

# Annual Report



## Town of Hingham 2008

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Isabel Bellenis and Doris McCann

Isabel is the head of the Audio Visual Department at the Library. A long-time Library employee (35 years!) she was nominated by many of her co-workers and singled out for the *Productivity and Efficiency Award* for her friendly, enthusiastic manner and for always looking for, and implementing, ways to provide better and additional services. Her idea for an Independent Movie Night was so well received that it has become a regular feature once a month. Congratulations, Isabel.

The parents of many happy children nominated Doris, School Bus #12 driver, for the *Customer Service Award*. Doris encourages her young riders to be kind to each other and promotes a loving and caring environment. Her smiling and calm manner assures even the most anxious child. Parents are confident that when her decorated bus arrives that the kids are off on a safe, fun ride to school. As one parent stated, "When Doris pulls up, it's a GREAT start to the day".



February 2009 – 200th Birthday of Abraham Lincoln

**Town Information**

Web Site: [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov)

Incorporated	1635
Population	21,747
Registered Voters	15,105
Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Number of Houses, including Condos	7012
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,956,375,800
Personal Property	\$90,217,060
Tax Rate	\$9.75
Schools	5
Public School Children, PreK-12 (3/07)	3,978
Professional Staff	320.5
Support Staff	164
Total FY2009 Budget	\$74,056,840
School FY2009 Budget	\$35,686,037

**U. S. Congressman**

Tenth District  
 William Delahunt  
 2454 Rayburn House  
 Wash. DC 20515  
 202-225-3111

**State Senator**

Norfolk-Plymouth  
 Robert L. Hedlund  
 State House  
 Room 313C  
 Boston, MA 02133  
 617-722-1646

**State Representative**

Third Plymouth Dist.  
 Garrett Bradley  
 State House  
 Room 478  
 Boston, MA 02133  
 617-722-2520



Laura Burns, John Riley, Bruce Rabuffo

## **Board of Selectmen**

The recession that began in 2007 continued into 2008 and continues into 2009 as we publish this report. While assessed property values have declined slightly, the Town has experienced serious erosion in new development, excise tax receipts and other revenues.

Just as so many of you had to tighten your financial belt, Hingham has taken proactive steps to contain costs. In the summer of 2008, the Board of Selectmen instituted greater oversight of department budgets, and in the fall, the Board introduced hiring controls to constrain staff growth. While it remains our intention to minimize staff reductions which we unfortunately see in so many neighboring communities, the Town needs to be vigilant in this time of uncertainty surrounding the economy. To that end the Board introduced management mechanisms such as quarterly budget reviews, benchmarking and measurements tools. The Board undertook a review of the town's tax policy as a means to identify other tax relief steps. This review is ongoing.

Of particular concern are the funds Hingham receives from the Commonwealth as it, too, deals with declining revenues. The state

announced a 10% cut in Town fourth quarter non-school aid. Our legislators have warned us to be prepared for similar reductions in fiscal 2010 as the state wrestles with significant shortfalls. State aid covers 12% of our expenses. We do not expect, by the time of Town Meeting, to know the level of funding Hingham can anticipate for the coming year. Town management does have contingency plans to address any projected shortfalls. As always, the Town must practice prudent management of your monies.

The Board has adopted recommendations suggested to us by our external auditors and Finance Director in the interest of coping with long-term financial obligations. To bring stability to the Town's planning, the Municipal Light Board and the Town have agreed to a new formula for the payment in lieu of taxes which the Town receives from the Light Plant. In anticipation of new accounting regulations effective in July 2009, the Town began to address its health care obligations to its employees in their retirement years. The Board wants to ensure that the Town can meet the commitments it makes to its employees after they complete their years of service.

This past year saw the completion of the new home for its Public Works Department and the adjoining new sports fields. Both will be ready in 2009. The Town purchased with Community Preservation funds the former Mobil station on Route 3A as another step towards protecting and improving our waterfront.

Most importantly, the construction of the new elementary school off East Street continues on schedule for a planned opening in the fall of 2009. The building of this, our fourth elementary school, was approved last year by Town meeting and on the ballot at the town election; it will relieve the overcrowding now being experienced in our schools. Opening a fourth elementary school depends on an additional vote by the town for a \$1.1 million override which will provide the staffing. This funding would allow the town to continue its longstanding commitment to education.

In the fall of 2008 at a Special Town meeting, the Town voted to purchase the Lincoln School Apartments, a 60 unit complex of affordable housing for our senior citizens formerly owned and managed by the Benedictine Fathers at Glastonbury Abbey. The purchase and operations of the Apartments will be funded by monies received from rents and federal subsidies. This property will provide housing for many years to

come to the elderly of our community, and the purchase further reinforces the Town's commitment to all members of our community.

Finally, the departure of our long-serving Town Administrator Charles Cristello for a new position with the Town of Middleborough caused the formation of a search committee to find a new Administrator. After six months our new Administrator, Kevin Paicos, began assuming his duties just after the New Year. He has served as the Town Administrator for the towns of Ashburnham and Easton. His extensive background and experience will be an asset to the Town. The Board of Selectmen would like to recognize and to thank the employees for their hard work in helping the Town maintain delivery of services during the transition period.

John A. Riley, Chairman  
Laura M. Burns  
L. Bruce Rabuffo



Betty Foley, Assistant Town Administrator

## **Town Administrator**

The year of 2008 has been a busy one for the town. The new Downtown has emerged from the Greenbush construction area and the brick lined tunnel cap area between North and South Streets has become a reality. Landscaping of this area is expected to begin in the Spring of 2009. This project will result in an attractive public space to be enjoyed by all. The newly reconstructed and expanded Beal Street playing fields as well as the adjoining parking area and field house were opened for the spring 2008 playing season.

The new Department of Public Works facility located in the former depot area off Fort Hill Street is nearing completion and the building should be ready for occupancy this spring. This new complex will provide a single central location for the Department of Public Works and will provide better storage for equipment and materials. The adjacent playing fields have been constructed and it is anticipated that they will be ready for use in the spring of 2010. I would like to thank Project Engineer Roger Fernandes for all the work he has done to oversee this project and

provide invaluable assistance to the Department of Public Works Building Committee.

This year marked the beginning of construction on the much anticipated Route 228 Phase 2 project which extends from Merrymount Road to Queen Anne Corner. The Massachusetts Highway Department began construction in the fall and that work will continue during 2009. The completed roadway will feature bicycle lanes and improved sidewalks.

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting appropriated Community Preservation Funds to acquire a parcel of land on Summer Street on which the Mobil service station was located. Plans are in place to demolish the building and allow this property to revert to open space with the possibility of a section of the future harbor walk envisioned in the master plan for the Harbor area.

This was also a year of change for the town. Charles Cristello, Hingham's first Town Administrator who served for sixteen years resigned in June to accept a position in Middleborough. Charlie had seen the position evolve from the Executive Secretary recommended by the Government Study Committee in 1991 to the current Town Administrator role. A committee was formed and a widespread search was launched to find a replacement. After an exhaustive process, Kevin Paicos was chosen to be the Town's new Administrator and it was agreed that he would begin full time duties in March 2009.

Joseph Stigliani resigned his position as Superintendent of Public Works in October and Randy Sylvester, who has worked as the Assistant since 2005 was appointed to serve as Interim Superintendent. Nora Berard resigned her position as Director of Country Club Operations and was succeeded by Jay McGrail who had formerly served as the Golf Course Superintendent.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, the staff in the Selectmen's Office and particularly Town Accountant/Finance Director Ted Alexiades for their help and cooperation during this year of transition.

Betty Foley  
Interim Town Administrator

## 2008 Elected Town Officers

	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b> Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	2009
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)</b> Lawrence Bruce Rabuffo Laura M. Burns John A. Riley	2011 2010 2009
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b> Eileen A. McCracken	2009
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)</b> Jean Montgomery	2010
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b> Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman Mark F. Tyburski Robert H. Kurtz	2011 2010 2009
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b> Stephan J. White, Chairman Kirk J. Shilts Peter B. Bickford	2011 2010 2009
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b> Kevin J. Bulman Walter A. Foskett John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2011 2010 2009
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b> James R. Watson Heather A. Hedlund John Cafferty Mary Lou Tutkus Robert D. Keyes	2013 2012 2011 2010 2009

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)**

Esther Healey	2011
Christine Smith	2011
Caryl Falvey	2010
Chrisanne D. Gregoire	2010
Stephen Nagle	2010
Linda Krause Hill	2009
Barbara J. Cooke	2009

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Sarah H. Corey	2013
Judith S. Sneath	2012
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2011
Susan Murphy	2010
Paul K. Healey, Chairperson	2009

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Andrew J. Spath	2011
Edmund Demko	2010
Michael A. Salerno	2009

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Scott H. Bosworth	2013
Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2012
Francis G. Jones	2011
Thomas J. Campbell	2010
Robert D. Keyes	2009

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

Tereza Prime	2011
Becky Weston	2010
Louis Belknap	2009

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

Thomas Foley  
F. Peter Fee  
Joan P. Williams

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE 9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT**

Marjorie A. Mahoney

## Appointees - 2008

### Term Expires

#### **TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR (Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)**

Theodore Alexiades

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

David H. Ellison	2011
John F. Manning	2011
Mary Jane O'Meara	2011
Elizabeth Eldredge	2011
Laura Marwill	2011
Jonathan R. Asher	2010
Richard J. Innis	2010
Karen A. Johnson	2010
Irma Lauter	2010
Jerry K. Seelen	2010
Gregory M. MacCune	2009
Daniel J. Dwyer	2009
Amy W. Farrell	2009
Dennis C. Friedman	2009
Andrew Mooradian	2009

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

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

Susan Crowley	2010
Laura Burns	2010
Rev. Gary Ludwig	2010
Blake Auchincloss	2010
Christopher Burns	2010
Gretchen Condon	2009
Frederick Copeman, III	2009
James O'Brien	2009

#### **ANIMAL SHELTER SITE STUDY COMMITTEE**

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

MaryLou Hanlon  
Margot Quadros  
Justine Thurston  
Barbara Partridge

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

Joseph Freeman	2011
Joseph M. Fisher	2010
W. Tod McGrath	2009

**Associate Members (one year term)**

Stephen McLaughlin  
William M. Koplovsky  
William Ramsey  
Mario Romania, Jr.  
Jamey Tesler

**APPRAISER, TOWN**

Richard Lane Partridge

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

James O'Hare	2011
Paul Murphy	2011
Paul Doyle	2011
Patricia A. Coyle	2010
Barbara A. Nicosia	2010
Charles Harvey	2010
Francis W. Sheltry	2010
E. Brooks Robbins	2009
Barbara McMullan	2009

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

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

Marjorie Elsdon	2011
Kathleen Q. Norman	2011
Miriam Tod	2011
Rosemarie Durkin	2010
Alyce Nobis	2010
Laura Spaziani	2010
Joan Hansel	2009
Shirley Rydell	2009
Avis Studley	2009

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard E. Morgan

**Deputy Building Commissioners**

Mark Grylls	2009
Robert M. Egan	2009
Michael Simpson	2009
Richard Wakem	2009

**Plumbing Inspector**

Francis J. Yetman, Inspector	2009
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**Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector**

Timothy J. Curtin	2009
Brian McPherson	2009
George Rittershaus	2009
Francis Yetman, Jr.	2009

**Wire Inspector**

William Nickerson	2009
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**Alternate Wire Inspectors**

Kevin J. Bulman	2009
Stanley Hersey	2009
Keith Jermyn	2009
David Bennett, Jr.	2009
Stephen Wigmore	2009

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Amy Goebel	2011
Guy Conrad	2010
Eric Connerly	2010
James Dellot	2010
Sandra S. Peavey	2009
Eric Gauthier	2009
James Morrison	2009
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	
<u>Ex-Officio</u>	
Philip S. Thaxter	

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**

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

Ronnie L. Kirven	2011
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Ray P. Eisenbies	2010
Thomas J. Pyles	2009
<b>Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman</b>	
Jonathan R. Asher	
Andrew Mooradian	
<b>Ex-Officio Member</b>	
Town Accountant (Non-voting member)	

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

John A. Riley (Selectmen Rep.)	2011
Sally C. Weston (Moderator Appt.)	2011
Philip Edmundson (Selectmen Appt.)	2011
Eugene Babin (Conservation Comm. Appt.)	2010
Judith Sneath (Planning Board Appt.)	2010
James Watson (Housing Authority Appt.)	2010
Sarah Dewey (Historical Comm. Appt.)	2010
William S. Reardon (Moderator Appt.)	2009
John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.)	2009

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

Charles Berry	2011
Douglas D. Harvey	2011
Samuel Chapin	2011
Carolyn Nielsen	2010
Vacant	2010
Eugene Babin	2009
William D. Grafton, III	2009

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

Kathleen Peloquin	2009
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**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD  
(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2011
Thomas P. Hall (Appt. Selectmen)	2010
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2010
Henry Wey (Appt. by Ret. Board)	2009

**Ex-officio**

Theodore Alexiades (Town Accountant)	
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**COUNCIL ON AGING**

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

Norma Jackson	2011
Thomas Hickey	2011
Susan Kiernan	2011
Joanne Pollick	2011
Anne Condon	2010
William Scott	2010
Steven D Waynen	2010
Patricia L. LaLiberte	2009
Ann Manning	2009
Lillian F. Colbeck	2009
Robert Montgomery	2009

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

Kerry Ryan	2011
William Friend	2011
Paul J. Casey	2011
Kathleen Curley	2010
Terence Clarke	2009

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

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

Emily Hutchinson	2011
Susan Luery	2011
Mary Ann Blackmur	2010
Constance H. Cummings	2010
Jane P. Shute	2009

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

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

Susan L. Sullivan	2013
Mark Cullings	2013
Benedict Wilcox	2012
Eileen Richards	2011
Nanette G. Walsh	2011
Stephen Kelsch	2010
Richard Monaghan	2010

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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

Dorothy Galo	
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Jennifer Henriksen  
Patricia Tomecek  
Jean Curtis Loud  
Judith Rielly

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Mark L. Duff

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Eileen A. McCracken  
Joan Newell  
Isabel Bellenis

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE**

**(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

Russell Heissner, Selectmen Appt.  
Brian Phillips, Selectmen Appt.  
Victor Popp, Selectmen Appt.  
Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.  
Jeffrey Born, Moderator Appt.  
Pamela Harty, Moderator Appt.  
John Tzamorangas, Light Plant Manager  
Town Accountant, ex-officio  
School Business Manager, ex-officio

**FIRE CHIEF**

Mark L. Duff

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)**

See Conservation Commission

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)**

Mary Ann Blackmur  
Alden, A. Carpenter, MD  
Susan Hagstrom  
Ruth Potter  
Margaret Costello  
Lewis Scotton  
Virginia Spannagel  
Cynthia Tonucci  
Doris McCann

Mary Power  
George Ford  
William Ramsey  
James Drew  
Susan Drew  
James P. Murphy  
Nancy MacDonald  
Kristen Maxwell  
Wendy L. Wilson  
John Shreenan

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

Stephen Kelsch	2011
Scott McMillan	2010
Keith Jermyn/Arthur Smith	2009

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

Alan Perrault	2011
Robert Mosher	2011
Adrienne Fowkes	2010
Christopher Daly	2010
Nicholas Amdur	2010
Warren Nottleson	2009
David Beal	2009

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

John Souther

Kenneth R. Corson, III, Deputy Harbormaster

Assistant Harbormasters

Robert Jenks	2009
Michael Murray	2009
Michael Hickey	2009
Mark F. Brennan	2009
Kirstin L. Capaccioli	2009
Zachary A. Crossen	2009
Joseph P. Driscoll	2009
Benjamin A. Matthews	2009
Michael D. Reilly	2009
Ross T. Wlodyka	2009

**HARBOR PARKING TASK FORCE, ad hoc****(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William S. English

F. Peter Fee

Katy Lacy

John A. Riley

Judith Sneath

John Souther

Benedict Wilcox

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer

David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

**HISTORIAN, TOWN**

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

Winston I. Hall

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

**(ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM1967)**

John McCoy 2011

Susan Berry 2011

Scott Ford 2010

Nancy MacKay 2010

Charles N. Clutz 2009

**Alternate Members**

Winston I. Hall 2011

Benedict Wilcox 2010

Elaine Marcell 2010

Arthur K. Choo 2009

William Tuite 2009

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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

Elizabeth Rockoff 2011

Alexander Macmillan 2011

Sarah Dewey 2011

Arlyn D. Vogelmann 2010

Noel A. Ripley, Jr. 2010

Virginia Tay 2009

Willis Ertman 2009

**LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF**

Kate Mahony

Edward Siegfried

A. Stedman Murdy

Jane P. Keirnan

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.

Nelson G. Ross, Esq.

Harold Goldstein

Arthur Garrity

James Welch  
Edna English  
Mark VanDine

**Appt. By Selectmen**

David Mehegan	2011
Edward D. Boylan	2010
JoAnn C. Mitchell	2009

**Appt. By Moderator**

Michael S. Barclay	2010
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.	2009

**Ex-officio Members**

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

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

John W. McHugh (Moderator Appt.)  
Grant Hansel (Selectmen Appt.)  
George Schwartz (Selectmen Appt.)  
James O'Brien (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)  
Christopher Burns (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman  
Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief  
David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat  
William Gray, Fire Department, EMS  
Taylor A. B. Mills, Police Chief  
Charles Souther, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.  
K. Bradford Durant, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.  
John A. Riley, Selectman  
Laura M. Burns, Selectman  
L. Bruce Rabuffo, Selectman  
Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator  
Randy Sylvester, Interim Superintendent of Public Works  
Harry Sylvester, Highway Supervisor  
John Tzimirangas, Manager, HMLP  
Edward McDonald, Light Plant  
Richard Morgan, Building Commissioner  
Paul Field, School Department  
W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer

Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer  
John Souther, Harbormaster  
Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2010
Brenda P. Black	2010
Peter Stathopoulos	2010
Elizabeth A. Dewire	2010
David P. White	2010
Joseph D. Bottone	2009
Patrick S. Durkin	2009
Leon J. Merian	2009
Marianne MacDonald	2009

**Ex-officio Member**

Ass't. Superintendent Public Works

**MASS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Charles Y. Chittick, Jr., Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.**

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

**MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative  
Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

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

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative  
Mathew E. MacIver, Alternate Representative

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

Kenneth W. Drescher  
John McKendry  
Shirley Newsom  
Nancy Stimson  
Joan Getto  
Michael Shilhan  
Dorcas V. Wagner

Justine L. W. Thurston  
Eugene Shaw  
Elizabeth Shaw

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

Kevin Paicos 2009  
Edna S. English, Alternate

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER**

Eileen A. McCracken

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Jessica Foley (Selectmen Appt.) 2011  
Michael Pollard (Conservation Appt.) 2011  
James Morris (Conservation Appt.) 2010  
Peter Rosen (Conservation Appt.) 2010  
Susan Berry (Planning Board Appt.) 2009

**PARKING CLERK**

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

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERMANENT BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 7/8/08)**

Michael Barclay  
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.  
Alison Ferrante  
Jerry Seelen

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

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

Michael J. Puzo 2011  
William D. MacGillivray 2011  
Nelson G. Ross 2010  
David Pace 2009  
Marie S. Harris 2009

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

John A. Riley

**POLICE CHIEF**

Taylor A. B. Mills

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

Randy Sylvester

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

John J. Bailey

Robert P. Garrity

Brian McSweeney

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Karl Willner

Robert S. Bucey

Edward Colbert

George W. Ullrich

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

Peter G. Stathopoulos

S. Edward Eaton

Helga J. Jorgensen

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

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

Robert Abbott 2011

Betty Tower 2010

Virginia Gray 2009

Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE**

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

Roger Nastou 2010

Thomas Hagstrom 2010

Kurt Weisenbeck 2010

Matthew Welch 2010

Jean Montgomery 2009

Francis Gaul 2009

James MacAllen 2009

Vacant

Vacant

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006  
(ART 17, ATM 2006)**

Stefan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)  
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)  
Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)  
Alan J. Macdonald (Moderator Appt.)  
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)  
Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)  
Stephen Nagle (School Comm. Appt.)

