nonconforming once a building permit or special permit has issued.”

## **2/3rds Vote Required A Majority Vote**

### **Article 34**

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

Item 1: By amending Section III-C, 1 to replace the following text in the third sentence thereof: “The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Hingham are panel numbers 25023C0018J, 25023C0019J, 25023C0038J, 25023C0081J, 25023C0082J, 25023C0083J, 25023C0084J, 25023C0091J, 25023C0092J, 25023C0101J, 25023C0102J, 25023C0103J, 25023C0104J, and 25023C0111J, dated July 17, 2012, and” with the following text: “The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Hingham are panel numbers 25023C0016J, 25023C0017J, 25023C0018J, 25023C0019J, 25023C0038J, 25023C0081J, 25023C0082J, 25023C0083J, 25023C0084J, and 25023C0102J, dated July 17, 2012, and 25023C0091K, 25023C0092K, 25023C0101K, 25023C0103K, 25023C0104K, and 25023C0111K, dated July 22, 2020, and”;

Item 2: By amending Section III-C, 1 to replace the fourth sentence thereof with the following: “The applicable FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Building Department, and Conservation Commission.”; and

Item 3: By replacing the current map “Zoning Part B: Floodplain Protection Overlay District” with an updated map with the same title that (1) shows the updated floodplain information on the following panels: 25023C0091K, 25023C0092K, 25023C0101K, 25023C0103K, 25023C0104K, and 25023C0111K; (2) replaces the date with April 2020, and (3) in the

footnote, replaces the phrase "Flood zone designations are based on 2012 Flood Insurance Rate Maps", with the phrase "Flood zone designations are based on 2012 and 2020 Flood Insurance Rate Maps".

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote – No Action**

**Article 35**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$439,747.25 (the amount of the settlement) from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund: Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$150,000 for use by the School Department.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$461,078.05 (the amount of the insurance settlement) from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund: Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$150,000 for use by the School Department.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town, (1) pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 82, section 21, discontinue portions of the public way known as Old Derby Street as shown on a plan entitled "Old Derby Street Partial Discontinuance Plan", Progress Print, dated January 16, 2020, prepared by CHA Companies (the "Plan"), such portions being shown on the Plan as (a) "Portion A of 1929 Old Derby Street Layout #2604 To Be Discontinued" containing 5,501 square feet, and (b) "Portion B of 1929 Old Derby Street Layout #2604 To Be Discontinued" containing 3,445 square feet and (2) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen, pursuant and subject to M.G.L. chapter 40, sections 3, 15 and 15A, as applicable, and article 5, section 4A of the Town of Hingham General Bylaws, to dispose of all or any portion of said Portion A and said Portion B as shown on the Plan, for a minimum of \$1.00 and on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, for any use permitted or allowed in the Industrial Park Zoning District.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 38**

**VOTED:** the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through April 30, 2021, the Board of Selectmen to accept grants of easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, or pedestrian walkways, or water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms or conditions that the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned**

**4:56 p.m.**



*Bird's eye view from the bleachers at Annual Town Meeting*

# Special Town Meeting

## November 21, 2020

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**Registered Voters: 18,055**  
**Attendance: 516**

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School Football Field, 17 Union Street, on November 21, 2020. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m, a quorum being present. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Joseph Bragg, a member of the Veterans Council. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **Article 1**

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase the property located at 335 Lincoln Street, shown on Assessors Map 36 as Lot 111, Hingham, Massachusetts, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town and 291 Mystic, LLC; (2) to authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to grant and accept all easements necessary to develop said property; and (3) appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,525,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to acquire said property and to take all actions necessary to complete said purchase. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

### **Two-thirds Vote Required**

**Standing Vote:**

**Yes: 314**

**No: 139**

**Motion Passed**

**Meeting Adjourned**  
**2:15 p.m.**

## 2020 Cash Appropriations

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### Article 6

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

##### 122 SELECTMEN

Payroll	474,343
Expenses	73,040
Capital Outlay	0

##### 131 HUMAN RESOURCE

Payroll	132,840
Expenses	3,350

##### 132 RESERVE FUND

629,100

##### 135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Payroll	275,572
Expenses	11,355
Audit	71,500

##### 137 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Payroll	303,358
Expenses	261,789
Capital Outlay	106,000

##### 141 ASSESSORS

Payroll	273,737
Expenses	11,513
Consulting	48,000
Map Maintenance	6,000

##### 145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Payroll	355,702
Expenses	46,920
Tax Titles	10,000
Capital Outlay	7,000

##### 151 LEGAL SERVICES

257,000

159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	35,500
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	195,808
Expenses	7,866
Capital Outlay	10,200
162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	29,292
Expenses	21,845
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	183,401
Expenses	13,306
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	161,175
Expenses	21,705
LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT	
Payroll	144,986
Expenses	7,375
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	18,657
Expenses	9,390
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	256,234
Expenses	453,802
Capital Outlay	91,000
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	18,875
Capital Outlay	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,041,228

PUBLIC SAFETY

210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$470,214)	5,758,049
Expenses	399,150
Capital Outlay	454,500
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$482,171)	5,592,549
Expenses	471,767
Capital Outlay	150,500
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	946,460
241 BUILDING COMMISSIONER	
Payroll	233,938
Expenses	15,960
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	67,986
Expenses	6,200
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	200,417
Expenses	75,921
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	407,750
Street Lighting	105,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	14,886,147

EDUCATION

300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	47,086,718
Expenses	9,644,267
Capital Outlay	1,349,866
TOTAL EDUCATION	58,080,851

## PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

### 405 TOWN ENGINEERING

Payroll  
Expenses  
Road Building/Construction

### 420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK

Payroll (Overtime \$86,500)	2,376,898
Expenses	826,469
Capital Outlay (\$325,000 from available reserves)	363,500
Snow Removal	563,365
Road Maintenance	382,500

### 430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING

Payroll (Overtime \$36,100)	611,875
Expenses	886,229
Capital Outlay	163,000

### 440 SEWER COMMISSION

Payroll (Overtime \$28,898)	371,660
Expenses	318,992
Capital Outlay	286,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	2,130,980
Debt Service	74,656
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	445,869

\$3,638,157 shall be funded from Sewer revenue

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	9,811,993
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## HUMAN SERVICES

### 510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	335,862
Expenses	19,862
Capital Outlay	27,000

### 541 ELDER SERVICES

Payroll	260,410
Expenses	24,888

543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	106,788
Expenses	7,778
Benefits	196,946
545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,700
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	3,700
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	985,934
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,521,020
Expenses	346,264
Capital Outlay	107,500
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	105,990
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	24,077
Expenses	8,058
691 HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
Payroll	74,194
Expenses	7,991
692 CELEBRATIONS	16,615
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	2,211,709
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	
Payroll	915,392
Expenses	851,350
\$1,766,742 shall be funded from Country Club revenue	

730 WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM	246,725
Payroll	5,638,990
Operating Expenses	840,958
PILOT	1,539,000
Debt Service	2,332,306
Revenue/Budgeted Surplus	
The sum of \$10,597,979 shall be funded from Weir River Water System Revenue	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	12,364,721
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	7,932,128
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	7,932,128
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 GROUP INSURANCE	6,679,255
900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,194,156
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	5,090,917
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	330,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
914 MANDATORY MEDICARE	1,070,850
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	14,395,178
UNCLASSIFIED	
999 UNCLASSIFIED	7,550
915 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	759,633
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<b>767,183</b>

TOTAL ARTICLE 6	126,477,072
Article 4	
Personnel Services and Expenses	\$463,454
Article 12	
Public Safety Facility Feasibility & Design	\$250,000
Article 14	
Design Funds for Senior Center Renovations	525,000
Article 17	
Additional Funds for Foster School Feasibility Study	350,000
Article 18	
CPC	
General Reserve -	
• Affordable Housing Tr.-HAHT Opportunity Fund	148,900
• Recreation Commission-Tennis court repair PRS	75,000
• Conservation - Survey boundary of Lehner Area	8,000
• Historical Commission-Restore Gravestones	40,000
• Country Club - design & construction for pool	500,000
• Second Parish Church- Restore clock faces	32,030
• General Reserve/Housing Reserve-	
• HAHT-Opportunity Funding Program	123,400
Article 19	
CPC - Benjamin Lincoln House	
• Historic Preservation	32,713
• General Fund	243,956
• Borrow	495,331
Article 20	
Retirement COLA	93,600
Article 23	
Weir River Water System- Capital Improvements	2,700,000
Article 24	
Town Wide Facilities Study	300,000

Article 25	
IT Department Upgrades	296,000
Design engineering & renovation	
Article 26	
So Shore Country Club maintenance facility	2,200,000
Design & Construction	
Article 35	
Transfer Insurance funds - High School fire	\$439,747.25
Article 36	
Transfer Insurance funds - East School Flood	\$461,078.05
	<u>128,992,856</u>

# Presidential Primary, March 3, 2020

<b>Democratic Ballot</b>															
<b>Presidential Preference</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Deval Patrick	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	2	12
Amy Klobuchar	14	3	17	7	13	4	12	3	11	7	1	10	4	7	113
Elizabeth Warren	53	148	55	167	43	170	36	135	17	103	2	123	30	135	1217
Michael Bennett	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Michael R. Bloomberg	59	140	57	148	49	198	57	186	36	114	3	153	35	139	1374
Tulsi Gabbard	0	7	1	6	1	4	4	4	0	6	0	4	0	9	46
Cory Booker	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Julian Castro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Steyer	2	3	8	3	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	27
Bernie Sanders	22	130	28	147	27	139	26	110	14	75	1	30	15	145	909
Joseph R. Biden	33	395	38	391	31	409	23	433	14	268	3	397	30	419	2884
John K. Delaney	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Andrew Yang	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Pete Buttigieg	34	15	39	5	25	7	27	12	14	9	0	7	23	4	221
Marianne Williamson	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	12	0	3	20
Blanks	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	8
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>6855</b>
<b>State Committee-Man</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Chris Matthews	143	529	153	576	117	588	109	546	61	382	7	442	90	559	4302
Blanks	75	315	90	299	75	342	78	335	46	202	3	299	48	294	2501
Write-Ins	0	6	0	9	2	6	0	8	0	4	0	4	0	13	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>6855</b>
<b>State Committee-Woman</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Alice P. Arena	64	223	75	241	59	235	38	207	31	178	3	256	31	218	1859
Elika Peyvan	92	358	105	378	77	431	89	393	40	247	4	216	78	423	2931
Blanks	62	265	62	256	58	268	60	285	36	160	3	273	29	220	2037
Write-Ins	0	4	1	9	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	5	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>6855</b>
<b>Town Committee - Vote for not more than 35</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Group															0
Elen Whalen	128	402	135	427	103	486	101	425	45	291	7	360	78	441	3429
Benjamin A. Smith	112	372	125	388	94	436	86	373	45	269	6	346	69	399	3120
Carlos A F Dasilva	121	419	139	461	100	495	96	451	54	322	7	370	81	454	3570
Christina L. O'Connor	117	399	132	413	95	456	88	413	47	290	8	370	71	431	3330
Clark Frazier	110	364	122	384	96	438	86	367	43	269	6	344	63	387	3079
Crystal Kelly	115	371	127	390	94	440	91	390	43	272	7	360	73	423	3196
Davalene Cooper	116	375	133	407	96	450	88	385	43	277	7	371	68	403	3219
Dawn C. Sibor	117	377	130	397	94	447	95	392	45	278	7	349	69	420	3217
Deborah Emmett-Pike	116	369	128	384	92	434	86	374	43	269	7	354	68	393	3117

Edmund Demko	119	389	128	413	96	450	89	382	44	275	6	349	64	405	<b>3209</b>
Iona Cutler	112	375	126	384	94	443	85	369	43	267	7	355	66	389	<b>3115</b>
James L. Watson	116	370	124	399	91	440	88	380	44	276	6	365	67	394	<b>3160</b>
James R. Watson	112	371	125	385	95	448	89	374	43	276	6	367	67	398	<b>3156</b>
John M. Deeley	110	369	127	384	91	429	86	364	43	268	6	348	66	391	<b>3082</b>
June M. Freedman	114	379	129	392	98	440	87	376	47	296	7	357	69	408	<b>3199</b>
Joseph F. Kelly	111	375	124	384	90	428	90	380	45	272	6	357	72	413	<b>3147</b>
Kathleen L. Philbin	112	371	135	397	92	443	88	371	43	276	7	365	69	396	<b>3165</b>
Kathleen M. Swanson	121	395	130	409	94	452	86	395	43	282	7	364	68	410	<b>3256</b>
Katie L. Mcbrine	128	414	142	450	101	505	95	437	52	307	7	372	77	447	<b>3534</b>
Kevin J. Whalen	114	389	130	403	94	454	91	407	43	279	6	355	72	423	<b>3260</b>
Lucinda King Frode	120	381	126	386	92	438	86	368	43	268	7	349	66	392	<b>3122</b>
Margaret Glazer	116	373	126	396	91	447	91	394	44	273	7	367	74	416	<b>3215</b>
Margaret D. Mullaley	116	389	129	396	92	445	88	383	43	273	8	358	70	404	<b>3194</b>
Mark Ernest Lebel	110	365	122	382	92	429	87	366	43	271	6	346	63	389	<b>3071</b>
Megan M. Buhr	119	389	135	423	96	472	91	410	47	288	7	351	79	427	<b>3334</b>
Melissa B. Smith	116	376	143	411	95	449	86	382	47	286	7	348	74	401	<b>3221</b>
Michael F. Mullaley	117	387	124	390	92	438	89	379	44	270	6	367	66	406	<b>3175</b>
Nancy Correnti	115	383	138	427	99	462	92	405	52	318	7	353	73	415	<b>3339</b>
Philip H. Doster	110	366	122	379	91	430	88	367	43	273	7	397	65	394	<b>3132</b>
Timothy H. White	123	402	127	395	92	446	89	385	44	288	6	359	64	408	<b>3228</b>
Wayne Mesard	112	364	123	383	91	430	88	372	43	267	6	347	63	403	<b>3092</b>
Rebecca E. Mullaley	120	384	129	394	97	448	87	387	45	277	7	356	71	412	<b>3214</b>
Blanks	3914	17526	4370	18111	3768	18398	3691	18707	2306	11607	136	14596	2603	17202	<b>136935</b>
Write-Ins	1	20	0	16	2	14	1	5	3	10	0	3	2	16	<b>93</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7630</b>	<b>29750</b>	<b>8505</b>	<b>30940</b>	<b>6790</b>	<b>32760</b>	<b>6545</b>	<b>31115</b>	<b>3745</b>	<b>20580</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>26075</b>	<b>4830</b>	<b>30310</b>	<b>239925</b>

#### Republican Ballot

##### Presidentiql Preference

Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
William F. Weld	2	20	1	22	4	26	4	26	2	24	0	21	3	24	<b>179</b>
Joe Walsh	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	3	0	0	<b>18</b>
Donald J. Trump	19	114	29	103	21	105	17	97	24	88	4	110	22	141	<b>894</b>
Roque De La Fuente	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
No Preference	0	2	0	5	0	8	1	6	1	5	0	5	1	5	<b>39</b>
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	<b>5</b>
Write-Ins	0	3	0	3	2	5	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	4	<b>23</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1159</b>

##### State Committee-Man

Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
David Collins	18	109	19	94	22	103	18	105	19	93	2	94	19	122	<b>837</b>
Blanks	4	32	11	40	6	43	5	30	8	29	1	43	7	49	<b>308</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	5	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1159</b>

##### State Committee-Woman

Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Janet Fogarty	18	104	19	90	20	101	17	97	20	93	3	95	19	115	<b>811</b>
Blanks	4	37	11	45	8	44	6	36	8	29	0	42	7	56	<b>333</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	3	0	5	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1159</b>

**Town Committee - Vote for not more than 35**

Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
<b>Group</b>															<b>0</b>
Constance A. Coleman	12	63	21	48	15	73	12	56	15	54	1	59	11	72	<b>512</b>
Melissa A. Smith	13	66	19	52	16	75	12	59	12	56	1	55	12	70	<b>518</b>
Laraine Finneran	13	65	19	52	16	74	11	58	13	54	1	57	11	69	<b>513</b>
Edna S. English	13	74	26	53	19	79	17	73	15	64	3	69	17	99	<b>621</b>
M. Susan Earle	12	63	21	44	15	71	12	57	14	49	1	58	11	71	<b>499</b>
Judith C. Nims	13	70	20	44	15	72	12	57	12	52	1	57	11	68	<b>504</b>
Bonnard F. Fage	13	68	19	48	15	76	12	55	12	53	1	55	11	67	<b>505</b>
Kristen G. Arute	13	76	20	62	19	88	14	78	15	73	1	56	17	96	<b>628</b>
Helga Jorgensen	12	72	19	50	15	74	12	55	12	54	1	55	12	68	<b>511</b>
William S. English	12	68	22	51	18	79	14	65	15	60	3	69	16	85	<b>577</b>
Carlton A. Chambers, Sr.	12	67	19	45	16	73	14	59	12	53	1	60	12	70	<b>513</b>
Leah M. Godfrey	13	64	22	51	15	74	13	59	12	50	1	60	12	68	<b>514</b>
Jerry K. Seelen	12	65	23	49	16	72	14	56	14	56	1	57	11	75	<b>521</b>
Benjamin P. Barclay	12	66	19	46	16	72	11	57	12	49	1	61	12	69	<b>503</b>
Susan C. Barclay	12	65	20	46	15	73	11	60	12	54	1	57	12	69	<b>507</b>
Kay L. Praschma	13	62	19	48	17	76	12	66	13	61	1	55	11	76	<b>530</b>
Lynne Powell-Pinto	12	65	19	47	16	72	11	62	12	50	2	56	13	72	<b>509</b>
Donald R. Pinto, Jr.	12	65	19	48	16	71	12	59	12	50	2	58	13	70	<b>507</b>
Christine Cadegan	12	66	19	48	16	72	12	58	14	53	2	56	12	75	<b>515</b>
William A. Wise, Jr.	13	67	19	51	19	73	11	62	14	56	1	60	12	73	<b>531</b>
Gordon M. Carr	14	65	19	47	16	75	13	62	13	55	1	59	11	74	<b>524</b>
Timothy F. Finnerty	12	70	20	51	15	74	11	64	13	53	1	57	11	74	<b>526</b>
Irma H. Lauter	13	70	23	49	15	84	13	63	14	59	2	61	18	77	<b>561</b>
Talbert E. Lauter	12	65	23	43	15	79	11	55	12	51	2	62	14	73	<b>517</b>
John P. Cafferty	12	73	21	52	17	75	11	57	16	53	1	60	11	73	<b>532</b>
Heather A. Hedlund	15	81	23	64	19	81	15	75	19	68	2	66	14	81	<b>623</b>
Elizabeth M. Claypoole	12	70	23	48	16	77	14	56	15	56	1	59	13	70	<b>530</b>
C. Ronald Johnson	13	67	21	45	15	73	12	59	13	50	1	57	12	70	<b>508</b>
Kathleen A. Peloquin	12	65	21	50	17	71	12	59	13	53	1	57	11	76	<b>518</b>
Brian J. Battista	12	71	19	53	17	82	14	64	15	63	1	58	14	88	<b>571</b>
Brad P. Bennion	12	64	20	48	15	74	12	55	13	49	1	60	12	69	<b>504</b>
Blanks	382	2834	448	3190	478	2774	418	2915	562	2553	99	3070	520	3851	<b>24094</b>
Write-Ins	0	3	0	2		2	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	2	<b>19</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>4935</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>4725</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>5110</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>4795</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>4270</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>4900</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>6160</b>	<b>40565</b>

**Green Rainbow Ballot**

**Presidential Preference**

	1 EV	0	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Dario Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Sedinam Kinamo Christinmoywasif	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Howard Hawkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**State Committee-Man**

Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>State Committee-Woman</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Town Committee - Vote for not more than 10</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	30
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Libertarian Ballot</b>															
<b>Presidential Preference</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Arvin Vohra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermin Love Supreme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jacob George Hornberger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samuel Joseph Robb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dan Taxation Is Theft Behrman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kimberly Margaret Ruff	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kenneth Reed Armstrong	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Adam Kosh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jo Jorgensen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max Abramson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>State Committee-Man</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Write-Ins	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>State Committee-Woman</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Town Committee - Vote for not more than 10</b>															
Precincts	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	29	0	10	0	20	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>

# Annual Town Election, June 27, 2020

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## Moderator

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	37	42	42	41	47	57	59	<b>325</b>
<b>Michael J. Puzo</b>	228	299	278	283	248	336	303	<b>1975</b>
Write-Ins	2	3	2	4	1	0	3	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

## Selectmen

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	9	9	19	22	24	10	26	<b>119</b>
<b>William C. Ramsey</b>	239	310	275	274	254	302	308	<b>1962</b>
<b>Kirk J. Shilts</b>	16	21	26	31	16	81	29	<b>220</b>
Write-Ins	3	4	2	1	2	0	2	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

## Board of Assessors

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	57	80	69	72	86	77	94	<b>535</b>
<b>Stuart "Greg" Hall</b>	208	262	253	256	208	316	270	<b>1773</b>
Write-Ins	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

## Board of Health

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	41	59	55	60	68	63	72	<b>418</b>
<b>Elizabeth Eldredge</b>	222	281	265	266	227	330	292	<b>1883</b>
Write-Ins	4	4	2	2	1	0	1	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

## Municipal Light Board

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	49	76	67	75	75	74	86	<b>502</b>
<b>John P. Ryan</b>	213	265	250	253	219	319	276	<b>1795</b>
Write-ins	5	3	5	0	2	0	3	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

**Housing Authority**

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	55	88	81	88	89	75	97	<b>573</b>
<b>Megan Buhr</b>	209	255	239	239	203	318	265	<b>1728</b>
Write-Ins	3	1	2	1	4	0	3	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

**School Committee**

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	83	108	112	91	89	55	99	<b>637</b>
<b>Michelle Ayer</b>	219	268	270	278	244	313	268	<b>1860</b>
<b>Jennifer Benham</b>	136	149	137	176	98	204	264	<b>1164</b>
<b>Stephanie Gertz</b>	96	158	123	111	160	214	98	<b>960</b>
Write-Ins	0	5	2	0	1	0	1	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>4630</b>

**Planning Board - For 5 Years**

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	50	76	68	84	76	74	92	<b>520</b>
<b>Rita Sandonato Da Silva</b>	214	263	251	244	219	319	271	<b>1781</b>
Write-Ins	3	5	3	0	1	0	2	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

**Sewer Commission**

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	54	80	83	89	84	74	97	<b>561</b>
<b>Stephen Harold</b>	209	263	239	238	212	319	265	<b>1745</b>
Write-Ins	4	1	0	1	0	0	3	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2315</b>

**Recreation Commission**

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	37	50	55	63	63	68	73	<b>409</b>
<b>Adrene Ramsey</b>	227	294	266	263	233	325	287	<b>1895</b>
Write-Ins	3	0	1	2	0	0	5	<b>11</b>

# State Primary, September 1, 2020

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## Democratic Ballot

### Senator In Congress - Vote For One

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Edward J. Markey</b>		586	629	558	563	350	449	510	<b>3671</b>
<b>Joseph P. Kennedy, III</b>		448	420	380	376	277	276	423	<b>2606</b>
Blanks		7	12	5	2	1	4	2	<b>33</b>
Write-Ins		3	1	0	0	2	0	2	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1044</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>6318</b>

### Representative In Congress - Vote For One

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Stephen F. Lynch</b>		679	668	606	598	425	430	624	<b>4046</b>
<b>Robbie H. Goldstein</b>		319	351	305	308	184	264	280	<b>2027</b>
Blanks		42	41	32	35	21	33	33	<b>237</b>
Write-Ins		4	2	0	0	0	2	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1044</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>6318</b>

### Councillor - Vote For One

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Christopher A. Ianella, Jr.</b>		793	794	692	651	452	528	697	<b>4633</b>
Blanks		244	264	248	288	171	200	238	<b>1660</b>
Write-Ins		7	4	3	2	7	1	2	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1044</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>6318</b>

### Senator In General Court - Vote For One

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Meg Wheeler</b>		807	844	729	697	470	520	717	<b>4810</b>
Blanks		229	215	210	243	159	205	214	<b>1481</b>
Write-Ins		8	3	4	1	1	4	6	<b>27</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1044</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>6318</b>

### Representative In General Court - Vote For One

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Joan Meschino (Pct 1, 3-5, 5)</b>		847		752	744	489	569	741	<b>4162</b>
Blanks		194		189	196	139	157	188	<b>1068</b>
Write-Ins		3		2	1	2	3	8	<b>19</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1044</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>5249</b>

### Representative In General Court - Vote For One

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
			264						<b>264</b>
<b>Melissa B. Smith (Pct 2 Only)</b>			695						<b>701</b>
Blanks			101						<b>102</b>
Write-Ins			2						<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1069</b>

**Register Of Probate - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Matthew Mcdonough</b>		770	789	688	650	437	512	702	<b>4573</b>
Blanks		267	272	253	290	190	215	234	<b>1728</b>
Write-Ins		7	1	2	1	3	2	1	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1044</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>6318</b>

**County CommisSiOner - Vote For Two**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Gregory M. Hanley</b>		266	255	210	212	138	251	226	<b>1571</b>
<b>Michael G. Bradley</b>		191	196	205	170	102	160	185	<b>1215</b>
<b>Carlos A. F. Da Silva</b>		746	791	689	708	475	365	723	<b>4521</b>
<b>John Patrick Riordan</b>		210	207	186	140	109	201	158	<b>1217</b>
Blanks		666	670	595	652	436	481	581	<b>4096</b>
Write-Ins		9	5	1	0	0	0	1	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2088</b>	<b>2124</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>1260</b>	<b>1458</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>12636</b>

**County Treasurer - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Thomas J. O'Brien</b>		791	792	697	658	441	519	707	<b>4627</b>
Blanks		247	268	244	283	185	210	229	<b>1676</b>
Write-Ins		6	2	2	0	4	0	1	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1044</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>6318</b>

**Republican Ballot****Senator In Congress - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Shiva Ayyaduurai</b>		56	52	50	59	62	38	83	<b>400</b>
<b>Kevin J. O'Connor</b>		140	144	139	129	121	89	131	<b>893</b>
Blanks		3	4	6	1	0	7	4	<b>25</b>
Write-Ins		2	2	2	2	1	1	2	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1330</b>

**Representative In Congress - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		165	174	171	170	157	116	191	<b>1144</b>
Write-Ins		36	28	26	21	27	19	29	<b>186</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1330</b>

**Councillor - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		177	187	179	173	163	117	201	<b>1197</b>
Write-Ins		24	15	18	18	21	18	19	<b>133</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1330</b>

**Senator In General Court - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Patrick M. O'Connor</b>		174	179	174	163	166	113	196	<b>1165</b>
Blanks		26	22	23	27	18	19	22	<b>157</b>
Write-Ins		1	1	0	1	0	3	2	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1330</b>

**Representative In General Court - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Stephen D. Gill (Pct 1, 3-5, 5/</b>	167	0	153	152	152	104	179	<b>907</b>
<b>Paul J. Rotondo (Pct 2 Only)</b>	0	157	0	0	0	21	0	<b>178</b>
Blanks	31	45	43	37	32	10	38	<b>236</b>
Write-Ins	3	0	1	2	0	0	3	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1330</b>

**Register Of Probate - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Blanks	178	189	187	174	168	118	206	<b>1220</b>
Write-Ins	23	13	10	17	16	17	14	<b>110</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1330</b>