**SOUTH SHORE COALITION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

Laura M. Burns 2010

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen Messinger  
Randy Sylvester

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION**

Joseph Fisher, Member CAC  
Stephen Kelsch, Member CAC  
Mary Byram, Member CAC  
William Koplovsky, Rep. to the Advisory Board of the South Shore  
Tri-Town Development Corp.

**TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE  
(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)**

John J. Pollick  
Ingrid Eikinas  
Carolyn Kelliher  
Greg Hall, Assessors  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

**375<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen 9/4/2007)**

Susan Haley	Lucinda Day
Ellen Whalen	Henry Day
Deborah Ludwig	Joan Snowber
Ann Collins	Thomas Bright
Keith Kosierowski	Suzanne Buchanan
Justine Thurston	Edward Johnson
Barbara Wollan	Cynthia Wilkins

Joan Getto  
William Wilcox  
Elizabeth Klein  
Megan Buhr  
Diane Lewis  
Julianne Mehegan  
Edmund Demko

Judy Graham  
Daniel B. Walsh  
Michael Adams  
Irene Kane  
Mary Ann Blackmur  
Margaret Robbins

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Kevin E. Paicos

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Police Chief (or Rep.)

Fire Chief (or Rep.)

Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)

Leslie Kehoe

2011

Michael Pevarnik

2010

Philip Resca

2009

**TREE WARDEN**

Randy Sylvester, Interim Supt. P.W.

John Bibby, Deputy Tree Warden

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/18/2007)**

L. Bruce Rabuffo

Sandra Peavey

Susan Sullivan

Benedict Wilcox

John Tzamorangas

John A. Riley

**VETERANS COUNCIL**

Edward Barr

Robert Beal, Jr.

James Claypoole

Charles Bernier

Michael Cunningham

Daniel Evarts

Arthur Smith

Nicholas Jermyn

Stephen Kelsch

Scott McMillan

Andrew McCawley

Larry St. Laurent

William Ramsey

**WASTEWATER MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(ART 23 ATM 2004)**

Michael Salerno (Sewer Comm. Rep.)  
John A. Riley (Selectmen Rep.)  
Kirk Shilts (Board of Health Rep.)  
Eugene Babin (Con. Comm. Rep.)  
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)  
Richard Hull (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mark White (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mathew E. MacIver (Moderator Appt.)  
Francis Mahony, Jr. (Moderator Appt.)

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

Thomas A. Burbank  
Roger W. Sullivan  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Maureen F. Doran  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Paul K. Cappers  
James Connelly

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

Robert Egan

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Faith Burbank  
James Rodgers, Alternate  
Darrell Baker, Alternate

# Annual Town Meeting

## April 28, 2008

Registered Voters: 15,245

Attendance: 436

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 28, 2008. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m, a quorum being present. Andrew J. McElaney, Jr. was appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Rev. Bill Turpie of New North Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. County Cooperative Extension Service
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Disbursement of Electric Light Department receipts
8. Assume liability for DCR on rivers, harbors, etc.
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Transfer money from the Waterways Fund to Dredging Account
11. Transfer funds to the Reserve Fund
12. Transfer funds out of the Stabilization Fund
13. Transfer Light Plant Investment Income
14. Transfer funds to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust
15. Appropriate funds for Mill Street Sewer Pump Station
16. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Historic Preservation
17. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Mill Pond Outfall Crossing
18. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – North St. Streetscape
19. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Open Space Rockland Street

20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Open Space Summer Street
21. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Affordable Housing on Nokomis Road
22. Transfer Community Preservation Funds – Pilot Loan Program
23. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds to Affordable Housing Trust
24. Affordable Housing Trust Allocation Plan
25. Affordable Housing on Beal Street – Amend Prior Vote
26. Acquire Land on Hersey Street
27. Amend Zoning By-law re: Religious or Educational Use
28. Amend Zoning By-law re: Schedule of Uses
29. Amend Zoning By-law re: Personal Wireless Services
30. Amend Zoning By-law re: Mixed Use Industrial Area
31. Amend Zoning By-law re: Retail Group in Industrial Districts
32. Amend Zoning By-law re: Off Street Parking Regulations
33. Amend Zoning By-law re: 40R District
34. Abandon a portion of the public way on North Street
35. Accept Chapter 481 of the Acts of 1993 re: sale of liqueurs
36. Hingham Centre Historic District Extension
37. Age and Assets Limits re: MGL c.59, §5, Clause 41C exemptions
38. Interest rate on taxes deferred pursuant to MGL C59, §5(41A)
39. Amend Conservation By-Law
40. Transfer property on Lincoln Street to Conservation Commission
41. Energy Policy Committee
42. Scenic road designation – South Pleasant Street
43. Increase accidental death benefit to certain surviving dependents
44. Intermunicipal Agreement re: South Shore Recycling Cooperative
45. Greenbush land conveyances
46. Special Legislation re: Removal of Deputy Fire Chief from Civil Service
47. Special Legislation re: Civil Service Maximum Age
48. Special Legislation re: Short-term borrowing
49. Special Legislation re: Site Specific liquor licenses
50. Special Legislation re: Shipyard Improvement District
51. Sidewalk on Park Circle
52. Otis Street parking, office space, etc.
53. Street acceptance – Hill Top Road
54. Street acceptance – Cranberry Lane
55. Street acceptance – Rosewood Lane

**Article 1**

**VOTED:** 1. That Tereza Prime, 703 Main Street, be re-elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years; and

2. That Louis S. Belknap, 437 Main Street, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting fund to fill an unexpired term of one year.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town confirm the choice by the Selectmen of Marjorie Mahoney as Director for the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service in accordance with the provisions to serve for one year.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust; Animal Shelter Site Study Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Central Fire Station Building Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Public Works Building Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; Water Supply Committee; and the Zoning Permits Study Committee be received, and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued.

**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 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, 2008 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$554,917 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personal Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 5**

**VOTED:** That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office: Town Clerk<sup>1</sup> and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 and 17 respectively of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

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

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

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

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

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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 Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 6**

**VOTED:** That there be raised and appropriated for each of the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn in is stated.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 7**

**VOTED:** That, with the exception of \$497,750 which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in section 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 8**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of 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 that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 9**

**VOTED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent primarily to compensate such inspectors for their services. The Building Commissioner shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$350,000 during Fiscal Year 2009.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 10**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Waterways Fund to the Dredging Fund, such account to be used for the future dredging of Hingham Harbor, and the Town accept and credit said account with funds from State and Federal Governments for that purpose.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 11**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$230,000 from available reserves to the Reserve Fund for use during fiscal year 2008.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 12**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$111,486 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2009 tax rate.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,203 to the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant in order to return investment income earned by the Town on funds invested for the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant.

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 14**

**VOTED:** That the the Town transfer the sum of \$300,000 from available funds to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust.

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 15**

**VOTED:** That (1) the Town authorize and empower the Sewer Commissioners to renovate and/or replace the Mill Street sewer pumping station; and, (2) the sum of \$380,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for purposes of this vote; and, (3) to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, hereby is authorized to borrow up to the sum of \$380,000 under MGL Chapter 44 (Municipal Finance), as amended, and that for said borrowing, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, hereby is authorized to issue bonds or notes of the Town, payable in not more than twenty (20) years from their dates of issue and upon such other terms as the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen shall determine.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 16**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$76,120 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the following purposes: i) \$10,620 to restore the "Hingham" sign located at the Hingham Public Library and create a replica sign, ii) \$4,000 to inventory and preserve five historic Town markers, iii) \$21,500 to inventory and conserve gravestones at the Liberty Plain Cemetery, and iv) \$40,000 for a study to determine preservation needs for historical Hingham documents and artifacts.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$50,000 of unspent funds from Community Preservation funds previously appropriated at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting under Article 21, Item 4, for construction of a park and pedestrian bridge on Whitney Wharf, to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, to be used for a pre-engineering study, final design, preparation of construction drawings and construction cost estimates to build a Mill Pond Outfall Crossing to enhance pedestrian access along the inner shoreline.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 18**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve to help defray the costs of placing underground all existing telephone, cable, electric and other wire services located on a portion of North Street in the downtown area.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 19**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$492,500 from the Community Preservation General Reserve and transfer said amount to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, to be used for the acquisition by the Hingham Conservation Commission, for conservation purposes, of Lot 6 on Assessors' Map 42, known as 144 Rockland Street, consisting of approximately 3.3 acres, and authorize and direct the Conservation Commission to complete such acquisition.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 20**

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) authorize and empower (but not instruct) the Board of Selectmen to do everything necessary or desirable

to purchase or take by eminent domain, all or a portion of the land with improvements thereon located at 16 Summer Street, shown as Lot 3 on assessors' Map 51, known as the Mobil Station, for the purposes of open space and recreation, and to repair, remediate and improve said property for those purposes; and (2) appropriate the sum of \$1,850,000 for all of said purposes by transferring said amount from the Community Preservation General Reserve.

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

**Article 21**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$85,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to help construct one (1) unit of affordable housing on the Nokomis Road parcel of land, Assessors' Map 37, Lot 54, transferred for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to South Shore Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization, in accordance with the vote under Article 16 at the 2000 Annual Town Meeting.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$175,000, the sum appropriated by the vote under Article 25 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting for a pilot loan program for affordable housing proceeds to be administered by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust (HAHT) for the same purposes and subject to the same restrictions set forth in the vote under Article 25 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 23**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$225,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve and transfer said sum to the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust (HAHT).

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 24**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust (HAHT) By-Law, adopted by vote under Article 21 at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, approve the following allocation plan for any funds to be appropriated to the HAHT in FY 2008 and FY 2009:

a. any unrestricted funds directed to the HAHT by the 2008 Annual Town Meeting will be allocated in FY 2009 as follows:

- 50% for maintaining and improving affordability of existing housing stock,
- 15% for construction of affordable housing,
- 15% for loan or grant programs,
- 15% for third-party costs including, but not limited to, engineering, accounting, appraisal, and financial and legal advice,
- 5% for administration of the HAHT;

b. purpose-restricted funds which come to the HAHT in FY 2008 or FY2009 for designated purposes via grants, gifts, donations, Town Meeting appropriation, or the like, shall be allocated according to those purposes; and

c. funds which come in FY2008 or FY2009 or have previously come to the Trust from developers' payments under the Town's former Inclusionary Zoning By-Law shall be allocated at the discretion of the HAHT Board of Trustees pursuant to the HAHT Trust Agreement approved by vote under Article 21 at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 25**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the vote under Article 42 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant by inserting the words "or functional equivalent" after the phrase "for the purpose of producing affordable housing under the Local Initiative Program".

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 26**

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire a parcel of land adjacent to the Department of Public Works Building on Hersey Street, consisting of approximately 6.6 acres, shown as Lot 1 on Assessors' Map 79, (2) appropriate \$1,825,000 for such acquisition and \$75,000 for the initial mitigation of environmental contamination on the property and (3) to meet said appropriations transfer \$450,000 from available reserves, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$1,450,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 3, of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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

## **Article 27**

**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: At Section III-B, Special Conditions to Schedule of Uses, add a new Subsection 8 as follows:

8. The uses allowed in Section III-A, Subsections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, to the extent provided under M.G.L. c.40A, §3, are allowed as of right, but subject to Site Plan Review in accordance with Section I-I. The site plan review under this Section III-B (8) shall apply to:

i. land or structures, or the expansion of existing structures, used for religious purposes, or for educational purposes on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic, or by a religious sect or denomination, or by a nonprofit educational corporation;

ii. land or structures, or the expansion of existing structures, used for the primary, accessory or incidental purpose of operating a child care facility; and

shall be limited to developing guidelines and to determining compliance with regulations under this By-Law concerning bulk and height of structures, yard size, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking, and

building coverage requirements, or such other matters subject to reasonable requirements under M.G.L. c.40A §3 as the same may be from time to time amended. A building permit shall only issue upon the completion of the site plan review in accordance with Section I-I.

Item 2: At Section III-A, Subsections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, add the following phrase after each use description: ", subject to Special Condition 8 of Section III-B."

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

**Article 28**

**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. At Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, at subsection 2.4 "Seasonal sale of cut Christmas trees, subject to Special Condition 6 of Section III-B", under Official and Open Space, change the letter O (prohibited) to P (permitted by-right).

Item 2. At Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, at subsection 1.8.1 "Garaging of not more than 3 non-commercial motor vehicles", change "O" to "P" for all use categories currently designated as "O".

Item 3. At Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, at subsection 1.8.2 "Garaging or parking of one commercial vehicle with a maximum gross weight of 10,000 lbs", change "O" to "P" for all use categories currently designated as "O".

Item 4. At Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, at subsection 1.8.3 "Garaging or parking of a commercial vehicle in excess of 10,000 lbs., or more than one commercial vehicle", change "O" to "A1" for all use categories currently designated as "O".

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

**Article 29**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, by amending the "Zoning Map, Part A, Town of Hingham", as heretofore amended, as follows:

By removing from the Personal Wireless Services Overlay District the Aquarion Water Company property, 900 Main Street (Assessors' Map 70-14).

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

**Article 30**

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

At Section IV-G(9)(a), "Site Area Requirements," delete the first sentence, and replace it with the following: "A minimum of 100 acres is required, and a maximum of 140 acres is permitted, within the Industrial District."

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Majority 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 At Section III-A (Schedule of Uses), Subsection 4.17 (Retail Group), remove the word "uses" and insert the words "two or more businesses" after the words "consisting of".

Item 2 At Section III-A (Schedule of Uses), Subsection 4.17 (Retail Group), change the letter "P" under Industrial and Industrial Park to "A2".

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

## **Article 32**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:  
Amend III-H by deleting Section 6 and replacing therefor the following:

- Item 1 At the Table at Section V-A (2) Off-Street Parking Requirements,
- a. Change the entry in the column entitled "Requirement" at the row for Medical and Dental offices from "6 Spaces/Doctor or Dentist" to "1 space/175 SF of GFA".
  - b. Change the entry in the column entitled "Requirement" at the row for Warehousing & Wholesaling from "1 ¼ spaces/1000 GFA" to "1 space/1000 SF of GFA".
  - c. Delete the entry for "Institutions including Hospitals, Public Buildings, Private Schools, Museums, Stadiums, Arenas, Transportation Terminals" in its entirety.

Item 2 At Section V-A (3), Parking Dimension Requirements, in the "Table of Parking Dimensions",

- a. Under "Parallel Parking Spaces" change the minimum required width from "9 ft." to "8.5 ft."
- b. Under "Aisle Width", change the required minimum aisle width for parallel parking from "24 ft." to "14 ft."

Item 3 At Section V-A (5) I, add a new sentence after the second sentence as follows: "In addition to the foregoing, pervious paving materials may be permitted at the discretion of the Planning Board, subject to compliance with design and construction standards referenced in this sub-paragraph."

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

**Meeting Adjourned 10:25 PM**

**Second Session, April 29, 2008**

Registered Voters: 15,245  
Reconvened: 7:44 PM

Attendance: 344

**Article 33**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, re: 40R district (Hingham Smart Growth Overlay District).

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**Yes - 145**

**No - 118**

**Motion Lost**

**Article 34**

John Riley recused himself from this discussion

**VOTED:** That the Town (1) discontinue, as a Town Way, a portion of the ways known as North and Station Streets, beginning at the intersection of the easterly sideline of Station Street with the southern sideline of North Street, said intersection being the southwest corner of the herein described parcel located on Assessors' Map 61, Lot 79; thence running from existing HHB N26° 55'10"W, a distance of 20.00 feet along the easterly sideline; thence turning and running N119° 29'13"W, a distance of 79.21 feet along the southern sideline of North Street; thence turning and running south along an arc length of 83.70' with a radius of 41.78'; thence turning and running Southeast along an arc length of 33.58' with a radius of 83.08'; thence turning and running east along an arc length of 33.46' with a radius of 52.33' to an existing HHB located on the north side of Station Street. The above-described parcel contains an area of 3,098.99 square feet and is shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Discontinuance Plan, Station Street, Hingham, Mass." dated Monday, January 28, 2008, and the Board of Selectmen has determined that the common convenience and necessity no longer requires the Town be bound to keep this portion of said way in repair; and (2) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to transfer, convey or release the land shown on such plan to an adjoining property owner for the intended use of the combined property to construct a building thereon for use as a restaurant and/or retail space and uses authorized in the Zoning By-Law as set forth in an Agreement between the Town

and 6 Station Street LLC, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board determines are in the best interests of the Town.

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

**Article 35**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Chapter 481 of the Acts of 1993.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40C, Section 3, of the Massachusetts General Laws, and Article XV-L of the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Historic Districts Commission and the Massachusetts Historical Commission, duly establish the Hingham Centre Local Historic District, Phase II, in the manner shown on a plan entitled: "Hingham Centre Local Historic District, Phase II, Hingham, Massachusetts, prepared for the Hingham Historic Districts Commission", dated February 11, 2003, and revised August 7, 2007, by Perkins Engineering, Inc., filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Northerly sideline of Union Street at the Southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Mary L. & Betsy McLellan, thence running in a generally Northwesterly direction, along the Easterly boundaries of land now or formerly of said McLellan, now or formerly of Ronald L. & Janice L. Bacon, land now or formerly of Wilma S. & Russell Halliday, now or formerly of Debra L. Elwell, land now or formerly of Patrick S. & Megan M. Durkin, land now or formerly of George W. & Margery M. Price, land now or formerly of Hugh T. & Noreen L. Devine, land now or formerly of Gary R. Ast & Joan G. Quenneville, land now or formerly of the Hersey Real Estate Trust, land now or formerly of Deborah Leggat, land now or formerly of Susan L. Merrill, land now or formerly of Herbert W. Farrar, land of Stephen P. & Ann S. Skinner, and land now or formerly of Berthe V. Melikian, respectively, in twenty-two courses measuring eighty-four (84) feet, more or less, thirteen (13) feet, more or less, one hundred and fifty-one (151) feet, more or less, twenty-six (26) feet, more or less, one hundred and fifty-two (152) feet, more or less, seven (7) feet, more or less,

ninety-five (95) feet, more or less, ninety-eight (98) feet, more or less, one hundred and twenty (120) feet, more or less, eighty-six (86) feet, more or less, one hundred and seventy-two (172) feet, more or less, ten (10) feet, more or less, seventy-six (76) feet, more or less, thirty-five (35) feet, more or less, fifty (50) feet, more or less, fifty-six (56) feet, more or less, one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet, more or less, forty-seven (47) feet, more or less, one hundred and forty-two (142) feet, more or less, eighteen (18) feet, more or less, eighty-eight (88) feet, more or less, and ninety-two (92) feet, more or less, to a point in the Westerly sideline of School Street; thence running Easterly, across School Street, fifty-seven (57) feet, more or less, to a point in the Easterly sideline of School Street; thence running Northwesterly by School Street, one hundred and thirty-eight (138) feet, more or less, by to a point in the Easterly sideline of School Street; thence turning and running Easterly in two courses, measuring forty-six (46) feet and three hundred and thirty-one (331) feet, more or less, by land of the Town of Hingham, to a point in the Westerly sideline of Spring Street; thence turning and running Northerly along the Westerly sideline of Spring Street nine hundred and sixty-eight (968) feet, more or less, to the intersection of Spring Street and Leavitt Street; thence running one hundred and twenty (120) feet, more or less, Northeasterly across Spring Street to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Mark D. & Jane D. Cahill; thence running Easterly by said land of Cahill, land now or formerly of Charles H. Jr. & Winifred E. Cushing, land now or formerly of Edward J. Jr. & Margaret Brennan, land now or formerly of Bonnie S. Handrahan, and land now or formerly of Barry W. Littleton, six-hundred and seventy point one (670.1) feet, more or less, in five courses measuring one hundred and forty-five and one-half (145.5) feet, more or less, one hundred and six (106) feet, more or less, one hundred and thirty-six (136) feet, more or less, one hundred and one point one (101.1) feet, more or less, and one hundred and eighty-three (183) feet, more or less, to the Northeasterly corner of said land of Littleton; thence turning and running Northeasterly across Leavitt Street seventy-eight (78) feet, more or less, to a point in the sideline of Leavitt Street at the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Michael S. Whitner & Ruth C. Gilbert-Whitner; thence running Northerly, by said land of Whitner, three hundred and thirty (330) feet, more or less; thence turning and running Easterly by said land of Whitner, land now or formerly of Clifford S. & Norah S. Webster, land now or formerly of Bernadette M. & Richard Higgins, and land now or formerly of Henry A. Rice, five hundred and seventy-seven (577) feet, more or less, to a point in the middle of the Weir River; thence turning and running Northerly and Easterly along the center line of the Weir River one hundred and

sixteen (116) feet, more or less, to the Northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Isabelle Littleton & Gardner D. Hawkes, et. al; thence turning and running Southeasterly by said land of Littleton, Hawkes et. al, three hundred and sixty-one (361) feet, more or less, in two courses measuring two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet, more or less, and one hundred and twenty-six (126) feet, more or less, to a point in the Northerly sideline of Jones Street; thence running Southerly across Jones Street eighty (80) feet, more or less, to the Northerly corner of land now or formerly of Alden Weston, Jr. & Sally Cernik; thence running Southerly, by land of said Weston & Cernik, four hundred and fourteen (414) feet, more or less, in five courses measuring thirty-one (31) feet, more or less, fifty-two (52) feet, more or less, one hundred and thirty-three (133) feet, more or less, forty-seven (47) feet, more or less, and one hundred and fifty-one (151) feet, more or less, to a point in the Northerly sideline of Leavitt Street; thence turning and running Easterly by said sideline forty-two point forty-one (42.41) feet, to the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Michael J. & S. Ann Shilhan; thence turning and running Northerly, Easterly and Southeasterly by said land of Shilhan, six hundred and fifty-two (652) feet, more or less, in four courses measuring one hundred and twenty-one (121) feet, more or less, sixty-five (65) feet, more or less, one hundred and sixty-three (163) feet, more or less, and three hundred and three (303) feet, more or less, to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Allan E. & June B. Pratt; thence turning and running Easterly by said land of Pratt, three hundred and twenty-four (324) feet, more or less, to a point in the Westerly sideline of land now or formerly of Steven J. & Claire H. Overlee; thence turning and running Northerly, Easterly and Southerly by said land of Overlee, six hundred and forty-five (645) feet, more or less, in three courses measuring two hundred and fifty-six (256) feet, more or less, one hundred sixty-one (161) feet, more or less, and two hundred and twenty-eight (228) feet, more or less, to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America; thence running Easterly and Southerly by said land of Troop 1, in two courses measuring three hundred and eighty (380) feet and two hundred and ninety (290) feet, more or less, respectively, to a point in the Northerly sideline of Leavitt Street; thence running Southerly, across Leavitt Street and by land now or formerly of Leslie J. & Dale F. Revzon, in three courses measuring sixty (60) feet, three hundred and ninety-three (393) feet, and sixty (60) feet, more or less, respectively, to the Southeasterly corner of said land of Revzon; thence running Westerly, by said land of Revzon, land now or formerly of Jan & Jill Faller, land now or formerly of Antonio & Emma M. Rizzotto, and land now or formerly of Richard C. & Lynn T. Rizzotto, in four courses

measuring one hundred and sixty-six (166) feet, eighty-seven (87) feet, sixty-three (63) feet, and two hundred and thirty (230) feet, more or less, respectively, to a point in the Westerly sideline of Pope's Lane; thence turning and running Southerly by said Westerly sideline in two courses measuring seventy-four point seventy-three (74.73) feet, and one hundred and eighty point thirty (180.30) feet, respectively, to the Southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of 133 Leavitt Street Realty Trust; thence turning and running Westerly and Northerly by said land of the Trust, in two courses measuring four hundred and sixty-seven (467) feet and two hundred and eighty-four (284) feet, more or less, respectively, to the Southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of John Rogers Thomas & Elizabeth Thomas; thence turning and running Westerly and Northerly, by said land of Thomas, in three courses measuring seventy-five (75) feet, forty-six (46) feet, and one hundred and forty-eight (148) feet, more or less, respectively, to a point in the Southerly sideline of Leavitt Street; thence running Westerly, by said sideline, one hundred and twenty-three (123) feet, more or less, to the Northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of John E. & Ellen A. Gallagher; thence turning and running Southerly and Westerly by said land of Gallagher, in four courses measuring five hundred and seventy-three (573) feet, one hundred and fifty-three (153) feet, seventy-seven (77) feet, and three hundred and twenty-two (322) feet, more or less, respectively, to a point on the Easterly bank of the Weir River; thence turning and running Northerly, by said Easterly bank, five hundred and eighty-two (582) feet, more or less, to a point; thence turning and running Westerly, Northerly and again Westerly, across the Weir River, by land now or formerly of the Hingham Conservation Commission, across Village Lane, by land now or formerly of Henry G. & Gail R. Farley, by land now or formerly of James M. & Carol Maryanski O'Neill, land now or formerly of Barry W. Littleton, land now or formerly of Bonnie S. Handrahan, land now or formerly of Edward J. Brennan, Jr. & Margaret Brennan, and land now or formerly of Charles H. Cushing and Winifred Cushing, in eleven courses measuring eighty-six (86) feet, one hundred and forty (140) feet, one hundred and sixteen (116) feet, thirty-seven (37) feet, sixty (60) feet, twelve (12) feet, eighty-nine (89) feet, twenty-four (24) feet, two hundred and fifty (250) feet, two hundred and thirty-eight (238) feet, and one hundred and eight (108) feet, more or less, respectively, to the Southwesterly corner of said land of Cushing; thence turning and running Southerly and Westerly, by land now or formerly of Linda G. Lucas, land now or formerly of Richard E. & Toni E. Trudell, land now or formerly of Dorothy M. Fitzpatrick, across Spring Lane, by land now or formerly of 26 Spring Street Realty Trust, land now or formerly of John M. Sheskey & Anne Morrison, land now or formerly

of Herbert I. & Janice L. Hirsch, land now or formerly of Elmer & Pricilla L. Hume, land now or formerly of JRC Realty Trust, land now or formerly of Polly Haskins, land now or formerly of William B. & Glynn A. McCulloch, and Stephanie & Hans Von Der Luft, in fourteen courses measuring two hundred and twenty (220) feet, more or less, one hundred and six (106) feet, more or less, one hundred and sixty (160) feet, more or less, thirty-one (31) feet, more or less, ninety-two (92) feet, more or less, sixty-five (65) feet, more or less, one hundred and fifteen (115) feet, more or less, one hundred and twelve (112) feet, more or less, ninety-eight (98) feet, more or less, two hundred and eighty-six (286) feet, more or less, two hundred and eleven (211) feet, more or less, three hundred and thirty-two (332) feet, more or less, one hundred and fifty-four (154) feet, more or less, and eighty-six (86) feet, more or less, respectively, to a point in the Northerly sideline of Studley Road; thence running Southwesterly across Studley Road, sixty-two (62) feet, more or less, to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Charles L. & Christy E. Bacon; thence running Southerly and Westerly, by said land of Bacon, land now or formerly of William Thomas Mansfield, land now or formerly of Kurt E. & Susan B. Weisenbeck, land now or formerly of Alan S. McKim, land now or formerly of Farrell J. & Dianne S. Dolan, land now or formerly of Stephen A. & Patricia A. Villani, land now or formerly of Stephen L. & Maureen M. Demenna, land now or formerly of Richard W. & Barbara L. Hatch, across Triphammer Lane, and by land now or formerly of Catherine U. (Le) Wall, in eight courses measuring eighty (80) feet, more or less, one hundred and forty-eight (148) feet, more or less, eighty-six (86) feet, more or less, one hundred and fifteen (115) feet, more or less, two hundred and sixteen (216) feet, more or less, one hundred and eleven (111) feet, more or less, two hundred and thirty-two (232) feet, more or less, and eight hundred and seven (807) feet, more or less, to the Southeasterly corner of said land of Wall, with the final course running along the Westerly boundary of a right of way belonging to the Hingham Water Company; thence turning and running Westerly and Northerly, by said land of Wall, in two courses measuring two hundred and sixty-six (266) feet, more or less, and three hundred and two (302) feet, more or less, respectively, to the Northwesterly corner of said land of Wall; thence running Westerly by the Southerly sideline of Stoddard Road seventy-seven (77) feet, more or less, to a point in said sideline; thence running Northerly, across Stoddard Road, forty-one (41) feet, more or less, to the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Robert L. & Mary Clare Hickey; thence running Northerly and Westerly, by said land of Hickey, land now or formerly of Daniel W. & Jennifer A. Murray, land now or formerly of Mark & Jayne M. Giarusso, land now or formerly of Robert G. & Kathryn M.

Johnson, land now or formerly of Dennis J. Kelly, land now or formerly of Thomas H. and Jennie E. McGirr, and land now or formerly of Sean Preston & Peter Platt, and across Pleasant Street, in thirteen courses measuring one hundred and fifty-three (153) feet, more or less, eighty-one (81) feet, more or less, nineteen (19) feet, more or less, seventy (70) feet, more or less, sixty-three (63) feet, more or less, one hundred and seven (107) feet, more or less, ninety-six (96) feet, more or less, one hundred and fifty-seven (157) feet, more or less, eighty-six (86) feet, more or less, one hundred and twenty-six (126) feet, more or less, one hundred and fifty-five (155) feet, more or less, fifty-two (52) feet, more or less, and fifty-seven (57) feet, more or less, respectively, to the point of beginning, with the exceptions that: (1) the existing building located on the land previously described of Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America shall be exempted from application of the Town's Historic District (Article 28) and M.G.L. c. 40C, provided that it is not demolished and for as long as the dimensions of the building remain unchanged, provided that such dimensional change would otherwise be subject to application of the Historic District By-Law, and the property remains in use for charitable, scouting purposes; and (2) that the architectural features defined in M.G.L. c. 40C, sec. 8(a) that currently exist on the property, and those features defined at M.G.L. c. 40C, sec. 8 (a) (2) whether existing or not, will also be exempted from application of the Town's Historic District By-Law (Article 28) and M.G.L. c. 40C so long as the property remains in use for charitable, scouting purposes.

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

**Article 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town adopt the following changes in the age and asset limits of certain MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41C elderly exemptions: reduce the eligible age from 70 to 65 and increase the asset limit from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for unmarried persons.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 38**

**VOTED:** That the interest rate on property taxes deferred pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 (41A), as amended by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, be tied to the Town's cost of borrowing in the Statehouse Note Program, for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1,

2008, using the average of the published rates in the Statehouse Loan Program, rounded to the nearest full percentage point, as of June 30 of the previous fiscal year, said interest rate to be determined and confirmed to the Board of Assessors by the Treasurer/Collector each fiscal year.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 39**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by deleting Article 22 and replacing it with a revised Article 22, as follows:

#### TOWN OF HINGHAM WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW

#### ARTICLE 22

##### SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND PROTECTABLE RESOURCES

The purpose of this By-Law is to protect the foreshores, wetlands, and groundwater supply of the Town of Hingham by controlling activities deemed to have a significant effect on wetland and water quality values, including, but not limited to, the following:

Public or private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion control, storm damage, water pollution, fisheries, shellfish, wildlife, recreation and aesthetics. No person shall remove, fill, dredge, or alter any bank, freshwater wetland, coastal wetland, beach, dune, bog, flat, marsh, meadow, vernal pools or swamp, or any estuary, creek, river, stream, pond, lake, or the ocean, or the land under or bordering on said waters or wetlands, or any land subject to tidal action, coastal storm flowage, or flooding, or Riverfront Area without first filing written notice of his or her intention to so remove, fill, dredge, or alter by sending a separate letter, by certified mail, or by hand delivery to the Hingham Conservation Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") or its authorized agent, and without receiving and complying with an Order of Conditions, and provided all appeal periods have lapsed. Such Notice of Intent shall include such plans as required, from time to time, by the Commission and as may be necessary to describe such proposed activity and its effect on the environment. The same plans and specifications required to be filed by an applicant under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, will be accepted as fulfilling the requirements of this By-Law.

The Commission may hear any oral presentation under this By-Law at the same public hearing required to be held under the provision of said Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Definitions set forth in said chapter and section of the General Laws and in the regulations issued, as amended from time to time, by the Department of Environmental Protection, or any successor thereto, are hereby made a part of this By-Law. The Commission may, from time to time, adopt such additional definitions, regulations, and performance standards as it may deem necessary to further the purpose and protect the interests of this By-Law. Said definitions shall become effective upon publication following a public hearing.

This Article 22 is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of this municipality to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 and regulations thereunder, 310 CMR 10.00. Activities that may not require review or permitting under the Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, or other federal, state or local statutes are not assumed to be exempt from this By-Law.

#### SECTION 2: REGULATED ACTIVITIES

2A. Except as permitted by the Commission or as otherwise provided in this By-Law, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, alter or build upon or within one hundred (100') feet of any resource area, as outlined in Section 1 of this By-Law or within the two hundred foot (200') Riverfront Area, as defined in 310 CMR Section 40 10.58. The provisions of this By-Law shall not apply to any removing, filling, dredging, or altering necessary in the course of maintaining or repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric, gas, water, telephone or telecommunication services. In no case shall any removal, filling, dredging or altering authorized by such certification extend beyond the time necessary to abate the emergency. The provisions of this By-Law shall not apply to any mosquito control work done under the provisions of clause thirty-six (36) of section five of Chapter 40, or Chapter two hundred and fifty-two (252) or to work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of lands in agricultural use as of the effective date of this By-Law.

2B. Except as authorized by the Commission, no activity or alteration shall be permitted within a fifty (50') foot Buffer strip between any wetland resource , bordering vegetated wetland, coastal dune or bank, and/or isolated vegetated wetland and any proposed site

disturbance. Prohibited activities shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) new construction of any buildings, decks, in-ground and above-ground swimming pools, sheds and/or driveways of any nature or type (excepting water dependent structures expressly approved by the Commission); (2) alteration, reconstruction or relocation of existing buildings, sheds and/or driveways of any nature or type; and (3) activities which involve or result in the removal, filling or altering of land within the buffer strip, including vegetation removal and grading. Nothing herein shall preclude the maintenance of an existing, lawfully constructed structure located within the BUFFER ZONE. The Commission may allow the prohibited activities upon an express determination that the applicant has made a clear and convincing showing that the proposed work in the BUFFER STRIP and its natural and consequential impact and effects will not adversely affect the wetland values of this By-Law.

2C. Except as authorized by the Commission, no activity or alteration shall be permitted within one hundred (100') feet of a vernal pool, whether it be certified or uncertified but accompanied by credible evidence of its viability as a vernal pool. The one hundred feet (100') around the defined vernal pool boundaries shall be known as "Vernal Pool Protection Zone".

Isolated Vegetated Wetlands, Isolated Land Subject to Flooding, and the adjacent 100 feet surrounding these depressions are protected under the Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law. Vernal Pool Habitat is defined as confined basin depressions which, at least in most years, hold water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, and which are free of adult fish populations, as well as the area within 100 feet of the mean annual boundaries of such depressions.

### SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

The term "person" as used in this By-Law shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business, organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, or any other legal entity or its legal representatives, agents or assigns.

### SECTION 4A: REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION

The Commission may make a determination as to whether or not this By-Law applies to a specific situation prior to the filing of a written Notice of Intent under the provisions hereof within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of a written request by certified mail, or by hand, from any

person desiring such a determination. The Commission, its agents, officers, and employees, may enter upon the land on which the proposed work is to be done in response to a Request for Determination, or for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this By-Law, and make, or cause to be made, such examination or survey as it deems necessary.

#### SECTION 4B: NOTICE OF INTENT

The same Notice of Intent, plans and specifications required to be filed by an applicant under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, will be accepted as fulfilling the filing requirements of the By-Law. Within twenty-one (21) days after receiving a Notice of Intent, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed activity. Notice of the date, time and place of said hearing shall be given by the Commission at the expense of the applicant not less than five (5) days prior to such hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town and by mailing a notice to the applicant by mail. The applicant may be present at said hearing and may be represented by counsel and shall be entitled to present evidence, call witnesses, and question any witnesses appearing at the hearing. The Commission shall make and keep a record of its proceedings and, upon request, shall furnish copies at reasonable cost. Said hearing shall be conducted simultaneously with the public hearing required to be held under the provisions of said Chapter 131, Section 40, and in conformity with said regulations promulgated by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Commission, its agents, officers, and employees, may enter upon the land on which the proposed work is to be done in response to a Request for Determination, or for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this By-Law, and make, or cause to be made, such examination or survey as it deems necessary.

#### SECTION 5: AUTHORIZATION OF COMMISSION TO DENY PROJECT

The Commission is empowered to deny permission for any removal, dredging, filling or altering on subject lands within the Town if, in its judgment, such denial is necessary to preserve the environmental quality and to protect the wetland and water quality values of either or both the subject lands and contiguous lands. Due consideration shall be given to possible effects of the proposal on all values to be protected under this By-Law and to any demonstrated hardship on the petitioner by reason of a denial, as brought forth at the public hearing.

#### SECTION 6: ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF CONDITIONS

The Commission may, as an alternative to denial, impose such conditions as it deems necessary to contribute to said protection and preservation

of subject and contiguous lands in accordance with the purpose of this By-Law and may issue an Order of Conditions. Any Order of Conditions issued under this By-Law shall be considered a "permit obtainable by local by-law", as defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 and its regulations.

#### SECTION 7A: EMERGENCY WORK AND OTHER EXEMPTIONS

Notice required by Section 1 of this By-Law shall not apply to emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health or safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth and to be performed or ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or of the Town. An emergency project shall mean any project certified to be an emergency by the Commission or its authorized agent. If the Commission or its authorized agent, as the case may be, fails to act within twenty-four hours of receipt of a Request for Certification of an emergency project, said project may be certified by the Hingham Board of Selectmen or its authorized agent. In no case shall any removal, filling, dredging, or altering commence prior to any emergency certification nor extend beyond the time necessary to abate the emergency.

#### SECTION 7B: FILING FEES:

The Commission is authorized to establish filing fees to defray costs incurred in conducting hearings under the Wetlands Protection By-Law and to adopt rules and regulations regarding the establishment and collection of such fees. Such rules and regulations may be adopted or amended at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Upon such approval they shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, shall thereafter be posted for seven consecutive days in five conspicuous places, and shall become effective upon the expiration of said seven (7) days.

The Commission may waive fees when an application fee for a permit, filing, or request for determination or applicability or other application is made by a government agency, municipality or not-for-profit organization.

#### SECTION 8: ESTABLISHMENT OF SURETY BONDS

The Commission may require the posting of security, running to the Town, including, without limitation, a letter of credit, cash, and bond with surety, in such form and amount and with such conditions as may be determined in the sole opinion of the Commission, after

recommendation by its Town Counsel. Such security shall secure faithful and satisfactory performance on work required by any final "Order of Conditions", but shall not be an amount greater than the estimated cost of the work required for the restoration of affected lands and properties if the work is not performed as required.

The Commission may also consider a Conservation Restriction, easement or other covenant enforceable in a court of law as a way to secure adherence to conditions imposed by the Commission. Such covenant shall be executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of the Town, whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed. This method shall be used only with the consent of the applicant.