**County Commissioner - Vote For Two**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Jared L. Valanzola</b>	164	160	145	152	148	99	179	<b>1047</b>
Blanks	232	243	246	226	219	168	258	<b>1592</b>
Write-Ins	6	1	3	4	1	3	3	<b>21</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>2660</b>

**County Treasurer - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Carina Leeza Mompelas</b>	160	148	143	143	142	98	169	<b>1003</b>
Blanks	39	54	54	47	42	37	49	<b>322</b>
Write-Ins	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1330</b>

**Libertarian Ballot****Senator In Congress - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Write-Ins	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**Representative In Congress - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	<b>3</b>
Write-Ins	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**Councillor - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	<b>5</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**Senator In General Court - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Write-Ins		0	2	1	0	0	2	1	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**Representative In General Court - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Write-Ins		0	2	1	0	0	1	1	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**Register Of Probate - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		1	3	0	0	0	1	0	5
Write-Ins		0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**County CommissiOner - Vote For Two**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		2	5	0	0	0	2	1	10
Write-Ins		0	1	2	0	0	2	1	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>

**County Treasurer - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		1	3	0	0	0	1	0	5
Write-Ins		0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**Green Rainbow Ballot****Senator In Congress - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Representative In Congress - Vote For One**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Councillor - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Senator In General Court - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Representative In General Court - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Register Of Probate - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**County Commissioner - Vote For TWO**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Write-Ins	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

**County Treasurer - Vote For One**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

# State and Presidential Election, November 3, 2020

## Electors of President and Vice President

	Precinct Subtotals				UOCAVA: Uniformed & Oversees Citizen's Absentee Voting Act											
	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Biden and Harris</b>	<b>10,855</b>	1,495	364	1,505	375	1,474	366	1,321	341	865	212	357	503	1,197	367	<b>113</b>
<b>Hawkins and Walker</b>	<b>43</b>	4	2	9	1	6	2	3	0	3	0	1	3	4	3	<b>2</b>
<b>Jorgensen and Cohen</b>	<b>208</b>	14	18	18	21	22	13	15	21	16	12	3	1	15	18	<b>1</b>
<b>Trump and Pence</b>	<b>4,986</b>	442	351	449	394	461	350	373	360	371	345	70	185	385	444	<b>6</b>
Blanks	<b>157</b>	12	11	18	12	15	12	10	14	17	4	6	7	11	8	<b>0</b>
Write-Ins	<b>137</b>	16	10	10	7	19	9	16	14	12	5		1	10	8	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

## Senator in Congress

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Edward J. Markey</b>	<b>9,788</b>	1,343	313	1,401	324	1,330	311	1,176	275	785	184	343	478	1,085	327	<b>113</b>
<b>Kevin J O'Connor</b>	<b>6,232</b>	601	420	563	470	634	414	529	449	473	377	86	212	503	496	<b>5</b>
Blanks	<b>298</b>	36	15	42	9	30	22	29	18	19	9	7	10	32	16	<b>4</b>
Write-Ins	<b>68</b>	3	8	3	7	3	5	4	8	7	8	1	0	2	9	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

## Representative in Congress

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Stephen F. Lynch</b>	<b>11,766</b>	1,545	477	1,521	511	1,525	439	1,322	454	933	345	353	498	1,252	495	<b>96</b>
<b>Jonathan D. Lott</b>	<b>2,431</b>	242	169	265	163	262	165	202	127	163	136	43	103	188	189	<b>14</b>
Blanks	<b>2,055</b>	189	97	212	127	200	124	210	158	174	91	41	95	172	155	<b>10</b>
Write-Ins	<b>134</b>	7	13	11	9	10	24	4	11	14	6	0	4	10	9	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

## Councillor

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Christopher A. Ianella</b>	<b>11,490</b>	1,505	491	1,481	529	1,460	481	1,269	448	855	356	316	476	1,224	502	<b>97</b>
Blanks	<b>4,675</b>	462	244	507	265	511	251	461	284	408	209	121	220	388	319	<b>25</b>
Write-Ins	<b>221</b>	16	21	21	16	26	20	8	18	21	13	0	4	10	27	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

## Senator in General Court

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Patrick M. O'Connor</b>	<b>8,071</b>	820	488	836	526	851	481	768	492	635	429	155	312	700	561	<b>17</b>
<b>Meg Wheeler</b>	<b>7,472</b>	1,046	242	1,076	263	1,038	233	874	226	576	135	245	341	840	258	<b>79</b>
Blanks	<b>838</b>	116	25	97	21	107	38	96	31	72	14	37	47	82	29	<b>26</b>
Write-Ins	<b>5</b>	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

## Representative in General Court

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Joan Meschino</b>	<b>9,704</b>	1,520	496		1,527	508	1,300	460	903	361	327	503	1,224	503	72	<b>72</b>
Blanks	<b>3,620</b>	443	236		441	220	421	269	358	203	110	194	380	318	27	<b>27</b>
Write-Ins	<b>220</b>	20	24		29	24	17	21	23	14	0	3	18	27	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,544</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>		<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>99</b>	

## Representative in General Court

(Precinct 2)	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>James Michael Murphy</b>	<b>1,655</b>			1,295	348											<b>12</b>
<b>Paul J Rotondo</b>	<b>884</b>			490	394											<b>0</b>
<b>Dominic S. Giannone</b>	<b>79</b>			51	26											<b>2</b>
Blanks	<b>219</b>			169	41											<b>9</b>
Write-Ins	<b>5</b>			4	1											<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,842</b>			<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>											<b>23</b>

**Registrar of Probate**

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Matthew J. McDonough</b>	<b>11,346</b>	1,491	483	1,460	537	1,452	480	1,233	448	862	360	304	458	1,208	491	<b>79</b>
Blanks	<b>4,854</b>	482	255	530	256	525	257	496	288	406	206	132	239	404	335	<b>43</b>
Write-Ins	<b>186</b>	10	18	19	17	20	15	9	14	16	12	1	3	10	22	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

**County Commissioner (Two)**

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Gregory M. Hanley</b>	<b>8,030</b>	1,080	280	1,129	328	1,061	270	934	243	639	170	274	368	888	293	<b>73</b>
<b>John Patrick Riordan</b>	<b>5,918</b>	853	210	778	203	829	187	649	183	456	116	242	302	682	190	<b>38</b>
<b>Jared L. Valanzola</b>	<b>5,523</b>	542	356	499	397	557	358	486	385	414	329	90	194	474	435	<b>7</b>
Blanks	<b>13,254</b>	1,486	664	1,608	691	1,535	686	1,404	684	1,054	540	268	535	1,198	775	<b>126</b>
Write-Ins	<b>47</b>	5	2	4	1	12	3	3	5	5	1	0	1	2	3	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,772</b>	<b>3,966</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>4,018</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>3,994</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>3,476</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>244</b>

**Country Treasurer**

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>Thomas J. O'Brien</b>	<b>9,631</b>	1,307	349	1,325	369	1,281	329	1,094	312	748	227	303	419	1,092	378	<b>98</b>
<b>Carina Leeza Mompelas</b>	<b>4,927</b>	475	334	451	369	506	336	428	346	373	303	62	169	383	387	<b>5</b>
Blanks	<b>1,811</b>	200	73	229	70	208	87	214	89	160	48	72	112	147	83	<b>19</b>
Write-Ins	<b>17</b>	1	0	4	2	2	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

**Question 1**

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>YES</b>	<b>11,569</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>4,221</b>	474	201	420	521	444	187	418	242	311	186	84	160	363	196	<b>14</b>
Blanks	<b>596</b>	74	25	73	23	69	27	67	27	43	16	28	34	45	28	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

**Question 2**

	TOTAL	1 EV	1	2 EV	2	3 EV	3	4 EV	4	5 EV	5	5A EV	5A	6 EV	6	UOCAVA
<b>YES</b>	<b>6,269</b>	892	251	883	266	894	247	751	212	464	145	156	229	581	220	<b>78</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>9,264</b>	990	469	1,026	521	998	476	891	503	748	412	248	412	953	589	<b>28</b>
Blanks	<b>853</b>	101	36	100	23	105	29	96	35	72	21	33	59	88	39	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>122</b>

86.50% Voter Participation

## Vital Statistics

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Births	220	206	197	196	197
Marriages	78	74	67	71	82
Deaths	484	493	496	482	489

\*Received as of preparation of report. For verification of any individual record, call the Town Clerk's Office.

## Building Department

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COVID-19 changed things for many, however the Building Department continued to see a high-volume of residential and commercial construction along with renovation projects throughout the town. It was a seamless transition for our department to move operations remotely due to our online permitting. We were able to continue with our everyday duties and we implemented COVID-19 protocols to continue property and project inspections safely.

We continue to have several raze and reconstruction of single-family homes throughout the town and the Bathing Beach Bath House/Concession Stand at 31 Otis Street was constructed.

We are now enforcing the Massachusetts 9th Edition of 780 CMR State Building Code, the Massachusetts State Electrical Code 527 CMR 12.00, the Massachusetts State 248 CMR Plumbing and Gas Code, along with the Town of Hingham General By-Law and the Zoning By-Law.

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

The Building Department issued a total of 3,686 permits and conducted 5,395 inspections in 2020.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1,218	Building Permits	\$926,269
20	Final Cost Affidavits	63,910
575	Plumbing Permits	50,220
487	Gas Permits	24,090
870	Electrical Permits	91,560
52	Certificate of Inspection	4,840
328	Occupancy	6,120
5	Re-inspection	375
131	Sheet Metal	24,710
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3,686		<hr/> \$1,192,094

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

We would like to thank all the applicants, residents, businesses and town departments for their patience and understanding this past year.

We look forward to serving you in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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



*Temporary Building Permit Pick-up  
located outside at Town Hall*

## Conservation Commission

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The year 2020 will forever be associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the unprecedented impacts of the virus throughout the world. The Conservation Commission was not spared from impacts of its own, although fortunately, they were mostly of the administrative variety. Beginning in late March, following the closure of Town Hall, the Commission transitioned to remote meetings on the Zoom platform. All meetings were held as originally scheduled and all permits were issued within their usual timeframes, even with opportunities to delay both tasks under various state legislative actions. The requirements to submit hard copy applications and obtain "wet" signatures on permits were not lifted, however, so with a great deal of patience and persistence, the Commission and its staff once again rose to the occasion.

Despite the pandemic, the Commission reviewed nearly the same number of applications and projects as it had in recent years. Notably, there was an increase in the number of "DIY" applications, completed entirely by property owners instead of a consultant/representative, which required much more staff review time than usual. In total, the Commission acted on 119 applications and projects, including:

- 5 Stop Work Orders
- 37 Orders of Conditions
- 2 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 1 Order of Resource Area Delineation
- 22 Determinations of Applicability
- 24 Certificates of Compliance
- 25 Administrative Review Decisions
- 3 Permit Extensions

The Commission also saw a dramatic increase in the use of its properties due to the pandemic and more than likely, the associated travel restrictions. This highlighted the value of local, accessible open space and in some locations, the need to improve the visitor experience. Unfortunately, with the increase in use, the Commission saw an increase in misuse too, including after-hours recreation, campfires, shelters, and graffiti, among other problems. Maintenance and clean-up activities will take place in the near future, with the help of volunteers.



*Members of the Hingham hockey team clean-up tires at the Old Swamp River Conservation Area (February 2020, photo courtesy of K. Concannon).*

By the fall of 2020, pandemic-related precautions had become routine and several Hingham Boy and Girl Scouts were able to work within those guidelines, while taking advantage of some beautiful New England weather, to complete their Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects on a few Commission properties.

- Aidan Murphy, Troop #1, installed a new bench and kiosk at the Governor Long Bird Sanctuary.
- Nikolas Praschma, Troop #4, installed a new sign and planting bed for the Home Meadows.
- Anna Wagner, Troop #74829, dedicated **96 hours** to her "Terrific Trails" project, which blazed/painted the trails and numbered the trail intersections at More-Brewer Park and Brewer Reservation.

The Commission is looking forward to seeing the results of two more Eagle Scout projects planned at the Plymouth River Elementary School (Nolan Heggie, Troop #1) and Triphammer Pond (Ryan Sherwin, Troop #4) in 2021.



*New kiosk and bench at Governor Long Bird Sanctuary (left) and new sign and planting bed at Home Meadows (right, photo courtesy of N. Praschma).*

Finally, the Commission and its staff were also able to facilitate the 2020 hunting program as planned and in accordance with all state and local regulations. All permitted hunters were expected to practice social distancing while hunting and wear masks or cloth face coverings when unable to maintain a distance of approximately six feet from other people. A total of 51 bow hunting permits were issued; 16 for the spring turkey season and 35 for the fall deer season. The Commission received notification of 30 deer being harvested during the 2020 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Freeman, Chair  
Crystal Kelly, Vice Chair  
Henry Hidell  
John Mooney  
Robert Mosher  
Thomas Roby

Loni Fournier, Senior Planner: Conservation/GIS

# Planning Board

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The establishment of municipal Planning Boards is authorized by Massachusetts General Law, chapter 41, section 81A. In Hingham, the Planning Board consists of five members elected to serve five-year terms. An appointed associate member may also act on special permit applications on an as-needed basis.

Planning Board responsibilities fall into diverse categories, including the following:

*Permitting:* Under the Zoning By-Law, the Planning Board acts as the site plan review authority for certain development projects. These tend to be commercial in nature, but may occasionally include residential projects that involve a minimum disturbance of land. The Board also serves as the special permit granting authority for some uses or configurations of land, such as common driveways or parking determinations.

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

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

Summary of 2020 Permit Applications	
Site Plan Reviews	33*
Special Permits	11
Subdivisions	8
ANRs (Form As)	6
Scenic Roads	0

\* 12 applications for minor work were waived

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

In recent months, the Board reviewed four zoning articles. Two proposals, one related to floodplain regulations and the other to site plan review procedures, were withdrawn from consideration by the Board. Two other articles will be presented to Town Meeting. The Board recommends adoption of an amended article that would maintain the Town's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. They recommended further study prior to adoption of an amendment to the Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations that was initiated by Citizen's Petition.

*Adopting the Master Plan:* In the months leading up to Town Meeting, the Board commenced review of a draft Master Plan. Adoption is expected in 2021.

The Board conducted most of its work remotely last year. Beginning in March, all public meetings were held by Zoom as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Despite the pandemic, 2020 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of or liaisons to several Town committees, including the Master Plan Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Development and Industrial Committee, Route 3A Task Force, and Traffic Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Ellis, Chair  
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Clerk  
Judith Sneath  
Gordon Carr  
Rita DaSilva

## Zoning Board of Appeals

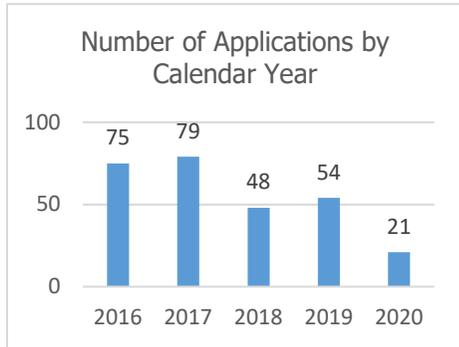
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The Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial body established under the provisions of the "Zoning Act", Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.). The Zoning Act and the Hingham Zoning By-Law authorize the Board to hear and decide applications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

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

The Board of Appeals consists of three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms. Five associate members, appointed to 1-year terms, presently serve on an as-needed basis. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments. The Board of Appeals is responsible for appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board of Selectmen, to the position of Zoning Administrator. In 2019, the Board reinstated a former practice of delegating some of its authority to hear and decide certain applications to the Zoning Administrator in an effort to improve efficiency.

The Board received just 21 applications over the course of the year. The Board itself held 26 meetings in 2020, during which members conducted 79 separate hearings on both ongoing and new applications. The Zoning Administrator separately held 4 hearings during 4 meetings on applications related to either commercial signage or accessory dwelling units. This level of activity is significantly less than experienced in prior years. A combination of factors, including COVID-19 and stricter application of local regulations by the Board, likely caused the decrease in permitting applications.



*Variances:* Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property, and no substantial detriment to the public good. Requests for dimensional relief related primarily to setback requirements for residential accessory structures, both attached and detached, signage

requirements, or modifications of previously approved plans. In 2020, there was one new variance conditionally granted to allow an addition to a single-family dwelling to extend just 3" into a side yard setback. All other variance applications were either denied or withdrawn without prejudice.

The Hingham Zoning By-Law also authorizes the Board to grant use variances; however, this form of relief is granted sparingly. The Board did not receive any of these applications in 2020.

*Administrative Appeals:* Aggrieved parties may appeal a decision or issuance of a permit by the Building Commissioner or the Zoning Administrator to the Board. No administrative appeal applications were filed in 2020.

*Findings:* Three applications for a finding under M.G.L. ch. 40A, § 6 were filed with the Board this past year. Findings involve changes to pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension, or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use or structure to the neighborhood. Applications in 2020 involved maintenance of nonconforming setbacks for residential structures, including accessory structures. Two of the three applications were granted by the Board, while one application was withdrawn without prejudice.

*Special Permits:* The Board heard applications on 8 special permit requests in 2020. Special permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a particular purpose, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. The special permit applications received in 2020 each involved distinctly different requests ranging from the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units in single-family dwellings to operation of a museum at the Benjamin Lincoln House.

*Comprehensive Permits (M.G.L. ch. 40B):* Chapter 40B is a state statute that allows developers to seek a single local permit under flexible rules for housing developments where at least 20-25% of the units will have a long-term affordability restriction. These applications tend to be more complex than others, in particular because the Board must review comprehensive permit applications under all local regulations, including those otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health. As a result, the Board solicits comments from these agencies and coordinates closely with all Town departments during its

review of comprehensive permit applications in order to protect the public interest consistent with local needs. In 2020, the Board reviewed one comprehensive permit application for a development consisting of two single-family dwellings proposed by Habitat for Humanity and the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn S. Maguire, Chair  
Paul K. Healey, Vice-Chair and Clerk

Emily Wentworth, Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator

*Restaurants installed jersey barriers to facilitate Outdoor Table Service during the pandemic.*



## Historic Districts Commission

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The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for reviewing proposed exterior additions and alterations to buildings in Hingham's historic districts. In 2020, the Historic Districts Commission held over 70 hearings and made 18 site visits to review applications from property owners seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to protect the history and character of Hingham's historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the characteristic architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts. Maintenance and repair projects do not require a hearing and are approved administratively. The work of the Commission is enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, and by the Historic Districts By-Law approved by Town Meeting.

The Commission's objective is to work collaboratively with applicants to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of an historic building and its site. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior form the basis for the Commission's review of projects. The *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts* prepared by the Historic Districts Commission and *Guidelines for New Construction and Additions in Hingham's Historic Districts, written and adopted in 2015*, are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. These Guidelines define the standards for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic districts, and are a valuable resource for property owners to submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Historic Districts Commission page on the Town's website or by contacting the Administrator via email.

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

With the advent of COVID-19, the Commission worked remotely using Zoom and made site visits using masks and maintaining social distancing. To its credit, the Commission conducted meetings and site visits as scheduled, and maintained its high level of service to applicants. Normally, the public is encouraged to attend Commission hearings held at Town Hall,

generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month; however due to the pandemic and the closing of Town Hall, meetings can only be attended via Zoom. The Commission regularly videotapes its meetings, all of which can be accessed via the Harbor Media website or YouTube.

The Commission wishes to thank Tomas Kindler for his two terms of service. As a resident in an historic district, Tomas provided valuable insight into each project; and sought to accommodate the needs of the applicant, while maintaining the Commission's design standards.

The Commission also thanks Sherry Robertson for her years of service as staff to the Historic Districts Commission. Sherry's organizational and communication skills were invaluable to supporting the work of the Commission before and after the onset of the pandemic. The Commission wishes Sherry great success in her new position with the School Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young, Administrator  
Sherry Robertson, Administrative Assistant

Members

Michael Collard, Chair  
Justin Aborn  
Catherine Daley  
Carol Pyles  
Hans von der Luft

Alternate Members

Tomas Kindler  
Benjamin Burnham  
Mary Anne Donaldson  
Robert Edson  
Tracy Shriver

## Hingham Historical Commission

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The Hingham Historical Commission was created by Town Meeting in 1974 to serve as the Town's official body for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, many of which are identified in the *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The *Inventory* lists these assets, which consist of the homes, outbuildings, churches and other non-residential or commercial buildings, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of its character, culture and historic appeal. The *Inventory* is posted on the Town website at [www.hingham-ma.gov/338](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/338).

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

In 2020, Commission member Stephen Dempsey worked diligently to digitize the John Richardson collection, jointly owned by the Commission and the Historical Society.

Last spring the Commission was pleased to give out the award for the second annual Essay Contest to William Buckley, a Hingham High School student who submitted an essay on the history of the Hingham Shipyard. Due to the pandemic, Will received his award in the mail rather than at a school assembly.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the Commission's annual Preservation Award, which met with great success in 2019, had to be postponed; as did the Battle of Grape Island Day event normally held in May.

The Commission's biggest challenge this year was its efforts to save the historic Skate House on East Street from demolition. Negotiations with the Recreation Commission, which has responsibility for the care and custody of the building, began in early 2020 and continued through the

end of the year. The fate of the Skate House will be determined in the coming year.



Eleven new signs mark the former locations of bridges that were integral to the ability of residents to traverse the town. The remaining historically important bridges will be marked during 2021.

The Commission, under the direction of Elizabeth Dings, produced a new video during 2020 in conjunction with Harbor Media. The latest video in the *History Abode* series discusses the history of the Memorial Bell Tower and highlights the art of Change-Ringing. The first program in the *History Abode* series focused on Major General Benjamin Lincoln. The second program in the series captured the historical significance of the Bethlehem/Hingham Shipyard; and the third video provided insight into the rich history of the area of Hingham known as Tuttleville.

The Historical Commission, in concert with the Town Treasurer, administers the \$1.35M Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation and improvement of historical assets along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way. In 2020, the Commission awarded grants totaling \$100,000 to support restoration, preservation, accessibility projects, and other projects that maintain or enhance the character of the Town.

Monies from the Historical Commission's Preservation Projects Fund, initially established pursuant to statute with grants and donations, maintain assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, Pro

Patria (the "iron" horse), and the markers and monuments located throughout Town. The Commission also uses the fund to help carry out projects and programs important to preserving the Town's historic character. Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes such projects and programs and has also used CPA and other grants to support preservation-related projects.

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

Finally, by virtue of its demonstrated level of commitment to historic preservation, The Town of Hingham has been designated by the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Department of the Interior. Hingham has the distinction of being one of only 13 Certified Local Governments in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young, Administrator

Historical Commission Members:

Kevin M. Burke, Chair

Sarah Carolan, Vice-Chair

James B. Conroy

Stephen Dempsey

Elizabeth Dings

Signe McCullough

Robert Stansell

# Information Technology

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

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

The Department is responsible for the Town's website including updates, enhancements and content management system (CMS) administration as well as administration of the Town's various social media websites.

## **2020 Accomplishments**

- Responded to 2,796 Help Desk calls
- COVID-19 – Enabling remote workforce through VPN access
- COVID-19 – Deployment of 57 new laptops for remote users
- COVID-19 – Initial setup of Zoom for staff and public meetings, ongoing meeting scheduling and video archival maintenance
- Investigation of data center upgrade
- Server and workstation operating system upgrades
- File server migration

This past year has been challenging from so many different levels. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to shift our focus to support much of our workforce remotely. Adjusting staff and public meetings to the Zoom platform became the new norm. However, due to the flexibility of my IT team, Kate Richardsson, Systems Analyst and Joe Lindsay, Network Technician along with great support from our management team, we were able to adapt to these changing needs with little interruption to technology services. I have never been more proud of the organization as a whole as I have been this past year. Many thanks to the entire Town for making it all work successfully.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Becker, Manager of Information Technology

## Personnel Board

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The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2020.

The 2020 calendar year saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board approved the job description for the newly created position of Procurement and Contracts Manager and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 14. The Board also approved the job description for the newly created position of Water Administrative Assistant and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 9.

The Board approved the reclassification of the Building Maintenance Supervisor position from Grade 11 to Grade 13 in the Salary Schedule.

Also, the Board approved the following requests to hire: A Firefighter/Paramedic at the second step of FS-2 on the salary scale; the Deputy Building Inspector at Step 6, Grade 11 of the Salary Scale; and the Procurement and Contracts Manager at Step 6, Grade 14 of the salary scale and approved the granting of two extra weeks of vacation time.

The Board approved the promotion of the Assistant Assessor to the Director of Assessing position at Step 1, Grade 16 of the salary scale; and the transfer of the Food Services Technician to the Maintenance Worker position at Step 6, Grade 7 of the salary scale.

The Board granted an extra week of vacation for a Police Patrolman based on experience.

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

The Board agreed to extend from June 30, 2020 until December 31, 2020 up to 147.5 hours of remaining, unused vacation time carried over from 2019 for seven (7) employees due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

The Board recommended to the 2020 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2020, a 2% general wage increase for Hingham Town employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement be implemented. This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting. The Board also began its review of the Wage and Classification Study for non-union and non-contract permanent personnel.

The Board recommended to the 2020 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2020, a change to the Town of Hingham Personnel By-laws be made to grant personnel not covered by a collective bargaining agreement with twenty plus years of employment an extra week of vacation for a total of five weeks and to allow Hingham Town employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement the use of up to five sick days for the purposes of caring for a family member. This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting.

During calendar year 2020, the Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a one year successor agreement with the union representing the Department of Public Works Teamsters, Local 25. The contract provides that, for its term, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, there will be a general wage increase of 2%. The Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a one-year successor agreement with the union that represents the Police Superiors. This agreement provides that for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 there will be a general wage increase of 2%. The Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a one-year successor agreement with the union that represents the New England Police Benevolent Association. This agreement provides that for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 there will be a general wage increase of 2%. Also, The Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a one-year successor agreement with the union that represents the Hingham Library Staff. This agreement provides that for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 there will be a general wage increase of 2% as well as a salary adjustment made for Library staff Grade L2 to reflect the Massachusetts minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2021.

The Board approved an adjustment to the FY2020 salary schedule for part-time and seasonal positions to align with Massachusetts Minimum Wage Standards.

Finally, the Board extends its gratitude to Smayra Million who stepped down from the Personnel Board. Smayra was an invaluable member of the Board. A dedicated public servant, Smayra made numerous contributions to the Personnel Board and the Town. She will be missed. The Board welcomed its two new members, Courtney Orwig and Joe Kelly.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pace, Chair  
Russell Conn  
Jack Manning

Smayra Million  
Courtney Orwig

## Department of Public Works

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

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

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

### COVID-19 Impacts

COVID-19 Impacted the DPW in several ways. The DPW office worked remotely on March 13<sup>th</sup> and the DPW workforce were split up into two crews. Each crew worked every other week on a reduced schedule to limit the possible exposure to COVID-19. On July 6 the workforce returned to a normal schedule with safety protocols in place such as social distancing, wearing masks, and limiting vehicles to one employee.

The Transfer Station remained open operating normally with safety guideline in place. The Transfer Station saw an increase in weekly trips to approximately 9,000 vehicle trips per week, compared to an average of 7,000 vehicle trips in 2019. The Swap Shop was temporarily closed and the Construction/Demolition



operations became scale only operations (no free permits) to protect staff and residents. Due to the DPW office being closed to the public, there was a significant decrease in Transfer Station sticker revenue.