#### SECTION 9: ENTRY TO PROPERTY FOR REVIEW PURPOSES

The Commission, its agents, officers and employees shall have the authority to enter upon privately owned land pursuant to warrant, court procedure, or another appropriate administrative order for the purpose of performing their duties under the Bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Commission deems necessary.

#### SECTION 10: BURDEN OF PROOF

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of credible evidence that the work proposed in the application and depicted on the plans will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the wetland values protected by this Article 22.

#### SECTION 11 ESTABLISHMENT OF ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

##### SECTION 11A:

The Commission shall have the authority to enforce this By-Law, its regulations, and permits issued thereunder by enforcement orders, violation notices, administrative orders, and civil and criminal court actions. Upon request of the Commission to, and with the approval of, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Counsel may take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the Chief of Police may take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

##### SECTION 11B: ESTABLISHMENT OF FINES

Any person including, but not limited to, the property owner, landscaper, contractors and tree cutting services, who violates any provision of this

By-Law, its regulations or any conditions of a permit issued pursuant to it shall be punished by a fine which shall be set by the Commission. The fine shall be \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) per violation. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation and each By-Law, regulation or permit violated shall constitute a separate offense. A Hingham police officer or the Conservation Commission or its agent may enforce this By-Law by noncriminal complaint pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D. Upon request by the Commission, the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel shall take such legal action as may be necessary to enforce this By-Law and permits issued pursuant to it.

#### **SECTION 11C: SHOW-CAUSE HEARINGS**

The Commission may require a Wetlands By-Law violator to attend a "Show-Cause" Hearing at a scheduled time and date certain if, in the Commission's judgment, the violator has failed to respond to an Enforcement Order, cooperate with the Commission's request for remedial actions or take required steps necessary for ensuring protection of the resources and associated buffer zones in a timely manner.

#### **SECTION 12: SEVERABILITY**

Should any section or provision of this By-Law be found invalid, the validity of any other section or provision thereof shall not be affected, nor shall it invalidate any permit, approval or determination which previously has been issued.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 40**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the care, custody and control of a parcel of land consisting of approximately 6.21 acres, more or less, known as Parcel 102 on Assessors' Map 38, from the Selectmen to the Conservation Commission.

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

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 41**

**VOTED:** That the Town establish an Energy Action Committee with seven members: three citizens to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, three citizens to be appointed by the Moderator, and the

General Manager of the Municipal Light Plant (or designee), with the chair of said Committee to be jointly designated by the Board of Selectmen and the Moderator. The Town Accountant and the Business Manager of the School Department (or their designees) will serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the Committee.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 42**

**VOTED:** That the Town designate South Pleasant Street in Hingham as a scenic road in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 15C and the corresponding Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board adopted on April 2, 1984, as amended.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 43**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2006, so as to increase the accidental death benefit paid to surviving eligible children of deceased members of the Hingham Contributory Retirement System pursuant to MGL C.32. §9(2) (d)(ii).

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 44**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a five-year extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement relative to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, effective July 1, 2008.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 45**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer and convey Town-owned real estate, and to accept for Town ownership other parcels of real estate, in connection with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Greenbush Line project, as said parcels are identified on Land Acquisition Plans and Existing Condition Plans for the Old Colony Railroad Rehabilitation Project,

Greenbush Line, on file in the office of the Board of Selectmen, and establish terms and conditions therefor.

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

**Article 46**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation that would exempt the position of Deputy Fire Chief from the provisions of the Civil Service Law and Rules.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 47**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation to permit Michael P. Hickey to be placed upon a Hingham Civil Service List for Police Officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirements.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 48**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to issue temporary loans for periods greater than two years, and allow the Town to charge the Town's actual interest costs to betterment assessments issued by the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 49**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation to make the following All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses site specific: (1) South Shore Country Club, 274 South Street and (2) Linden Ponds Inc., d/b/a Linden Ponds, 300 Linden Ponds Way.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 50**

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

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 51**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 52**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement (1) for the regulation and authorization of parking in proximity to the public launch ramp on Lot 50 of Assessors' Map 50; and (2) for the acquisition of office space, restroom facilities and public access to the harbor at 3 Otis Street, or act on anything relating thereto.

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

**Article 53**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the laying out, as a town way, of a way beginning at the intersection of Thaxter Street extending approximately 1,106.58 feet, more or less, in a southwesterly direction as shown through a turnaround as shown on a plan entitled: "Roadway Acceptance Plan & Profile, Hill Top Road, Hingham, MA" dated October 12, 2007, prepared by Coler & Colantonio Inc., Engineers and Scientists, as revised from time to time, and the name Hill Top Road be given said way.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 54**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 55**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:45 PM**

# Special Town Meeting

## March 3, 2008

Registered Voters: 15466

Attendance: 1,259

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday March 3, 2008. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:32p.m, a quorum being present. James B. Conroy and Alexander Macmillan were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Rev. Diane Mix of Hingham Congregational Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### ARTICLE INDEX

1. Appropriate money for professional fees, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school
2. Appropriate money for professional fees, repairing, improving, equipping and furnishing Elementary Schools

### Article 1

**VOTE:** That the Town appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Million One Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$25,160,000) Dollars for professional fees, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school at 0 Collins Street (Lot 1 on Assessors' Map 74), said sum to be expended under the direction of the 2006 School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44 and M.G.L. Chapter 70B, or any other enabling authority, upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine, provided that such school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least fifty (50) years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant not to exceed the lesser of (1) approximately forty (40%) percent of eligible, approved project costs or (2) the total maximum grant amount as determined by the Massachusetts School Building Authority under its non-entitlement

discretionary grant program, with any project costs in excess of such grant to be the sole responsibility of the Town, and provided that no construction contract shall be awarded for the new school until a Project Funding Agreement has been executed between the Massachusetts School Building Authority and the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½).

**2/3rds Vote Required  
Majority Voted Declared  
Motion Adopted**

## **Article 2**

**Voted:** That the Town appropriate (1) the sum of Seven Million (\$7,000,000) Dollars for professional fees, repairing, improving, equipping and furnishing the Plymouth River Elementary School and the Foster Elementary School, said sum to be expended under the direction of the 2006 School Building Committee, and (2) the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand (\$700,000) Dollars for the purchase and furnishing of modular classrooms for the Hingham Middle School, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, and to meet said appropriations authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sums under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, upon such terms as the Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine, provided that the appropriations hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½).

**2/3rds Vote Required  
Majority Voted Declared  
Motion Adopted**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM**

## **Special Town Meeting October 27, 2008**

Registered Voters: 16009

Attendance: 516

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday October 27, 2008. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m, a quorum being present. James B. Conroy and Alexander Macmillan were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Fr. James Rafferty of St. Paul Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **ARTICLE INDEX:**

1. Acquire the Lincoln School Apartments

### **VOTED:**

That the Town (1) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire the property shown as Lot 111 on Assessors' Map 71 known as the Lincoln School Apartments pursuant to the terms of a right of first refusal reserved to the Town in a deed dated January 2, 1980 from the Town of Hingham to Lincoln School Apartments, Inc; (2) appropriate the sum of \$7,000,000 for purposes of this vote; (3) to meet this appropriation authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to the sum of \$7,000,000 and issue bonds or notes of the Town, payable in no more than thirty (30) years from their dates of issue and upon such other terms as the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen shall determine; and (4) authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease said property upon the following terms and conditions: (a) that the rent be at least equal to the debt service on the notes or bonds issued by the Town to finance the property; (b) that no further encumbrances be placed on the property without Town Meeting approval; (c) that any net proceeds from the property income be escrowed and not expended or transferred in the first five (5) years of the lease and unless Town Meeting so authorizes; (d) that the tenant be a limited liability company whose sole member shall be the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust and whose manager shall be a Board of

Directors with five members: one (1) citizen to be appointed by the Moderator, two (2) citizens to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two (2) citizens to be appointed by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust; and (e) such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine.

**A 2/3rds Vote Required**

**Standing Vote**

**Yes - 317**

**No - 151**

**2/3rds Declared**

**Motion Adopted**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM**

## Cash Appropriations Fiscal Year 2009

Article 4	
Personnel Board	554,917
Article 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	391,255
Expenses	38,310
Capital Outlay	25,000
132 RESERVE FUND	432,858
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	354,205
Expenses	66,890
Capital Outlay	67,000
Audit	45,000
Information Technology	89,920
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	276,056
Expenses	10,870
Consulting	7,500
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	263,308
Expenses	43,813
Capital Outlay	10,705
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	168,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	26,833

161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	153,499
Expenses	6,061
162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	17,680
Expenses	14,250
171 CONSERVATION	
Payroll (\$39,468 from Wetlands Filing Fees)	174,613
Expenses	13,000
175 PLANNING BOARD	
Payroll	114,785
Expenses	12,145
176 BOARD OF APPEALS	
Payroll	86,286
Expenses	7,160
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	14,711
Expenses	7,000
191 HERSEY HOUSE	
Expenses	7,123
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	160,918
Expenses	401,727
Capital Outlay	58,000
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	<u>12,371</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,597,544</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$330,244)	4,030,944

Expenses	311,562
Capital Outlay (\$320,000 from available reserves)	320,000
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$282,169)	4,077,611
Expenses	332,642
Capital Outlay (\$266,450 from available reserves)	266,450
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Payroll (Overtime \$46,428)	442,601
Expenses	5,600
241 BUILDING COMMISSIONER	
Payroll	261,581
Expenses	4,664
244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Payroll	10,221
Expenses	1,072
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Payroll	5,800
Expenses	3,193
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	45,538
Expenses	8,750
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	112,650
Expenses	31,230
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	297,300
Street Lighting	140,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>10,709,409</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	28,113,293
Expenses	7,090,854

Capital Outlay (\$169,384 from available reserves)	<u>481,890</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u><u>35,686,037</u></u>
410 SELECTMEN'S ENGINEERING	
Payroll	91,394
Expenses	20,000
Total	111,394
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$37,989)	1,678,921
Expenses	322,026
Capital Outlay	209,500
Snow Removal	250,000
Resurfacing	306,500
430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING	
Payroll (Overtime \$17,053)	409,021
Expenses	1,092,356
Capital Outlay	123,000
440 SEWER COMMISSION	
Payroll	287,044
Expenses	197,620
Capital Outlay	38,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,486,219
Debt Service	59,157
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	75,000
Total	2,153,040
The sum of \$2,153,040 shall be funded from Sewer revenue.	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	6,655,758
HUMAN SERVICES	
510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	270,823
Expenses	18,820

541 ELDER SERVICES	
Payroll	168,513
Expenses	59,536
Capital Outlay	10,000
Tax Work Off Program	12,000
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	43,464
Expenses	6,800
Benefits	184,000
545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,500
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	3,500
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	779,956
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,079,284
Expenses	249,962
Capital Outlay	54,832
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	152,568
Expenses	0
Capital Outlay	29,457
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	17,280
Expenses	5,825
Capital Outlay	0
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Payroll	33,566
Expenses	5,585
Capital Outlay	0
692 CELEBRATIONS	9,500
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	1,637,859

ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	1,802,510
The total sum of \$1,802,510 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	1,802,510
710 DEBT SERVICE	5,165,320
(\$4,058,553 IS EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSITION 2 1/2)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	5,165,320
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	3,950,000
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	2,809,745
911 NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	14,603
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	300,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	25,000
914 MANDATORY MEDICARE	508,200
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	7,607,548
UNCLASSIFIED	
901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	401,649
940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	
Claims and Incidentals	13,250
Greenbush Legal and Consulting	0
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	414,899
TOTAL Articles 4 & 6	74,056,840

Article 10	
Waterways Fund to Dredging Fund	30,000
Article 11	
2008 Fiscal Year Reserve Fund	230,000
Article 12	
Reduce 2009 Tax rate	111,486
Article 13	
Municipal Light return investment income	200,203
Article 14	
Other Post Employment Benefits Trust	300,000
Article 16	
CPC-Historic Resources Reserve	76,120
Restore Hingham Sign (\$10,620)	
Preserve Town Markers (\$4,000)	
Inventory Liberty Plain gravestones (\$21,500)	
Study Historical documents/artifacts (\$40,000)	
Article 17	
CPC-Open Space	\$50,000
Mill Pond Outfall crossing	
Article 18	
CPC-Historic Preservation Reserve	\$200,000
North Street streetscape	
Article 19	
CPC-General Reserve to Open Space	492,500
Purchase 144 Rockland Street (Conservation)	
Article 20	
CPC-General Reserve	
Purchase Mobil Station, 16 Summer St.	1,850,000
Article 21	
CPC-Housing Reserve	

Affordable Home on Nokomis Road	85,000
Article 22	
CPC-Housing Reserve	175,000
Pilot Loan Program	
Article 23	
CPC-Housing Reserve	
Hingham Affordable Housing Trust	225,000
Article 26	
Hersey Property (Former DPW)	450,000
From Available reserves	
	78,532,149
ARTICLES AUTHORIZED TO BORROW	
Article 15	
Mill Street Sewer Pumping Station	380,000
Article 26	
Hersey Property (Former DPW)	1,450,000
Total Borrowing	1,830,000
Total Appropriations and borrowing	80,362,149

## Presidential Primary February 5, 2008

### Presidential Preference

<b>REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John McCain	174	213	222	268	207	342	<b>1426</b>
Fred Thompson	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Tom Tancredo	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Duncan Hunter	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Mike Huckabee	11	5	13	7	8	15	<b>59</b>
Mitt Romney	230	247	287	334	272	418	<b>1788</b>
Ron Paul	7	2	11	6	6	11	<b>43</b>
Rudy Guiliani	0	2	1	2	1	5	<b>11</b>
No Preference	4	1	1	0	2	4	<b>12</b>
Blanks	1	1	2	4	1	3	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>3354</b>

<b>DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John Edwards	11	15	8	8	11	15	<b>68</b>
Hilary Clinton	391	398	396	338	309	603	<b>2435</b>
Joseph Biden, Jr	0	5	3	3	3	8	<b>22</b>
Chris Dodd	1	1	0	0	0	1	<b>3</b>
Mike Gravel	0	0	0	2	0	1	<b>3</b>
Barack Obama	339	337	441	384	383	482	<b>2366</b>
Dennis Kucinich	1	0	1	2	3	2	<b>9</b>
Bill Richardson	2	0	1	1	0	2	<b>6</b>
No Preference	9	7	4	2	3	9	<b>34</b>
Blanks	0	3	1	5	4	11	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>4970</b>

<b>GREEN-RAINBOW</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Jared Ball	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Ralph Nader	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Elaine Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kat Seift	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Cynthia McKinney	0	0	2	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

### State Committee Man

<b>REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John Cafferty	304	327	387	435	339	544	<b>2336</b>
Blanks	123	144	150	187	159	247	<b>998</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>3354</b>

**State Committee Woman**

<b>REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Paula Logan	285	308	376	422	341	534	<b>2266</b>
Blanks	142	163	161	200	157	265	<b>1066</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>3354</b>

**State Committee Man**

<b>DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Gregory Shanahan	488	475	473	451	424	707	<b>3018</b>
Blanks	266	291	382	294	292	427	<b>1930</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>4970</b>

**State Committee Woman**

<b>DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Kren DeTellis	492	483	480	455	436	730	<b>3076</b>
Blanks	262	283	375	290	280	404	<b>1894</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>4970</b>

**Town Committee**

<b>REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GROUP	153	177	206	230	197	340	<b>1303</b>
Blanks	274	293	331	390	301	457	<b>2046</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>3349</b>
<b>REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Brian J. Battista	198	231	255	305	258	451	<b>1698</b>
Kevin J. Bulman	197	202	236	259	220	363	<b>1477</b>
Susan C. Bush	222	238	308	335	252	424	<b>1779</b>
Christine Cadegan	166	194	229	254	216	370	<b>1429</b>
John P. Cafferty	205	235	276	292	238	395	<b>1641</b>
Connie Coleman	161	187	226	252	209	359	<b>1394</b>
Ann P. Collins	189	223	263	281	238	380	<b>1574</b>
Guy S. Conrad, Jr.	164	208	226	254	216	361	<b>1429</b>
Martin Crane	194	209	248	305	240	394	<b>1590</b>
Edna S. English	218	238	290	319	261	441	<b>1767</b>
William S. English	201	211	252	289	231	414	<b>1598</b>
Daniel W. Everts	161	190	222	259	204	362	<b>1398</b>
Bonnard Fage	182	192	221	245	207	353	<b>1400</b>
Stephen Feeley,	172	196	229	273	213	366	<b>1449</b>
Jeanne E. Gaskell	170	188	222	246	205	358	<b>1389</b>
Leah M. Godfrey	170	189	241	249	207	358	<b>1414</b>
Michael J. Grady	159	189	221	247	209	363	<b>1388</b>
Virginia Gray	205	222	284	287	237	376	<b>1611</b>
Peter S. Guild	170	191	228	242	207	354	<b>1392</b>
Carl W. Harris	176	195	247	254	214	359	<b>1445</b>
Heather Hedlund	232	254	299	322	247	441	<b>1795</b>
Donald Hussey	189	201	236	260	212	368	<b>1466</b>
Gloria Jantzen	170	191	228	260	213	389	<b>1451</b>
Helga Jorgenson	181	187	218	244	208	357	<b>1395</b>
Alex MacMillan	188	204	255	278	226	375	<b>1526</b>
Laura Marwill	166	201	220	243	204	357	<b>1391</b>

Thomas O'Donnell	217	234	280	295	257	403	<b>1686</b>
Scott Petterson	169	193	229	252	211	360	<b>1414</b>
LynnePowell-Pinto	162	191	219	271	218	370	<b>1431</b>
William Ramsey	182	206	247	268	240	371	<b>1514</b>
Mario Romania, Jr	181	208	227	246	212	355	<b>1429</b>
John Riley	212	221	289	277	238	393	<b>1630</b>
Jerry Seelen	172	208	237	257	218	367	<b>1459</b>
Walter Sullivan	167	211	247	270	224	374	<b>1493</b>
Blanks	8677	9447	10440	12580	9820	15084	<b>66048</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14945</b>	<b>16485</b>	<b>18795</b>	<b>21770</b>	<b>17430</b>	<b>27965</b>	<b>117390</b>

**Town Committee**

<b>DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GROUP	287	308	311	305	296	465	<b>1972</b>
Blanks	466	458	340	438	417	663	<b>2982</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>4954</b>

<b>DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Michael J. Traft	314	325	342	331	355	509	<b>2176</b>
Megan M. Buhr	313	319	333	328	325	501	<b>2119</b>
Ana S. Fabrizio	306	328	337	326	323	524	<b>2144</b>
Lee M. Vigil	353	337	341	326	331	495	<b>2183</b>
James Costello	312	326	344	369	328	530	<b>2209</b>
Deborah Ludwig	336	351	350	331	328	503	<b>2199</b>
Timothy White	323	340	348	334	365	513	<b>2223</b>
Susan K. Haley	312	333	345	333	330	505	<b>2158</b>
Michael Mullaey	325	321	334	324	314	505	<b>2123</b>
James R Watson	330	335	358	344	330	499	<b>2196</b>
Robert Abbott,	302	314	330	318	316	481	<b>2061</b>
Ellen Whalen	317	335	369	355	339	529	<b>2244</b>
Edmund Demko	338	365	350	322	330	499	<b>2204</b>
Carlos Dasilva	302	320	328	319	311	487	<b>2067</b>
Thomas Vangel	361	346	359	344	337	501	<b>2248</b>
Eileen McIntyre	322	326	357	334	324	511	<b>2174</b>
Richard S. Haley	309	317	330	322	317	486	<b>2081</b>
Linda B. Port	336	331	354	330	329	511	<b>2191</b>
Garrett Bradley	476	510	530	480	482	675	<b>3153</b>
Walter Sullivan	314	333	360	347	330	518	<b>2202</b>
Robert Shepard	307	333	328	327	318	481	<b>2094</b>
Kevin J. Whalen	314	320	345	340	322	502	<b>2143</b>
Dawn C. Sibor	306	319	338	345	323	507	<b>2138</b>
James L. Watson	323	328	355	326	326	494	<b>2152</b>
Michael Salerno	323	333	344	324	353	498	<b>2175</b>
Paul G. Costello	310	330	340	340	324	544	<b>2188</b>
E Shawn Worster	310	332	327	321	315	483	<b>2088</b>
Paul J. Gannon	306	318	326	335	317	498	<b>2100</b>
Phili Edmundson	360	373	422	375	365	541	<b>2436</b>
Michael P Holden	321	360	361	372	358	592	<b>2364</b>
Eileen Engdahl	314	327	342	335	323	522	<b>2163</b>
Anne Condon	348	357	381	352	343	522	<b>2303</b>
Blanks	15947	15968	18617	15166	14329	23224	<b>103251</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26390</b>	<b>26810</b>	<b>29925</b>	<b>26075</b>	<b>25060</b>	<b>39690</b>	<b>173950</b>

# Special Town Election

## March 8, 2008

**Question 1** - Proposition 2½ Override (New elementary School)

**Question 2** - Proposition 2½ Override (Repair & improve Plymouth River, Foster, and Middle Schools)

**Question**

<b>1</b>	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
YES	247	343	370	414	418	474	2266
NO	220	177	224	203	198	203	1225
BLANKS	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>3495</b>

**Question**

<b>2</b>	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
YES	283	366	398	443	443	485	2418
NO	182	155	197	174	174	191	1073
BLANKS	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>3495</b>

## Annual Town Election May 3, 2008

### Moderator (one year)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Thomas O'Donnell	371	296	371	311	334	379	2062
Blanks	68	66	79	45	67	80	405
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

### Selectman (three years)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Grant Hansel	126	94	151	135	118	209	833
L. Bruce Rabuffo	259	227	259	193	245	204	1387
Russell C. Reeves	24	26	14	10	17	18	109
Blanks	30	15	26	18	21	28	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

### Assessors (three years)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Stuart "Greg" Hall	313	248	325	267	287	333	1773
Blanks	126	114	125	89	114	126	694
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

### Board of Health (three years)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Stephan White	324	98	307	261	291	319	1600
Blanks	115	264	143	95	110	140	867
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

### Municipal Light Board (three years)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	TOTAL
Kevin J. Bulman	309	219	231	209	229	279	1476
Roger M. Freeman	97	107	165	111	125	130	735
Blanks	33	36	54	36	47	50	256
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

**Housing Authority (five years)**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
James R. Watson	332	262	310	260	295	331	<b>1790</b>
Blanks	107	100	140	96	106	128	<b>667</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

**School Committee (three years)**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Christine T. Smith	327	212	255	228	266	296	<b>1584</b>
Esther M. Healey	286	218	303	250	272	301	<b>1630</b>
Blanks	265	294	342	234	264	321	<b>1720</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>4934</b>

**Planning Board (five years)**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Sarah H. Corey	325	253	305	266	288	329	<b>1766</b>
Blanks	114	109	145	90	113	130	<b>701</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

**Sewer Commission (three years)**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John M. Brandt	158	137	184	140	161	186	<b>966</b>
Andrew J. Spath	246	184	203	161	195	216	<b>1205</b>
Blanks	35	41	63	55	45	57	<b>296</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

**Recreation Commission (five years)**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Scott H. Bosworth	156	182	225	242	233	264	<b>1302</b>
Victoria *Tory Dolan	276	169	205	102	165	180	<b>1097</b>
Blanks	7	11	20	12	3	15	<b>68</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2467</b>

# State Primary September 16, 2008

## DEMOCRAT

### Senator In Congress

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
John F. Kerry	158	144	128	142	128	90	315	<b>1105</b>
Edward O'Reilly	63	71	82	76	85	66	110	<b>553</b>
Blanks	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

### Representative in Congress

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
William Delahunt	167	167	150	170	155	102	337	<b>1248</b>
Blanks	55	50	61	49	52	55	88	<b>418</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

### Councillor

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Chris Iannella, Jr	78	75	68	84	81	58	187	<b>631</b>
Stephen Flynn	75	81	64	53	71	39	119	<b>502</b>
Robert Toomey, Jr.	17	17	19	23	24	18	45	<b>163</b>
Blanks	52	44	60	59	39	42	24	<b>370</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

### Senator in General Court

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Blanks	222	217	211	219	215	157	425	<b>1666</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

### Representative in General Court

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Garrett J Bradley	167	184	165	181	168	119	311	<b>1295</b>
Blanks	55	33	46	38	47	38	114	<b>371</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

### Clerk of Courts

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Robert Creedon, Jr	128	138	115	128	128	83	281	<b>1001</b>
Blanks	94	79	96	91	87	74	144	<b>665</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

### Register of Probate

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Robert E McCarthy	125	137	120	130	121	74	283	<b>990</b>
Blanks	97	80	91	89	94	83	142	<b>676</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

**County Treasurer**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Thomas O'Brien	119	130	107	126	131	94	228	<b>935</b>
Timothy McMullen	48	50	48	40	44	28	98	<b>356</b>
Blanks	55	37	56	53	40	35	99	<b>375</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1666</b>

**County Commissioner**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
John P. Riordan	100	130	94	106	105	67	216	<b>818</b>
Laurie Maker	70	60	72	56	80	38	131	<b>507</b>
Anthony T. O'Brien	55	70	43	55	56	49	115	<b>443</b>
Richard J Zaccaro	27	19	22	30	28	22	88	<b>236</b>
Blanks	192	155	191	191	161	138	300	<b>1328</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>3332</b>

**REPUBLICAN****Senator In Congress**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Jeffrey Beatty	22	38	32	31	31	15	104	<b>273</b>
Blanks	5	5	8	5	4	7	14	<b>48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**Representative in Congress**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Blanks	27	43	40	36	35	22	118	<b>321</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**Councillor**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Blanks	27	43	40	36	35	22	118	<b>321</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**Senator in General Court**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Robert Hedlund	26	41	39	36	30	20	115	<b>307</b>
Blanks	1	2	1	0	5	2	3	<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**Representative in General Court**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Blanks	27	43	40	36	35	22	118	<b>321</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**Clerk of Courts**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Blanks	27	43	40	36	35	22	118	<b>321</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**Register of Probate**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Blanks	27	43	40	36	35	22	118	<b>321</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**County Treasurer**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Edward O'Connell	23	39	31	30	32	17	109	<b>281</b>
Blanks	4	4	9	6	3	5	9	<b>40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>321</b>

**County Commissioner**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Ronald K. Davy	22	38	33	32	28	18	108	<b>279</b>
Blanks	32	48	47	40	42	26	128	<b>363</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>642</b>

# State Election November 4, 2008

## President and Vice President

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Baldwin/Castle	2	1	5	1	2	1	1	13
Barr/Root	6	7	10	13	9	8	5	58
McCain/Palin	794	978	948	1024	973	784	598	6099
McKinney/Clemente	5	1	5	0	1	2	2	16
Nader/Gonzalez	13	17	8	5	10	7	6	66
Obama/Biden	1127	1059	1204	1094	1037	845	763	7129
Blanks	11	20	18	16	12	15	15	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

## Senator in Congress

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
John F. Kerry	1136	1102	1243	1118	1098	891	814	7402
Jeffrey K. Beatty	719	872	835	925	870	698	528	5450
Robert Underwood	41	55	50	41	33	26	13	259
Blanks	62	54	70	66	43	47	35	377
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

## Representative in Congress

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
William Delahunt	1455	1510	1601	1565	1466	1198	1051	9846
Blanks	503	573	597	588	578	464	339	3642
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

## Councillor

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Chris Iannella, Jr.	1294	1356	1412	1403	1295	1062	946	8768
Blanks	664	727	786	750	749	600	444	4720
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

## Senator in General Court

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Robert Hedlund Jr.	1537	1677	1669	1744	1600	1321	1029	10577
Blanks	421	406	529	409	444	341	361	2911
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

## Representative in General Court

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Garrett Bradley	1518	1599	1677	1680	1566	1250	988	10278
Blanks	440	484	521	473	478	412	402	3210
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

### Register of Probate

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Robert McCarthy	1268	1333	1362	1355	1262	1038	910	8528
Blanks	690	750	836	798	782	624	480	4960
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

### County Treasurer

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Thomas J. O'Brien	933	952	1009	860	901	700	682	6037
Edward O'Connell	733	849	838	982	860	730	525	5517
Blanks	292	282	351	311	283	232	183	1934
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

### County Commissioner

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
John P Riordan	793	829	860	849	779	651	634	5395
Ronald K Davy	707	844	854	878	859	665	507	5314
Anthony O'Brien	466	480	447	438	434	322	428	3015
Scott M. Vecchi	124	131	134	151	130	121	116	907
Blanks	1826	1882	2101	1990	1886	1565	1095	12345
<b>Total</b>	<b>3916</b>	<b>4166</b>	<b>4396</b>	<b>4306</b>	<b>4088</b>	<b>3324</b>	<b>2780</b>	<b>26976</b>

### Clerk of Courts

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Robert Creedon, Jr	1267	1322	1336	1351	1269	1040	913	8498
Blanks	691	761	862	802	775	622	477	4990
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

### Question 1 – Reduce State Income Tax

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Yes	666	763	790	762	709	596	417	4703
No	1246	1282	1339	1346	1297	1032	916	8458
Blanks	46	38	69	45	38	34	57	327
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

### Question 2 – Penalty for Marijuana

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Yes	1276	1281	1376	1263	1233	956	725	8110
No	646	770	783	860	784	686	623	5152
Blanks	36	32	39	30	27	20	42	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

### Question 3 – Prohibit Dog Racing

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
Yes	1013	1097	1233	1202	1103	917	759	7324
No	886	942	907	900	890	723	574	5822
Blanks	59	44	58	51	51	22	57	342
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>

**Question 4 (non-binding) Offshore Wind Power**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>PR6A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Yes	1629	1737	1805	1728	1654	1388	1121	<b>11062</b>
No	211	215	242	283	267	169	136	<b>1523</b>
Blanks	118	131	151	142	123	105	133	<b>903</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>13488</b>
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	<b>16,009</b>							<b>84% VOTED</b>

**84% VOTED**

## Building Department

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
964	Building Permits	\$1,093,785
51	Final Cost Affidavits	45,061
649	Plumbing Permits	68,830
440	Gas Permits	20,514
1,087	Electrical Permits	77,574
72	Municipal Inspection Fees	7,447
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3,263		\$1,313,211
<u>Summary</u>		
		<u>Estimated Cost</u>
22	New Single Family Dwellings	\$9,737,259
25	Multi Family Residences (250 Units)	21,254,260
134	Dwelling Additions	12,737,937
443	Dwelling Alterations	7,095,441
53	Commercial Alterations	7,384,128
1	Move Building	213,918
28	Foundations Only	1,658,900
1	New School	21,000,000
1	School Addition	30,000
5	School Alterations	1,866,386
1	Public Works Facility	2,831,000
8	Cold Storage	8,386,045
12	New Structures (other than Buildings)	471,000
2	Wharf Alterations	207,000
18	Demolitions	173,857
13	Demolitions (non-residential)	65,100
41	Sheds	752,841
8	Garage Additions	288,500
3	Pools (above ground)	7,700
15	Pools (in ground)	484,427
49	Signs	197,264
9	Chimneys	74,391
26	Wood/Coal/Pellet Stoves	71,708
39	Temporary Tents	78,540
3	Retaining Walls/Fence	202,000
2	Antennae	110,000
2	Other (Fill Pool/Solar Panels)	27,889
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964		\$97,407,491

## Conservation Commission

The Hingham Conservation Commission, now 50 years old, continued its efforts to protect the town's natural resources. Hearings under The Wetlands Protection Act and The Rivers Protection Act continued to occupy the vast majority of the department's time. The downturn in the economy slowed or halted large development projects; but, since only the most difficult land is available for development, filings under these laws continue. The full implementation of the federal and state mandated stormwater regulations has extended the Commission's jurisdiction and duties. These regulations have made stormwater discharge a utility, as permits are now required to discharge waters to streams, wetlands or storm drains. The Weir River Watershed supplies the public water supply for Hingham, Hull, North Cohasset and part of Norwell. Most of the watershed's nineteen square miles lie in Hingham and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council has calculated that 24% of the Weir River Watershed is impervious. This means that rainwater and snow melt runs off faster than in the past which leads to water shortage in the summer months as the groundwater levels are not recharged. The river basin has been labeled "stressed" by the Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, this impervious cover also causes "thermal pulses" of warm water from roofs and pavement that diminish or stress many life forms that depend on adequate and cool base flow of water to streams and wetlands.

Acquisition of open space included the 3.4 acre Amonte property on Rockland Street at the Weir River and the gift of 3 acres of land at 297 Main Street. Mr. & Mrs. Scott Reed donated the woodlands that abut town playing fields, to the town.

Vice Chairman Kenneth Soltys left the Commission as did members Todd Bernstein and Sean Coleman. The Commission thanked them for their service. Charles Berry and Bill Grafton were appointed to fill two of the vacancies.

With the extended building boom much of the conservation officers' time was keeping up with single-family homes and large commercial developments wetland inspections, erosion controls and Certificates of Compliance. Maintenance of Conservation areas have been deferred during this period of time including Mildred Cushing Woods, The Bouve Property, and the Foundry Pond area. The DPW and civic groups have given invaluable time and effort to helping maintain the town open space areas.

Commission

Samuel Chapin, Chairman

Douglas Harvey

Eugene Babin, Vice Chairman

William Grafton

Charles Berry

Carolyn Nielsen

W.Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer

Abigail Childs, Assistant to the Conservation Officer

Linda Morash Defreitas, Secretary

Regina Hickey, Wetlands Clerk



The Cushing Homestead, East Street, built in 1678 is one of a small number of documented 17th century houses extant in Massachusetts. For over three centuries, the Cushing family has maintained the house, barn (one of the oldest in the country), forge and corncrib in an unspoiled setting of open fields and stone walls against a wooded background.

## Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2008.

The Board negotiated with and recommended approval of successor labor contracts for the Firefighters, Police Patrolmen, Police Superior Officers, Public Works employees and Library Staff, which will be in effect until June 30, 2010. The Board continues to negotiate with the Dispatchers for a contract with an expiration date of June 30, 2010. The Board approved a 3% general wage increase for all employees not a part of a collective bargaining unit, effective July 1, 2008.

Additional issues addressed by the Board included the adjudication of two union grievances that were not satisfactorily resolved at a preliminary level regarding overtime pay.

In other actions, the Board approved the reclassification of the existing position of Treasurer Collector. The Board approved a position title change of the Sewer Commission Accounts Receipts Clerk to the new title of Accounts Receivable Clerk and revised the Sewer Commission Accounts Payable Clerk job description. The Board classified and approved the Inspector of Plumbing and Gas and Project Engineer Support Clerk position descriptions. The Board voted to establish a stipend for the Deputy Director of Emergency Management and approved an equity adjustment of the hourly rate of the Department of Elderly Affairs Medical Van Driver. The Board worked with the various Department Heads in addressing eight vacation carry-over requests.

The Board approved the hiring of four new employees at salaries above the minimum step for the positions involved based on prior experience. These positions are the Data Quality Inspector from the Assessors Department, Inspector of Plumbing and Gas, Inspector of Wires and Golf Course Professional.

The Board finalized proposed changes to the Personnel By-Law that were then approved by the Town at the April 2008 Annual Meeting.

Michael J. Puzo, Chairman  
Marie Harris  
David Pace

Nelson Ross  
William D. MacGillivray

## Hingham Planning Board

The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2008.

During the winter and early spring of the past year, the Board conducted public hearings and developed recommendations relative to six proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law. Two of these articles addressed dimensional and use requirements in the Town's Industrial Districts, thus incorporating recommendations of the Zoning Permit Study Committee, which was created by Town Meeting in 2006 to identify regulatory measures to manage the Town's growth. Another amendment to the Zoning By-Law clarified the extent to which the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals could regulate the development of so-called "exempt uses" including religious institutions, day-care centers and most schools.

By far the most complex amendment considered by the Board was a proposal, supported by the Hingham Housing Partnership (now the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust) and the Board of Selectmen to create a new Smart Growth Overlay District in accordance with the purposes of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40R. Chapter 40R is intended to provide an alternative to Chapter 40B by allowing cities and Towns to designate specific locations where higher-density residential development would be permitted in accordance with site-specific design standards. Such housing would be required to include 20%-25% affordable units. In order to offset the additional costs generated by new development participating Towns would receive a cash bonus payment from the State in exchange for the creation of the district.

After weeks of spirited debate at public hearings, the Advisory Committee recommended against passage of the amendment, and the article did not receive the two-thirds majority vote required for passage at Town meeting.

Also at the 2008 Town Meeting, the Planning Board, in cooperation with the Historic Districts Commission put forth a recommendation to designate South Pleasant Street as a Scenic Road pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 15c of the Massachusetts General Laws. Town meeting voted favorably on this article, thus adding South Pleasant Street to the Town's existing inventory of Scenic Roads created since 1978, including Free Street, a portion of Leavitt Street, Turkey Hill Lane, and Popes Lane.

Throughout the year the Planning Board conducted Site Plan Review hearings for various new non-residential development projects, including a new office building on Abington Street; the relocated Sandcastles Daycare Center on East Street, and the expansion of a dental office on Lincoln Street. When appropriate, Site Plan Review hearings were conducted jointly with the Board of Appeals. The Board also considered requests for minor and major modifications to already approved projects. As work on the Samuels portion of the Hingham Shipyard Development progressed, the specific requirements of individual tenants resulted in requests for major and minor modifications to the originally approved Site Plan. The Planning Board reviewed many of these requests in joint hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals, with an over-arching goal of ensuring a reasonable level of consistency between what was originally approved and what will be built.

Of particular interest to Town officials and the public was the application for Site Plan Review in Association with a Special Permit A2 and a Special Permit A3-parking permit for a new restaurant proposed for a prominent location at the corner of North and Station streets (the site of the former Settles Glass). In preparation for this application, and in light of the historical complexity related to the issuance of parking waivers downtown, the Board engaged the consulting firm Vanasse and Associates to undertake a comprehensive parking study aimed at clarifying actual parking demand and availability, and rationalizing how parking waivers are granted. This study will be completed in early 2009.

The slow-down in the housing market in 2008 was made evident by the fact that the Board saw no new applications for residential subdivisions. The Board reviewed and ultimately endorsed 11 Form A or "Approval Not Required" plans of land for land swaps, lot line changes, and land divisions in all areas of Town. The Board continued to deliberate on several ongoing subdivisions, issuing Certificates of Action relative to requests for extensions to the time of completion, subdivision modifications, and bond reductions. The Board continues to monitor construction of a variety of ongoing residential developments, including Christina Estates at Baker Hill, Ridgewood Crossing, Gardner Terrace, Gardner Woods, Fresh River Landing, Weathervane at Chestnut Gardens, and others. Several subdivision roadways were completed in 2008, including two small private residential roadways (Prospect Court and 302-304 Whiting Street) and Commerce Road Extension, the private roadway developed by A.W. Perry where Blue Cross/Blue Shield is located. Hilltop Road (a section of the Christina Estates Subdivision) was

accepted as a Town roadway through a positive vote on Article 53 at Town Meeting.

Planning Board members continue to play an active role as members of and designees to several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee and the Traffic Committee. The year has been marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Harbor Development Committee, the Hingham Development and Industrial Committee. It is in this spirit of collaboration that the Board hopes to address the challenges and opportunities of the upcoming year.