Trash pick-up increased during good weather to seven days per week from three days per week Downtown and at the Waterfront. There was an increase in fuel usage due to the one employee per vehicle policy. There was also a decrease in Stormwater compliance as outfall inspections and mapping was unable to continue with the COVID-19 restrictions.

Highway Division

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Beacham Place	Lincoln Street (North St to 130 Lincoln St)
Berkley Circle	Main Street (High St to Crooked Meadow Ln)
Brewster Drive	Sgt. William B Terry Drive
Brewster Road	Winthrop Orad
Burttons Lane	

Sidewalk Replacement: None

Drainage: Replaced and/or repaired catch basins on newly paved roads.

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned, plowed & treated 140 miles of Town owned roadways and approximately 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,382 drainage structures and outfalls, install, repair, maintain 3100 traffic and street signs and maintain 5 sets of signal lights.

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Stormwater Management

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

to further reduce adverse impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat by instituting the use of controls on the unregulated sources of stormwater discharges that have the greatest likelihood of causing continued environmental degradation. Under the Phase II rule all MS4s with stormwater discharges from Census designated Urbanized Area are required to seek NPDES permit coverage for those stormwater discharges. Permit Program Background: On May 1, 2003, EPA Region 1 issued its Final General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (2003 small MS4 permit) consistent with the Phase II rule. The 2003 small MS4 permit covered "traditional" (i.e., cities and towns) and "non-traditional" (i.e., Federal and state agencies) MS4 Operators located in the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. This permit expired on May 1, 2008 but remained in effect until operators were authorized under the 2016 MS4 general permit, which became effective on July 1, 2018.

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

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

Snow and Ice Control: 39" of snow, 4 Snowplow Operations, 18 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2021 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck with Plow (#2), 2021 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck with Plow (#45), 2021 Chevrolet 1-Ton truck with Plow (#34), 2020 International Dump Truck with Plow & In-body Spreader (#13), Trackless Boom Flail Mower.

Special Projects: Assisted in the construction of the Bath House.

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 0 (Due to COVID-19)

Tree Removals: 193

Trees Pruned: 1,657

New Equipment: None

Special Projects/Maintenance: The Department of Works Tree & Park Department Division planted 45 shrubs at the Bathing Beach as part of the Bath House project.

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

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

This year, due to COVID-19, Tree and Park did not plant any shade trees and the 2020 Arbor Day celebration was cancelled. However, the Town of Hingham was recognized as a "Tree City USA" for the 32nd year.

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

looking great.

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

### 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 Lynch Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Playground and Park, Kress Playground Park and Field, Carlson Field, the Harbor waterfront area and numerous other public grounds, areas and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. The Recreation Division has teamed up with the Tree and Park division and has worked successfully and effectively together providing everyday maintenance to the Town's parks and facilities and most importantly in emergency situations that are storm related.

New Equipment: None

### Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year, we transferred 5,104 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 964 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,315 tons of mixed recyclables, 537.50 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 0 tons of tires (no tire collection due to COVID19), 2,530 gallons of motor oil, 56.68 tons of electronics, 99.87 tons of textiles, and 3.24 tons of batteries. In 2020, Hingham teamed up with Hull in a joint collection of household hazardous waste and handled 116 cars in Hull. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 545,600 cans and 65,100 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$30,535. Twenty-two (22) different Hingham Youth Organizations received \$21,670 and \$6,895 went to the recycling fund. The Transfer Station is now recycling mattresses with help from a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2020, the revenue from the scale was \$119,922.



Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Red (square) to Green (square). With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 8,965 cars per week.

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

Special Projects: Re-lined Baler, Chain link Fence Installation

New Equipment: New John Deere 544L Front End Loader (#L31)

### Interdepartmental

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

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

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like express my sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many, many long hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under

adverse conditions dealing with weather-related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department/Sewer Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

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

We would also like to wish all the best to Mitchell Pederson (Tree & Park), Anne Marie Papasodero (DPW Office), and Jon Norris (Highway Temp) who have left the DPW to look into other endeavors.

We are happy to welcome new employees, JR Frey as Town Engineer, Matthew Cahill as DPW Assistant Superintendent, and Cameron Allegra as a Highway Laborer.

Respectfully  
submitted,

Randy Sylvester,  
DPW Superintendent



# Sewer Commission & Sewer Department

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The Hingham Sewer Commission consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Sewer Commission oversees the policies and budget of the Sewer Department and sets customer rates. The DPW Superintendent manages the operations of the Sewer Department.

Calendar year 2020 was an unusual year for the Sewer Department due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sewer Department performed routine maintenance, continued to upgrade its infrastructure with Capital improvements to keep stride with our Asset Management Program, and responded to emergencies only.

## Infiltration/Inflow (I&I):

The I&I program was suspended due to COVID-19. The I&I program consists of investigating and inspecting the infrastructure for unwanted flow into the sanitary sewer. As part of the I&I program, our engineering contractors inspect sewer pipes to determine where unwanted flow is entering the system. After this investigation, a work plan is put together for the repair and rehabilitation of the sewer pipes and specialized contractors are brought in to perform the work. Once the repairs are made the I&I is reduced and the capacity of the sewer system increased.

These efforts will continue well into the future to save the ratepayers money in pumping and electric costs. Homeowners in the sewer districts who have sump pumps can aid the effort to reduce I&I by contacting the Sewer Commission to have their sump pumps checked. Any flow found entering the sewer system can be redirected.

The Sewer Department has also upgraded equipment in the sewer pumping stations as part of the Asset Management Plan. These capital improvements include; Broad Cove Station: installation of a new grinder and sluice gate, Howe Street Station: discharge gate replacement, Mill Street Station: installation of a new transfer switch for the generator, Weir River Station: installation of a new station meter and meter vault, Town Brook Station (South St.): replacement of the pump room lighting, Walton Cove Station: installation of a new wetwell level control, replacement of pump #2 discharge gate, and installation of a new impeller for pump #1, Malcolm Street Station: installation of a new chopper pump.

Sewer Main repairs included repairing the force main leaving Walton Cove and a sewer gravity main/lateral repair was performed at 299 North Street.

The Sewer Department continues to work alongside the Board of Health enforcing the Town Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Regulation. Inspections of the grease traps in all food establishments connected to municipal sewer were performed to locate sources of unwanted FOG in the system. Camera inspections of the lines in the streets were performed to provide additional information and pinpoint any problem areas.

The Commission and Superintendent Sylvester would like to acknowledge our Sewer Supervisor, Stephen Dempsey; department employees; Office Administrator, Liz Welch; and our office staff for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Higgins, Chair  
Kirk Shilts  
Stephen Harold

Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

## Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

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It is with great pleasure that I submit my report to the citizens of Hingham on behalf of the Lighting Board and the employees of the Lighting Plant. The Lighting Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electric system to its customers due in large measure to the three person elected Light Board members who put policies and procedures in place with the long term best interests of Hingham businesses and residents in mind.

For the 2020 fiscal year the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$481,387. In the 2007 timeframe, the Light Board voted to calculate the amount of the contribution to a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity sold. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

The Lighting Plant continued its work through the COVID-19 Pandemic, keeping employee and customer safety at the forefront. Additional PPE and cleaning supplies were purchased to insure employee safety. The building at 31 Bare Cover Park Drive was closed to the public and remains closed to date. The line department went to a reduced work schedule, breaking the crews into separate groups to insure so we could continue our service to the Town in the event of an outbreak. The line department went back to a full schedule in mid-June with additional safety precautions in place. The Administrative group has worked from their homes since the start of the pandemic though they have reported to the office on a number of weather events that effected the system, most notably on Christmas Day. Lap tops and phones were provided to insure the customers were not affected by this change. HMLP has been able to continue operations throughout the pandemic without a single case of COVID-19 to date, though there were many close encounters throughout the year.

HMLP also saw the retirement of three longtime employees during 2020. The employees left with little fanfare due to the pandemic. Tom Orłowski had 33 years of service, Gus Bregnard had 20 years of service and Peter Casey had 30 years of service. HMLP thanks these employees for their years of dedicated service and we wish them a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

The Lighting Plant continues to support energy efficiency efforts at Town-owned facilities. Our contributions do not end with paying for an audit report. We helped with financing lighting retrofits, equipment changeovers

and improvements to heating and cooling equipment. It is expected those efforts have resulted in energy savings to the Town in the range of tens of thousands of dollars.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Hingham Is Going Green program has been existence for close to ten years. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities. The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Theirs gets paid for by assessing their customers on a per kWh fee. HMLP finances our program. In 2020 we performed about 56 residential and commercial audits and paid 167 rebates for appliances. Audits were down significantly due to the pandemic but the annual kWh savings were still 18,066 kWh.

The Lighting Board has directed me to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable and environmentally friendly energy sources that make sense from an electrical and financial point of view. All the projects listed below: wind/hydro/solar projects would not have come to fruition without our, and other municipal light plants, infusion of capital/cash. We're investing and making real contributions to a greener world. We're "putting steel in the ground" and building clean plants. At the end of 2020, 53% of HMLP's supply came from non-fossil fuel sources. Current Massachusetts regulations, which only apply to investor-owned utilities and not to municipal light plants (meaning we have no regulatory requirement to comply with but we have chosen to) call for them to have 34.2% of their supply be carbon free. The state's renewable portfolio standard requires investor owned electric utilities to provide 15 percent of electricity sales from renewables by December 31, 2020. HMLP provides 22.17% from renewables.

To that end, we and several other municipal lighting plants have bought the entire output of a three wind farms in Maine. They are Spruce Mountain, Saddleback Ridge, Canton Mountain Wind and Granite Wind. Spruce Mountain went commercial late in 2012. Spruce Mountain consists of 10 - 2.0 megawatt (MW) turbines capable of generating 66 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. In 2020, Hingham's share of Spruce Mountain was 5.21 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 868 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 426,000 gallons of gasoline per year. Saddleback Ridge went commercial in late 2015. Saddleback Ridge consists of 12 - 2.85 megawatt (MW) turbines capable of generating 105 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. In 2020, Hingham's share of Saddleback Ridge was 5.42 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 903 homes and is capable of reducing the amount

of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 443,000 gallons of gasoline per year. Canton Mountain Wind consists of 8 - 2.85 megawatt MW turbines capable of generating 62 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. In 2020, Hingham's share of Canton Mountain was 4.21 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 702 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 344,000 gallons of gasoline per year. In 2018, we signed a contract with Granite Wind and they started generating in 2019. There are 33 – 3MW turbines each capable of generation 236 million kilowatt-hours (kWh). In 2020, Hingham's share of Granite Wind was 2.59 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) which is enough to power 432 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 212,000 gallons of gasoline per year.

In 2020 we received 11,781 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from the New York Power Authority. 11,781 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 1,964 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 965,000 gallons of gasoline per year.

In 2020 HMLP received 5.384 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from Brown Bear formerly known as Miller Hydro. 5.384 million kilowatt-hours kWh of electricity is enough to power about 897 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 440,000 gallons of gasoline per year. In 2020 we bought electricity generated by the NuGen Solar array located in Central Massachusetts. This project generated 2.844 million kWh of electricity which is enough to power about 474 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 232,700 gallons of gasoline per year. Finally, in 2020 we signed on to buy power from 2 hydro-plants: Shepaug and Stevenson which are both managed by FirstLight Power (a clean power producer based in Massachusetts and Connecticut with a portfolio that includes over 1,400 MW of hydro and solar energy). Shepaug and Stevenson supplied us with just over 5.817 million kWh which is roughly capable of powering 970 houses and reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 476,000 gallons of gasoline per year.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Ryan, Chair  
Roger M. Freeman, Secretary

John A. Stoddard Jr., Vice-Chair  
Paul G. Heanue, General Manager

## Fire Department / Emergency Management

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

2020 was a challenging year for the fire department. Like everyone else, the main focus of our year was on COVID-19. Once COVID began, our department faced numerous challenges, including creating new procedures and training to protect our staff and residents. Securing PPE and staying on top of the most recent CDC and MA DPH recommendations became a daily task. I am very proud of our department's work and want to thank and recognize our department members' effort. As everyday life changed, and many things shut down, and businesses began working remotely, our firefighters still had to respond as needed. From March through the end of the calendar year, they transported 235 confirmed positive cases and an additional 801 suspected positives. During this same period, not one of our members became sick from COVID, which shows that their training and safety procedures worked. I am sure this was a stressful time for them while worrying about their safety or potentially exposing their families to a new threat.

In addition to our normal responses, COVID also added additional workload and responsibilities to our department, primarily through our role in the Town's emergency management system. Typically emergency management is only relevant while planning and responding to significant events or weather-related activities. But, COVID required us to utilize some of our procedures and training to help manage the town-wide response. We created an Incident Management Team (IMT) to coordinate multiple town department's actions and established a command group authorized to make decisions. We also started a fire department-only IMT to assist in daily operations. Personnel from both IMT's were involved in just about every aspect of



*Firefighter Paramedic David Dixon wearing full PPE*

COVID, beginning with securing PPE for essential personnel, Town meeting preparations, business re-opening groups, and finally, vaccine planning. It was a busy year with several hundred hours of zoom meetings and many detailed incident action plans. The fire department alone needed to purchase \$51,900 worth of PPE and decontamination equipment.



*Public Safety Teams preparing for the Special Town Meeting*

In 2020, the Hingham Fire Department responded to 4,268 emergency calls. Our call volume decreased from previous years, which was a direct result of COVID. Of those 4,268 responses, 2,552 were medically related calls, and the ambulance transported 1,725 patients, which generated \$1,526,588.18 in ambulance receipts.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSES – 2020**

Fire	75
Overpressure/Explosion/Over Heat	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	2,552
Hazardous Conditions	250
Service Calls	364
Good Intent Calls	417
False Alarm and False Calls	464
Severe Weather	135
Special Incident	10
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>4,268</b>

**Response Totals  
2016-2020**

2020	4,268
2019	4,616
2018	4,487
2017	4,389
2016	4,372

The Fire Prevention Division has continued its involvement with inspections, permitting, and participation in different Town committees. The Fire Marshal performed 148 site visit inspections to ensure the work performed adheres to fire safety standards. Last year the division issued 864 permits and conducted 1,624 inspections. The combined total from all permits, fees, and reports generated \$41,900 in revenue.

### Fire Inspections – 2020

Smoke Detector and CO Detector	486
Plan Reviews	478
Certification of Occupancy	229
Misc. Inspections	114
Chapter 304 Alcohol License Inspections	35
FP6 Permits (General, propane storage, cutting/welding.)	94
Nursery School Inspection	8
Elderly Boarding Care Inspection	16
Site Visit	148
School Fire Drills	16
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>1,624</b>

The department continued to work with the Hingham CERT Team and received \$5,100 through another FEMA grant, which purchased four portable radios. The team assisted during both outdoor Town meetings with communication support and helped staff our medical tents and rehab stations.

*Hingham  
CERT  
Assisting at  
Town  
Meeting*



The department was pleased to offer the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) and Senior SAFE programs again this year. The State awarded us \$7,117 to provide both programs. The SAFE program completed

educational safety visits to more than half of the projected 3,323 elementary school students for 2020. The SAFE educators were excited to incorporate a new fire station visit for all kindergarten students in the public schools for 2020. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions of COVID, we could only have one of the kindergarten classes participate in this new learning style. We look forward to bringing it back in the future. Both the SAFE and Senior SAFE programs came to a sudden halt for the Town's safety when COVID-19 came, but we still had significant progress with our new home safety visit with a soft launch in 2020 under the Senior SAFE Grant. The program's vision is to allow the older adult population to reside in their homes safer with education on fall hazards and fire preventatives. The Senior SAFE Grant financially supported various fall preventatives such as automatic night lights and anti-slip rug mats. The grant also provided funds to purchase (12) smoke detectors and (7) carbon monoxide detectors that Hingham firefighters installed. The Hingham Fire Department looks forward to continuing our SAFE programs in 2021.

In 2020, the department had two members retire: Firefighters Al Pacheco and Bob Ruffini. Firefighter Pacheco retired in July after serving the Town for 32 years while Firefighter Ruffini retired in September after serving the Town for 43 years, including working as a call-firefighter starting in 1977. We wish both of them a long and happy retirement.

Last year we were busy hiring new firefighters. We welcomed eleven new Firefighter/Paramedics: Ryan Malone, Kyle Keegan, James McFarlane, Ben Cronan, David Perez, Pat Sheridan, Ben Yodzio, David Dixon, Jeffrey James, Kevin McMasters, and John Giasullo. James McFarlane and John Giasullo came to us from other fire departments. Both were graduates of the Massachusetts Fire Academy (MFA) recruit program, which allowed them to start working immediately. The other nine new hires all attended and graduated from the MFA 10 week recruit program and have begun their career serving the Town.

I want to thank and give credit to all of our department members for their excellent work. The men and women of the Hingham Fire are genuinely dedicated to serving the public and succeed through their skill and professionalism. It is an honor and privilege to lead such great people. I also want to thank the Board of Selectman, Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator, all Town Departments, and Committees for their help and guidance throughout this challenging year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Murphy, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

# Hingham Police Department

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The Hingham Police Department, like all of us, felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic this year. The men and women of the department continued to work during the uncertain times in the height of this crisis. Operations at the department shifted to minimize the risk of exposure to our staff. Detectives did much of their reports and follow-up work remotely and transitioned into uniform patrol along with our five School Resource Officers to assist their coworkers on shifts. Unfortunately most of our community outreach programs were suspended, but we are eagerly looking forward to restarting these initiatives in 2021. We were able to remain in touch with and support our community by participating in over 100 birthday drive-by parades and escorting Hingham High School and Notre Dame's senior classes in graduation car parades. Our total calls for service for 2020 was 26,564; down slightly from last year due to the stay at home advisories and reduced vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

In contrast to the discouraging tone of the pandemic, we had four new police officers graduate the MBTA Municipal Police Academy. Officers Kevin Duff, Max Goldstein, Jake Handrahan, and Christopher Meservey were sworn in via Zoom by Town Clerk Eileen McCracken on April 6, 2020. In August Dan Goldstein, Griffin Moriarty, and Kevin Nguyen were appointed by the Board of Selectmen and began their academy training at the Massachusetts State Police Academy the following month. Officer George Kelley and Lieutenant Richard Corcoran retired after several decades of service to the Town of Hingham. Additionally, Chief Glenn Olsson retired after proudly leading the department since 2015 and serving the residents of Hingham for 38 years.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment to our community that the men and women of the Hingham Police Department have shown during 2020. We look forward to 2021 and the new challenges and opportunities that it will bring.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Jones, Chief of Police

# Hingham Police Statistics - 2020

## Court Statistics

Arrests	122
Warrant Arrest	19
Court orders	36
Criminal Complaint Applications	114
Protective Custody	5

## Motor Vehicle Citations

Warnings (No Fine)	2,594
Civil (Fine)	408
Criminal/Arrests (from Motor Vehicle Stops)	276

## Parking Tickets

Total Issued	117
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## Traffic Committee

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

A stop sign was installed on the corner of Manatee and Volusia Road per recommendation of the Traffic Committee to the Board of Selectmen siting improved sight lines and pedestrian safety since the road layout changed.

The Traffic Committee recommended that a street light be installed on pole #53 in the area of 371 Gardner Street since it would significantly improve safety and visibility on that heavily travelled road. This recommendation was approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street. Based on available data, there were four accidents at this location.

Based on available data, there have been three accidents at that intersection of High, French, and Ward Street this year.

Traffic improvements at the intersection at Kilby Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) as well as at High, French, and Ward Street are in the planning stages.

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

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, please send a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Sergeant Jeffrey Kilroy, Hingham Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief David P. Jones, Chair (Represented by Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy)  
Chief Steven Murphy (Represented by Deputy Chief William Powers)  
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent  
JR Frey, Town Engineer  
Daniel Miller-Dempsey  
Matthew Person

## Harbormaster

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In early April, as soon as the spring weather arrived, people took to the waterways in kayaks and paddleboats in record numbers. While this activity may seem normal it was different this year! Amid the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, people grew tired and frustrated quarantining at home and the waterways became the safe escape.

The Harbormaster's Office began staffing the waterways in early April. Following guidance to protect ourselves from infection we adopted masking, distancing among staff and the public, and repetitive disinfecting of equipment. Shifts watches started and stopped with little to no interaction until the COVID-19 situation improved.



*Left to right, Assistant Harbormasters Bobby Sullivan left and Michael Nash on patrol in Marine I*

In anticipation of increased boating activity, following federal and state guidelines, Hingham adopted special regulations allowing mariners to boat locally with intentions of reducing the spread of COVID-19. These regulations limited anchoring in the World's End Mooring Area to boats with a Hingham mooring permit and prohibited tying of boats throughout our waterways. While most people were respectful of these special state and local regulations some people wanted no part of safe practices. This required extra visibility and patrols to enforce these health and safety regulations. The majority of our patrols were dedicated to keeping mariners at a safe distance. We endured many emotional releases from mariners as they were often overwhelmed with the effects of the pandemic and the subsequent health and safety regulations. Thankfully, COVID-19

cases decreased during the summer allowing us to relax the special regulation prohibiting the tying of vessels and allow up to three boat rafts.



We received numerous Lion's Mane jellyfish sighting beginning in June and lasting well into the summer. Mariners reported seeing jellyfish with an umbrella or body ranging from eight (8) inches to two (2) feet in diameter with many long tentacles. While they were a splendid sight to see, at least one resident was stung experiencing a brief electric

shock followed by a brief stinging sensation. The Lion's Mane jellyfish slowly receded as the waters warmed allowing mariners to swim unfettered.

Pumpout services commenced in late July. Unoccupied vessels were pumped during the week to minimize our department's interaction with the public. We responded to over 1,200 calls for service (compared to approximately 600 in 2010), assigned over 239 single transient moorings reservations, and issued over 162 violations. Receipts were at an all-time high partly because mariners mistakenly believed the town-waived mooring permit fees, which it did not.

A \$243,739 Port Security Grant Program grant was awarded to the town through the Harbormaster's office to replace the Marine II patrol boat purchased in 1997 and to improve the town's coastal video system. Marine II patrolled Hingham waterways for more than 20 years, responding to countless calls for service.

*Marine II a 27' Sea Ark responding to an emergency in the inner harbor a few years back. Federal Port Security Grant funds are replacing this vessel.*



Shellfish digging returned this year following a pause due to a disease known as neoplasia, which affected Hingham's shellfish population for the past few years. In the spring, a few clam diggers conducted a small survey, which showed positive signs of sustained life in the shellfish population. Digging returned in the fall yielding an improved harvest. Turning over the mud flats is believed to stimulate the shellfish propagation. This, along with a healthier shellfish population, may result in routine annual shellfish harvesting.



*Marine I moored in the Hingham Shipyard: Left to right, Head Assistant Harbormaster Joseph Driscoll, Harbormaster Kenneth R. Corson III, Assistant Harbormasters Bobby Sullivan and Michael Nash.*

This was the last season for Assistant Harbormaster Daniel Goldstein. He will continue to serve our community as a Patrol officer on land. Several new assistants were hired.

The COVID-19 challenges made our duties even more difficult. We consistently served our community, enforcing the rules and regulations without compromising our integrity, creating a safe and enjoyable harbor.

Your Harbormaster's Office is honored to be the waterfront representative of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at [harbormaster@hpd.org](mailto:harbormaster@hpd.org). If you have an emergency, dial 911. Otherwise, call our business line at 781-741-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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

# Animal Control

The Town of Hingham has one full-time Animal Control Officer who is responsible for all injured, sick and deceased animals in the Town of Hingham and provides regionalized mutual aid and coverage to surrounding towns when needed.

In 2020, the Hingham Animal Control department found itself learning and adapting to a new way of doing business. Safety precautions, social distancing, and online meetings became the “new normal” as Animal Control responded to increased calls for service. The Bare Cove off-leash program and coyote monitoring project continued, and the Animal Control Department worked with town veterans (vets with pets) and elders to help them ensure their pets were cared for during the pandemic. Barn and kennel inspections were adapted to meet new safety protocols. Hingham Animal Control assisted neighboring towns, handled calls on state property, and answered incidents involving marine mammals.

### Animal Control Statistics – 2020

Licensed Dogs	1800
Calls to duty	718
Barn Inspections	15
Citations	6
Kennel Inspections	5
Loose dogs	18
Quarantines	31
Roadkill pickups	73

The Hingham Animal Control Officer would like to acknowledge and thank the Chief of Police, Town Administrators, and the Hingham residents for their continued support of the Hingham Animal Control Department. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents and animals of our community as we face new challenges in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Badger  
Animal Control Officer



*ACO Badger removed a skunk from a homeowner's gas grill*

## Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

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The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it. To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 article that authorized the Town's purchase of Lincoln School Apartments. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints two members to the Board of Managers.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. The Trust's mission statement is as follows:

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

This past year has been a challenge to the Trust. Since last March, our meetings have all been by Zoom and home inspections have been masked and socially distant. However, the pandemic has not stopped us from our mission. In 2020, Habitat for Humanity successfully obtained a comprehensive permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to develop two homes at 302-304 Whiting Street. Construction is expected to begin this spring. This past year the Trust purchased one of the original "Habitat" homes back from the estate of the original owner. We will now repair and update the property, apply to the state to add it to our affordable housing inventory and then likely sell it to a deserving family. The Trust continues

to look at ways to expand the Lincoln School apartments. We continue to work with the Town to identify tax title properties that might be a good location for an affordable home. The benefit of this approach is that the properties are owned by the Town and it spreads the affordable units throughout the entire town.

The Trust purchased a single-family home at 499 Cushing Street and it is currently investigating the possibility of developing a second affordable unit on the property.

The Trust purchased a two-family home at 29-31 Rhodes Circle. With the assistance of Emily Wentworth we obtained a state grant to make necessary repairs and improvements to the property. Upon completion of the work the Trust will either rent or sell the units as affordable units.

In addition, the Trust is working with the Town Planner, the Zoning Administrator, and the Board of Selectman to produce a housing plan for the Town to help us with our mission.

The Trust looks forward to working with a most welcome addition to our Town, Michael Silveira. Mike will assist us in upgrading our financial reporting, a need that has become more and more important as the Trust and the Town acquire more properties and manage projects that create affordable housing.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Town Engineer, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings. Please visit the link to our website at the Town of Hingham at <http://hingham-ma.gov>.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim White, Chair  
Kathleen Amonte  
Al Chambers  
Anita Comerford  
Jack Falvey

Amy Farrell  
Nancy Kerber  
Bill Ramsey  
Greg Waxman

Necia O'Neill - Administrative Secretary

## Audit Committee

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

1. Town of Hingham "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report" (CAFR)
2. Town of Hingham "GAO and Uniform Guidance Reports Year Ended June 30, 2020"
3. Town of Hingham "Contributory Retirement System Pension Plan Schedules for the Year Ending December 31, 2019"

Key findings from the auditors in the reports:

1. Had no material disagreements with management.
2. The audited financial statements received an "unmodified opinion" which is the best opinion that a government unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material respects.
3. The Single Audit report, however, was a modified opinion due to material non-compliance with allowable cost timesheet reporting as they relate to SPED Cluster grants. Of note, this is the third year with the same finding.
4. Although a management letter was issued, no material weaknesses were identified in internal control over financial reporting

The 2020 Audit concludes the first three-year term of the engagement with Clifton Larson Allen. The Committee has unanimously agreed to recommend that the town extend the engagement with CLA for three additional years pursuant to the terms in the original contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Shickel, Chair  
Joshua Marine, Secretary  
Douglas Farrington  
Leonetta Scappini  
John Deeley

## Bare Cove Park Committee

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Bare Cove Park consists of 484 acres located along the banks of the Back River. The property is managed as a wildlife preserve and a place for public recreation and education. It is safe, fun, beautiful, and full of life. This was the 46<sup>th</sup> year of operation as a Town of Hingham Municipal park. 150 years ago, Bare Cove Park was private property used for farming and fishing. The property was taken by the Federal Government in roughly 1902 and used for training during WWI and then as an ammunition manufacturing production facility for WWII. After the government abandoned the property it was cleaned up and turned over to the Town in 1972. The Town and the Federal Government continue to monitor the park and keep it safe for visitors.

The Bare Cove Park Committee manages the day-to-day operations within the park. Ranger Scott McMillan continues to do a great job keeping the park in excellent condition for year-round use. In addition to summer mowing of the roadsides and fields and the winter snow plowing, he does many other things to make the Park an enjoyable place to visit such removing refuse, coordinating volunteer groups service activities, trimming back branches from roads and trails, and maintaining the vistas of the river for all to enjoy. The winter of 2020-21 brought many eventful windstorms. Many more trees fell than in a normal season. Ranger McMillan had his hands full clearing the roadways and trails. We also enlisted the help of Hingham's Public Works Department to clear the more difficult trees and do preventive maintenance.

The Town's website contains information about the park, including the history, Park Regulations, a printable map, dog permit application, and a contact email to reach the Committee. Committee meetings are an opportunity to review the day to day operations, Ranger's Report, Treasurer's Report, news, or events scheduled within the park.

The park became a much more popular place for outdoor recreating from the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to see much higher usage from diverse user groups.

The Town recognized the park as a place for wildlife to take refuge from the growing developments in the area. This year we noticed more natural beehive activity, snapping turtles burying their eggs and hatchling activity, birds, deer, foxes, and coyotes. Please be aware of wildlife in the park, and do your best not to interact with it.

On October 8, 2020, the Hingham Historic Commission placed the Green Dock House building in its inventory. The Bare Cove Park Committee submitted a grant application to the CPC for improvements related to the Green Dock House, but ultimately deferred the project for a year to re-assess the Town's needs in this area. Thanks to Claudia Eaton for spearheading this effort.

The Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia (Museum) Display at the Green Dock House continues to be a popular attraction. It is open most weekends during the warmer months.

The Hingham High School Rowing team is a vibrant user of the waterfront by the Green Dock House. The Committee hopes to continue to improve the area for their use, and the Town's use for waterfront recreation.

There is a new memorial bench in the park in memory of Joe Freeman. Joe spent the better part of three decades in service to Hingham on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Committee entertains requests for memorial benches in the park. This program is currently under review as the requests have become more frequent.

The Committee did not permit any road races this year. However, we did notice a very high usage from participation in virtual races, which was a great way to stay in shape while maintaining social distance.

The Committee has formed a working group to focus on improved signage with rules and regulations at park entrances, off-leash program signs within the park, and history of park. This project is ongoing.

In the spring of 2020, the Committee entered a very exciting collaboration with the Hingham Land Conservation Trust to plant a Pollinator Garden in the Triangle Garden by the main entrance. This is an extensive multi-year project and we are grateful for their guidance and project management. This project also includes the South Shore MA Chapter of Wild Ones Organization, the Hingham Conservation Commission, and the Hingham High School botany



class/club. This project is ongoing and we are looking forward to spring of 2021.

The Off-Leash Dog Walking Permit Program with Rules and Regulations for Bare Cove Park was promulgated by the Board of Selectmen in its capacity as the Board of Park Commissioners in July 2017. The Town has issued 550 permits to date and the program is going well. We are very appreciative of the efforts of Hingham Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger and Ranger McMillan. Their diligence and persistence has helped make this odd-day off-leash program a success for all visitors, especially as 2020-21 brought many more new dog owners to the park.

We want to thank the residents of Hingham for their patience during this COVID-19 period and for continuing to follow public health guidelines to safely enjoy Bare Cove Park.

We thank former Bare Cove Park Committee members Fran Rockett, Leah Godfrey, and Dave Sargent for their service on the Committee and wish them well.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Eaton, Chair  
Ted Matthews, Vice Chair  
Lauren Murphy, Secretary  
Ray O'Neill, Treasurer  
Rik Johnson, Treasurer  
DeWitt DeLawter  
Karen Trask  
Michael Cioffi



## Trustees of the Bathing Beach

Like all Town boards and committees, 2020 was a much different year for meetings of the Trustees of the Bathing Beach due to COVID-19. Nevertheless, The Trustees had numerous meetings throughout the year through the Town's virtual Zoom meeting format. We thank everyone associated with managing this format and for facilitating this process so that business could proceed as close to normal as possible.



The most eventful accomplishment of 2020 was the long-awaited opening of the new bath house/snack stand building that had been in the works for over five years. The new operator of the Beach House, Greg Acerra, was able to have a "soft opening" for four weeks in the early fall. While the pandemic imposed some restrictions on service lines and delayed the public's use of the new bathrooms, the overall reception of patrons and townspeople was extremely favorable.

There are numerous people to thank for the success of the building's opening. First and foremost is DPW Superintendent Randy Sylvester and his team (including Liz Welch) in carrying the ball from mid-2019 to the finish line, and new Town Engineer J.R. Frey was instrumental in coordinating the engineering and completion of the site work. We also would like to thank Special Town Counsel Susan Murphy, Town Administrator Tom Mayo, and Building Inspector Mike Clancy for their efforts. On the design side, Hingham architect Vcevy Strelakovsky and his associate Mark Coughlin saw this project through from inception and their tasteful design met



historic district standards and assured that it fits seamlessly into the site. Peter Branagan coordinated all the tricky structural engineering work required due to the site's elevation issues/flood zone status. The contractor Triumph Modular delivered a first-class end product through trying pandemic-affected circumstances.

We would also like to thank the Hingham DPW for their ongoing efforts in preparing our parking lot for the summer season, trash removal, managing sand and grading/shaping the beach, maintaining the grass area along Route 3A and in the Grove area, and for their coordination of a geese control program. We thank the Hingham Recreation Department and particularly Director Mark Thorell for overseeing the lifeguards and personnel this past year, despite the pandemic, as the beach saw more activity than ever before and for helping our residents enjoy everything the beach has to offer despite the challenging circumstances of 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Daly  
Edward Johnson  
Alan Perrault, Chair

## Beautification Commission

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

The commission began informal, outdoor, masked meetings in April. From a distance we planned our spring and summer work. There are eleven garden sites throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC. There are also several container "gardens" designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons. About 200 hours were spent this year by the commission in planning, decorating, and mostly in maintaining these sites. The maintenance is backbreaking work of weeding and trimming plant material in busy traffic islands...and often in the hot sun!

We are very proud of our islands and container gardens and how they are showy throughout the year, especially in the summer. We look forward to our daffodils beginning the show at Scotland Street in the spring. By the end of May most of the roses at various islands have opened up and brighten up our lovely Hingham roads. Soon after, the rest of our plantings are in bloom and they all continue to bloom until the end of the summer, and often into the fall. Autumn Joy brightens up several islands for October. The downtown containers are also in their finest during the summer, but then are festively decorated to enjoy during the holidays and into the new year.

We are an organization comprised of seven women (and occasional volunteers) all working very hard. This past year we did not receive as much help from the Department of Public Works due to COVID-19 and their restricted man power. It was also a very dry summer so some of the islands were not as showy as other summers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Spaziani, Chair  
Carolyn Aliski  
Patricia Bray  
Patricia Collins  
Margaret Coleman  
Susan Kiley  
Diane Morrison

## Cable TV Advisory Committee

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In 2020, the Committee continued to focus on advising the Board of Selectmen on the content and quality of programming on our Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) channels, in partnership with Harbor Media (formerly known as Hingham Cable Access and Media or HCAM), our local non-profit community media hub.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the Town will be soon rolling out an additional High Definition (HD) channel on Comcast in addition to our existing HD channel on Verizon 2131.

Our current channels:

Public: Verizon HD Channel 2131 | Comcast Channel 97

Educational: Verizon Channel 29 | Comcast Channel 22

Government: Verizon Channel 30 | Comcast Channel 09

The Committee has initiated a formal review of Harbor Media in preparation for the upcoming renewal of the Town's agreement with Harbor Media in August 2021. We have created a subcommittee to work with Harbor Media representatives going forward for the renewal.

The Committee distributed an online survey of Community Cable Needs for feedback on our local cable access programming. We received over 90 responses, which we are currently reviewing. The Committee thanks all who have submitted responses and will incorporate them in our work for the coming year.

The Committee has worked with Harbor Media to increase financial oversight of operations by improving both the frequency and quality of reporting. This initiative resulted in identifying excess reserves, which are now being spent down over the next several years. In addition, the Committee has improved communication and coordination surrounding Cable TV-related Town of Hingham accounts.

Highlights of the past year from Harbor Media ([HarborMedia.org](http://HarborMedia.org)):

- Staff certified in COVID-safe filming practices
- Real-time television schedule for public, educational, and government channels with a video-on-demand feature

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- Live Hingham High School sports coverage in collaboration with Hingham Sports Partnership
- Live viewing of government meetings via Zoom to Live functionality (available to community programming as well)
- Two new teleprompters available to the community
- Television content available for listening on our podcast channel

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

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Jones, Chair

John Rice, Vice Chair

Michael Leary, Recording Secretary

Jeff Cutler

Chris Baron

Paul Austin, Superintendent of Schools

Michelle Balconi, Harbor Media Representative

## Cleaner Greener Hingham

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The Cleaner Greener Committee set a number of ambitious goals to achieve for 2020 that included new recycling campaigns, researching ways to reduce waste at the Transfer Station, and sponsoring an annual town-wide cleanup. In March 2020, restrictions put in place to assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19 severely limited the Committee in facilitating new educational outreach campaigns. Nevertheless, we found creative ways to move forward and were able to achieve some of our goals.

### Committee Goals for 2020

- Work with the Hingham Public Library to develop a tool lending library.
- Work with the Hingham Anchor to facilitate a section within this local online news source called Green Living.
- Continue to educate about the importance of Refuse and Reduce, the first steps in overall waste reduction, including refusing things you do not need such as single use cups, straws, and bags; using reusable water bottles, cold drink tumblers, coffee cups, shopping bags, lunch carriers; and composting of food waste at home.
- Develop strategies to reduce food waste by altering purchasing habits.
- Educate residents on the importance of careful sorting of recyclables and keeping our collections free of materials that are not accepted in order to keep costs down and potentially generate revenues from high quality (non-contaminated) recyclables.
- Reorganize the Committee into the following subcommittees: By-law and Regulation Review, Community Outreach, Education, Events, and Refuse & Reuse.
- Continue to research how other Massachusetts towns are dealing with food waste collection for composting at their transfer stations and determine how Hingham could do this to help the approximately 25-35% of household trash by weight get to a compost facility, thereby reducing waste costs and the amount of waste that gets incinerated.

### Committee Goals for 2021

- Continue to educate residents on the importance of sorting recyclables and keeping our recycling collections clean of any foreign materials.

This keeps our costs down but also makes our outgoing recycling products attractive in the recycling market to potentially generate revenue for the Town.

- Sponsor a Third Annual Town-wide Clean-Up as restrictions are lifted. The date for that is to be determined.
- Continue to educate residents on the benefits of using reusable bags. In 2020, plastic bag restrictions were temporarily lifted due to COVID-19. The restrictions have been put back in place.
- Develop strategic partnerships with Town committees and the greater community to facilitate educational outreach.
- Sponsor Hazardous Waste Day in spring 2021. Because of COVID-19, we had a joint Hazardous Waste Day in September 2020 hosted in the Town of Hull. Information about what hazardous materials will be accepted at the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day is included at the end of this report.
- Assist the Department of Public Works in facilitating the sale of their new backyard composter program, which is tentatively scheduled to launch on May 1st and provide the education to support it.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ayer, Chair  
Katie Gallacher  
Stephen Jiranek  
Janice McPhillips  
Christine Nielsen  
Katie Puzo  
Peter Stathopoloulos  
Alyson Tesler-Anderson  
David White  
Maria Zade



## Commission on Disabilities

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Originally established in 1989 when the Town accepted the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 40 Section 8J, the Hingham Commission on Disabilities was created "to cause the full integration and participation of people with disabilities" in our community.

The Commission was reactivated by the Board of Selectmen in 2020 and is currently comprised of five members. According to state law, a majority of said commission members shall consist of people with disabilities, one member shall be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability, and one member shall be either an elected or appointed official of that city or town.

MGL Chapter 40, Section 8J outlines six main functions of the Commission as follows:

- 1) Research local problems of people with disabilities;
- 2) Advise and assist municipal officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities;
- 3) Coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts office on disability;
- 4) Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of said city or town as they affect people with disabilities;
- 5) Provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability; and
- 6) Coordinate activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes.

The Commission is comprised of Hingham residents who volunteer their time and considerable expertise to identify accessibility issues and seek solutions to empower those with disabilities in Hingham. The Commission held its first meeting in December 2020 via Zoom. Due to COVID-19, all Town Meetings are being held remotely via Zoom. While this has allowed for greater participation in Town Meetings, it can be particularly challenging for individuals with hearing impairments if a person speaking does not have their camera on and/or the "live transcript" feature is not enabled. Members of our Commission quickly worked with Town Administration and the IT Department to encourage all boards and

committees to utilize the free and easy “live transcript” function in Zoom that can empower many in our community who have hearing challenges.

According to data in the Hingham Master Plan, estimates of the local population of people with disabilities is relatively low compared to the rest of Massachusetts, especially during what is referred to as the “wage earning years” of 35-64 and again in the over 75 plus category.

**Table 6.1. Comparison Estimates of Population with Disabilities (2018)**

	Hingham			Massachusetts		
	No Disability	Disability	Percent Disability	No Disability	Disability	Percent Disability
Under 5	1,371	0	0.0%	360,002	2,679	0.7%
5 To 17	4,723	68	1.4%	956,270	57,869	5.7%
18 To 34	2,474	119	4.6%	1,552,314	97,971	5.9%
35 To 64	9,036	481	5.1%	2,395,878	291,411	10.8%
65 To 74	1,968	248	11.2%	475,505	128,921	21.3%
75 Plus	1,656	905	35.3%	230,615	206,580	47.3%
Total	21,228	1,821	7.9%	5,970,584	785,431	11.6%

*Source: ACS 2018, B18101. Note: “disability” as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is not the same as “disability” in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Massachusetts Special Education Law, Chapter 71B. As a result, the 1.4 percent of children 5-17 with a disability in Table 4.1 cannot be compared with the 14+ percent students with disabilities in the Hingham Public Schools.*

The Commission on Disabilities will be conducting a town-wide survey in the later part of the year to better understand the needs of individuals with disabilities in Hingham. The Commission would greatly appreciate your participation in this brief survey. It is essential for the Commission to have your feedback so we can better tailor our work to create solutions and advocate on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

One of the first tasks the Commission was asked to tackle by our Board of Selectman liaison, Mary Power, was making all aspects of government more accessible. Selectman Power was immensely helpful guiding the Commission getting re-established and on behalf of the entire Commission we wish to extend our gratitude to Selectman Power for her many years of service to the Town of Hingham.

The Commission is working with a variety of Town representatives to create a more welcoming and inclusive environment at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be held outdoors which can add complexity to hosting such an event. It is the goal of the Commission to improve access and attendance by individuals with disabilities at Town Meetings in the future. The right to vote by all

members of our community is essential to a healthy and representative Democracy.

On behalf of the Commission on Disabilities, we would like to thank the residents of Hingham for their continued support of individuals with disabilities. Your continued participation in and generosity with organizations like SNAP and SEPAC demonstrates our collective goal of making Hingham a model of inclusivity.

The Commission welcomes any interested parties to join our monthly meetings or email the commission with comments and questions at [cod@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:cod@hingham-ma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DeNapoli, Chair 2023  
Stephanie Gertz, Vice Chair 2023  
Megan Baker, Secretary 2022  
Keith Jermyn 2023  
Maria O'Laughlin 2022

## Community Preservation Committee

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

The Town obtains community preservation funds not only via monies from the Commonwealth but also from a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes (effective July 1, 2001). The state matching grants payable each November 15th are based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th and interest on the accumulated funds.

The total amount collected by the Town Community Preservation Fund for the year ended June 30, 2019 was approximately \$1,081,374 from local taxes and \$152,625 from the State grant. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) also had \$459,000 in money that had previously been set aside for projects voted on at prior Town Meetings but that had not gone forward. Total money available came to \$1,692,999.

CPC is comprised of nine people, five of whom are appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, and Recreation Commission, and four of whom are citizens-at-large—two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies, citizens, and other town entities such as nonprofits to fund projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low- and moderate-income housing, acquisition of open space, and recreation (which falls under the Open Space heading). The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes.

The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of three Community Resource categories: Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space/Recreation. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of these categories, or for saving for a subsequent year.

Last year, after reviewing several applications, CPC's recommendations included a total of seven projects: three historic preservation projects, one housing project, and three open space/recreation allocations. A total of

\$1,699,330 was recommended and approved by the 2020 Annual Town Meeting for the following projects.

Affordable Housing projects included:

- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Opportunity Funding Program (\$272,300)

Historic Preservation projects included:

- Appropriating funds to be used by the Hingham Historical Society to help purchase the Benjamin Lincoln House for repurposing as a museum (\$772,000, requiring debt service in the amount of \$495,331 in addition to \$276,669)
- Clearing the land and restoration of gravestones at the Canterbury Street Cemetery (\$40,000)
- Restoration of the tower clocks at the 18th-century Second Paris Church (\$32,030)

Open space/Recreation projects included:

- Design and construction documents for a new pool at South Shore Country Club (\$500,000)
- Repair of the tennis courts at Plymouth River School (\$75,000)
- Re-survey the Lehner Conservation area with new boundary posts and two way-finding kiosks (\$8,000)

Additionally, \$489,000 was set aside for debt service: \$356,000 for the Lehner Conservation Land and \$133,000 for the Benjamin Lincoln House.

The Committee wishes to thank Jim Watson, Housing Authority representative, Robert Mosher, Conservation Commission representative, and Dan White (Moderator's appointment) for serving on the CPC and welcomes new members Megan Buhr, Thomas Roby, and Charlie Byrne.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lindner, Chair (Moderator's Appt.)

Charlie Byrne, Vice Chair (Moderator's Appt.)

Megan Buhr (Housing Authority)

Kevin Burke (Historical Rep.)

Vicki Donlan (Recreation Rep.)

Bill Harrington (Selectmen's Appt.)

Kirsten Moore (Selectmen's rep)

Thomas Roby (Conservation Commission)

Judy Sneath (Planning Board)



## Country Club Management Committee

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While the COVID-19 global pandemic continues to cause many challenges for the South Shore Country Club (SSCC), we anticipate that the SSCC will still have a cash positive fiscal year. Our golf course has been very busy. Golfers, of all ages, are recognizing that our pristine 150+ acres golf course provides them with a safe and healthy outdoor recreational environment. Our permit holders have been playing many more rounds of golf and daily golfers (walk-ins) have also increased their bookings of our remaining available tee times. As a result, golf cart revenue, greens fees, permit holder fees and lesson fees have all exceeded expectations.

Diligent management of our expenses coupled with the aforementioned improvement in golf revenue has allowed us to offset revenue lost, during the several weeks that our operations were entirely closed down,



due to the pandemic. We also have been able to absorb losses attributable to the discontinuance of all of our camps, golf outings, candlepin bowling leagues, and our golf simulator business. Our wedding and event business has also been substantially reduced. However, with the support of the Town, we have been able to temporarily restructure our lease with the Greenside Grille, allowing them to continue to operate their restaurant, on a limited basis, with socially distanced in-door seating, take-out dinners and patio dining. This, along with COVID-19 related financial support from available resources, has enabled them to continue to meet their adjusted rental obligations to the SSCC.

We could not be prouder of the performance of our staff during this difficult year. They have consistently adapted to the changing operating regulations and restrictions that have been created to cope with the pandemic and have diligently worked within these guidelines to make the recreation, dining, and other activities at the SSCC a welcoming and safe respite from these unsettling times. Executive Director, Kevin Whalen; Golf Pro, Chris Riley; Asst. Golf Pro Mike Libby, Golf Course Superintendent, Jake Silva and the rest of the SSCC staff are to be commended for their commitment to the ongoing safe and successful operation of the SSCC.

It is the mission of The Country Club Management Committee (CCMC), a five-member board appointed by the Town of Hingham, to protect and enhance the capital assets of the South Shore Country Club. To this end,

the CCMC has been working with the SSCC staff on a capital plan that includes not only repair and upkeep of the existing SSCC facilities and structures, but also improvement and replacement of these facilities and structures, where needed. The CCMC's efforts to address SSCC's long-term capital infrastructure needs and fiscal sustainability include: development of a Master Plan (a long-term capital investment plan for the golf course and facilities); pending, construction of a new "Turf Care" Maintenance Facility, and the design relocation and replacement of the Town Pool, which has been closed, since 2019.

As a designated Enterprise Fund, the SSCC is to operate as a self-sufficient entity, including the servicing of its own debt. In accordance with this requirement, Hingham's 2020 Annual Town Meeting approved a 20-year bonding initiative of \$2.2 million, with the proceeds to be use to design and construct a new SSCC "Turf Care" Maintenance Facility with the funding cost to be borne by the SSCC. A \$500 thousand grant proposal, by Hingham's Community Preservation Committee (CPC), for the design and preparation of construction documents for a new Town Pool (located at the SSCC) has also been approved by Town Meeting. Approval for the bonding of the Pool Project, to be paid for by the Town, will be taken up at a future Town Meeting. Pomroy Associates has been awarded the contract as the Operating Project Manager and Rotti McGroddy Design Collaborative has been selected as the design and architectural firm for both of the projects. The design process has commenced and is ongoing.

As a town-owned and operated facility for over 30 years, the SSCC continues to partner with our local schools, Recreation Department, and renowned Special Needs Athletic Program (SNAP) for numerous services and programming activities throughout a normal year. Our three golf simulators, 10 lane bowling alley, and active restaurant help to balance out the seasonal nature of the golf course. With 85% of revenues generated from golf operations, we are honored to be recognized as a premier public course in the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Golf Association (MGA) chose the SSCC as the site for the 2020 Women's Senior Golf Championship - a true testament to the quality of our course and professionalism of our staff.

We are most thankful for continued Town support and look forward to the scheduled improvements to help us proudly celebrate the Club's 100th Anniversary in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smith, Chair  
Jack Bailly

William Friend  
Susan Sullivan

Stephen White

## Cultural Council

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The Massachusetts Cultural Council funds and manages a network of 329 local cultural councils across the state, representing every city and town in the Commonwealth. This Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. Each year, LCCs award more than \$4M in grants to over 6,000 cultural programs statewide, based on each community's cultural needs as assessed and set by its council members. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts resident. To learn more, see [https://www.mass-culture.org/grant\\_cycle.aspx](https://www.mass-culture.org/grant_cycle.aspx).

The COVID-19 shutdowns in 2020 turned everything on end. Since events planned, after Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency in March had to be cancelled, it was devastating to most of our applicant-organizations. The State Budget process was disrupted, which then pushed Mass Cultural Council's usual grant cycle deadlines for FY2021 back from December 31st/January 15<sup>th</sup> into February/March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mass Cultural Council allocated \$6,600 to the Hingham LCC for the support of arts and artists in our community; members voted to set aside 15% of these for a council program. Nearly \$5,000 of funds left over from cancelled events also became available to applicants in this grant cycle. At our Voting Meeting on February 8, 2021, 16 grants ranging from \$250 to \$2500 were awarded to:

- Choral Art Society of the South Shore
- Holly Hill Farm
- Fuller Craft Museum
- Hit and Run History
- James Library & Center for the Arts (2)
- John Root
- Hingham Downtown Association
- Motoko Dworkin
- New Repertory Theatre
- Old Ship Candlelight Concerts
- Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra
- South Shore Arts Center
- South Shore Natural Science Center (2)
- Yoron Israel

In June 2020, Janine Suchecki completed her two three-year-term limit on the Council, five of those six years as Chair/Co-Chair. She was kind enough to sit in on our first meeting for the new grant season in October 2020 to guide the members through the nuances of the grant cycle timeline. Many thanks to Janine for her leadership, organizational skills, and good humor. The Council also welcomed new members Ellen Stone and Jonathan Kirk; while Stephanie Gertz resigned. Thank you to all our members who volunteered their time to our Town. You make a difference!

Like everything else in 2020, response to the COVID-19 pandemic changed our Grant Cycle timeline dates for FY2021. The application process normally begins in September, with all proposals received by mid-October of the given year for consideration by December 31st. Hingham Cultural Council only accepts applications submitted online at <https://www.mass-culture.org/>, and local preference is given to projects that directly impact Hingham residents. We hope you'll 'Like' our Facebook page, where you can find Mass Cultural Council updates, cultural topics, and local events.

**HINGHAM ARTS WALK**  
**SUNDAY**  
 October 18th 12-4 pm  
 discover Hingham

■ Artist & Artisan Exhibits  
 ● Parking  
 ● Bathrooms

**ARTIST LISTINGS**

1 Whitney Gordon's Jewelers 39 Main Street John Desjardis	7 Hingham Heritage Museum 34 Main Street * Ego Rippey Susan Kihavits Joan Brande Michael Wraymouth Viggy Shekubinsky JJ Poner Alex Gault Saint Paul School
2 RSVP 37 Main Street Alison Dinaggio Calligraphy	*Free Exhibit for Arts Walk participants Picking Hingham: The Art of Louis and Beatrice Baker Roy!
3 Carolynn's 31-35 Main Street Manifest Handmade by Katherine Bennett Shelley Grissom	8 Hingham Community Center 70 South Street Way Clifford
4 AZ Studio 29 Main Street Kaia the Artist Hillary Abram Jeweler	9 8 Main Street Dianne Farnsworth Miller Plain air
5 Maggie's Dog House 17 Main Street Evergreen Artworks	10 Hingham Greenery 39 South Street Cindy Hastings
6 Artisans in the Square 63 South Street Tina Wilson Elaine Wright Debby Deane Debra Cummings Susan Unany Erin Merchant MacAtefer Sue McGowan Gina Rowlands Janet Spith Shirley Taylor	11 Erica Ramsey Studio 28 South Street - upstairs Resident Artist
12 La Petite Maison 142 North Street Sweet Seams Johi Lawler	13 J. McLaughlin 124-132 North Street Art Work by Max
14 Acquire Good 132 North Street The Pink Frame	15 Hennessey News Building Hensley Farm Market Depicts the Hensley Toy & Box Factory ca. 1850
16 Waterhouse 109 North Street Christina Eckersmith JoAnne Chiffick Margaret McWethly Amber Waterhouse	17 Fig a 102 North Street Rob Dunn Photography
18 Doublemint Home 106 North Street Wendy Callahan Madison Carver of Studio MC Designs	19 Ralph's Hingham Wine Merchant 74 North Street
20 Kloth 6 Station Street PALR Jewelry Designs	21 Coldwell Banker 56 South Street Mara Marini
22 Assembly 24 North Street Brooke Barletta Photography	23 White Magdalena House 69 Water Street MaryJane O'Brien Tina Watson Lisa Daria Kennedy Sue Stone Adrienne Callen
24 Intrinsic Provisions 69 Water Street Karin the Artist Parker Skis	25 Home in Harmony 290 Main Street Jan Keely
26 Kindred 292 Main Street High Street Studios by Michelle Green	

**Get your Art On!**  
*Stroll from the Center to the Square and down to the Harbor to enjoy it all!*

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Coyle, Chair  
 Ellen Stone, Secretary  
 Leah Godfrey

Tricia Byrnes  
 Jonathan Kirk  
 Megan Ward

## Department of Elder Services

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The Hingham Department of Elder Services' mission continues to be to support the independence and ongoing personal development of Hingham's population 60 and older, advocate for their needs and work to enhance the quality of their lives.