Sarah Corey, Chairman  
Judy Sneath, Clerk  
Paul Healey  
Susan Murphy  
Gary Tondorf-Dick

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Board of Appeals has three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms, and nine associate members appointed to 1-year terms. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

In 2008 a total of forty-two applications were received, resulting in over one hundred hearings being held, which included numerous joint hearings with the Planning Board. The Board of Appeals granted twenty-four Variances. Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law. Projects approved included new construction/additions/reconstruction to dwellings and garages, sheds, and conversion to living space. The Board also approved two residential Variances to maintain the existing dwelling during construction of a new dwelling on the same lot and heard the first zoning application to install air conditioning units within the setback, a change made in the Zoning By-Law a few years ago. The Board also approved Variances for signs including those at the new DeScenza Jewelers on Derby Street and a use Variance for a new indoor personal fitness training facility in the Industrial Park District.

The Board heard applications on sixteen Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use which is expressly permitted by the Special Permit, 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 By-Law. Among those approved include a change from warehouse and manufacturing use to medical office use in the Industrial Park, installation of wireless telecommunication antennas in the Faith Church of the Nazarene steeple on Thaxter Street, and construction of a seasonal outdoor patio at The Snug restaurant on North Street. One of the more closely followed Special Permits included approval to demolish the existing Settles Glass building on Station Street in order to construct and operate a restaurant with a seasonal outdoor biergarten; many of these hearings were held jointly with the Planning Board.

Appeals are reviews of the decisions or orders of zoning officials by the Board of Appeals. The Board may uphold, reverse or modify the official's decision. The Board heard three Appeals in 2008. The most closely followed Appeals were for property at 3 Otis Street. Two Appeals were filed relating to the Building Commissioner's decisions that 1) a parking waiver is required (which was denied) and 2) that a previous Special Permit issued to allow for the installation of timber mooring piles had lapsed (which was granted).

During the course of the year the Board held numerous hearings on three Comprehensive Permit Chapter 40B applications, which could add seventeen affordable housing units to the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory. The Board approved two Comprehensive Permits: Damon Farm, a project to be built partially in Hingham and partially in Norwell at Queen Anne's Corner and Hingham Square Townhomes, fifteen age-restricted townhomes along with the redevelopment and restoration of the Hersey House as a single family dwelling on North Street. The Board denied the application filed by Newcastle Ridge for the construction of residential condominium units on Ward Street due to what the Board felt were significant unresolved design and functionality issues on site.

In July the Board welcomed former regular member and long-time associate member Joseph Freeman as its new regular member. Joe replaces another long-time regular member Stephen McLaughlin, who is now an associate member. 2008 also saw the resignation of three long-time board members: Robert Bersani, Stephen David and Victor Popp.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to Bob, Stephen and Victor for their professionalism and willingness to share their expertise during their many years of dedicated service to the town.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board also would encourage all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are generally held on selected Thursday evenings at Town Hall.

SUMMARY

Applications:	42	
Hearings:	113	
Special Permits:	16	(1 granted, 13 granted with conditions, 1 withdrawn, 1 dismissed)
Variances:	34	(1 granted, 23 granted with conditions, 10 withdrawn)
Appeals:	3	(2 denied, 1 granted)
Comprehensive Permits:	3	(2 granted with conditions, 1 denied)

W. Tod McGrath, Chairman  
Joseph M. Fisher, Vice-Chairman  
Joseph W. Freeman, Clerk

Suzanne Letizia-Eddy, Zoning Administrator

## Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks, and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries. We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park, and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with bidding, 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, maintenance, and closure of the Town's former Sanitary Landfill.

### Highway Division

Roadwork and Reconstruction: Reclamation and Repaving: DPW Project Paving, Construct Bare Cove Lane and Parking Lot.

### Snow and Ice Control:

(42.6" of snow): (7) Snowplow Operations, (31) Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2 Dump Trucks, Trackless Sidewalk Plow, Sweeper.

Special Projects/Maintenance: Work in 2008 included the construction of the Salt/Sand shed and the DPW Storage building. As part of the Square Restoration and the Tunnel Cap improvements an installation of an 11' winding walkway was completed. Other special projects include the repair and replacement of the Liberty Pole drainage outfall and the reconstruction of the tennis courts at Foster School.

### Tree and Park Division:

Tree Plantings: 98; Tree Removals: 211

New Equipment: Chipper

### Special Projects/Maintenance:

On-going maintenance includes the upkeep of two nurseries and the George Washington Town Forest, corrective tree work including pruning,

cabling, spraying, and when required, removal of trees throughout Town. We maintain approximately 110 parks and traffic islands, over 1,000 acres of park/and open space, and over 10,000 public shade trees throughout the Town. We also provide assistance to various other boards, departments and committees.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated a Kousa Dogwood that we planted at Gertie Edmunds Park as part of our Annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was named as a Tree City USA for the 20<sup>th</sup> time in recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protecting our public shade trees. We feel our staff's knowledge and experience is truly an asset to the Town, and we are glad to answer questions regarding the tree and shrub care and maintenance.

Recreation Division:

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

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. Working with the Highway Division and several private contractors we reconstructed, painted, and lined the tennis courts at Cronin Field. Other special projects include the cleanup and clearing along Downer Avenue and maintenance work in Bare Cove Park.

Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility:

Last year we transferred 7,016 Tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 964 tons of bulky waste and demolition to the Bourne Landfill to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,565 tons of mixed recyclables, 4,425 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 15 Tons of tires, 3,750 gallons of motor oil, 175,190 pounds of electronics, and handled 276 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 332,748 cans and 130,612 plastic bottles for a total of \$15,109 to 24 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees, benefits the environment, and helps our youth organizations.

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.

The Baler/Recycling Building had a new Roof and Siding installed and the office area and restrooms were all made handicap accessible.

Interdepartmental:

We look forward to the spring of 2009 when all the Public Works departments will be consolidated in our new building in Bare Cove Park. Our mission to provide the town with all necessary and essential services will be greatly enhanced by this move.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like to thank and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed 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 Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

We are happy to welcome new employees, Skilled Laborers Michael McIntre and Jon Butman, and James Aftosmes. A special thanks goes to Helen Diagger and John Travers who have retired from the DPW this year. Helen's hard work and commitment to the DPW will be missed. John Travers worked for the DPW for 35 years. He retired as the Transfer Station Supervisor. John also worked his way up in the Highway Department and became the highway supervisor before transferring to the Transfer Station. John's willingness to work in difficult situations and help others (especially the public) was a great asset to Town of Hingham. On the behalf of the town's people and the DPW, I would like to give a special thanks to John Travers for his 35 years of service and dedication to the Town of Hingham.

I would also like to thank Joe Stigliani for his years of service to the Town of Hingham and wish him well in the future.

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent (Interim)

## **Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant**

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

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

The Light Board has voted to transfer to the Town a payment-in-lieu of taxes of \$450,000 to the Town's fiscal 2009 budget year. The Light Board also will perform \$40,000 of energy conservation measures to Town buildings to improve energy efficiency in the buildings. The Light Board voted to fund a Carbon Footprint Study by the Town Energy Committee to develop a baseline for the formation of an Energy Action Plan on reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Town. The Light Board funded and installed the new lighting of the Lincoln Statue during the past year.

At this time, the Auditor's report for the 2008 calendar year for Hingham Municipal Light Plant is not available for publication. The Light Plant experienced a 0.5% decrease in electricity sales for 2008. The system peak load set a new all-time record demand level of 50.9 MW on June 10, 2008. The energy sales were impacted by the milder summer temperatures after the unusually warm June.

The Light Plant began work on the new circuits that will supply energy to the new mixed use development at the former Hingham Shipyard. The work involves new poles and wires on Fort Hill Street, through West Corner, up Beal Street and down Fottler Road to the entrance to the Shipyard.

The Light Plant continues to invest in the electrical system in the Town to maintain its prime mission of reliable electric service. This year was exceptional with respect to the performance of the electrical system. The reliability statistics of the Light Plant are well above average and in the first quartile of performance in the industry.

The Light Plant is continuing to monitor the wind resource at the Town owned landfill with the anemometer that was erected by the Light Plant late last winter. The results of the wind study will be completed in

March 2009 and an analysis of the potential of a wind project in Hingham will be studied.

The Light Plant continues to look for opportunities to add to its renewable portfolio, which presently represents 11% of its current resource mix. The Light Plant pursued several opportunities in the renewable energy supply area, but was not successful in acquiring these assets. The Light Plant will continue to work on acquiring these types of assets or the output of a renewable asset for the energy portfolio.

The Light Plant became an owning member of the Energy New England Company, who provides power supply services to municipal utilities throughout New England. ENE was working with Hingham Light on their power supply prior to this membership and the relationship was a benefit to the Light Plant and its customers. The ENE relationship has provided Hingham Light with a solid risk management approach to its power supply and provided minimal volatility during the run up in energy prices last summer.

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

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

John G. Tzimirangas  
General Manager

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

## Sewer Commission

To begin, the Commission would like to commend John M. Brandt for his tremendous contributions to the sewer department, as board member and chairman, throughout a notable career spanning almost 25 years.

To continue, the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, when finalized in 2009, will incorporate comments from the Master Planning Committee and from the community at large. This study will recommend a carefully planned approach to the Town's wastewater disposal needs for the next twenty years. This is an important issue and all interested parties are urged to attend both the Committee and the public meetings that will be held, in order to ask questions and voice opinions.

Several initiatives have been undertaken to eliminate grease build-up and odor issues at three pump stations. We are evaluating results of pilot programs and will continue to work toward eradicating these problems. In addition, the Commission has been working on a fat, oil, and grease policy, including a grease-trap program to be implemented in early 2009, to help area restaurants reduce one of the most significant problems facing sewer infrastructures. Local restaurants should expect to be contacted by town representatives for an introduction to the new policies and procedures.

A complete renovation of the operating system at the Mill Street station began on December 1<sup>st</sup> and should be completed by February 2009. This upgrade will result in more effective and efficient operations at the station, minimizing problems and lowering operating costs. Inflow and Infiltration of extraneous water into the sewer system continues to be a serious and costly problem for Hingham, as it is for municipalities everywhere. While the department continues to seek out and eliminate sources of I&I, homeowners in the sewer districts who use sump pumps can aid this effort by contacting the Commission to have their pumps checked. Any flow found to enter the sewer system will be redirected at **no cost to the homeowner.**

To conclude, in 2008 we welcomed new member Andrew Spath. As always, we appreciate the dedication of our field and office staff.

Michael A. Salerno, Chairman  
Edmund Demko  
Andrew Spath

## Emergency Management

I am happy to report that as part of the Central Fire Station renovation project, a new Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was included. Careful consideration was given by the Central Fire Station Building Committee in not only providing for the needs of the Fire Department but also for Emergency Planning and Operations. We now have a modern EOC that will serve the safety needs of the community while doubling as the fire department training room. This room is equipped with the telephone, computer and radio communications that is necessary to effectively manage the needs of Hingham during times of a major disaster such as a hurricane, hazardous materials incident or other public safety need. It can also serve as a back-up dispatch facility in the event that our primary dispatch center located at the Police Department fails.

Our Community Emergency Response Team continues to be active and was effectively used several times in 2008. Most notably were two road races, a bike race and the MCI Train Drill at the MBTA Water Street Grade Crossing. Members of the team volunteer their time and I thank them for their continued dedication, interest and support.

We continue to work closely with the Board of Health and Elder Services in preparing for health emergencies. We also meet with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and attend many of their training events.

I continue to recommend to each and every person that you have a disaster supply kit available in your home. This kit should include everything necessary to support yourself and your family for three days in the event of a major weather event or long-term power outage. Please feel free to contact Emergency Management should you require help in assembling the kit. More information is available at the Federal Emergency Management Web Site <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>, an excellent resource for emergency planning.

Mark J. Duff, Director

## Fire Department

2008 was a very productive and exciting year for the department. During February we reoccupied Central Fire Station following a 13-month renovation project. The new building has met and exceeded all of our expectations. In addition to a new and modernized apparatus floor we have a training room, conference rooms, and adequate office space both for present and future needs, a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and a vehicle maintenance facility. Improvements were also made to the training yard in the rear of the building.

The re-dedication ceremony which took place in April was a huge success with almost 400 people touring the building. The day was topped off by having two of the original fire trucks that were assigned to the station when the building was originally dedicated in 1942 present and on display, thanks to the assistance of the Bare Cove Fire Museum!

I would be remiss if I did not thank the members of the department who played a very large part in the project. Their cooperation and direct assistance not only shortened the project but saved the town a considerable amount of money.

I would also be remiss if I did not sincerely thank all of the members both past and present of the Central Fire Station Building Committee. The committee, which was first formed in 2002, spent countless hours working on the project. The residents of Hingham should consider themselves fortunate that we have people who are willing to dedicate their time and effort to make projects like this one possible. We have a facility that we can all be proud of and will meet the needs of the community for years to come.

The total number of emergency responses in 2008 was 3770. We have experienced a 37% increase in workload over the last 10 years. This does not include numerous inspections that are made on a daily basis and additional public service requests we are called upon to do which is not reflected in the emergency response total. History has shown that during times of economic decline demands place on public safety increase.

Our mutual aid programs continue to serve us well and I am expecting an increase in requests for mutual aid assistance due to the current economic climate. Our Technical Rescue Team continues to train on a

monthly basis and their services were requested several times from neighboring communities.

In April the Department, working with the MBTA hosted a large scale Mass Casualty Training Exercise involving the grade crossing at Water St and the Train Tunnel. Eight neighboring fire departments sent personnel and equipment. There was also participation from several law enforcement agencies as well as the general public. Total participants numbered approximately 180. Much was learned by all concerned and the event was another fine example of working together. Many hours were spent planning for the event and I thank my staff for making the drill the success it was.

For the second year in a row the department participated in the South Shore Hospital's Annual Pandemic Training Exercise. This exercise involves several agencies setting up and operating an off-site medical facility in the event of a large-scale event that exceeds the capability of local hospitals.

The department continues to move forward with plans to form a regionalized 911 regional dispatch center. Working with Hull, Cohasset and Norwell, meetings are held monthly. A regionalized dispatch center will provide a higher level of service, more efficient use of personnel and resources, and will result in a substantial short and long term savings.

On June 13th, Firefighter John Ketchum retired from the department after serving 29 years. Assistant Fire Alarm Superintendent Kevin Carnrick retired on October 14th after serving a total of 34 years including time as a Call Firefighter. Both these gentlemen served the town and the department well and we wish them a healthy and productive retirement. Retired Firefighters Seth Yalenezian and James Shaughnessy passed on during 2008. May they rest in peace.

I would like to thank all the town departments with whom we work. As usual their cooperation was excellent and is one of the many special things that make Hingham unique. A special thanks to former Town Administrator Charles Cristello who always gave both me and the department his full support. We all wish him well in his new position in Middleborough.

Mark Duff  
Fire Chief

## Hingham Police Department

The issues and challenges that faced us at the start of 2008 were almost totally redefined by year's end due to the global economic collapse. Steadily growing demands for services are now being undermined by rapidly evaporating pools of resources. Our perennial task of doing more with less now has become Herculean. We were negatively impacted by several unforeseen losses in personnel during 2007 and because of the economic collapse we have been unable to fill several of these positions. We did, however, graduate and swear-in three new officers, cutting our deficit in half. Officers Daniel Leary, Justin Burns and Jeremiah Sullivan were welcomed and joined us in September.

We remain very hopeful that the National Economic Stimulus Plan will supplement our budgetary shortfall through Grants and other support mechanisms. However, it will be increasingly difficult to maintain our presence in the community in the face of shrinking numbers of personnel and growing demands if this plan fails. The Town is blessed with a complement of dedicated, intelligent and professional Law Enforcement Officers who place a very high value on their roll as caretakers of our community. We may become forced to become less visible in community policing venues, but we will remain focused on our mission of public safety.

Our Police Dept. continued to take advantage of available grants in 2008 including a new grant for Patrols in Wompatuck State Park and Costal areas. Various Governor's Highway safety Grants were also utilized to supplement our Traffic Enforcement efforts throughout the Town. Unfortunately the State Community Policing Grant was slashed by twenty five percent in 2008 and there are no high hopes of seeing it return. As a result, we will struggle to maintain our important community based programs and initiatives, but we will remain tireless in trying to find creative methods to generate funding.

We are extremely proud of our record of accomplishment with Citizen Police Academies. Four more have been completed, two at our headquarters and two at Linden Ponds for a total of twenty-five since 1996. We are not just a model for the County, but rather the entire State! Many thanks to Lieutenants Mike Peraino and Glenn Olsson for their leadership and to all Officer/Instructors involved. However, the students, (our citizens) are the real stars and the reason this program has remained such a success. Thank you one and all for your commitment, your enthusiasm and your dedication to the men and

women who serve you. We are sincerely grateful and humbled by your generous support. Over 100 of our graduates make up a very active alumni program as well and they meet every month to discuss Police related matters.

As always, the various volunteer boards: Advisory, Capital Outlay and Personnel Board (Including the input of our Human Resource Director – Dave Basler) are instrumental in the effective and efficient operation of our Police Dept. My sincere thanks for all the support and guidance you provide. Many thanks go out as well to our extremely professional and efficient Public Safety Dispatch Center. Once again you are an example to the entire County and we applaud your dedication to duty. Tragically, we have been permanently deprived the services of Dispatcher Bill Holland due to a horrific bicycle accident last September. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill and his family for his eventual recovery. Our new Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger has hit the ground running and impressed everyone with her knowledge and energy. Thanks to Leslie for all her efforts on behalf of the community, both two and four legged members.

The cooperation and support we receive from our Harbormaster's Office is unparalleled. Numerous times our Harbormasters, under the direction of John Souther and his Deputy Ken Corson, shuttled police officers onto the water to complete public safety missions. These missions included several rescues and even included interdiction in a Domestic Violence case. We receive consistent positive feedback regarding public interaction with the young Assistant Harbormasters reflecting the high professional standards of their leadership. Many thanks go out to them for being such a vital part of our team.

The foundation upon which our Department stands is the men and women of our Patrol Division. My thanks to you all for being committed and dedicated to the welfare of every member of this community. We rely on you and you respond, we call on you and you answer. As we stare together into the face of a tremendous challenge in 2009 we will not blink.

Taylor A.B. Mills, Chief of Police

## Harbormaster

The summer of 2009 will be a summer of difficult choices to be made by the Harbormaster, however we will continue to do everything we can to help make the coming season a successful one.

In 2008 the town purchased new floats for the inner harbor. Dredging was scheduled to start in Oct. 2008 but was delayed. It is now scheduled to start in October 2009. Close to 100,000 cubic yards of material is to be dredged from the inner harbor basin. Also on a positive note our pump-out program will continue to operate thanks to a federal grant. The pump-out program removed over 6000 gallons of sewage from boats this past summer. Clearly, the removal of sewage from boats helps keep the waters of Hingham clean.

In January 2009, the Selectmen raised the cost of mooring permits to \$7.00 per foot for all boats 17 feet or longer. The selectmen have stated that this increase in the fees will be used to ensure that there are funds available for future dredging and other water related projects.

Finally, it is the hope of the members of the Harbormaster Department that we can continue to help the boaters enjoy their experience in Hingham Waters. This season we will need your eyes and ears more than ever. Please call Hingham Dispatch if you see something that looks suspicious to you or if you see someone in trouble. The phone number is 781-749-1212. If you need a pump-out or have other daily questions please call the 781-741-1450 number. We should also note that there will be a couple of safe boating courses offered in Hingham again this year.

John R. Souther  
Hingham Harbormaster

## Traffic Committee

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

Issues discussed and either resolved, recommendations made or implemented.

- Resident request for a sidewalk near the Greenbush train crossing on French St. Major reconstruction would be required to the just completed intersection and a sidewalk would encroach on wetlands.
- Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to reconfigure the traffic lights on South and Hersey Streets so that the lights in all four directions turn and remain red at times when the train gate is down, resulting in a safer intersection.
- Implementation of the recommendation for a 2-hour parking limit, subject to sticker permits issued to employees of retail merchants in the Square, in the "Merchants's Lot" between Central and Main Streets.
- At the request of residents a stop sign and painted lines were installed at the intersection of Park Circle/Wompatuck Road/Planters's Field Lane.
- A concern that parking at the new restaurant that is to be opened on the former Settles Glass site on Station Street would impact the businesses at 27-41 Station Street resulted in a recommendation to limit parking to 30 minutes, 7 days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in front of that business block.
- A discussion on the use of "Jake Brakes" (a method of slowing down large trucks which produces a great deal of noise) resulted in a recommendation to amend the Traffic Rules and Order to prohibit the use of such brakes.
- Selectman John Riley, on behalf of residents, reported that commercial vehicles are parking regularly for long periods of time in the spaces in the area of the boat ramp at the Harbor

that are designated for cars and trucks with trailers. The committee recommended to the Selectmen that signs be posted "Two Hour Parking for Commercial Vehicles 2 1/2 tons or greater", with fines to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

- Blanket approval was given for posting Neighborhood Watch signs with Police Dept. approval.
- A speed and traffic study was recommended on Abington Street.
- Recommended that No Parking signs be posted from the property line of Dunkin' Donuts at Whiting and Gardner Street along both sides of Gardner Street down to #218.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, they should make a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Taylor Mills, Hingham Police Department. Questions regarding traffic issues can be addressed by Sgt. David Horte, Traffic Sergeant, Hingham Police Department, 781-749-1212.

Chief Taylor A. B. Mills, Chairman  
Represented by Sgt. David Horte  
Chief Mark Duff  
Represented by Lt. John Haley  
Harry Sylvester, Department of Public Works  
Paul Healey, Planning Board  
Philip Resca  
Leslie Kehoe  
Michael Pevarnik

## **Hingham Affordable Housing Trust**

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. Among other things, the Trust took over the functions of the former Housing Partnership Committee. 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.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a wide 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 specific responsibilities include evaluating Hingham's housing needs, formulating appropriate housing goals, reviewing Local Initiative Projects, identifying opportunities to enhance Hingham's affordable housing inventory, and implementing and overseeing affordable housing programs.

In May of 2008, the Housing Trust began work with the Board of Selectmen to exercise the Town's right of first refusal to acquire Lincoln School Elderly Housing from Glastonbury Abbey which had developed the property and was selling after 28 years of ownership. The Trust felt it very important for the Town to control and secure the 60 units of affordable housing for elderly and disabled residents. So began 5 months of study and effort. The Housing Trust has several members with extensive experience in real estate development and affordable housing and was able to provide convincing arguments for acquisition. A special Town Meeting on October 27 approved the purchase. A Lincoln School Housing Limited Liability Corporation has been formed with a board of managers appointed by the selectmen, the Town moderator and the Trust. This board will oversee the professional management of the facility.

Because of the current economic situation, the development of the Selectmen's Parcel has been delayed. A new RFP will be issued when the Trust foresees a more favorable market climate. A low interest home

improvement loan program was transferred from the Community Preservation Committee to the Trust at the 2008 Town Meeting. This program is now being reviewed for enactment. The Trust also explores other possible avenues to enhance affordable housing opportunities in Hingham according to the 2008 Allocation Plan adopted at Town Meeting. The Trust will submit its report on all these efforts at the 2009 Town Meeting.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, 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.

James O'Brien, Chair  
Blake Auchincloss  
Laura Burns  
Christopher Burns

Fred Copeman  
Gretchen Condon  
Susan Crowley  
Rev. Gary Ludwig

## Bare Cove Park

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, typically at 7:00pm at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome; dates and times are posted on the Events Calendar at [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov) and on the Town Hall bulletin board. The Town's website also contains information about the park, including Committee members, our history, Park Regulations, a printable map, dog etiquette, and a photo gallery.

Construction projects this past year have made some nice additions to the Park. The new athletic fields built at Beal St. have made a new Park entrance there, providing additional parking in a new paved and lined lot. New recreational fields have been built off Fort Hill Street, taking over the access road from the Credit Union, so that now, visitors from Fort Hill Street travel on Bare Cove Park Drive, where a beautiful stone wall with a carved plaque, made possible by Mullin Brickworks of Scituate, graces the Park entrance. Also, there is a new gate at the Beal St entrance. Pipe, paint, bolts, chain, hinges, and labor for this project were donated by Robert Cogswell of Armor Welding and Fabrication, to whom the Committee is most grateful.

Hundreds of visitors come to the Park each day, year round. Volunteer landscaper and committee member Frank Sheltry and Park Ranger Scott MacMillan, with assistance from DPW, do an excellent job making the Park an attractive and enjoyable destination for the public to enjoy. In addition to cutting the grass fields in summer and plowing the roads and some trails in winter, Frank and Scott continue to remove intrusive, non-indigenous vegetation. Scott also trims bushes and trees throughout the park that encroach on the roads.

The Park continues to be a wonderful place to bring well-behaved dogs for exercise. We are happy to have Hingham's new Animal Control Officer, Leslie Badger, in the Park often. She is very outgoing and personable. Leslie is delighted to pro-actively educate dog owners and the public about proper pet ownership and Hingham's dog regulations.

The summer's rainfall made the Triangle Garden near the Bare Cove Park Drive entrance absolutely stunning. This park jewel is maintained under volunteer committee member and gardener Barbara Nicosia's direction, with help from Cindy Thaxter and Linda White. The dog waste bag program has been a big help in keeping the park's trails cleaner. Both of these projects are supported by The Friends of Bare Cove Park. Tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted, and can be made to:

The Friends of Bare Cove Park  
Hingham Town Hall  
210 Central Street  
Hingham, MA 02043

The first End Of Summer Classic Road Race, held on Friday September 5th, was very successful. The four mile race drew over 300 runners, including 80 Hingham residents. The Friends of Bare Cove Park hope to make this an annual event. Funds raised -- \$3,700.00 -- will be used for the Triangle Garden, the dog bag program as well as activities for Hingham's 375th Anniversary. Anniversary activities for "The 20th Century", which will focus on the effects that the two World Wars and the Korean Conflict and the Conservation Movement had on the town, are planned to begin in late Spring 2010. The Park plans to erect a memorial stone honoring all who worked at Hingham's Naval Ammunition Depot.

The demolition and removal of a number of concrete foundations toward the Indian Point area / south end of the Park has started. As of early December, the Bare Cove Drive entrance off Fort Hill Street is closed during the week; visitors should use the Beal Street entrance. The re-landscaping around the green dock building on the river -- including a memorial bench from a resident who grew up living on the Naval Ammunition Depot property, and the bollards and bits saved from the old pier -- is complete.

The transfer of 15-acres of surplus Massachusetts Highway Department land to the Town of Hingham is almost completed. Also, we are told that the Back River Connections Multi-Use Pathway, a proposal to connect Abigail Adams Park and Great Esker Park in Weymouth and Stodder's Neck Park and Bare Cove Park in Hingham, has lost its funding.

The Park has benefitted from volunteer help in other ways. October saw a Clean-Up Day. People from Project Turnabout, Quincy's Community Service Program and many other others participated. We were supported with refreshments by Bruegger's Bagels, Dunkin' Donuts, and Stop & Shop which are located in Hingham on route 3A. Thanks to them for their help.

At the Fort Hill Gate entrance stands an original guard house, donated by William Nolan and restored by a Veteran's group. Our Ranger, Scott

McMillan -- with help from Mullin Brickworks on the foundation and Tree and Parks with a hoist -- was responsible for installation. In some ways it is a small museum as displayed in each of its windows are images of the Base in operation.

Finally, last spring when the tide was right, Hingham High Rowing held a meet against Tabor Academy. It was a flawlessly run event which will take place in 2009 also.

The Bare Cove Park Committee works hard to preserve this lovely place for the people of our town and others in our vicinity.

Patricia A. Coyle  
Paul Doyle  
Charles Harvey  
Barbara McMullan  
Paul Murphy  
Barbara A. Nicosia  
James O'Hare  
E. Brooks Robbins  
Francis W. Sheltry



Heading in at Bare Cove Park

## Trustees of Bathing Beach

Once again the sand was replaced on the beach in the spring. This is a perennial problem after each winter's storms.

Our swimming raft, after many years' use was judged to be unsafe. A new raft has been ordered and will be ready for next summer.

Unfortunately our plan to ask beach patrons to take their trash with them was not a success. Therefore, the trash barrels are back along with recycling bins. These seem to be working better.

F. Peter Fee  
Thomas M. Foley  
Joan P. Williams



The Hingham Farmers Market, 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest farmers market in Massachusetts, moved from its original location on Station Street to the Hingham Bathing Beach when the Greenbush commuter rail construction began. In its current scenic location by the harbor it has enjoyed significant growth both in size and popularity; and owes its success to numerous people and organizations, but particularly to the Trustees of the Bathing Beach who are responsible for the area.

The HFM features locally grown plants and produce as well as locally produced processed foods and a limited number of handicrafts.

The Market is open every Saturday from May until November, rain or shine, from 10am until 2pm. **Please visit the HFM website: [www.hinghamfarmersmarket.org](http://www.hinghamfarmersmarket.org)**

## Beautification Commission

Our Mission: "To foster the beautification of Hingham public areas using community resources."

The Beautification Commission is extremely proud of the islands at Cold Corner. The spectacular Knockout roses bloom from spring to fall with minimum maintenance. We also added these roses to the Cherry Tree Park at North and South Streets, where the Kwanzan Cherry and Linden trees planted previously are thriving.

The downtown containers on South Street and at the corner of Lincoln St. and Rte 3A are planted in April with pansies, planted again for summer bloom, and decorated with greens for the Christmas holidays. Rose Durkin and her volunteers have taken on a huge commitment in planting and maintaining these planters.

The beautiful daylilies and Russian sage now bloom at all five of the railroad crossings that have traffic islands, thanks to last year's efforts.

The traffic island gardens at Kimball Beach Road, Scotland and Main Streets, and at Routes 3A and 228 are kept beautiful by combinations of neighbors and Beautification Commission volunteers.

The garden at Tedeschi's in West Hingham was a delight. Each time one passed the garden there was another surprise. Thank you, Denise Bruce, for your hard work and creativity. A big thank you to the Tedeschi personnel for keeping the garden well watered.

The Linden Ponds gardens near the library are becoming more beautiful as they mature. Your continued maintenance is greatly appreciated. Another thank you to Janet Codley, who has planted and maintained an island on Otis Street.

We thank the DPW for preparing, mulching, and watering the islands, and all the volunteers who help to beautify the town, as well as the Selectmen for their support of the Beautification Committee.

Joan Hansel, Chairman  
Shirley Rydell, Vice-Chairman  
Miriam Tod, Secretary  
Avis Studley, Treasurer

Alyce Nobis  
Laura Spaziani  
Rose Durkin  
Kathleen Norman

## Cable TV Advisory Committee

A very busy year - with nothing but GOOD NEWS for the Town and its residents.

First, the Committee and its outside counsel completed negotiations with Verizon, bringing this entity and its FIOS offering (often "triple play") to the Town for the first time - - to compete with the current incumbent, Comcast. The very favorable outcome here was designed to help us in our negotiations with Comcast. While Verizon has four years from July '07 to complete all Town residential wiring, it most likely will be done in 2-3 years and has already been made available to nearly 20% of the Town. Early subscribers appear to love the clarity and offering of the FIOS system. We also secured funding from the Verizon Foundation for a unique "Spanning the Generations" program enlisting the talents and stories of both students (for credit) and seniors. The fruits of this endeavor will hopefully be shown to all townspeople late this spring; and quite possibly serve as a backdrop for this group's help with Hingham's coming 375th.

Next, we expect to arrive at agreement with Comcast, a full five months ahead of our scheduled contract date. The preliminary terms agreed on will bring in both cash for our immediate plans and a much higher percentage of gross subscriber revenues than was previously paid in the old contract. Also, the I-Net service provided town buildings will remain as is for the next 10 years; and standard Comcast TV service will be available at no cost to all town buildings. Likewise, the Committee will secure for its use, for the School Department and for the Town itself, a major portion of the equipment at no cost as Comcast closes its Norwell studio no later than summer, 2009.

This means our focal point for 2009 will be to identify, move into, outfit and perhaps even begin broadcasting from Hingham's own television studio. In total, the Committee alone will have secured more than \$625,000 in capital and nearly \$4,000,000 in capital and increased annual fees from both competitors over the life of the 10-year contracts toward this end. All of this at no cost yet to the Town or individual taxpayer, with both I-Net and TV service continuing to public buildings in full force. We may seek to have other nearby communities, who may not be the size nor have the desire for their own studios, join us in this endeavor which will cut costs further.

The bottom line - as we continue in this television age - will be to have more and more of Hingham's numerous activities, from government to cultural to athletic, covered live. With both professional help and volunteers from students to seniors providing what's necessary to make this happen. All of it indeed making Hingham the best town in the TV field; and adding to the benefit and quality of life of property-owners and residents from one end of the town to the other.

Guy Conrad, Chair

Eric Connerly, Secretary

Eric Gauthier

Amy Goebel

James Morrison

Sandra Peavey

James Dellot, Head of Dedham School's Cable and PEG Studio

Katy Gallagher-Wooley, Head of Hingham High School's Studio  
and Programming

## Community Preservation Committee

Nine members comprise the Community Preservation Committee – one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen, and four citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies and citizens at large for funding projects involving the acquisition of open space, historic resources, and low and moderate income housing and makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. That fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes effective beginning July 1, 2001, state matching grants payable each October 15<sup>th</sup> based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30<sup>th</sup>, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2009 will be approximately \$8,008,000 including a total of \$3,562,553 in state grants. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Preservation categories. The remaining 70% is available spending on any one or more of the categories as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The Committee recommended two Open Space acquisitions to 2008 Town Meeting. Voters continued to support the protection of the Town's scenic vistas and areas of critical environmental concern by authorizing the purchase of the 3.3 acre Amonte property, a wildlife habitat and passive recreation area abutting the Weir River Estuary (\$492,500); and the acquisition of the Mobil station on Hingham Harbor (\$1,850,000).

Town Meeting also voted to support three historic preservation projects: (1) restore and preserve the "Hingham" sign located at the Hingham Public Library and create a weather-sturdy replica sign to take its place (\$10,620); (2) Phase 1 of a project to catalog, preserve and digitize the Town's historical documents and artifacts (\$40,000); (3) inventory, repair and preserve gravestones at the 17<sup>th</sup> century Liberty Plain Cemetery (\$21,500).

In the Community Housing category, Town Meeting approved three projects to create and preserve Community Housing: (1) construct a single family home on Nokomis Road (\$85,000); (2) transfer of funds approved at 2006 Town Meeting to the Hingham Housing Authority Trust to develop a pilot home repair loan program for income eligible

homeowners (\$175,000); (3) transfer a sum of money to fund the newly-established Hingham Housing Authority Trust (\$225,000).

As of the writing of this report, the Community Preservation Committee is proposing four projects for approval at 2009 Town Meeting. By the end of FY09 Hingham's Community Preservation Fund will have approximately \$1,035,000 available including a projected \$191,000 to be added in October 2009 when the state match is delivered.

The Committee wishes to thank Todd Bernstein for serving as the Conservation Commission appointee for the past year. The Committee also wishes to convey thanks to Tom Maloney for his contributions to community preservation over the past six years. As one of the original members of Hingham's CPC, Tom supported numerous projects, most notably the restoration of Whitney Wharf, development of the Master Plan for Hingham Harbor and the Hingham Square Master Plan, connecting the Harbor and the Square. The Committee also wishes to acknowledge the service of Judy Cole. As the CPC's first Chair in 2002, Judy led the committee through the inevitable challenges faced by a start-up organization. Processes and procedures developed under her leadership remain the underpinnings for the CPC in 2008.

Finally, the Committee welcomes new Conservation Commission appointee Eugene Babin, and Moderator appointee Sally Weston.

**Community Preservation Committee Membership**

- Philip Edmundson, Chair (Selectmen Appt.)
- William Reardon (Moderator Appt.)
- Eugene Babin (Conservation Commission Rep.)
- John Riley (Selectmen Rep.)
- Sarah Dewey (Historical Commission Rep.)
- James R. Watson (Housing Auth. Appt.)
- John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.)
- Sally Weston (Moderator Appt.)
- Judith Sneath (Planning Board Rep.)

## Country Club Management Committee

The Country Club Management Committee is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2008. We recognize the unique asset we have at the South Shore Country Club (SSCC) and continue to look for ways to improve the facilities and programs offered in an effort to better serve the recreational needs of Hingham families.

This has been a year of transition and improvement for the SSCC. Several members of the Committee and our prior director of operations have departed and we thank them all for their contributions. We are excited that Jay McGrail agreed to be our new director of operations. Jay has previously served as our golf course superintendent and was principally responsible for the significant improvement to our golf course over the past two years. Joining Jay is our new golf professional, Joseph Keefe. Jay and Joe's experience in golf course operations, as well as their energy and business acumen make this a great new management team for the SSCC. Paul Casey, Bill Friend and Kerry Ryan were appointed during the year to serve with Kathy Curley on the Country Club Management Committee.

There has been renewed enthusiasm from the many golfers (over 40,000 rounds of golf were played this year) enjoying the improved playing conditions. The thriving junior program and adult educational program have enabled the SSCC to introduce golf beginners, both young and old, to the game of golf. For the first time, we have opened the course for winter golf and, when the weather cooperates, golfers are taking advantage of the additional access to the course. Players are able to check course availability on our web site which is updated daily.

We have signed a contract with the YMCA to manage our swimming pool again this season (2009). With their fully trained staff, we look forward to the continuation of the swim lesson programs and swim team activities. Prior to opening the pool, we plan to make some improvements to the locker room area. We also hope to open a convenient snack / sandwich shack near the pool entrance this summer.

During the year, we were also able to resolve outstanding litigation involving our irrigation system, replace our aging underground storage tank and make other improvements to our facilities.

We look forward to another exciting year at the South Shore Country Club.

Kathleen Curley  
Paul Casey  
William Friend

Matthew Havens (resigned)  
Kerry Ryan  
Terence Clarke

## **Hingham Cultural Council**

In November 2008, the Hingham Cultural Council met and distributed \$4,300 to support the arts and artists in our community.

Thirteen grants, ranging from \$100 to \$1100, were awarded. Recipients included The Second Parish Church Art Show, The Broad Cove Chorale, The Fine Arts Chorale, Company Theatre, The James Library, The South Shore Conservatory, The South Shore Art Center, The Hingham Downtown Association, Hingham Historical Society, Friends of Candlelight Concerts at Old Ship Church, North River Arts Society, Duxbury Art Association and Mass Audubon Society.

The HCC is once again grateful for the local support from the Wilder Trust which supplements our funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Connie Cummings  
Mary Ann Blackmur  
Jane Shute  
Avis Goldstein  
Emily Hutchinson  
Susan Luery

## **Development and Industrial Commission**

In 2008 the Hingham and Development Commission (HDIC) focused on a variety of activities aimed at promoting economic activity in the Town's commercial areas.

In Spring of 2008, the HDIC formed the Tunnel Cap subcommittee. The Tunnel Cap is intended to provide an attractive, welcoming, and pedestrian friendly environment in Downtown Hingham for all to enjoy. The subcommittee consisted of Tunnel Cap abutters, members of the Hingham Historical Commission, Hingham Beautification Commission, Hingham Garden Club, Hingham Downtown Association, and the Town Engineer. Working with funds provided by a State earmark for Greenbush mitigation, monies were spent for benches, bicycle racks, planters and plantings for beautification of Downtown and the Tunnel Cap. In addition, a landscape architect has been retained for further design and plantings for the Tunnel Cap landscape planned for Spring '09. The HDIC has established guidelines for the use of the tunnel cap, and developed a process whereby use of the Tunnel Cap must be approved through written application to the HDIC and the Selectmen.