The Department of Elder Services operates a 5,000 square foot senior center offering a variety of programs and services, including; fitness and wellness classes, health clinics, educational classes, art classes, social events, a nutritional lunch program, information and referral services, a variety of card games, mah jongg, scrabble, and much more.

The Senior Center hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm, Tuesdays, 8:30am- 6:30pm, and Fridays, 8:30am-1:00pm. The department employs one full-time Director, one full- time Administrative Assistant, one full-time Outreach Coordinator, one part-time Clerk and three part-time medical drivers. The department also employs two part-time grant funded transportation dispatcher/coordinators.

The year 2020 began with success and high expectations. In January, the Senior Center was notified of the award of National Accreditation through the National Institute of Senior Centers. This achievement recognizes that the Hingham Senior Center performs within the top 2% of all senior centers across the country. The Department of Elder Services extends its deepest gratitude to former Director Barbara Farnsworth, the staff, and all of the volunteers who participated in the accreditation process.



The Council on Aging Board members, volunteers, and staff were in the final stages of planning a momentous celebration to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Council on Aging on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Department of Elder Services' staff and volunteers were collaborating with the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and Hingham's Police and Fire Departments on a senior public safety initiative formally known as TRIAD.

From January through March 13, 2020 the Senior Center hosted 65 individual programs which repeated for a total of 464 times. 710 individuals participated in the programs. 47 seniors received rides to 281 medical appointments and 44 seniors were provided 304 non-medical

rides to the grocery store, pharmacy, library, senior center or other essential services.

The department expanded on its existing marketing strategies with the creation of a Facebook page on February 18, 2020. Please like us at <https://www.facebook.com/HinghamSeniorCenter>.

The page has 219 followers. The Senior Center distributed 3,450 printed copies monthly of its newsletter, "*The Central Times*". *The Central Times* can be found online at <https://ourseniorcenter.com/find/hingham-council-on-aging>.

Out of an abundance of caution of the Coronavirus, the Hingham Senior Center closed its doors to the public and cancelled all in person programming effective March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The impacts of social distancing and implementation of precautions impacted Elder Services across every domain.

### Volunteers

47 Volunteers logged 932 hours in 2020 (as compared to 114 Active Volunteers giving 3,805 hours between July 2019 and December 31, 2019). 25 volunteers transitioned to remote opportunities including Zoom program facilitators, Discovery Life Long Learning Committee members and Council on Aging Advisory Board members. The Senior Center would not function without the efforts of our tremendous volunteers. As was the experience for many, our seniors and volunteers were thrust into a world whereby the only safe social connections took place virtually. We want to thank all of our volunteers for stepping outside of their comfort zone, for teaching themselves first then others how to use new technology (such as Zoom) to facilitate and participate in remote program opportunities.

In December of 2020, the Council on Aging Board coordinated a virtual "Volunteer Recognition Event" to honor all of the departments dedicated volunteers. This special event included a prerecorded presentation and delivery of gifts to 130 volunteers.

### Transportation

The transportation program halted in March. In July of 2020, the Department of Elder Services resumed limited transportation for medical well visits.

### Programs

The Senior Center transitioned to remote programming in the late spring. Seniors accessed a variety of 18 educational, fitness, social and cultural

programs from the safety of their own homes. In 2020 the center hosted a total of 442 programs.

The Senior Center sponsored fitness programs aired on Harbor Media Cable for those who do not use technology.

The Discovery Life Long Learning Committee coordinated educational programs monthly via Zoom. The Senior Center created a YouTube Channel to store and share recorded programs.

### Outreach

Traditionally, the Department's Outreach Coordinator provides help with completing applications for a variety of subsidized assistance programs including SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Fuel Assistance. The Outreach Coordinator provides information and referral services to Hingham residents seeking such information related to available programs and aging services.

From July through December, the Outreach Coordinator with support of department staff assisted seniors by offering curbside pickup of paperwork by appointment.

The Outreach Coordinator also oversees the Town Tax Work-Off Program placement. In a customary year, 60 tax work-off slots are available to seniors who meet eligibility guidelines. Seniors can work within various municipal departments to reduce real estate tax liabilities. For more information call the center or visit: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/747/Property-Tax-Work-Off-Program>

During 2020 the primary roles of departmental staff changed significantly. In March, staff contacted seniors cancelling all scheduled appointments, programs, classes and AARP tax preparation appointments.

With the help of other municipal departments 1,167 Hingham Seniors over the age of 60 received personal phone calls offering available essential services and a friendly voice. The calls served as a wellness check-in at the beginning of the pandemic. Referrals for services were made to several senior service organizations, volunteer groups, the Hingham Public Library Technology team and the Hingham Public Schools food services program. As the months progressed these calls were repeated with our oldest seniors totaling 2,419 phone calls.

The Department of Elder Services conducted eight pre-recorded informational phone calls to seniors registered in the MySeniorCenter

database. Calls included resource and referral information, available remote program opportunities and important public health advisories. Calls went out to as many as 4,732 residents.

Staff continued to ensure vulnerable seniors had essential needs met by personally delivering donated masks, toilet paper, gloves, grocery gift cards, and pet food.

The department partnered with Harbor Media to create and air multiple public service announcements providing important resource and public health information to senior viewers.

The Department of Elder Services implemented monthly electronic communication via Constant Contact in August of 2020. Informational electronic bulletins were distributed to 1,015 email addresses each month.

SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) Counselors assist individuals choose the health care coverage that best meets their unique medical and financial needs. Open enrollment takes place from October to December annually. SHINE Counselors shifted to remote appointments and provided assistance to seniors from the safety of their own home.

#### Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is an 11 seat advisory board. The COA members also serve on various committees to assist in achieving the mission and vision for the Senior Center and the Department of Elder Services. Committees are comprised of COA Board Members, staff, volunteers, and senior center patrons. The COA Board shifted to remote meetings monthly on the second Tuesday at 11:30AM via Zoom. Advisory Board members facilitate the development of the department's long term strategic plan, assist with the NISC Accreditation process, the annual appeal for donations and so much more.

Facility discussions continue to be at the forefront of COA Board meetings and amongst center participants. According to the UMass Donahue Institute, Hingham currently has 7,999 residents over the age of 60 (34% of the total population) and 11,423 over the age of 50 (48.6% of the total population). By 2030, Hingham should expect to have 9,591 residents over 60 (39.1% of the total population) and 12,465 over 50 (50.9% of the total population). Senior Center services are provided to caregivers as well as senior residents. The Department of Elder Services gives serious consideration to the impact this growth will have on Elder Services, staff, programs, transportation and facility limitations.

The November 21<sup>st</sup> Special Fall Town Meeting approved a 7 member Senior Center Building Committee, following the approval of funds to acquire property intended for the development of a Public Safety Facility.

2020 Senior Center Membership

Number of total members: the system	10, 918 people have profiles in
Number of active members:	876
Registered email addresses:	1,290
Demographics:	78% Female, 21.4% Male



The Council on Aging thanks outgoing COA Board Members Kristin Arute, Gail Faring, Debra Hoffman, and Chrissy Roberts—for their service to the seniors of Hingham. The Council on Aging and Department of Elder Services thanks former staff members Laurie Cosman (Transportation Dispatch) and the late John Callahan (Medical Driver) for their service to the department’s transportation program and to the seniors of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Young, Director

Dawn Sibor, Chair  
Cindy King, Vice Chair  
David Alschuler, Secretary  
Ethel Franks  
Karen Johnson

Eleanor Letterie  
Linda Powers  
Jean Silverio  
Deborah Sullivan  
Joe Millburg

## Energy Action Committee

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**Mission:** To serve the residents and commercial enterprises of the Town of Hingham by helping to establish energy policies and measures that will promote the efficient use of energy and reduce adverse environmental impact, and by taking measures to increase awareness of energy issues.

**Work Product:** The Energy Action Committee identifies, promotes, and helps implement energy savings opportunities for municipal and community-wide operations and residences, and raises energy awareness on issues of concern to Town residents.

**Work Agenda:** Monthly meetings; working with various Town committees, groups, and the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) on implementing energy efficiency measures; and representing the Town on energy policy issues in the broader Massachusetts community.

For the year 2020, the Committee had set as its goals the following:

- Finalize program for the development of a climate action plan for Hingham;
- Identify further projects and opportunities for, and assist the Town in preparing, competitive grant applications under the Green Communities program;
- Assist Town Administration in meeting the five-year goals set forth in the Energy Reduction Plan adopted by the Town; and
- Continue to identify and advocate for renewable energy use in the Town.

The Committee met with the Selectmen and held public hearings in 2020 to pursue the formation of a climate action planning committee and establish a carbon emissions reduction goal for the Town. The Committee put forward a warrant article to that effect to be considered at 2020 Town Meeting, but following consultation with the Selectmen and Town Administration, opted to withdraw the article so that a climate action task force could scope out the possible costs of such a plan and return to Town Meeting in 2021 with a proposed budget. The Committee drafted a task force charter for consideration, discussed with Town Administration the make-up and contours of the task force, and volunteered one of its members to participate in the task force. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a delay in the task force's formation; however, the Committee was ultimately able to assist the task force once it was formed in the fall of 2020.

With regard to the Green Communities program, the Town completed its first annual report in the fall of 2020 in accordance with the Green Communities program requirements. While Hingham has expended some of the funds received through its initial grant and made progress on its goals, more work remains to be done. The Committee is engaging with Town Administration to identify additional competitive grant opportunities to make progress on the energy efficiency and carbon reduction projects identified in the Green Communities designation grant application.

The Committee also investigated increased solar adoption in Town, the use of electronic vehicles (EVs) by Town departments (particularly the Police Department) and the installation of EV charging stations in town, and participated in various outreach opportunities, such as the South Shore Coalition and League of Women Voters.

The Committee would like to express its appreciation to Town staff and, most of all, the active and engaged citizens of Hingham. While the COVID-19 pandemic certainly impacted the Committee's work, the Town successfully pivoted to a remote meeting format via Zoom, Committee members were able to meet and conduct business, and Town citizens were as engaged and watchful as ever. In fact, the Committee noted greater citizen participation in its remote meetings during the pandemic than with physical meetings at Town Hall as in past years. While we, like everyone, await the pandemic's end and the ability to reconnect in person, we are encouraged by the Town's resilience and our ability to continue to drive our work forward.

#### Goals for 2021:

- Advocate for the development of a climate action plan;
- Participate in and support any climate action planning effort approved by the Town;
- Identify further projects and opportunities for, and assist the Town in preparing, competitive grant applications under the Green Communities program;
- Assist the Town in meeting the five-year goals set forth in the Energy Reduction Plan adopted by the Town;
- Support sustainable, resilient, and energy efficient design in any new and planned-for municipal buildings; and
- Continue to identify and advocate for renewable energy use in the Town.

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy-related matters are encouraged to contact us through [energy@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:energy@hingham-ma.gov).

The Committee would like to express its thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administration, Advisory Committee, School Committee, and the Departments with whom the Committee has worked over the past year, as nothing could have been accomplished without their support. The Committee would like to express its thanks to, and acknowledge the strong support of, the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, which has advocated for and provided assistance to the Committee for many years.

Lastly, the Committee notes with a great deal of appreciation that Paul Heanue, Director of HMLP and member of the Committee for over a decade, will be retiring in 2021. We are thankful for his contributions and support he has provided over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Heanue, HMLP  
Mikhail (Mike) Kacherovich  
Mark LeBel  
Brad Moyer, Chair  
Beth Porter  
Michael Reive  
School Business Director ex-officio  
Town Administrator ex-officio



## Fourth of July Parade Committee

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As is traditional, the Hingham July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Committee met at the end of 2019 to review the activities of the prior parade, the financial health of the Committee, and to begin the planning process for the 2020 Parade.

The January, February, and March 2020 meetings lay the foundation for the coming July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The January meeting focused on the selection of a 2020 Parade theme. After much deliberation and discussion, and with hope for a more understanding attitude across the land, the theme chosen by unanimous decision was "Unity in Community".

As done in years' past, Hingham's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were invited to participate in creating a design for the parade button, based on the selected theme. The Committee received many talented submissions and chose Ginger Niehoff from Plymouth River School as the 2020 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Button winner.



The design shows individuals from all walks of life holding hands and a banner stating, "Together We Can Make a Difference." Beneath the parade theme, the background of the design was the American Flag, coupled with several iconic sky scrapers/structures across the USA: including the Statue of Liberty, Seattle Space Needle, Golden Gate Bridge, and a farm depicting the rural lands of our country. The Parade Committee thought this design was eye-catching, had artistic merit, and clearly captured "Unity in Community" within our great country.

The second major task of the Committee was the selection of the Parade Grand Marshal and the unanimous selection was Mrs. Jeanne Murphy. As always, there were several candidates of merit, a tribute to the number of people who serve or have served the Town and community with distinction. Jeanne was a great fit for the 2020 Parade theme "Unity in Community". In her 62 years in Hingham, Jeanne engaged in a variety of civic, educational, and community endeavors, which greatly enhanced Hingham and improved the quality of life for its citizens. Among her long list of accomplishments while volunteering for the town, Jeanne oversaw the purchase and operation of the South Shore Country Club and was proud to have been involved in the transfer of the

historic Hingham mural from the former Pages Restaurant to the Country Club in the early 80's.

Jeanne was very pleased and honored at this recognition and felt this was the perfect "cherry on top" to celebrate her many decades long relationship with Hingham. The Committee feels it is important to record Jeanne's many contributions in the 2020 Hingham July 4th Parade Committee Report for the reasons that the 2020 Parade was forced to be cancelled in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and that, importantly and very sadly, Jeanne has passed away and so cannot be celebrated in the next Hingham July 4th Parade, whenever that can occur.



Typically, the Committee would comment on the success of its various sponsored activities: the Annual Selectmen's Cup Golf tournament, usually held in May, the Button Sales, 50 Flags Campaign, Corporate and individual donations, and other fundraisers, and, of course, the Parade itself, its participants and award winners. But, unfortunately, the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings forced the cancellation of the 2020 Parade. However, the Committee continued to be productive and visible, while compliant with the Governor's mandate.

The 2020 Parade Buttons were produced and launched under the leadership of Committee member and Rotarian, Dewitt DeLawter. The Fruit Center Marketplace, a parade sponsor, agreed to pass out 4,000 individually bagged buttons with a "Be Safe & Healthy" message from the Parade Committee. The Committee felt this was the safest way to distribute the buttons to the community at large. Additionally, 1,500 parade buttons were available at a variety of locations throughout the town, once pandemic restrictions allowed stores to reopen. As in the past, they were met with great interest, although the fundraising generated decreased approximately 95 percent from recent years (\$8,500 to \$500) – a significant sign of the direct impact from COVID-19 to the local economy.

Under Committee member Tom Hoffman's indefatigable enthusiasm, the 50 Flags Campaign remained a core element of 2020 Hingham July 4th Parade Committee fundraising efforts – achieving a record \$25,000!! This year, the 50 Flags Campaign focused on only two weeks, before and after the 4th of July, and utilized the Committee's complete inventory of 16,000 flags! Over a number of years, Tom, with Campaign co-chair Susan Rizzo, and their volunteers have built the 50 Flags Campaign from a great idea struggling to reach 80 homes, into a July 4<sup>th</sup> institution! As before, Tom was successful in recruiting various high school organizations and athletic



teams to assist in the labor-intensive tasks of installing and retrieving the flags and again also employed lawn signage and advertising the Campaign on the Town's website to generate interest and orders. Twenty per cent of the funds raised, or \$5,000, were returned to the groups represented by the volunteers.

HarborMedia, led by Parade Committee liaison Kristina Yannotta, interviewed the 2020 honorees and several Parade Committee members to create a Virtual Parade, which broadcast in July 2020. The Virtual Parade included footage from several past years, including historic film of the retired, and always a parade favorite, the Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band, created and organized in the early 1990's by Georgette and John Sullivan, and Chris Richmond! HarborMedia did a tremendous job marrying the video with the interviews, while maintaining the feeling of the real parade.

In 2020, the Hingham Veterans Council voted David Sargent, LT, US Army, as recipient of the Annual Hank Maude – "Service Above Self" - Veteran of the Year! Lt Sargent was given a banner prepared by the Parade Committee for his 2020 honor. There was no Citizen of the Year selected by The Hingham Journal for 2020; yet another indication of the general state of affairs this calendar year.

Writing this Annual Hingham July 4th Parade Committee Report in early 2021, like everyone else, the Committee faces uncertainty as to the 2021 Parade. However, the Committee remains at work ensuring that the usual elements and funding activities, such as can be conducted in present circumstances, will continue in anticipation of the next parade, whenever

that will be possible. And, of course, since the Parade is entirely self-funded and a major part of the Committee's mandate is to ensure adequate funding to continue this proud Hingham tradition, fundraising efforts will continue to ensure the needed funds (\$55,000 - \$60,000) to meet the annual Parade budget are available.

The Hingham July 4th Parade Committee continues to be ably led by Jim Murphy, now completing his 11<sup>th</sup> year of chairmanship and few are probably aware of the hours and effort Jim puts into this role! The 2020 Parade Committee was made up of many long-term members, including George Ford (Uncle Sam), Police Chief Glenn Olsson, Mary Ellen Lahiff, Dewitt DeLawter, Monica Conyngham, Cassie McDermott, Gabby Roegner, Tom Hoffman, Jack Dean, Jeff Lally, Mark Everett, Carrie Murphy, Jason Caine, Deputy Fire Chief Louis Lachance and Louis O'Dea.

New committee members welcomed in 2020 included Erin McGourty and Heather Johnson, who both grew up in Hingham watching the parade and are thrilled to be part of this wonderful tradition, and Danielle Monsiegnur, who recently moved to Hingham. The new members were terrific additions, providing new ideas, energy, and passion to the Committee! We hope they will soon be rewarded to see a live parade as a prize for their year-long efforts. As always, the Committee is grateful to the many volunteers who support the work of the Committee on an ad hoc basis and stand ready to give time and support on Parade Day.

In addition to losing our 2020 Grand Marshal, Mrs. Jeanne Murphy, the Town of Hingham lost an ardent parade supporter and President of AW Perry, Rich Beal, suddenly in September.

Finally, the Committee greatly appreciated the support and advice from the Town's Public Safety services, in particular recently-retired Police Chief Glenn Olsson for his many years of support and Committee membership, and from our new Police Chief, David Jones, and Fire Chief, Steve Murphy. Safety improvements implemented over the past decade are focused on making the floats safer, by educating the float volunteers of the dangers posed by children darting into the street, chasing candy, and getting too close to the large wheels of the typical truck. The Parade Committee's moto is, "Every parade is a success as long as there were no injuries!"

Respectfully submitted,

The Fourth of July Parade Committee

## Grand Army Hall

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2020 was difficult year for the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We were not able to host the American Legion Post 120 or Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6053 meetings nor continue our Open House events. We also had to postpone our special events such as the Hingham High School Sophomore History Field Day and events with our local Cub Scout or Boy Scout troops.

During this unusual year, the Trustees primarily focused on the continued care and maintenance of the building. Renovations to the basement were completed, lighting was upgraded, and the alarm system was upgraded to add access from either entrance. We also identified capital repairs that will need to be made in future years to preserve this remarkable facility.

We look forward to welcoming back veterans and other members of the community in 2021 and to once again honoring the mission of our G.A.R. Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McMillan, Chair

Robert Beal, Jr, Treasurer

Frank Sheelen, Secretary

Veterans Service Officer Keith Jermyn, Advisor

## Harbor Development Committee

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Continued attention to infrastructure, access, physical improvements along the waterfront and promoting Hingham harbor related issues remained the focus of the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) in 2020.

The HDC met monthly through 2020 and particularly targeted moving forward several town projects approved and initially funded by Hingham's 2015 and 2017 Annual Town Meetings (ATM). Selectman Joe Fisher served as the Committee's Selectmen liaison and Bathing Beach Trustees Alan Perrault, Ed Johnson and Chris Daly joined us in several meetings to advance harbor matters of mutual interest, including the Bath House/Snack Shop Project. The Committee acknowledges with appreciation the three years of service to our mission of retiring member Bruce MacAloney who led the charge in researching, designing, funding and installing the six historical signs on the harbor completed in 2020.

**Bath House/Snack Shack Completed**--HDC applauds and congratulates the Bathing Beach Trustees on the successful completion of the bath house/snack shack (to be known as the 'Beach House Restaurant') in the late summer of 2020. A 'soft opening' by the restaurant's owner in the fall demonstrated the popularity of this new attraction on the harborfront, especially given the great interest in outdoor activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. With its virtually all-weather rest rooms, and community room available for public and private functions, this new structure adds a welcome amenity for enjoyment by Hingham's citizens.

**Town Owned Wharf Repair, Restoration and Reconstruction**— Following 2015 and 2017 ATMs' appropriations for structural assessment and development of detailed engineering drawings of four town owned wharves, HDC has been working with marine engineering consultants Beals & Thomas to design necessary repairs and height increases of the three prioritized wharves at Town Pier Wharf (AKA Iron Horse Park), Veteran's Park (the POW/MIA memorial) and Barnes I (home of Hingham Maritime), against the background threat of sea level rise. This is in response to the 2014 Kleinfelder Sea Level Rise Study, funded by a Coastal Community Resilience Grant, to assess the Town's vulnerability to key infrastructure damage in the event of unusual wind and high tide events.

With those voter-approved funds, in 2018 we proceeded with preparation of detailed engineering drawings and permitting work and reached conclusions on designs for each of the renovated wharves, including height, structural features and choice of materials. After informational

hearings before representatives of all the relevant town bodies that conclusion was also ratified by the Board of Selectmen.

During 2019 and 2020 design and permitting planning work continued, initially emphasizing Town Pier Wharf, with the assistance of the new Town Engineer, JR Frey. HDC hopes to have a warrant article for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting to approve the design and appropriate funding for the repair/resiliency work at Town Pier Wharf. If approved by voters, permitting by local state and Federal authorities will likely take three to six months. State legislators and the Governor have been considering supplemental funding for municipal sea level rise initiatives. There are also indications of interest at the Federal level in a significant 'infrastructure funding bill.' The Town will be able to seek grant funding to offset the total cost of the project from state sources such as the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) Action Grants, the Seaport Economic Council, or the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Hingham is also eligible for similar program grants offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Hingham Boat Ramp** – HDC continues to advocate a new and improved boat ramp/launch/parking area for the inner harbor to replace its deteriorating predecessor. State officials from the Dept. of Marine Fisheries have acknowledged their responsibility for design and funding of these new facilities. The Public Access Board Division of Marine Fisheries retained CLE Engineering for engineering, design and permitting of the replacement ramp and float system and both HDC and the DPW have reviewed the proposed engineering design. The final design has been approved, construction documents have been produced and all necessary permitting is complete. Now the Division and the Town will need to prevail on our legislators to urge state funding for this important infrastructure project. Currently that funding is targeted for the Commonwealth's fiscal 2022, with hoped for construction commencing in the fall of 2021 and targeted completion in June of 2022.

**Historical Interpretive Signage**—In 2018 and 2019 the Greenbush Historic Preservation granted awards totaling \$10,200 jointly to HDC and The Bathing Beach Trustees for the design, fabrication and installation of historical interpretive signage along the harbor front. Over the last two years a joint sub-committee identified a clear topic-driven mission for the signage project in a staged approach to align with extensions of the Harbor Walkway already underway. New signs were installed at six locations, depicting different periods of commercial activity at the harbor and the many ways that the harbor front related to the rest of downtown Hingham over various times in its history.

**Revising the Harbor Master Plan Vision** – With abiding ATM votes of confidence and financial support, HDC is proceeding with a number of diverse harbor improvement initiatives as outlined above. The Committee tries to balance opportunistically moving forward with individual projects as funding sources are available with the need to place such projects into the context of an overall vision for the future of Hingham’s harbor. While progress has clearly been made, the Committee is still very mindful of the need to update particularly the programmatic and landscape plans of the now outdated 2007 Harbor Master Plan. In the fall of 2020 Hingham’s Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend to town meeting voters a grant of \$60,000 for a consulting study to prepare a new detailed master plan for Hingham’s inner harbor. In that regard we have also been active participants in the development of the Town-wide design of the Hingham Master Plan and actively participated in the meetings led by consultants from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to tie downtown Hingham center to the harbor front. We are also closely monitoring the Route 3A/Summer Street Transportation Task Force as they develop final engineering plans for the corridor, including landscaping adjacent to the roadway, since those plans will significantly impact the Harbor area. We will continue to prioritize those efforts in 2021 to create the vision for the kind of harborscape and amenities that the townspeople told us they desire in prior town wide surveys.



Respectfully submitted,

William Reardon, Chair  
Marco Boer, Vice Chair  
Kathleen Doran Cutler, Secretary  
Deirdre Anderson  
Peter Branagan  
Paul Gannon  
Scott Darby  
Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

## Board of Health

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The Hingham Board of Health consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of six employees including Susan Sarni, MPH, Executive Health Officer; Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse; Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent; Andrea Benedetto, Administrative Secretary; Robin Magner, Food Inspector and Cheryl West, MSW, LCSW, Town Social Worker.

Throughout nearly all of 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic was the main focus of the health department, to try to control the spread of this disease in Hingham and save lives. The first case of COVID occurred in February; and by mid-March, the decision was made to close our schools, Town Hall, and many of our businesses. Through December, Hingham had almost 1,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Community infections were most prevalent at the pandemic's start in March/April when we weren't yet wearing facial masks, followed by a significant resurgent spike in November and December which is typical for respiratory viruses during flu season. Sadly, 98 Hingham residents lost their lives in 2020 due to this virus. Our Executive Health Officer was on daily calls with the Town Administrator, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Assistant Town Administrator providing essential public health data and information as well helping to coordinate our town-wide response. Our vulnerable senior population was of primary concern. We worked with the town's assisted living facilities every week to ensure that all safety protocols were being met and provided assistance when necessary. During the fall with the opening of schools and subsequent sports team shut-downs, contact tracing was a big part of the department's daily responsibilities. We worked closely with the MA Department of Public Health overseeing the phased re-openings/re-closings and COVID-19 safety plans across all business sectors. When the COVID-19 vaccines finally became available in late December, we worked on Hingham's vaccination strategy, storage plans, and how we would rapidly administer the vaccine the town was allotted in 2021.



April also marked the roll-out of our updated local Supplementary Septic Regulations. The first changes in 20 years to these vital health and safety regulations focused on the burgeoning field of denitrification technology, treatment plant permitting, and ensuring financial safeguards. The regulations also addressed better protections to our water supply aquifer/watershed as well as establishing a clear process for the splitting of existing residential lots into smaller lots.

The Board of Health’s jurisdiction and broad responsibilities include such activities as adult immunization clinics for homebound residents; Title-5 septic system permitting and inspection; food establishment licensing and inspections; surface water quality testing and enforcement; recycling and dumpster regulations administration; Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) regulation administration; tobacco sales and smoking control program; rabies, West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis surveillance; local and regional emergency planning and response; Right-to-Know enforcement; Body Art and Bodywork licensing; communicable disease surveillance and response; recreational camps for children licensing; regulating the keeping of animals and fowl; tanning salon licensing; building permit review; subdivision review; private well permitting; housing code compliance and much more.

**Health Department Permits**

Farmers Market	20	Food Establishments	160
Animal Permits	12	Store Milk	100
Catering	11	Frozen Desserts	4
Residential Food Serv.	2	Mobile Food Service	8
Fat Oil & Grease	50	Septage Haulers	32
Rubbish Haulers	23	Septic Installers	49
Tanning Salons	1	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	10	Pool Construct. Permits	21
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps	18
Septic Permits	74	Variance Applications	49
Building Permits	1185	Treatment Plant	307
Soil Evaluations	60	Tobacco Sales	15
Private Well Permits	7		

**Public Health Nurse**

Our Public Health Nurse played a vital role during the COVID-19 pandemic as a contact tracer. Contact tracing is a proven and effective disease control strategy that involves identifying cases, who these individuals came in contact with, and working to stop disease transmission. Along with identifying and monitoring cases, the Public Health Nurse served to educate our residents about the virus. The health department participated

in bi-weekly meetings with MA Department of Public Health to keep abreast of the latest COVID-19 guidance, travel orders and vaccine information. The Public Health Nurse also worked in tandem with the Hingham Public School nurses in keeping COVID-19 cases down throughout the school year and during November’s surge in active cases.

**Communicable Diseases Investigated**

Babesiosis	1	Legionellosis	3
Campylobacter	5	Norovirus	1
Group B Strep	3	Novel Coronavirus	983
Giardiasis	1	Salmonella	3
Hepatitis C	4	Vibrio	1
Influenza	37		

**Town Social Worker**

Our Social Worker supports residents and/or family members with mental health challenges, hoarding or clutter reduction, family issues, and provides resource information for housing and food adequacy concerns. The SW facilitated presentations and conversations about various topics of interest – including just listening when someone needed an ear. The Town’s Social Worker engaged over 100 town residents and connected with over 16 community partners. This included helping those in need find their own mental health clinicians.

**Food Inspector**

Few have 160 Food Establishment permits in Hingham which include restaurants, cafeterias, schools, nursing homes, daycares, grocery stores and bakeries. At a minimum each of these 160 establishments are inspected twice a year, and most establishments received a re-inspection within 2-weeks of their unannounced inspection. During the pandemic, inspections increased to respond to COVID compliance complaints. Food establishments were required to isolate and quarantine employees with positive cases and close their establishments for deep cleaning and complete a re-inspection when applicable. Violations during the year were generally given written warning but required to provide a detailed corrective plan upon reopening. A new COVID-19 inspection form was created and used for all food establishments.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Bickford, Chair  
Elizabeth Eldredge M.D.  
Kirk Shilts D.C.

# Hingham Housing Authority

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It is the mission of the Hingham Housing Authority to not only provide and preserve affordable, quality, safe and sanitary housing for the very low to moderate income individuals and families, but to deliver services to the population with integrity and mutual accountability. It is the goal of the Authority to foster trusting relationships with those we serve as the basis for economic self-sufficiency whenever possible.

The Board of Commissioners is committed to the preservation of affordable housing, improving the quality of life for the population we serve, and the development of affordable housing in permanency to meet continuing needs.

The Authority owns and operates state aided public housing at Thaxter Park.

- 78 one bedroom apartments (c667), housing for seniors 60 years of age or older or disabled.
- 8 family apartments (c705) for income eligible families
- 6 congregate units under the Supportive Senior Housing Initiative providing housing and services in collaboration with South Shore Elder Services.

The Housing Authority utilizes the statewide CHAMP Waiting List System. CHAMP (Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public-Housing) was launched in 2019. This system allows applicants for state aided public housing to apply online through a single portal, and submit an application to one or more housing authorities. Applicants can also keep their application information up to date on this website as it changes.

Our management portfolio includes:

- 14 units of 689 C housing for individuals with disabilities, a partnership with the Department of Mental Health
- 25 Housing Choice Vouchers, a federal rent subsidy program for low income families
- 5 Project Based vouchers attached to the Captain Anderson house for homeless veterans.
- A single affordable home on Scotland Street purchased with Community Preservation funds in 2007.

The Hingham Housing Authority is also a recognized Monitoring and Lottery Agent for Affordable Homebuyer programs

The Housing Authority continues to be served by a management team offering more experience, skills, abilities, and staff. The team has provided renovations, upgrades as well as supportive housing programs to the residents of the Hingham Housing Authority.

To date, the Housing Authority, under the leadership of the Executive Director, James Marathas, has implemented a new work order system, performed inspections of all public housing units, and has received a grant from DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) for \$100,000 in order to enhance the recreational opportunities available to the residents. The Hingham Housing Authority will be installing a new outdoor patio and cooking area as well as totally renovating its community room. New fitness equipment and access to computer and internet will be provided. It is the goal of the Hingham Housing Authority to work with other Hingham Agencies and town Boards to bridge services and capital to preserve the valuable asset of affordable housing in Hingham.

Our thanks go out to the Town of Hingham, the Police and Fire Departments, Department of Veterans Services, and the Council on Aging for the vital services they provide.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Director and staff for their hard work and commitment to the mission of providing a healthy, safe, and warm place to call home.

We look forward to the New Year with anticipation and excitement.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marathas, Executive Director  
Janine Suchecki, Chair  
Irma Lauter, Vice Chair  
Gregory O'Meara, Treasurer  
Megan Buhr, CPC Liaison

## Massport Community Advisory Committee

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The Massport Community Advisory Committee (MCAC) was created in 2014 by the Massachusetts Legislature in the amended 1956 Enabling Act that established Massport, to represent the interests of the communities impacted by Massport's operations. Its members represent nearly 30 communities that surround Boston's Logan Airport. The Massport CAC has an active website where residents can reference all of the CAC meeting notes, related news and events, and useful links including the Massport online noise complaint filing website. The website may be found here: <http://massportcac.org>

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Logan Airport saw a 68% drop in travelers in 2020, which may not rebound for years.

The Inaugural Fly Quiet Report was released on September 10, 2020, and its primary focus was to present data collected by MassPort's Noise and Operations Monitoring Team in Q1 of 2019, at the request of the MCAC. The data collected found that:

1. There were 93,764 operations in the 1st Quarter 2019 compared to 90,903 operations in the 1st Quarter 2018 (a 3.1 percent increase)
2. Airlines flew quieter aircraft in the 1st Quarter 2019 (93.6% greater than Stage 3) compared to the 1st Quarter 2018 (93.0% greater than Stage 3)
3. The percentage of jet departures from Runways 04R, 9, 15R, 22R, 22L that were above 6,000 feet when crossing back over the shoreline was collectively 99.4% for 1st Quarter 2019. For jet departures from Runway 27, 88.5% passed through all five gates of the prescribed corridor, and for Runway 33L, 98.3% avoided turning too early from the designated initial heading.
4. For the five noise monitor locations reported on for 1st Quarter 2019, the average number of aircraft noise events per day ranged from 61 to 133. The maximum number of noise events per day ranged from 205 to 576.
5. The top four runways used for jet arrivals in the 1st Quarter 2019 are: Runway 27 (30%), Runway 22L (26%), Runway (20%), and Runway (19%) The top four runways used for jet departures in the 1st Quarter 2019 are: Runway 33L (29%), Runway 22R (27%), Runway 9 (20%), and Runway 27 (16%)

The FAA's RNAV Study Block 2 briefing presentation that was shared on September 30, 2020 has been posted to the MassportCAC.org Library in the RNAV Study Documents section.

The Town of Hingham objected to proposals made by the Town of Milton to modify flight paths for Logan Airport arrivals onto Runway 4R as these proposals were not evaluated for impacts on Hingham or any other neighboring and affected communities. It is important for the town of Hingham to continue to be aware of the progress of these proposals and how they may affect our community.

There is also an Aviation Noise Ombudsman who serves as a public liaison for issues about aircraft noise questions or complaints. Contact information for the regional noise ombudsman can be found at [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/apl/noise\\_emissions/airport\\_noise\\_issues/noise\\_ombudsman/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/noise_emissions/airport_noise_issues/noise_ombudsman/)

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan Concannon, Hingham Representative to MassportCAC

## Master Plan Committee

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The Hingham Master Plan Committee established by the 2019 Hingham Town Meeting completed the final draft of the 2020 Hingham Master Plan and delivered it to the Planning Board in early March 2021. The Planning Board opened a public hearing to receive comments and to deliberate with the goal of formally adopting the final Plan Master Plan by April.

The draft Plan is a product of nearly 18 months of work, which began with perhaps the most extensive community engagement and outreach efforts in our town's history to gauge the wants, needs, and concerns of our fellow citizens. The Committee and the Barrett Planning Group held 6 town-wide community visioning sessions, 5 more targeted student and senior sessions, 6 smaller group meetings, and a public online survey that generated nearly 1,000 responses. This gave the Committee a clear picture of what our fellow citizens cherished, prioritized, and worried about, and served as a foundation for a set of Vision and Goals we established at the start of our process to guide the development of the Plan.

After just a few in-person sessions to start 2020, the Committee shifted to online "virtual" meetings. Yet there was still almost full participation of the Committee at what turned out to be 19 meetings over the course of the Plan development process, which represents many hundreds of hours of personal participation and engagement by the Committee members. The virtual meetings also had the benefit of making all the meetings fully accessible to the public, so anyone could listen in on the discussions in real time or view the recordings and provide comment electronically through the Master Plan website. While in person meetings might have been preferable, the result provided perhaps unprecedented opportunity for public awareness and engagement.

The 2020 Master Plan looks both back and forward. It builds on the last master plan prepared by the town in 2001 and continues many of the goals and pursuits included in that plan. The 2020 Plan is a celebration of our heritage and the decisions and leadership that have gotten Hingham to where it is today. It is also an assessment of where we stand today on a range of issues, and finally it is a vision statement on where we want to go – what should be preserved for future generations, where we can do better, what should be changed, and what uncertain circumstances can be anticipated and prepared for.

Despite the implications of its name, a Master Plan is not a mandate of what must be done, and it is certainly not a directive agenda for the near term. The Committee was aspirational in the development of the Policies, Goals, and Recommendations in the Plan. They reflect priorities the Committee feels must be considered when difficult decisions are to be made by our community in the years ahead. These priorities need to be continually assessed and balanced based on immediate needs and resources and must be evaluated based on the future consequences of decisions made.

There are over 140 Recommendations across seven broad categories. The Recommendations represent a strong consensus of the 15-member Committee, though some were not unanimous. This is to be expected and speaks to the complexity of many of the issues addressed and the amount of discussion and debate we undertook. Overall, the results of the 2020 Master Plan can be illustrated through the following statement:

*In 2035, Hingham residents will live in a well-run, economically vibrant, and diverse town that is working together to prepare for and tackle the universal problems such as transportation, housing and climate change while honoring town character and providing services that create a livable, safe, and engaging community for everyone.*

As the Committee concluded its work, the Goals and Recommendations revealed several broad themes, which can be summarized in this way:

1. Prepare for the Future
2. Be Proactive in Addressing our Challenges
3. Celebrate and Share the Best of Hingham

The Committee expects a continued robust debate about all of these issues, and we hope this Plan serves as a reasoned and thoughtful framework for those debates. Hingham will face “trade-offs” which cannot be thought of casually. We as citizens and collective decision-makers need to be prepared to soberly weigh choices of policies and investments. We must consider what the impacts of those decisions will be on all our citizens, not simply those directly involved or advocating for or against a particular issue. We need to hear from all voices and perspectives, and we must also fully understand and accept that doing one thing may in many cases mean our inability to do others. We will need to determine how to allocate, deploy, preserve, or expand key resources – such as land, water,

and revenues – to ensure a safe and prosperous future for those who follow us.

The year 2020 reminded us that the future – even the near future – is uncertain and can change in an instant. It means that continuous planning and preparation is needed to plan and invest for tomorrow while managing day-to-day operating efficiencies and contingencies. The general expectation is that Master Plans are reassessed every decade or so. The Committee recognizes that these Recommendations will need to be revisited regularly – likely annually – to measure these priorities against an evolving set of circumstances. Balancing the preservation of the heritage and culture and the long-held qualities that make Hingham such a special place with the demands of progress and evolving needs will require an ongoing assessment of temporary or permanent changes – demographic, cultural, environmental, or political – that will influence our chosen direction.

As the Planning Board reviews and ultimately adopts the Plan, they have been encouraged to keep in mind the amount of time, effort, thoughtfulness, and commitment by the Master Plan Committee that this document represents. The collegiality and collaborative spirit of The Committee’s shared experience truly represents the essence of what makes Hingham such a special community. The Committee will continue to be available to provide additional information or context for the Plan and to assist with the implementation of the Recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Carr, Planning Board, Chair  
Deidre Anderson, Harbor Development Committee  
Bryce Blair, Town Moderator appointee  
Paul Healey, Board of Appeals  
Bob Hidell, Conservation Commission  
Nancy Kerber, Affordable Housing Trust  
Liz Klein, Board of Selectmen appointee  
Michael Kranzley, Development and Industrial Commission  
Liza O'Reilly, School Committee  
Adrienne Ramsey, Recreation Commission  
Susan Sarni, Board of Health appointee  
Jerry Seelan, Town Moderator appointee  
Donna Smallwood, Town Moderator appointee  
Vcevy Strekalovsky, Town Moderator appointee  
Hans Von der Luft, Historic Districts Commission

## Memorial Bell Tower Committee

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The Hingham Memorial Bell Tower has made the best of 2020. In March, the band ceased the weekly Saturday morning ringing as a result of the Town mandate to close all buildings. For July 4th, the band obtained permission to ring again with limited numbers, masks, and 6 foot spacing. The band rang with much gratitude all summer and into the fall. In December, as COVID numbers began to rise again, the band once again ceased ringing. There were no visiting ringers this year with bands that were already booked postponing into next year.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and Greenbush grants are still in effect and the restoration of the bells continues but at a slower pace due to the pandemic. The last Town meeting approved funds from CPC for the restoration of the bells which are over 100 years old. This work will



replace all wooden parts as well as install modern ball bearings on the headstocks and new clappers. The silver lining of the loss of time in the tower, however, is that the band has continued to ring using a virtual platform lead by the band's dedicated instructor and lifelong Hingham Bell Tower ringer, Dan Cushing. The band rings online on Tuesday nights and has actually even increased its' repertoire and skill level which they are hopeful will transfer fairly easily to the restored bells once back in person.

Other accomplishments for the bell tower this year include being featured on an episode of *Hingham History Abode*, where a local film maker discusses the history of the tower and its' importance as a Hingham historical treasure. It can be found at: <https://youtu.be/0zn7QIrxVo0>.

Finally, one dedicated ringer has also started to type up the minutes from the Bell Tower's Secretary's Record. This phenomenal book contains the record of Bell Tower Committee Meetings from 1908 through 1968. The band is looking forward to reconvening in the spring and the installation of the restored bells.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Carolan, Committee Member

## Plymouth County Mosquito Control

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The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2020.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the town of Cohasset. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2020 efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 11,396 acres and this was accomplished using Bti, an environmentally selective bacterial agent. An additional 311 acres were treated as part of a trial studying the effectiveness of methoprene on mosquitoes in cedar swamps. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and ended on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Project responded to 17,923 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) has developed an "Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan" for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. In 2020 there was significant EEEV activity in the district. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project started the season at "Low Level Risk" for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The following towns remained at low risk: Abington, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, and Whitman. The towns at moderate risk were: Lakeville, Pembroke, and West Bridgewater. The towns ranked at High risk were: Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, Plymouth, Rochester and Wareham. The towns at critical risk for EEEV human infections were Carver, Halifax, and Middleboro. Two residents of the district contracted EEE and two other infections were associated with the district.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts responded to the EEEV activity by conducting wide scale aerial adulticiding in early August. The application occurred over much of the district and encompassed 200,000 acres. Applications of this kind are complex and involve a large number of state agencies including DPH, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR)

and The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB). The Project assisted with the application including supplying equipment and helping to document the efficacy of the application.

West Nile Virus activity occurred predominately in and around Boston. Statewide there were 8 human cases, none of them were in the district. DPH estimated the risk of WNV human infections to be low for all of the district for the entirety of the season. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 60,450 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Project participates in DPH's mosquito surveillance program. As part of that program we collected over 70,000 mosquitoes and submitted 23,267 mosquitoes for testing. The mosquitoes were combined into 608 pools. DPH also tested 13,588 mosquitoes from the district. In all there were 61 isolations of EEEV from mosquito samples. They were from the towns of Bridgewater, Carver, Hanson, Kingston, Middleboro, Plympton, and Wareham. There were 7 WNV isolations from Halifax, Hanson, Middleborough, and Plympton.

The health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on the Department of Public Health website.

The introduced mosquito *Aedes albopictus* has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in the Massachusetts since 2009. In conjunction with DPH we have been monitoring *Aedes albopictus* expansion in the state. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. We conducted surveillance for *Ae. albopictus* at 8 locations. This year we did not detect the mosquito. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. During the 2020 season we recycled 1,960 tires bringing us to a total of 11,524 tires for the program.

The figures specific to the town of Hingham are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Hingham residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Field Technicians

continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Hingham 252 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 2,672 catch basins were treated in Hingham to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our staff treated 352 acres using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2020 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 4,740 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Coquillettidia peturbans* and *Oc. canadensis*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Cq. peturbans*, *Cs. melanura* and *Cx. pipiens/restuans*.

Education and Outreach: The Project hosted an event with the Governor to raise awareness of EEE in Massachusetts. The event was broadcast live and reached thousands of residents in the Commonwealth. Our phone system has been updated to make it easier for residents to reach us during the peak season and our website is continually updated with information about meetings and the annual budget. It also includes educational handouts to provide more information and better describe all the Project's services.



We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Rossetti, Superintendent and Commissioners:

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John Sharland, Vice-Chairman/Secretary

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## Hingham Public Library

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The year 2020 was full of unprecedented challenges and unexpected changes. The COVID-19 pandemic altered many of the day-to-day activities that we've taken for granted, particularly in delivering Library services to the community.

The importance of technology as a way to connect to each other during the early days of the pandemic highlighted a critical need to make sure members of the community had the support and knowledge they needed to adapt and adjust to what was quickly becoming the "new normal". Under the guidance of Technology Librarian Robby St. John and with the expert technical knowledge of Assistant Library Director Anna Byrne, staff worked diligently to provide technical help and support to the community while working from home. Many of our patrons were seeking answers to using new technology, finding ways to facilitate working from home and on their own projects, or accessing our library collection digitally. Library staff provided assistance, training, and education from the early days of the pandemic, teaching weekly classes on how to use Zoom and helping people to troubleshoot computers and printers, as many people began moving their offices into their homes. Staff made phone calls or used Zoom to help people set up new e-readers, tablets, and computers, and they walked them through the steps required to access Library e-books and other digital collections. In addition to the phone calls and Zoom sessions, staff responded to 169 requests for assistance submitted via email and offered 95 Zoom instruction classes attended by 251 people. Many thanks to Robby and Anna for their organization and oversight of such a herculean effort and to the Library staff's technology team, Ann Fickenwirth, Joe Maynard, Siobhan Sullivan, Jenn Kyle, Abigail MacLean, and Debbie Vassil, for their many phone calls, zoom calls, online classes, and emails to the community.

Library staff did an amazing job adapting to a quickly changing landscape and learning new and innovative ways to deliver traditional library services, collections, and programs online and in a safe and effective manner for community members of all ages. Traditional in-person programs such as story times, book clubs, and author events were transformed into digital offerings that could be accessed by people online, wherever they were. During our building closure due to COVID-19 this past year, the Library offered 588 online programs that were attended by 6,019 attendees! Reference Librarian Abigail MacLean, Reference and Local History Librarian Michael Achille, and Collection Development Specialist Peter Thornell continued to offer engaging author events and informative programming via Zoom, which allowed us to present authors

from as far away as the Berkshires, New York, Ontario, and London! Our monthly book clubs shifted to the Zoom platform and continued to meet regularly, attracting new participants who took advantage of the remote access to the meetings as well as the simultaneous access to e-books offered through the Library's Hoopla service. Additional programs this year included weekly coffee hours for conversation and social connection during the pandemic and a variety of instructional topics that included injury prevention in youth sports, American Sign Language, using the census for genealogy research, how to write and self-publish your story, a three-part series on film history, healthy holiday eating, and introductions to local history resources developed and led by Michael Achille. Library staff willingly and enthusiastically took on new responsibilities and learned new skills in order to provide as many opportunities as possible to connect safely with members of the community. Many thanks to all the Library staff who worked outside their comfort zones and who participated in many of our new offerings by sharing their particular talents despite never having done it before, including Debbie Vassil for offering the popular online baking programs, Jennifer Kyle and Carol Lipsett for their well-attended creative and crafting workshops, and Joe Maynard for posting each week about various astronomy topics and for teaching Zoom classes.

For children, we offered virtual story times three times per week via YouTube, online book groups, and special online programs in collaboration with other organizations, such as Mass Audubon Society's "Thinking like a Scientist" and "Acting like a Scientist", as well as the Plymouth 4-H Club's online program about sunflowers. Special thanks to Children's Librarian Totsie McGonagle and Library staff Mary Ellen Miller and Deborah Vassil for their hard work, creativity, courage, and dedication to create and implement many of these new online programs and popular virtual story times. In addition, many of our tech-savvy teens were able to easily move online during the pandemic. Under the expert planning and support of Teen Librarian Meghan McCusker, teens had numerous opportunities to participate in a variety of online programs including book groups, reader's advisory programs, painting workshops, Teen Anime Club, gaming tournaments, and programs such as Pop-Up Art School that gave teens a chance to indulge in their creative sides from their home, as well as online Mario Kart gaming tournaments so teens had a safe and easy way to connect and play with their friends during a challenging year. One of the most successful programs we had this year occurred when we hosted Katherine Stievater of Gap Year Solutions on Zoom to talk to dozens of parents and students about taking a gap year during a pandemic.

Although the Library building remained closed to the public during the pandemic, Library staff found new ways to provide access to most traditional library services, with the exception of in-person computer use, browsing, and meetings. Our contactless holds pickup service gave patrons the opportunity to place holds on physical books, magazines, movies, music, various technology devices, puzzles, games, and even museum passes, and to pick up these items in the Library's outer vestibule bagged and ready to go. Access to our high demand and no-holds items was greatly increased through the tireless efforts of our Technical Services Librarian Jill Blair who re-cataloged restricted collections to make them fully available and who worked seamlessly throughout the pandemic to ensure Library materials continued to be ordered, processed, and input to the catalog so patrons could access and place holds on them. Our contactless printing service gave patrons the ability to send us print jobs that they could pick up in the vestibule in case they couldn't print a document at home. In addition, our digital services proved invaluable, with the demand for online content increasing to unforeseen levels during the pandemic. In 2020, we circulated 68,395 e-books and digital audiobooks online through Libby and Hoopla, roughly 20,000 more than the prior year, providing a safe and effective way for people to get library books and other library items online. Library staff rose to the occasion during a challenging year when patrons were missing physical access to their library, taking on new skills and tasks with the goal of staying connected with patrons to give them the best service possible, despite being in the middle of a pandemic. Thanks to Circulation Supervisor Mary Beth Keif for her hard work, leadership, and creativity in adapting to an unprecedented situation by figuring out new ways and workflows that provided patrons with library items in a safe environment.



The unexpected closure of the physical Library building created some unexpected opportunities to get work done that otherwise would have been difficult to accomplish. Michael Achille spent many hours improving access to the Library's local history collections, completing over 1200



digital scans of archival materials and creating combined PDFs of multipage documents that were then uploaded to archive.org for remote access. He safely reboxed over 350 fragile 17th and 18th century documents inside appropriate enclosures to allow for safer handling and access, and he developed a plan for cataloging and documenting the Library's historical collection with the goal of creating a searchable database of materials through

Past Perfect Museum Software. Library custodians were also hard at work learning and implementing new cleaning and disinfecting protocols in response to the pandemic, and they have been diligently working on various building improvement projects such as repainting most areas of the Library which were in desperate need of refreshing after the last major painting project 20 years ago. We appreciate all the hard work our custodians have done to improve the Library while keeping us healthy and safe, and we are grateful to Head Custodian Kevin Jenkins and Custodians Rob Barretto and Sean McAleney for their flexibility, willingness, and perseverance in doing whatever needed to be done.

Library Business Administrator Joan Allen did an outstanding job creating new systems and methods to manage the Library's finances, track expenditures, and pay invoices in a mostly online environment, coordinating with personnel at Town Hall to meet deadlines and approval requirements. Joan was also instrumental in helping to conduct the very successful 2020 Annual Fund Drive, led by Trustee Chair Lucy Hancock and Trustee Thomas Ventresca raising over \$78,000 from 537 donors, with an average donation of \$146. This was a new record for the Drive. We appreciate the continued generosity and support of Hingham residents, especially during a very trying year.

2020 also saw the retirement of Reference Librarian Terry Burke, who was always a friendly, welcoming, and helpful presence at the Reference Desk. We wish her well and will miss her! We also mourned the loss of long-time Trustee Edna English. Gracious, kind, and hard-working, Edna was a loyal citizen, having served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the School Committee, and a Trustee of the Library. She was a true friend of the Library, and we will be forever grateful for her wise counsel and unwavering support.



Thanks to all the residents of Hingham for your patience and support during these challenging and unprecedented times. Thanks also to the Library Board of Trustees for your guidance and support throughout the year and for giving so generously of your time and talents.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Hancock, Chair of the Board  
Linda Harper, Library Director

## Public Safety Building Committee

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The Public Safety Building Committee (PSBC) was formed in the summer of 2020 and charged with investigating the feasibility and associated costs with building a combined police and fire facility in the north side of Hingham. While the existing North station located on North Street in Hingham has served the town well, it is an aged facility that no longer serves the needs of the community and the firefighters working there. The police station located at the Town Hall is likewise outdated and inadequate to meet today's public safety mission.

A town meeting vote, at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, authorized funding to prepare feasibility study of a potential new site which would serve as a combined public safety facility site. The Board of Selectmen had previously entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of a parcel located at 335 Lincoln Street by the Hingham Shipyard. The town contracted with Kaestle Boos Architects (KBA) to undertake a detailed investigation of the site and prepare a feasibility study to determine if the site was appropriate for a public safety facility there. In the following months, working with Hingham Police chief David Jones and Hingham Fire Chief Steven Murphy, the PSBC met almost weekly with KBA to examine multiple facets of the site to determine its suitability including traffic, setback requirements, zoning, site work, environmental assessment, budget analysis, schematic design and parking. This effort also included tours of various public safety facilities in nearby jurisdictions. In October 2020, KBA issued a report which concluded that 335 Lincoln Street was a feasible location for such a facility and in the November 2020 ATM, the purchase of the property was authorized.

Since that time, the PSBC voted to continue with KBA for purposes of going to the next step, which is the completion of the design for such a facility and the hiring of an owner project manager (OPM) which is required by state law. The OPM serves as the Town's representative at all phases of the project going forward. The PSBC is expected to recommend entering into a contract with KBA and the selection of a suitable OPM following a vetting and interview process. The PSBC will continue to hold public meetings so that those who are interested may participate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Garrity, Chair.  
Paul K. Healey, Vice Chair  
Joseph Kelly  
Talford Lauter

Donna Smallwood  
Andrew Touchette  
Steven Murphy, Fire Chief (ex-officio)  
David Jones, Police Chief (ex-officio)

## Hingham Public Schools

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Hingham Public Schools began 2020 filled with excitement and optimism about the year to come. The Massachusetts School Building Authority invited the district and the Town of Hingham into eligibility for Foster Elementary, and the district's new Superintendent, Dr. Paul Austin, transitioned and began work with the School Committee and Administration to identify the strengths and challenges of the district. Although every year has its challenges, 2020 evolved into a year like no one had ever experienced before. As a result of COVID-19, the Governor closed school buildings for in-person learning in March of 2020, and what initially appeared to be a short-term closure, quickly turned into days, weeks, and months. The district transitioned to a remote learning platform in the spring of 2020 and then opened schools in the Fall in a hybrid learning model. The impact of a year-long disruption in learning on the students, staff, families, and community has been profound.



In December 2020, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) invited Hingham Public Schools and the Town of Hingham into a feasibility study for Foster Elementary School. In addition, the district filed a Statement of Interest with the MSBA for consideration of an Accelerated Repair Project for replacement windows at the fifty-year-old Plymouth River School. Fortunately, the district and town were invited into the Accelerated Repair Program for the Plymouth River project, which could potentially begin in the Summer of 2022, pending voter approval. Participation in both of these programs will result in significant savings for the Town of Hingham. In 2020, the School Committee and the Superintendent completed a review and draft revision of all district policies, bringing the district policy manual completely up to date. The School Committee and administration are preparing for the future by

initiating strategic planning and, in concert with our community, we look to develop a strategic plan that will address the needs of all students and the community for many years to come.

The 2020 town election added one new member to the School Committee when Jen Benham was elected to replace three term member Ed Schreier. Additionally, Michelle Ayer was re-elected to her second term. In June 2020, Kerry Ni, Carlos AF Da Silva, and Libby Lewiecki were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively.

The Annual School Department Operating Budget for fiscal year 2021 (school year 2020-2021) was approved at the June 2020 Town Meeting at \$56,730,985; an additional \$1,349,866 was appropriated for Capital Projects.

As of October 1, 2020, there were 3,867 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) in the Hingham Public Schools, which was 327 fewer students in comparison to October 1, 2019 (4,194). In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 28 pre-school students in the Integrated Preschool program, 45 out-of-district special education students and 9 vocational students. Due to COVID-19 and the changes in programming, many parents opted to homeschool or place children in private schools for the 2020-2021 school year. As the majority of enrollment reductions were found in grades Kindergarten through two, and as we expect a return to "normal" operations in 2021, we are anticipating a healthy increase to enrollment in 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCAS assessments were not administered. All members of the class of 2020, however, had demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math, and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. The Massachusetts Accountability system has rated each school relative to other schools with a similar grade-span. Based on 2019 performance, Hingham High School (HHS) performed as well, or better than, 98% of high schools across the Commonwealth. Accountability percentile scores were as follows for all other schools: Hingham Middle School (85<sup>th</sup>), East Elementary (94<sup>th</sup>), Plymouth River Elementary (93<sup>rd</sup>), South Elementary (99<sup>th</sup>), and Foster Elementary (99<sup>th</sup>).

Also, as a result of the pandemic, the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 was delayed until August. A special ceremony was held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at which 309 students graduated from Hingham High School. In addition to a diploma, 24 members of the class received the Global Competency Certificate. Through interdisciplinary academic study, community service and international travel, these graduates demonstrated increased global awareness, a heightened appreciation of

diversity and a capacity to work and contribute in an increasingly interconnected world. A total of 89.9% of graduates planned to attend four-year colleges in 29 different states and three foreign countries (Canada, France, the UK); 3.9% planned to attend specialized or two-year institutions; 1.7% planned to attend post-graduate programs or take a gap year; and 0.6% planned to begin full-time employment. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2020 include 16 National Merit commended students, 98 Advanced Placement Scholars (36 scholars, 10 scholars with honor, 39 scholars with distinction, 8 national scholars, and 5 AP Seminar Research Certificates), and 66 members inducted into the National Honor Society.

Although competitive extracurricular activities were cut short of their tournaments and competitions, most finished off the year doing virtual meets. The HHS Student Council, one of the largest groups in the school and one of the largest councils in the state, was awarded the Bronze Medal as a Student Council of Excellence in Massachusetts. The HHS Robotics Team competed at the Southeastern Mass FIRST Robotics Competition (March 2020) and advanced to the semi-finals, placing 4th out of 41 teams. HHS also won the Innovation and Control award for the sophisticated design of the robot.

Hingham High School Athletics enjoyed continued success in 2020 despite the significant impact that the COVID-19 pandemic took on interscholastic athletics across the state. All spring 2020 sports were cancelled. Our coaching staff worked remotely to keep student athletes engaged and connected. After considerable efforts from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association's (MIAA) COVID Task Force, in collaboration with various state and local agencies, Fall and Winter 2020 sports were offered. Our Director of Athletics, Jim Quatromoni, served on the MIAA COVID Task Force. Our girls' soccer and boys' ice hockey teams won Patriot League Championships. Our boys' soccer, girls' soccer, and boys' ice hockey teams won Patriot Cup Championships. For the second consecutive year and second time in school history, Hingham High School was named the Holmes Award winner by the Boston Globe. This prestigious award honors a school for the overall excellence of its athletic programs.

Hingham students again excelled with strong performances in the visual and performing arts as demonstrated in school and district-wide concerts and in local and regional music and art competitions. The annual all-town art show was cancelled due to the pandemic; the multi-day event would have featured the work of students from all six schools. Students submitted artwork of varying design and obtained many awards. HHS drama students continued to entertain audiences with their production of

*Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, a virtual performance held in the fall of 2020. The instrumental music and choral programs continued to thrive and provided engaging opportunities for HPS students to apply their talents during the Winter and in the All-Town Band/Orchestra Concerts in March just prior to the closure of schools.

As the 2020-2021 academic year opened the district dedicated 10 days to train all members in remote learning practices and instructional technologies. This facilitated the remote opening of the school year and the eventual progression to hybrid learning throughout the district. The four elementary schools continued to enhance curriculum and instruction in literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives that were put in place before the school closure in March 2020. Following the school closure, our educators worked to find new and creative ways to engage students through a remote platform. In English Language Arts (ELA), the implementation of the literacy program, Journeys, continued to be implemented across all grades and schools. In Mathematics, HPS specialists and teachers continued to incorporate Number Talks and a Math Workshop model across all classrooms. In both ELA and Mathematics, work continues to fine-tune our instruction to meet the 2017 MA Curriculum Frameworks guidelines. The work to bring Computer Science (CS) to all students continued through Elementary CS Immersion classrooms across all elementary schools with the expansion of CS lessons into all areas of our curriculum.

In the summer of 2020, the Extended School Year Program was offered remotely while the Student Services Department began trialing in-person learning once appropriate personal protection equipment was obtained. In addition, an in-person, summer evaluation clinic allowed the district to make up 86 special education evaluations which were overdue because of closures of in-person learning. At the start of the school year for students on September 16, 2020, all students requiring specially designed instruction were offered in-person instruction for either 2, 4, or 5 full days. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the Student Services Department has been working to provide any needed compensatory services to students who either experienced a significant impact during the initial months of the pandemic or in circumstances where the district was without necessary staff.

The district continued its concerted effort to ensure a multi-tiered approach to support the social and emotional needs of students across the district, which have grown due to the pandemic. The ToolBox program continues to be implemented in grades K-5, with our grade 6 teachers trained in this program in the fall of 2019. Further, the district continues to plan for a comprehensive academic intervention system for grades K-

5, with the introduction of a comprehensive academic intervention system in grades 6-8. Ultimately, this multi-tiered model (referred to as HTSS: Hingham Tiered Systems of Support) will ensure appropriate interventions and support in both the academic and social-emotional domains.

In the Fall of 2020 the School Committee met in planning sessions to establish goals and priorities, and to develop appropriate guiding principles to craft a FY '22 budget that funds the resources necessary to address the significant impact of COVID-19 on our students. In consultation with school administration, the Committee refined a COVID-19 recovery budget that prioritizes items necessary to recover from the significant learning loss and social/emotional needs resulting from the pandemic, to provide staffing and support for students requiring special education, to fund resources required for the development of a five- year strategic plan for the district, as well as an Equity and Inclusion plan, and to provide necessary support for the Central Office. Under the proposed budget, which was unanimously approved by the Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen, many of these necessary resources will be funded through one-time sources, including federal and state funds intended to ease the financial burden of resuming full time in-person learning and to address learning loss. The School Committee recognizes the potential structural deficit created by funding recurring expenses through one-time sources. However, this approach will allow the School Department to meet critical student needs while assessing current and future needs through the education strategic planning process over the next year. Additionally, the strategic planning process will give district leaders and the School Committee the opportunity to work together, as well as collaboratively with the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee, to solve any potential structural deficits through a thorough examination of revenue opportunities, budget growth management, and alternative service delivery.

Even in the unusual year that 2020 presented, Hingham Public Schools continued to benefit from strong and long-standing community partnerships. The cooperative efforts, volunteerism and generosity of parents, PTOs, boosters, community groups, civic organizations, SEPAC, the Hingham Education Foundation and the Hingham Sports Partnership have again supported the School Department in supporting its mission and achieving goals. Myriad graduation scholarships and awards were presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that enhance the valued facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

The School Committee and HPS staff appreciate the citizens and voters of the Town for their ongoing support and financing of annual education budgets and facilities enhancement projects. Equally important to students of all ages is the support for school activities, student performances and other achievements that Hingham residents provide. Thank you, Hingham!

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Austin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

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## Recreation Commission

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The Hingham Recreation Commission oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. It is a five member elected board committed to providing high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintaining safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. It is the mission of the Recreation Department to offer programs, activities, and opportunities which assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Community has always and will continue to be the primary focus of the Hingham Recreation Department attracting residents of all ages, abilities, and interests. An important part of determining which programs to make available each year is to make certain there is a "something for everyone" attitude included in the development process. Every year the Rec attempts to maximize the use of its multiple locations and amenities. The Recreation Center, located in Town Hall, comprises a gymnasium, game room, two studios and the Fitness Center. The outdoor facilities include playgrounds, a street hockey rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and soccer and baseball fields. Additionally, the Recreation Department oversees program space located at 341 Main Street in the renovated Cordage House that we have named the "Rec Barn" as well as making use of facilities located at the South Shore Country Club and managing a number of neighborhood playgrounds.

2020 was a year unlike any other in recent history. The Recreation Department had its own unique experiences. As 2020 began, the Recreation Department was in the middle of another successful winter program cycle with filled classes in our East Explorers, more than 500 dancers enrolled in our year-long 2019-2020 Funky Feet School of Dance, and active adult and youth fitness programs. The Department had finished a successful 2020 February Vacation Series of activities, had begun registration for Spring and Summer Programs with more than 500 participants already registered for the 2020 Spring/Summer Season. On March 13, we had a planned Friday Night "Bruins Night" for Children in grades K-5 planned to take place in the Recreation Game Room and Basketball. Gym.

Then the Covid 19 pandemic gripped the nation and the Rec Department had to make some dramatic changes. As many programs and departments had to shut down to maximize the health and well-being of the community, the Recreation found itself in a position to find a place

where it could best serve the community while still adhering to Federal, State and Local guidance.

Step one was to create a vibrant and successful Remote Platform. By April, the Recreation Department was able to reopen the year-long Funky Feet School of Dance on a virtual platform, offering dance classes 5 days a week to its more than 5 hundred students. Culminating with an end of the season, socially-distanced, drive-through parade celebration for all of its students in June.

The Recreation Department was also able to reach the community and offer a series of Remote Yoga classes, Remote HIIT, and Boot Camp classes, reaching hundreds of home-bound residents looking for community support and encouragement to reach their fitness goals as well as continue a vibrant remote Hingham Youth Field Hockey program with almost 60 participants.

Step two was to find a way to offer the community an exciting and safe opportunity to resume some in-person activities for the summer while still adhering to COVID-19 safety guidance. After canceling all of its summer programs, the Recreation staff got together, reorganized, planned, remotely interviewed, designed, and then successfully marketed a brand new approach to summer programming.

The Recreation Department created 11 sessions, each 1-week long, Half-Day of "Fun Time", "Dancing Feet", "All-Star Athletes" and "Sports Experience." All were in-person, socially-distanced, completely-outdoor summer programs which provided an active, exciting, opportunity for Hingham's children to play and socialize in safe environment. Registration began in June and had more than 1,400 registrations from June into September.



Additionally, the Recreation Department was able to partner, for the first time, with the Hingham Bathing Beach Committee to hire, manage and oversee Lifeguards at the Bathing Beach from June until September and offer Kayak and Paddleboard rentals at the Town Docks.

In-person fitness classes resumed with the Recreation Department's "Yoga at the Harbor," "Early Riser Boot Camp", and "Funky Outdoor Zumba".

As summer came to an end, the Recreation Department was also able to redesign its Funky Feet School of Dance, creating an all-outdoor after school dance program, enrolling more than 600 dancers.

Fall Programming also offered the community a selection of all-outdoor, socially-distanced activities including Hingham Youth Field Hockey, Super Soccer Stars, Hingham Youth Tennis, ASA Hoops, and Middle School Fitness.

An encouraging bright spot of 2020 was the successful completion and review of the Town-Wide Hingham Fields and Outdoor Courts Study which targeted all of Hingham's outdoor fields and courts examining current usage, need and efficacy and extrapolating future growth and offering guidance on how to maximize Hingham's outdoor resources.

New changes and expansions, pivots and reconstruction are always a top priority for the Hingham Recreation Commission. Day in and day out, we strive to be the best that we can possibly be. Without our staff and the support from the community, it would be impossible for us to run and offer all that we do. A big thank you, to all that made 2020 a year to remember.

Respectfully submitted,

Recreation Commissioners:

Vicki Donlan, Chair  
Bruce Thompson, Vice Chair  
Adrienne Ramsey, Secretary  
Ryan Lynch  
Nandita Scott

Recreation Department Staff

Mark Thorell, Director  
Kathy Walsh, Administrative Secretary  
Mike Benard, Program Supervisor  
Jacquelyn Muh, Program Supervisor



## Route 3A Task Force

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The Route 3A Task Force is an advisory group consisting of five residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen in June 2017. The 3A Task Force provides a forum for public discussion and presentation during design development for the Route 3A/Summer Street/Rockland Street corridor improvement project. The group reports back to the Hingham Board of Selectmen periodically, working with the guidance and thru the Town of Hingham Engineering Department. As a proxy to Hingham residents, the Task Force receives questions and concerns regarding the design and assists in the collaboration with neighboring communities.

Each of the members of the 3A Task Force holds, or has held, a seat on another Town entity, allowing for coordination of interests with the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Harbor Development Committee, Trustees of the Bathing Beach, and Master Plan Committee.

### **Objective:**

The bounds of the route 3A roadway project are from the intersection of Otis Street and Broad Cove Road to the intersection of George Washington Boulevard and Rockland Street. The final result will be a series of improvements that, together, provide a vision for the corridor to operate safely, efficiently, and sufficiently for all users of different transportation modes.

The project includes a modern roundabout, a road diet on Summer Street between Martins Lane and the rotary, a westbound turning lane providing access to Water Street and continuing to the North Street intersection, traffic signal and intersection improvements, improved pedestrian and bike accommodations throughout the corridor, including ADA compliant walkways on both sides of the roadway where possible and a shared used path along the waterfront.

### **Background:**

The Town of Hingham started discussions about safety improvements along this corridor in 2009 with a focus on redesign of the Hingham rotary. Starting in September of 2013 and then again in October of 2014, the Town of Hingham petitioned for assistance under the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), specifically with the intent to be considered for a "Subregional Priority Roadway Study". The Town was selected for the study, which served as the catalyst and basis for the work undertaken to date.

In 2015, Town Meeting voted affirmatively on a citizen's petition to address the frequency of high injury accidents at Summer Street and Button Cove Road, resulting in the allocation of Town funds for engineering design plans.

The Town of Hingham contracted with Design Consultants Inc., as engineers for the project in 2015 and they have been working closely with Hingham's Town Engineer, J R Frey, the 3A Task Force, and public safety representatives from the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset to move the project through the MassDOT design approval process.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), which owns the project roadways, works in conjunction with the State's Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to manage the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - a five year rolling capital plan for the region and for transportation projects receiving federal funding. The TIP process is a competitive process involving over 97 communities in the greater Boston area; State Representative Joan Meschino and State Senator Patrick O'Connor assisted the Town of Hingham in securing state funding. The Hingham project is one of only two roadway reconstruction projects slated for 2025 in MassDOT District 5 which covers all communities south of Boston including Cape Cod and the Islands.

**Design Milestones:**

In spring 2019, DCI submitted 25 percent design plans to MassDOT and has been working with the agency and the Town to make design changes necessary to reach the next milestone – the 75 percent design submittal – by late summer. The 3A Task Force continues to represent the Town's interests in the process.

The pandemic has changed some of MassDOT's operating methods. A pre-recorded 25 percent design public hearing will be posted to their website in the coming months. Although this is a different format, it will be publicized and afford the public another opportunity to comment.

2021 Town Meeting will consider warrant article 19, requesting additional funds to bring the design to completion in order for MassDOT to proceed with construction. With the town's investment in engineering design plans representing about 5.4 percent of the total cost, the project will be funded by the state and federal government at an estimated cost of \$15.3 million dollars.

**Community Engagement:**

Since 2015, the Town of Hingham has hosted over a dozen public meetings and has worked collaboratively with administrators and public safety chiefs in the towns of Hull and Cohasset to ensure access and public safety concerns are addressed.

In August 2020, the Task Force led a COVID-sensitive walk through the corridor with the design team, participating Town departments, and neighbors to discuss landscape strategy. On December 8, 2020, more than fifty interested residents participated in a public forum via Zoom to learn and comment on the plans for roadway and streetscape improvements, environmentally sensitive plantings, and public recreation areas.

The Task Force continues to hold regular public meetings to review plan updates and guide decisions.

We are excited by the prospect of a safer and more welcoming roadway for Hingham and for our region, and look forward to continued collaboration with our project team, Hingham’s residents, and state officials to see this project to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sneath, Chair 3A Task Force  
JR Frey, Town Engineer



## Scholarship Committee

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The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2020 totaled \$6,432,755 compared to \$5,815,275 at the end of 2019. These figures include an investment gain of \$817,872, donations of \$49,509, scholarships disbursements of \$250,000, and administrative fees of \$500.

2020 was a tumultuous year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Markets sold off sharply in March and April, but fortunately recovered in the months that followed and ended the year in positive territory. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate, a broad domestic investment grade bond index returned 7.51%. The S&P 500, an index of the 500 largest US public companies by market capitalization, returned 18.40%. The Russell 2500 Index, an equity index that tracks an array of small and midcap sized US companies, returned 19.99%. The MSCI EAFE Index, measuring large company equity performance in developed markets within Europe, Australasia and the Far East, returned 8.28%.

The Fund's asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds & money market equivalents, has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for several years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests, the committee continues to feel this mix to be most prudent. For 2020, the Scholarship Fund returned 14.10%, net of investment returns, income, donations, and withdrawals. Its' benchmark, which utilizes a combination of the above-mentioned indices, had a return of 14.34%. The Fund's fixed income strategies outperformed their benchmark, however, that was not enough to compensate for some underperformance from its active large cap equity exposure. Many active managers underperformed in the narrow equity market of 2020, due to being underweight a handful of the fastest-growing companies with spectacular returns (e.g. – Zoom, Tesla, Square and the FANMAG stocks).

The committee voted to provide \$250,000 in scholarship awards in 2020. This amount is consistent with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement, which is to distribute ~5% of the average assets over the prior 3 years and compares to \$234,000 in 2018 and \$250,000 in 2019. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years well over \$3 million has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional acumen of

members of the Treasurer's Office for trade implementation and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fitzsimons

Frank Gaul

Matt McGonagle

Roger Nastou

Adam White

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

## School Building Committee

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The year 2020 proved challenging on many fronts for the Hingham community, but particularly for the students and staff of the William L. Foster Elementary School (Foster Elementary). Ongoing building and mechanical system issues led to temporary operational disruptions and the expenditure of funds allocated by Town Meeting to enable the building to continue to provide a clean and safe learning environment.



Following an invitation in December 2019 into the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) core building grant program and subsequent commencement of the Eligibility Period module of the building process, the School Administration and School Building Committee (SBC) began work to complete and assemble the necessary certifications, plans and information relative to Hingham's educational program, enrollment projections, maintenance practices, and other requirements.

After successful completion of the Eligibility requirements, in December 2020 the MSBA approved Hingham's official transition into the Feasibility

module of the building process. During the Feasibility phase, an Owner's Project Manager and Architect will be selected and approved by the MSBA at which time the assembled project team will explore project options and develop schematic designs. Whether the selected option involves a renovation, an addition, or new school construction, the resulting Foster Elementary will serve and accommodate up to 605 students based on the MSBA-approved design enrollment. Cost estimates for the selected and MSBA-approved option will follow resulting in the execution of a project funding agreement (PFA) with the MSBA, which will establish the MSBA grant award Hingham may expect to receive. The value of the PFA will then be the basis for a request for Town Meeting approval, likely during a special session in the fall of 2022, to fund Hingham's share of the overall project costs. Assuming favorable action by Town Meeting, the project focus will turn to detailed design development and preparation of construction documents to enable more refined cost estimates for bidding purposes. While an optimistic and aggressive schedule, an estimated 13–18-month construction period could allow a finished project to be ready for students in 2024-2025. The SBC is committed to work as expeditiously as possible to achieve the desired result.

Built in 1951 with various renovations and additions in the decades that followed, Foster benefitted from a 2008 Town Meeting-authorized capital investment of approximately \$3.5 million in its physical plant as part of a School Facilities Master Plan executed by the 2006 School Building Committee. This investment was made to enhance learning environment parity among Hingham's elementary schools and breathe an additional 10-15 years of life into a tired and poorly designed, albeit a clean, safe, and well-maintained structure, that continues to serve as a welcoming haven for nearly 500 students residing in north Hingham. Although the 2006 Master Plan recommended that either a comprehensive renovation or replacement of Foster should be pursued, the East Elementary and Middle School projects were prioritized and completed first. The most recent renovations to Foster have improved the educational experience but many facility issues were too costly to address adequately, many classroom layouts remain problematic, and more recent and serious concerns arose relative to some of the building's aging mechanical systems, which at times have displaced students and staff requiring temporary relocation and rendered the building temporarily unusable. As a result, the School Committee sought Town-wide support for a long-term solution to these growing challenges and submitted a Statement of Interest for MSBA consideration.

As work on a Foster Elementary project ramps up during 2021, the SBC looks forward to continuing the long tradition of collaboration that resulted

in prior successful school building projects. Members of the SBC are committed to following the example set by its predecessor committees to provide vigilant project management and oversight, cost control, and attention to detail in the execution of its mandate on behalf of Hingham taxpayers for the benefit of a patient and supportive Foster community.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hill, Chair  
Raymond Estes, Vice-Chair  
Christopher Mercer, Secretary  
Michelle Ayer

Kevin Lynch  
Jennifer Murphy  
Timothy O'Neill

## Tree Preservation Study Committee

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The Tree Preservation Study Committee was created by Annual Town Meeting 2020 for the purpose of considering the need for additional regulation in Town to encourage the preservation and protection of trees. The Committee arose out of a citizen's petition that sought to encourage the preservation of trees on private property in Town where significant demolition or construction is occurring. The 2020 Town Meeting charged the Committee with making recommendations, and preparing an Article in time for inclusion in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, if feasible.

Members of the Committee began meeting shortly after being appointed by the Board of Selectmen in Fall 2020. Unfortunately, there was insufficient time to make recommendations for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. To date, the Committee has solicited public input through a survey; has conducted further research into other communities' tree preservation regulations and practices, and has persistently worked to collect feedback from the Town's staff, Town Counsel, and other Town boards and committees. The Committee recognizes the incredible environmental, public health, aesthetic and economic value trees provide to our community and looks forward to diligently continuing its work in 2021. The Committee anticipates presenting an Article to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion in the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and encourages public involvement in its meetings.

I would like to thank Committee members Heather Kaas, Katie McBrine, Rebecca Mullaley, and Ben Smith for their hard work and contributions during this challenging year.

Respectfully submitted,

Priya Howell, Chair

## Veterans' Services

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The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 115. The Department also assists veterans applying for various State and Federal support programs as well as arranging and managing the Town's military-related ceremonies throughout the year.

Beginning March 16, 2020, and during the course of the COVID-19 public-health crisis, the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (MDVS) directed Veterans' Services Officers to lessen a veteran's administrative burden by simplifying the application process to expedite approval. This directive will remain in effect until the conclusion of the public-health crisis.

The Department is proud to maintain its continued state certification of compliance with both MGL Chapter 115 and 101/108 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR).

During 2020, benefits were paid on average to 20 Hingham veterans, and/or their dependents, totaling \$144,640. The MDVS has since reimbursed the Town \$108,480, due to the Department's timely processing and accurate accounting. The 75% reimbursement rate is the maximum allowable. Massachusetts is still the only state in the nation that provides this type of benefit to veterans and their dependents.

Also, during 2020, a total of 224 Federal Veterans Affairs (VA) cases and claims were managed by this Department, resulting in those individuals being awarded \$499,114. This workload is supplemental to the Department's primary mission under MGL Chapter 115.

The Town's Veterans In Need Fund – funded through *ad hoc* donations as well as contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property-tax payments – finished calendar 2020 with slightly more than \$34,000 on hand. Over the Fund's ten-year history, upwards of \$47,000 has been expended to provide emergency shelter, heating, medical, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans and their dependents as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and in accordance with MGL, Chapter 141, the HOME Act.

Both the Memorial and Veterans' Day observances were held virtually – a first for these events. The staff at Harbor Media graciously agreed to produce these community events, which were comprised of pre-recorded segments mixed with file-footage that was seamlessly edited. The

performances were broadcast continuously throughout both days on Hingham's CCTV channels.



On Memorial Day, Moderator Michael Puzo presided over the ceremony, and we were again treated to the music of the Hingham High School Band under the direction of Brian Cincotta. Student-athlete Nick Capodilupo sang our National Anthem as members of the Hingham Police and Militia paraded the colors.

The principal speaker was Chief Warrant Officer, John "Jack" Chapin, a 1983 graduate of HHS. CWO Chapin is a US Navy SEAL, with over 30 years combined service in both the Active and Reserve Components serving multiple combat operations around the globe. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Chair Karen Johnson eloquently expressed the community's commitment to honor those who gave the last full measure of devotion, the supreme sacrifice, for the common good. Town Clerk, Eileen McCracken read aloud the Honor Roll, reciting the names of those 59 Hingham veterans who passed away during the preceding year, followed by the sounding of Taps.

Because of the continuing pandemic, the Veterans' Day observance was also not held at Town Hall, and the Harbor Media staff rallied yet again. Mrs. Kalli Pelaccio performed the Star - Spangled Banner as the Police Honor Guard paraded the colors. Both the Moderator and Board of

Selectmen Chair Mary Power honored those who have served with their respective remarks.

The principal speaker was Hingham resident Senior Master Sergeant Michelle A. Larned, USAF. Michelle is an Aerospace Medical Service Craftsman at the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron stationed at Westover Air Reserve Base. SMSgt Larned has deployed numerous times to the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations from 2002 to present, specifically to Qatar, Afghanistan, and Iraq. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Massachusetts.

During the awards portion of the ceremony, former U.S. Army Technical Specialist, Thomas A. Burbank, was named Veteran of the Year for his many years of service to the Town, and of course, the Hingham Veterans' Council, where he feels he "...receives as much as he gives." Each May, his job within the Council is to gather volunteers from the HHS Veterans Appreciation Club to place US flags by veterans' graves in the Hingham Centre Cemetery to honor the fallen for Memorial Day. This past year due to COVID-19, this was not an option, so Tom 'recruited' his nine family members to assist him as this health crisis was "...not going to stop him from honoring our brave servicemen and women no longer here."

During the stress of these uncertain times, one thing in Hingham is certain: we will always take time to pause, reflect, and remember the many sacrifices made by our men and women who serve now or have served in the past, and especially those who have laid down their lives to keep us all free. Remembering them is our sacred commitment; keeping them in our hearts and minds every day in a fast-paced world is at times difficult, but we must. **"...for it's when we hear, we forget; when we see, we remember; and when we do, we understand."**

In closing, I wish to thank all the other Town Departments that help us to fulfill our mission as well as the strong support provided by a network of hard-working volunteers throughout the year: the Veterans' Council, HHS Veterans' Appreciation Club, Valor Act veterans, and several other citizens and youth organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

SCPO Keith A. Jermyn, USN  
Director of Veterans' Services

## Water Supply Committee

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The Hingham Water Supply Committee was established by Town Meeting in 1946. Committee members are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its original charter was to investigate the feasibility of acquiring the private water company then known as the Hingham Water Company, and to report to the Town on the costs and benefits of undertaking such action.

In 2004, Town Meeting revised the Committee's role to include advising the Town on water-supply matters more generally. The Committee also served as liaison between the Town and the private companies (most recently Aquarion Water Co.) that owned and operated the water-supply facilities serving the community.

In April 2019, Town Meeting decided that the Town should acquire the water company's assets and take over operation of the company. The acquisition and the transition from private company operation to Town operation have now been completed. One consequence is that the Committee's principal functions have been either obviated or superseded by the roles of other Town bodies. Although the Committee continues to exist, it did not meet or carry on any notable activity during 2020 and expects to be disbanded and discharged at the Town Meeting scheduled for Spring 2021.

The members of the Committee, listed below, have enjoyed their experience in that role and appreciate the opportunity to have been of service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Doran  
Ron Kirven  
Sam Mullin, Chair  
Kirk Shilts, Secretary  
Melissa Bower Smith  
Adam White

## Water Transition and Evaluation Committee

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Following eight years of research, analysis, litigation and deliberation, the Town completed its purchase of its water company from Aquarion on July 31, 2020 for \$110,522,766. This purchase was supported with the affirmation of its AAA bond rating from the three ratings agencies, allowing the Town to borrow these funds on behalf of the water system at an interest rate of 2.145%. This was significantly below the 3.75% rate contemplated during the acquisition analysis process, increasing the estimated savings to ratepayers from \$48.3 million to over \$78.8 million over the next 30 years.

Immediately upon the closing of the transaction, SUEZ took over the day-to-day operation of the newly named and branded Weir River Water System (WRWS), overseen by Russell Tierney, the newly hired WRWS Superintendent. There had been much planning for this transition, including SUEZ extending employment offers to all former employees who had previously serviced the water system for Aquarion. SUEZ implemented their advanced data and monitoring systems and commenced on a project to address many deferred maintenance items in the Water Treatment Plant. Additionally, Russell developed a communication plan with Hingham, Hull and Cohasset to ensure appropriate notification of all water system issues, as well as to begin the coordination necessary to continue the in-progress water system upgrades. During this time, your Water Transition and Evaluation Committee (WTEC) met regularly to monitor the status of these items and to begin preparing for the many items that require continued attention.

They include:

- The final transition occurred on April 1, 2021 when SUEZ took over complete customer service and billing from Aquarion. This included the opening of a customer service office at 185 Lincoln Street in Hingham. The office is staffed by three full-time customer service representatives who can assist all current customers of the WRWS.
- The Water Commissioners hired Environmental Partners Group to commence with the development of a Master Plan for the system. This includes an analysis of the current system, a review of the condition of the water mains, current and future water capacity requirements, and water storage needs. This study will recommend and help to prioritize the capital investment upgrades that need to occur. The WTEC will interface regularly with

Environmental Partners to monitor the progress of the plan and provide feedback as it is being developed.

- The Abrahams Group has been hired to complete a Cost-of-Service Study. This study will look at current billing practices, help to inform the Water Commissioners on potential rate increases, and look to simplify the rate structure. The WTEC will provide guidance and input as this study reaches its completion.

Additionally, the WTEC is charged with completing an analysis of the governance structure of the System. The committee plans to embark on this project in the fall of 2021, once one year of Town ownership has been completed. It is our plan to examine the current structure, gather input from all constituencies, and recommend a course of action to the Town.

The Committee appreciates the interest and cooperation that it has received during this past year and looks forward to completing its responsibilities in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Cyr  
Jim Taylor, Chair  
David von Loesecke  
Joe Welch

## Weir River Estuary Park Committee

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Hingham shares the estuary of the Weir River with Hull and Cohasset – from Foundry Pond and World’s End to Sunset Point and Straits Pond. Since December 1986, this estuary has been a MA-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

At roughly 950 acres, the area here is similar in size to the Weymouth Back River ACEC: Great Esker Park in Weymouth, Bare Cove Park – both of which were once part of the former Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot – and More-Brewer Park. While some parcels in the Weir River ACEC are town-owned or protected, most of the land abutting the estuary is held privately.

Based on the idea that this estuary is defined more by ecology than town boundaries or land ownership – “a park where the trails are water” – the Boards of Selectmen in Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset each agreed in 2002 to appoint up to three members, making this a tri-town committee. Our purpose is to support the Land Protection Plan in the Weir River Estuary Park and the towns’ Master and Open Space Plans as advocates for: 1) land protection, 2) conservation and restoration of wildlife habitat, 3) stewardship education, and 4) recreation which supports habitat protection.

The Committee met in person on January 15, 2020 at the Cohasset Senior Center. Who would have known that that would be the last time the Committee would meet in person for the rest of the year. Starting on March 26, 2020, all Committee meetings were held remotely.

Committee member Tom Bell of Cohasset organized a Fish Count at Foundry Pond during the Herring run beginning April 1. Volunteer fish counters recorded herring making it up the fish ladder and into Foundry Pond.

Committee Chair Patti Coyle of Hingham promoted the Hingham WREP Committee Facebook page, which due to COVID-19, was the best way to highlight events such as the Fish Count and the annual Earth Day Spring Clean-Up on April 25 at Straits Pond, Amonte Meadow, and Foundry Pond.

Thank you to the Allen, Avery, Bell, Bibby, Patti Coyle, Jermyn, Kidston, Kwong, and Sarni families for their help in the effort to clean up those areas.

National Estuaries Week in September 2020 was celebrated in a virtual tour via photos of the Weir River Estuary by local Tri-town artists and presented on the WREP Committee's Facebook page for followers to enjoy. Many thanks again to Committee Chair Patti Coyle for doing this.

Educational School group tours, group paddle tours, and group bike tours of the Weir River Estuary Park were suspended on March 12, 2020 for the remainder of the year due to COVID-19.

Hingham: Volunteers spotted herring in the Weir River pools below the fish ladder, in the fish ladder, and in Foundry Pond, which is very promising. Spring 2020 saw a record number of residents from Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull fishing at Foundry Pond. The water level decreased substantially from July through September to the lowest level neighbors, abutters, and fishermen had ever seen raising concerns about if the herring had reached Triphammer Pond. Due to the increased activity at Foundry Pond, there was an increase in trash and a lack of observance of the hours of the park.

Cohasset: Work continued at Straits Pond on the algae and midge issue. Committee members Tom Bell and Dick Avery continued their work on mitigation of the problem with Mr. Bell doing extensive research and volunteers taking samples that were sent to the state to try to obtain more information to help with the problem. The Hull tide gate also affects the Straits Pond flow and a new committee for the Hull tide gate has been formed to help gather information to work on a solution to help the flow in Straits Pond. For more information, please go to [Straitspond.org](http://Straitspond.org).

Hull: The Conservation Restriction for an access path out to Town-owned Straits Pond Island is still rescinded by the private landowners. Committee members from all three towns have planned a walk for early Spring 2021 to review options. Late in 2020, Hull Committee members Scott Plympton and Judeth Van Hamm were reinstated by the Hull Board of Selectmen to the Weir River Estuary Park Committee, returning the Committee to full status.

The Committee has posted a Paddle Guide, the proposed bicycle path map, Land Protection Plan, map of the ACEC, and the Committee members on Hingham's Weir River Estuary Park website (<https://www.hingham-ma.gov/467/Weir-River-Estuary-Park-Committee>). We hope you will

continue to follow and 'Like' our Facebook page and explore and visit the Weir River Estuary Park by bike, boat, or foot.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chairs: Dick Avery (Cohasset) Patti Coyle (Hingham), Judeth Van Hamm (Hull).

Members: Sharon Allen (Hingham), Tom Bell (Cohasset), Scott Plympton (Hull)



*Lyfords Lyking is an approximately 7-acre conservation property in the inner estuary. The two parcels are located just up Rockland St. from West's Corner and Straits Pond. Owned by the Town of Hingham, legend has it that in the 1600s, this was the site of a 'weir' -- a fishing trap -- which is how the river got its name.*

## Weir River Water System

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On August 1, 2020, the Weir River Water System (WRWS) assumed ownership and operations of the Aquarion Water Company. The WRWS entered into a 5-year contract with SUEZ Water Environmental Services (SUEZ) to provide operation, maintenance, and billing services. Along with SUEZ, we are responsible for the pumping, treatment and distribution of over 1.2 billion gallons of drinking water per year to over 13,000 customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset.

The water system operates and maintains a 7.7 million gallon per day water treatment plant at 900 Main Street in Hingham, 13 ground water sources, three surface water sources including Accord Pond, 190 miles of water main, two booster pump stations, two storage tanks, 3100 gate valves, and over 900 municipally owned fire hydrants.

### Transition

The transition of the water system began well before August 1, 2020. Several boards, committees and individuals work diligently to ensure an effective and smooth changeover in service to our valued customers. By April 1, 2021, a full transfer of all aspects of the water system will be complete. The last, but very important element is the billing and customer services currently supported by Aquarion Water Company.

WRWS would like to thank publically all involved in the transition including the Board of Selectman from all three towns, the Board of Water Commissioners, Town Administration, Transition and Evaluation Committee and the Citizen's Advisory Board for all their hard work in making this possible.

### Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Operations / Maintenance

The WRWS made significant investments in upgrades and repairs to the WTP. These repairs included a complete upgrade to the existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System. The upgrade resulted in operational efficiencies while adding additional security to the system. In addition, we replaced several aging pumps, motors and other mechanical equipment/systems that resulted in added redundancies to ensure the most effective treatment of our water sources.

## Distribution System Operations / Maintenance

One area of focus by the WRWS and the Hull and Hingham Fire Departments during the initial months of operation was the replacement and repair of fire hydrants. We replaced over 30 inoperable or outdated fire hydrants and completed countless repairs. The hydrant inspection, repair and replacement program is crucial to safety and well-being of the residents of the towns and fire department personal. The system assets will continue to be inspected and maintained by our staff and will include fire hydrants, gate valves, hydrant flushing and other work to improve system hydraulics and water quality.

## Capital Improvement Projects

Capital Improvement Projects are key to the water system and the customers we serve. During the first months of operation, we replaced the water mains on Bulow Road, Bulow Place and Forget Me Not Lane. We continue to plan and review the needs of the system and will continue this important work over the next year by replacing the water mains on Atlantic Ave, Gun Rock Ave and Maple Ln in Hull, and Wompatuck Road, Hayes Rd and Downing St in Hingham. We will also begin the process of replacing one well, sighting a new water tank, and rehabilitating two of four filters at the WTP.

## Interdepartmental

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

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Tierney, Managing Director/Superintendent  
Weir River Water System

# Town Accountant

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State law requires the Town of Hingham to publish at the close of each year a complete set of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2020 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Town. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Town has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to both protect the Town's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Town's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. As management, we assert that this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The CAFR is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Hingham in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors, and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Hingham to review and understand.

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because it does not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System being presented as a fiduciary fund within the statement of fiduciary net position.

The Town of Hingham's financial statements have been audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Hingham for the year ended June 30, 2020 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles

used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion on the Town of Hingham's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of Federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of Federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Hingham's separately issued Single Audit Report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Town of Hingham's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

### **Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition**

During the third quarter of fiscal year 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted all facets of the country; the economy being no exception. The Town of Hingham continues to reflect a strong economic condition; per capita income is significantly higher than state averages and the unemployment rate has always been extremely low as compared to state and national averages. However, the unemployment rate soared in fiscal year 2020 due to the pandemic as it reached a historic high throughout the country. Town Management has developed a financial plan to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on the Town's economy. The plan uses excess fund balance to bridge any projected revenue shortfalls and strict expenditure controls for the fiscal year 2021 budget. The Town remains a very desirable community given its close proximity to Boston and the level and quality of services provided. The residential sales market has been and continues to be very strong, reflecting the great interest in the community.

Over the past ten years the town's population has increased approximately 11% while school enrollment has decreased approximately 7%. Hingham is known throughout the state for its high quality school system; Hingham students consistently score in the top percentiles on national and state tests and an extremely high percentage of students graduating from the high school go on to pursue higher education.

## **Long-term Financial Planning**

The Town Administrator along with the financial officers, which consist of the Town Accountant, the Treasurer/Collector, and the Director of Assessing work closely with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Capital Outlay Committee and department heads to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

## **Major Initiatives**

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. In the early 2000's due to economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending was reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$2-\$2.3 million range for fiscal year 2021.

## **Financial Information**

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have 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 (Unassigned Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 16% and no more than 20% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or for tax reductions in accordance with the policy.

Internal Controls. Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that accurate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting

principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee assists in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee supervises and reviews the conduct of the audit and the auditor's relationship with the Town. The Chair of the Audit Committee is also a member of the Town's Whistleblower Committee.

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 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 Town Accountant sets the tax rate while the Assessors commit the real estate taxes, personal property taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 99% of all real estate taxes are collected during the year of billing with the remaining 1% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

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 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 Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator. Also, the Town Accountant holds quarterly budget review meetings with departments to ensure they are within their approved budgeted appropriation.

The Town Administrator 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. 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 CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2019. This was the twenty-fourth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, 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. 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.

Independent Audit. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 were audited by the public accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The financial statements have received an "unmodified opinion" from the auditors. An "unmodified 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 audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the Uniform Guidance).

## **Acknowledgments**

A special gratitude is owed to James Piotrowski and Christian Rogers, Manager and Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, whose attention to the 2020 financial statements was invaluable. We want to express our appreciation to the Accounting Department staff for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this CAFR; and to Kate Richardsson (IT Department) for her work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M Nickerson  
Town Accountant



*Plexi-glass shields have been installed in all Town Offices, including the Accounting Office as shown above.*

## Treasurer/Collector

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Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2019.....	105,630,410
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2020.....	181,628,740
-Total Paid on Selectmen warrants.....	(173,675,675)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2020.....	113,583,475
Investment Return on Idle Cash FY 2019 (GF).....	1,121,787
Investment Return on Idle Cash FY 2020 (GF).....	835, 443
Investment Return on All Accounts FY 2020.....	2,304,429

During Fiscal Year 2020 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2020 Real Estate Tax .....	84,842,663
2020 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	1,137,520
2020 Personal Property Tax .....	1,242,351
2020 Boat Excise Tax .....	75,891
2020 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	4,313,132
2019 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	500,269
2018 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	217
2020 Sewer Use Charge.....	3,305,997
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	4,216
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	145,630
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest .....	2,424
Sewer Use Liens .....	140,959
Demolition Lien.....	47,661
Payments in Lieu of Taxes .....	<u>659,142</u>
Total .....	96,418,072

In March of 2020 the Town Hall was closed due to COVID 19. The Treasurer/Collector office retained limited, essential staffing on site throughout the pandemic in order to process town payroll and vendor warrants and to continue with tax billing and collections. Staff not working onsite worked remotely. Cash management responsibilities continued uninterrupted as the Town Administration equipped the Treasurer with access to the town VPN network from day one of the closure with the remaining office staff fully connected within a few weeks' time

In spite of the difficulties imposed by the pandemic, tax collections remained strong with ninety-eight percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. The Governor's thirty day tax due date emergency extension was adopted by the Board of Selectmen in order to provide tax relief to residents who may have been adversely

impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town is fortunate to have the financial stability to allow an extension without the need to issue notes to cover the revenue receipt delay. During 2020 over 70,000 invoices were issued to collect real estate, personal property, excise tax, and sewer use charges. Taxes account for 75% of general fund revenues.

As a result of COVID-19's sudden onset in the spring of 2020, the Treasurer delayed the annual tax taking action and will resume the placement of tax liens on delinquent parcels in the spring of 2021. The practice of pursuing tax lien collection in house rather than selling or assigning liens to an outside party is still preferred. By applying consistently enforced collection measures and working directly with taxpayers the Treasurer's office collected \$182,627 in tax lien revenue of which \$42,831 was payment of interest accruing to the benefit of the General Fund. In addition, the Town has several foreclosure cases currently pending in Land Court.

The total outstanding long-term debt as of December 31<sup>st</sup> was \$157,152,415 of which \$143,238,010 is outside the Town's debt limit. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

In May of 2020, a competitive sale was held for the issuance of an \$11,433,581 one-year Note. The winning Net Interest Cost (NIC) bid of 1.0760% was submitted by TD Securities. Proceeds from the sale of the Notes, together with \$678,084 in available funds, were used to redeem \$10,989,505 in outstanding notes and to provide \$1,122,160 in original financing for three new projects: SSCC maintenance equipment, replacement of clerestory windows in the high school gym, and for the installation of fiber optic area network IT infrastructure.

In July of 2020, a negotiated sale for the issuance of an \$111,180,000 General Obligation Bond for the purposes of purchasing the assets of the Hingham Water Company pursuant to Ch. 139 of the Acts of 1879, as amended, G.L. c 44 sec 8(3) and a vote of the Town adopted on April 22, 2019 was held. The True Interest Cost (TIC) of the Bonds is 2.144703%.

Long-time tax receipt clerk, Regina Ledwick, retired in January of 2020. Regina loved helping taxpayers and conveyance attorneys and always put each one of them first, every day. If they were not happy, she was not happy. We miss her and wish her the best of everything.

I wish to recognize Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Lori-Ann Magner, and our administrative support personnel Nancy Leahy, Marijane Deitsch, Linda Kelley and Jennifer Doan for their exemplary work both individually and as part of our COVID-19 response Teams A and B. While 2020 was uniquely challenging on so many levels they collectively, even while apart, made another successful year possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Montgomery  
Treasurer/Collector

## Board of Assessors

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It is the responsibility of the Assessors' Office to establish current fair market value for all of the properties in the Town of Hingham. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates that every city/town fully update its property assessments each fiscal year to reflect the current fair market value. Every five years, the DOR audits the Board of Assessors records and procedures for certification. This includes an intense examination of all of Hingham's assessment policies and procedures.

In addition to the real property valuations, the Assessors' Office maintains records on taxable personal property, boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the Assessors' Office. The Assessor's Office updates all property ownerships according to the recorded deed transactions which are received from the Registry of Deeds. Hingham consists of approximately 8700 parcels, so there are many transactions that take place. They also process plans and corrections to update the Assessor's maps as well as research property ownership and assist other town departments in the performance of their duties. The office works closely with the Veterans Department and Elder Services to ensure that we are providing the residents of Hingham as many possible services and exemptions that are offered.

The ratio of the assessment to the sales price is calculated and Hingham's ratio for 2020 is 95%. The fiscal 2021 tax rate is \$11.80, up 28 cents from last year. The average assessment for single family homes is \$877,500.00 up from last year's average of \$866,222.00. The average assessment for condominiums is \$674,844.00, up from last year's average of \$661,121.00

It is an understatement to say the 2020 has been a challenging year, but amidst the chaos of the ever changing world during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Assessor's Office has worked hard to provide its excellent service to the people of our community. Working on a hybrid remote/in office schedule has allowed us to stay safe and continue to excel at all the tasks under our charge. Property inspections have continued at a regular pace but have been limited to on site exterior only inspections with picture and video backup.

Although scaled down in 2020, the Assessor's office is proud to be able to continue to participate in the Senior Work Off program. We are fortunate to have terrific volunteers while they earn a real estate tax credit for their

invaluable service to our office. Assisting our office in a variety of ways and we are grateful for their participation in such a worthwhile program.

2020 was a banner year of change in the Assessor's office. Our long time Director of Assessing Rick Nowlan retired mid-year, handing over the reins to Assistant Assessor Erin Walsh. We thank Rick for his many years of service and welcomed Erin as the first female Director of Assessing in the Town of Hingham's history. By the end of the year, the Assistant Assessor seat was filled by Jacquie Berard. Jacquie has been a vital part of the office for the past year+ and she has seamlessly taken on the responsibilities that the job entails. Kerri Coughlin continues her work as our Data Quality Inspector, completing cyclical inspections and keeping building permits up to date. Maureen Carlson continues her work as our Assessing Technician keeping the daily office operations running smoothly and efficiently. By the end of the year, interviews were underway to bring on a new Assessing Technician to complete our talented team.

The Board of Assessors wishes to express our sincere thanks to Erin and her staff for a memorable yet successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman  
Al Chambers  
Chrissy Roberts

# Hingham Contributory Retirement System

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There are 104 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

The Annual Report for 2020 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2020.

Susan M. Nickerson, Chair & ex-officio	(2/4/2011- )
Charles J. Cristello, Appointed Member	(6/23/2018-6/22/2021)
David P. Jones, Elected Member	(11/27/2017-6/30/2020)
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member	(7/30/2019-7/29/2022)
Eileen McCracken, Appointed Member	(7/1/2018-7/1/2021)

## **Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2020 (Pre-Close)**

### **ASSETS**

Cash – Citizens Bank	932,594.15
Checking – Citizens Bank	9,526.02
Cash Fund (PRIT)	70.40
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	137,803,539.49
Accounts Receivable	51,088.12
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>138,796,818.18</b>

### **LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	-11,755.85
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-11,755.85</b>

### **FUND BALANCES**

Annuity Fund	-27,459,952.31
Annuity Reserve Fund	-10,029,450.51
Military Service Fund	-13,949.87
Pension Fund	0.00
Pension Reserve Fund	-94,670,905.63
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-132,174,258.32</b>

**REVENUES**

Investment Income	-2,982,092.75
Workers' Compensation Settlements	0.00
Realized Gain	-6,358,619.85
Realized Loss	854,784.67
Unrealized Gain	-24,103,058.93
Unrealized Loss	24,329,756.09
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Member Deductions	-3,258,974.09
Transfers from other Systems	-398,523.93
Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits	-26,778.18
Pension Fund Appropriation	-5,748,074.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-15,585.49
3(8)(c) Reimb. From other Systems	-278,749.47
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-36,976.53
Member Payments from Rollovers	-11,733.95
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-18,034,626.21</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Staff Salaries	58,565.16
Management Fees	636,747.09
Consultant Fees	28,750.00
Legal Expenses	1,062.50
Fiduciary Insurance	6,264.00
Service Contracts	29,900.00
Professional Services	9,000.00
Actuarial Services	300.00
Education and Training	750.00
Administrative Expenses	5,836.72
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	0.00
Annuities Paid	1,887,230.16
Pensions Paid	7,010,514.10
COLA's Paid	1,135,744.33
3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	266,310.42
Transfers to other Systems	281,630.10
Refunds to Members	65,217.62
Option B Refunds	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11,423,822.20</b>

## NEW MEMBERS 2020

Elizabeth Alexakos  
Cameron Allegra  
Brooke Ashley  
Alicia Barry  
Sydney Blasetti  
Corie Burke  
Matthew Cahill  
Abbey Capodanno  
Susan Carey  
Maria Cerio  
Madison Collins  
Christopher Connelly  
Michaela Connors  
Tina Courtier  
Benjamin Cronan  
Susan D'Amato  
Dolores DeLisle  
Sarah Decker  
David Dixon  
Jennifer Doan  
Elizabeth Doherty  
Anne Dwyer  
Matthew Dwyer  
Danielle Ennis  
Elizabeth Farrell  
Adrianna Fredo  
J Frey  
Daniel Furness  
Marianne Gates  
John Giasullo  
Daniel Goldstein  
Michael Gorman  
Jill Grieco  
Michelle Grigalunas  
Jared Grimm  
Matthew Haite  
Kimberly Hamel  
Lori Ierardi  
Jeffrey James  
Christopher Johnson

Kyle Keegan  
Kevin LaPlume  
Amanda Lawlor  
Emma Liuzzi  
Kara Luciano  
Meaghan MacTaggart  
Anthony Madden  
Elizabeth Maguire  
Ryan Malone  
Meghan McConville  
James McFarlane  
Michael McLean  
Kevin McMasters  
Thomas McNamee  
Benjamin Miele  
Griffin Moriarty  
Patrick Murphy  
Maureen Nauyokas  
Debra Newcomb  
Thomas O'Hanley  
Michelle O'Rourke  
Erin Ogorek  
Lauralee Pecce  
David Perez  
Mitchell Peterson  
Molly Rabinovitz  
Kathleen Reilly  
Andrew Rubino  
Sarah Sacchetti  
Keysa Salado  
Carin Scanlon  
Patrick Sheridan  
Devon Smith  
Christie Smith  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Christopher Taylor  
Russell Tierney  
Kelly Walsh  
Lisa Webb  
Marybeth White  
Benjamin Yodzio

## RETIRED MEMBERS 2020

Ruth Bickford  
Scott Bregnard  
Gay Canepa  
Peter Casey  
Denise Conway  
Richard Corcoran  
George Kelley  
Kathleen Kerr  
Pamela King  
Regina Ledwick

Paul Mailloux  
Linda Morash Defreitas  
Sharon Napier  
Richard Nowlan  
Carole O'Connell  
Gail O'Neill  
Glenn Olsson  
Thomas Orłowski  
Alberto Pacheco  
Phyllis Powers  
Robert Ruffini

## DECEASED MEMBERS 2020

Clarence Beatty  
Catherine Marie Caparrotta  
Bernice V. Cinquegrano  
Leonard A. Cinquegrano  
George J. Devlin Jr.  
Jacqueline A. Fiorentino,  
Eleanor Goldsmith

Lillian E. Hersey  
Dennis Horgan  
Hannah M. Laughlin  
Ronald E. Lincoln  
Robert F. Myers Jr.  
Donald J Roche  
Frederick Welsh  
Ruby V. Wheeler

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2020

<b>Active Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year</b>	<b>672</b>
<b>Inactive Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year</b>	<b>217</b>
Enrolled During Current Year	83
Transfers Between Groups	0
Reinstatements of Disabled Members	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>
Deduct:	
Death	0
Withdrawals	39
Retirements	21
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Active Membership, Current Year</b>	<b>677</b>
<b>Inactive Membership, Current Year</b>	<b>235</b>

<b>Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year</b>	342
Retirements During the Year	
Superannuation	21
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	2
Survivor Benefits from Active Membership	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>
Deduct:	
Deaths of Retired Members	9
Termination of Survivor Benefits	1
Reinstatements of Disabled Pensions	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Retired Membership, Current Year</b>	
Superannuation	300
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	11
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from Accidental Deaths	5
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option C	21
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	15
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Current Year</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Current Year</b>	1,267