The HDIC continued to work with the Town on pending improvements to the portion of North Street from Station Street to Route 3A, which will include the installation of new sidewalks and the burial of remaining overhead utilities on North Street from Station Street to Mill Street. In the coming year a representative from the HDIC and Planning Board will collaborate with the Harbor Development Committee on overlapping issues in this area, with the over-arching goal of strengthening the pedestrian connection between Downtown and the Harbor area.

The HDIC endorsed a joint request with the Planning Board for a Shared Parking Analysis for Downtown. Findings from the study assisted the HDIC and Planning Board in crafting proposed amendments to the Town Zoning By-Law aimed at maintaining an interactive retail/service environment at the street level and encouraging residential use of upper story space. These proposed changes will be presented as zoning articles at the 2009 Town Meeting.

In the upcoming year, the HDIC has been charged by the Board of Selectmen to initiate a study of potential future development in the South Hingham Development Overlay District, which currently includes all non-residentially-zoned areas south of Whiting Street. This study will be done in collaboration with the Hingham Planning Board, which has

also committed to study this area in response to requested zoning changes associated with proposed and potential development projects. The study will be conducted to determine the feasibility of increasing commercial development, and thus future revenues to the town, in areas where it is most appropriate, with minimal impact to residential neighborhoods. The scope of the study will require reviewing issues related to infrastructure requirements, present and future, such as water supplies, electrical capacity, environmental, traffic improvements, the permit process and other issues. The study will include input from residents, town boards, developers, state agencies, independent consultants, and any other resource necessary to fully research the issues of development in South Hingham.

The HDIC would like to thank all of the individuals and groups noted above and others for their help on these projects.

Benedict Wilcox, Acting Chairman  
Stephen Kelsch  
Richard Monaghan  
Eileen Richards  
Nanette Walsh  
Mark Cullings  
Susan Sullivan



Busy Day at the Farmers' Market

## Department of Elder Services

"The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of services to Hingham's population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham's senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services Coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement."

During 2008, the Department of Elder Services focused on the development of a long range plan and held focus groups with Board members and staff, and the senior community at large to determine the types of programs and services that should be provided. At the conclusion of 2008, action steps were being developed to complete this plan and it is expected that this plan will be completed during the second quarter of 2009. Transportation continued to be one of the most important services listed by all the groups with a need to look at expanding the service to some evenings and weekends. Other areas of importance explored included expanded hours at the senior center, civic engagement opportunities and lifelong learning, assistance with completing benefits applications and the financial ability of individuals to meet today's cost of living.

The Department continued its initiatives to support caregivers during 2008. A support group for caregivers of Parkinson's and for grandparents raising grandchildren was added to the array of other support groups offered at the Senior Center....Caregivers of Older Adults, Parkinson's Support Group, Stroke Support Group and Vision Impaired.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance sorting through the myriad of programs and services and accessing the most appropriate services that would enable an older adult to continue to live at home. The Outreach Coordinator also works very closely with the Police, Fire and Health Departments on cases of mutual concern and oftentimes, remains the continued link for these cases. The Outreach Program also continued to assist individuals with minor home repairs; provided companionship through the Friendly Visiting Program; provides respite for caregivers' and complete applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for all Hingham residents regardless of age.

During the winter and spring of 2008, the Department of Elder Services and Notre Dame Academy launched **Ten Weeks Between Generations**. This Program connected a Notre Dame senior with an elder living in Hingham, via the telephone and fostered and understanding about the life and times of each of these groups. We look forward to the continuation of this program in 2009.

The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide-range of services and programs to the Senior Center. During 2008, these volunteers numbered 176 and worked 12,064 hours. We would also like to thank all the organizations who provided programs at the Senior Center, and all the other Town Departments who work with us to ensure that seniors are safe and comfortable in their own homes and Jim Plotner, who retired from the Elder Services Board in June after serving as the Chairman for the past two years. Jim's dedication and hard work and sense of humor will be missed. Also, thank you to Helen O'Meara for her work on the Board.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director  
Thomas Hickey, Chairman  
Steven Waynen, Vice Chairman  
Joanne Pollick, Treasurer  
Ann Manning, Secretary  
Lillian Colbeck  
Anne Condon  
Susan Kiernan  
Norma Jackson  
Patricia LaLiberte  
Robert Montgomery  
William Scott

## Town Energy Action Committee

**Mission:** To serve the residents of the Town of Hingham by establishing energy policies that will promote the efficient use of energy, increase awareness and that will reduce adverse environmental impact.

**Work Product:** The Energy Action Committee, successor to the Energy Policy Committee, is developing an Energy Action Plan outlining strategies for both municipal and community-wide operations to reduce overall energy consumption.

**Work Agenda:** Monthly meetings and periodic reporting to the Board of Selectmen to solicit feedback on suggested policies and structure.

In early 2008, Hingham signed on as a member of ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability and became a member of their flagship project "Cities for Climate Protection" (CCP). ICLEI's programs help communities assess and reduce climate changing emissions, and in doing so, help prioritize efforts at using less energy of all types: electricity, gasoline and diesel, natural gas and heating oil. And finding ways to reduce reliance on such fuels has direct and positive impact on the town's energy budget.

By signing on as a CCP, we committed to a 5 Milestone Process of assessing our energy consumption patterns community-wide:

1. Conduct a baseline emissions inventory and forecast
2. Set an emissions target
3. Develop an action plan to meet the target
4. Implement actions in the plan
5. Monitor and verify emissions reduction progress

In early Fall '08, Hingham completed step 1, completing our emissions inventory. The results of the inventory show that fuel consumption (and attendant GHG emissions) from the municipal sector are miniscule (less than 4%) compared to residential and commercial activity. While our Plan will include strategies for lowering fuel consumption for municipal operations, a true and significant reduction in community-wide emissions can only be achieved by concerted and considered efforts on the part of our residents and businesses.

Our next step is to set the reduction target so we can complete the Climate Action Plan. The Plan will include education and outreach

initiatives which the committee anticipates will need experts in marketing and communications to help develop. Any interested individuals are welcome to contact us through [energy@hingham-ma.com](mailto:energy@hingham-ma.com)

Energy Action Committee:

Jeff Born

Otto Harling

Pam Harty

Russell Heissner

Brian Phillips

Victor Popp

John Tzimirangas, General Manager, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

David Killory, School Business Director ex-officio

Ted Alexiades, Finance Director ex-officio

## **Fourth of July Parade Committee**

It is the responsibility and pleasure of the July 4th Parade Committee to plan, organize and raise funds for the annual Independence Day Parade as well as the Band Concert by The Satuit Band at the Harbor. The members of the parade committee begin planning in January. Many community organizations participate as walking units or floats that many have spent months designing and creating hoping to win Best of the Parade.

Since the beginning of the nineties, the committee has raised the funds necessary to hire the bands, the reenactment marching units and the band concert. The major fundraisers are the golf tournament held at South Shore Country Club sponsored by AW Perry, Talbots and Eastern Bank to name a few, along with the sale of our buttons with the assistance of the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club. Donations are always welcome from local businesses and individual citizens!

In keeping with tradition that dates back more than 150 years, the 2008 Hingham Fourth of July Parade was the "best ever" according to many spectators lining the parade route. Local attorney George Ford made his debut as "Uncle Sam" taking over from Dr. Al Carpenter (after many, many years of service), leading the parade with Ginny Gray of Hingham/Hull Rotary riding close behind, in her powder blue convertible.

The 2008 parade theme was "Hingham Celebrates Learning"; that honored the many local schools, learning centers, and the overall value Hingham places on learning. Dr. Dorothy Galo, superintendent of Hingham Public Schools was very appropriately named Grand Marshal. Dr. Galo was born and raised in Hingham and celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> year in education this year. We want to thank Fred Shaw of Shaw Saab for graciously donating and driving the car that the Grand Marshal rides in every year.

Each year the fifth grade classes from Hingham's three elementary schools compete for the best illustration representing the year's parade theme. For 2008 the winning design was drawn by Brianne Pungitore of Foster School; her drawing of a float with the Library, The Community Center, and a school perfectly reflected the theme! The winning image is made into our fundraiser buttons, which are sold at various local events and businesses, and by members of the Hingham/Hull Rotary club the day of the parade.

This year's music was outstanding and included more than 13 bands including: The Boston Crusaders Senior Drum & Bugle Corp., The Satuit Band, The Roma Band, and St. Alfios Band just to name a few. There were approximately 16 floats from local organizations and residents, marching groups representing town youth and high school athletic teams as well as everyone's favorite, the Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band!

This year the Hingham High Girls Hockey 2008 State Champions participated as proud Hinghamites shouted congratulations. The Hingham High Boys Hockey Team and Alumni marched in memory of long time Hingham High Boy's Hockey Coach, Garrett Reagan, who passed away suddenly in June 2008. It was a very touching tribute that allowed the community of Hingham to celebrate the spirit and life of Coach Reagan.

The Hingham Militia and the Red Coats were just a few of the highlights of our reenactment groups from the civil and revolutionary wars. The antique and classic cars as well as ponies and horses rounded out the parade participants. There were nearly 9,000 spectators lining the parade route enjoying the event.

The annual Stars and Stripes Golf Tournament was a success again this year, although both fiscal support and participation was down as more people felt the slowing economy. Many thanks go to our major sponsor, A.W. Perry, and Gold Sponsors Talbot's & Eastern Bank.

We are very thankful for the support of ALL of our sponsors and golfers. Their support allows us to hire the bands and marching units that everyone enjoys. A complete listing of our Sponsors is available on our website [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov) under committees.

The parade committee greatly appreciates the support given by the residents and the many Town Departments. In particular we would like to thank Lt. Glenn Olsson of the Hingham Police Department for being our liaison, the entire Police and Fire Departments, Joe Stigliani, former Superintendent of the DPW, and the entire Department of Public Works who work so diligently to make sure everything is set up and cleaned up before and after the parade. Also, Dr. Dorothy Galo, Superintendent of Hingham Public Schools and the 5th grade Art Teachers for helping with the button design every year, and Aquarian Water Company for providing water to parade participants.

Special thanks to Charlie Cristello, former Town Administrator, for his many years of continued strong support. We wish him well in his new position with the Town of Middleboro. We appreciate the continued support and guidance of the Selectman and their administrative assistants, Betty Foley, Betty Tower and Marilyn Harrington. Sue Nickerson and Jan Jacobson of the Town Accountants office, you are awesome. The Committee is most appreciative of your efforts. The committee would also like to thank Mary Ford, Editor and Carol Britton Meyer, Reporter for *The Hingham Journal* for their ongoing support, and publicity.

- If you would like to be a part of the committee or participate in the parade or golf tournament please contact Mary Ann Blackmur 781-603-7864 or [mblackmur@comcast.net](mailto:mblackmur@comcast.net). Visit our web page for more info @ [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov)

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Cynthia Tonucci  
Doris McCann  
Wendy Lorensen Wilson  
Lewis Scotton

Mary Power  
William Ramsey  
James Drew  
Susan Drew  
Jim Murphy  
Nancy MacDonald  
Kristen Dunlap-Maxwell  
Margaret Costello

## **Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall**

The Grand Army Of The Republic (G.A.R.) Edward Humphrey Post 104, Hingham, was organized on August 5, 1869. Its purpose was "To promote Loyalty, Fidelity, and Charity" among The Civil War veterans of the town.

On May 7, 1887, Post 104 purchased land on the corner of Main and Pond Streets where a hall was to be built. Funds were obtained through fairs and contributions, and the building was completed in 1888 for the sum of \$5,500. Through the ensuing decades the Hall was used by various veterans' organizations including the G.A.R. With the decline in its membership over the years, and the foreseeable end of the G.A.R., the Edwin Humphrey Post turned the hall over to the Town of Hingham. The gift of the hall and the specific conditions related to the use of the Hall were accepted at the Annual Town Meeting in 1944.

From 1944 until the present, the G.A.R. Hall has been the home to The American Legion, Edwin Ball Cole Post 120, and The Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 6053. In addition, the Hall has been used to host Veterans' Affairs meetings of local and state organizations and political representatives. Regional meetings have been held in the Hall by The Disabled American Veterans. The Hall has also been used for family support activities for Hingham soldiers and their units, previously and currently, on deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Just recently the Hall has provided space to accommodate the Hingham Militia. Presently plans are being made with Hingham's 375<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Committee to include the G.A.R. Hall in the celebrations related to the Civil War and Victorian periods.

Under the management of the three appointed Trustees, and in keeping with the purposes of the original gift deeded to the town, the G.A.R. Hall is a fitting setting to honor all Hingham veterans, past and present, and to keep alive the history of Hingham's military service, contributions, and sacrifices.

### Trustees of The Grand Army of The Republic Memorial Hall

Keith Jermyn (Presently serving on Active Duty.)

Steve Kelsch

Scott McMillan

Art Smith (Acting Trustee until Keith Jermyn returns from Active Duty.)

## Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund

At the 1915 Annual Town Meeting, the Town accepted a bequest of Ada B. W. Bacon of \$15,000 in memory of her mother. The Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund would be held by the Treasurer and invested. The income of the funds would then be paid over by the Treasurer to a committee of three persons who reside in South Hingham that are elected by Town Meeting for a three-year term; for distribution.

Due to a year of reorganization, no funds were distributed in 2008. The election of Lou Belknap to the Committee now enables a distribution to be made in 2009.

Becky Weston  
Tereza Prime  
Lou Belknap



Timetable – Boston & Hingham Steamboat Co.

## Harbor Development Committee

From its start as the Dredging Committee in 1957, the seven-person Harbor Development Committee advises the Selectmen on environmental protection, public access, use of the resource, and improved channels of communication among all waterways interests.

The Master Plan for Hingham Harbor was published in 2007, with a coordinated set of recommendations for enhancement, acquisition and improvements to the land-based facilities. Copies are maintained at Town Hall and are available on the Town website. Individual projects, such as a Harbor Walking Path or real estate acquisition are evaluated for funding on a case-by-case basis. The committee continues to seek public input and comment through monthly meetings, participation in forums and outreach to other town organizations.

We recognize that there are multiple stakeholders on the waterfront and the waterways, and the process of individual committees addressing different elements of the same issue can result in long time lines and slow progress. We have addressed this with a subgroup of representatives from Harbor Development, Planning Committee, Industrial Development and Bathing Beach... and hope to add others as helpful. With administrative support from the Town Planner, we are optimistic that we can develop a plan that is acceptable to all parties.

Dredging of the inner harbor has become a higher priority as the silt and mud fill in the navigable channel (12 years since last dredging). Environmental testing and sampling, along with detailed mapping are complete for a planned October 2009 start, with the Request for Proposal anticipated early July 2009. The state provides 75% of the funding, with the remainder from the Town's collection of boat excise taxes. The just-approved increase in mooring fees (from \$2 to \$7 per foot) is designated to assure Town funds for its share of the costs. In future years, we hope to move to lower-cost maintenance dredging.

Our Town launch ramp and adjacent parking are open to residents and non-residents, and the State handles ramp maintenance in exchange for all-access. The state plans to add boat tie-up floats along the eastern edge of the ramp; this will allow safer (and drier) launching and retrieval operations.

Whitney Wharf Park was dedicated in 2004 and provides a stone pathway, marine-sensitive plantings, comfortable benches and an

unparalleled view of Hingham Harbor. Two items continue to receive attention; the perimeter fence was not installed to specification, is rusting and has been the focus of litigation discussions; and a planned pedestrian bridge to avoid the dangerous Route 3A constriction was never installed.

Our committee has been working with the Conservation Committee to recommend town adoption of a Dock and Pier policy that recognizes environmental issues, channel navigation and public access of the waterways.

We are sensitive to the current budget and financial constraints, and the need to find revenue-producing mechanisms to fund continued development of the harbor. Public access, safe use, concern for the environment and enjoyment of the waterfront are primary goals. Hingham Harbor is a unique and precious resource, integral to the culture of the Town. We look forward to preserving and enhancing the waterfront for residents and visitors for years to come.

Nick Amdur, Chairman	Alan Perrault
Chris Daley, Secretary	Adrienne Ramsey
David Beal	Warren Nottleson
Robert Mosher	John Souther, Harbormaster, ex-officio
Alan Perrault	
Adrienne Ramsey	
Warren Nottleson	
John Souther (Harbormaster) ex-officio	



An early Fall morning at the Harbor

## Board of Health

The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of 4 full time employees (Executive Health Officer, Administrative Secretary, Public Health Nurse and Health Agent) and two part time employees (Health Clerk and a Food Inspector).

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

The Board spent much of the year updating their Tobacco Regulations. The main thrust of the changes was to prohibit smoking on the Town's athletic fields to set an example to the youth in the Town that smoking is not a habit you want to pick up.

New construction in Town has taken a downswing as a result of the nation's dragging economy. Some of the bigger projects such as Linden Pond's and the Shipyard are cautiously moving forward with their construction plans.

The Board had the opportunity to sit down with the Aquarion Water Company and review with them their Public Water Supply Preparedness Plan aimed at protecting Hingham's water supply from natural and man made disasters.

Permits issued in 2007 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Day Care Centers.....	13	Food Establishment.	139
Retail Food.....	60	Store Milk .....	111
Catering.....	2	Frozen Desserts.....	19
Residential F.S.....	7	Mobile Food Service....	12
Milk Vehicle.....	2	Septage Haulers .....	44
Rubbish Haulers .....	18	Septic Installers.....	42
Tanning Salons.....	3	Funeral Directors .....	2

Semi-Public Pools .....	11	Pool Constr.Permits ..	13
Trailer Parks.....	1	Day Camps .....	11
Septic Permits .....	96	Variance Appl. ....	33
Building Permits.....	255	Treatment Plant .....	210
Massage Business.....	11	Tobacco Sales .....	25
Massage Practice .....	14	Private Well Permits..	18
Soil Evaluations. ....	51	Farmers Market.....	13

Peter Bickford, Chairman  
Stephan White, Member  
Kirk Shilts, D.C., Member



Civil Defense Headquarters, 1944,  
Town Office Building, 14 Main Street

## Historic Districts Commission

Hingham is fortunate to have a history of preservation. Because of the efforts of many who have valued the historical importance, the architecture, and the interior features of the Town's residences and public and private buildings, Hingham remains one of the few towns in the country whose structures span four centuries. Residents voiced their support for preserving the Town's heritage at 2008 Town Meeting by voting overwhelmingly to extend the Hingham Centre Local Historic District. Thanks to the efforts of the Historic Districts Commission and the District Extension Task Force, properties on Leavitt, Spring, Pleasant and School Streets are protected under the Historic Districts Commission By-Law.

The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for determining the appropriateness of work proposed on properties located in an historic district. Enabled by the passage in the 1960's of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act, and subsequently created in Hingham by Town Meeting, the Historic Districts Commission is responsible for preserving and protecting the residences and buildings located within Hingham's six local historic districts. Hingham is one of over 100 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that has established one or more local historic districts in order to preserve the historic character and architecturally distinctive features of significant properties.

Each year the Commission or the Administrator reviews hundreds of applications from property owners seeking approval for exterior work on properties in historic districts. Most applications seek approval for maintenance or repair, which the Administrator reviews and approves immediately. Commission members work with 80-100 property owners annually through the public hearing process to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of individual structures and surrounding streetscapes. Guidelines from the United States Secretary of the Interior set forth the criteria the Commission must use to determine the appropriateness of proposed work in historic districts. The *Historic Districts Handbook* further defines the guidelines for exterior work on properties located in a district, and it can be obtained online or from the Historical Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts

By-Law requires that the Commission include an architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, and a resident from an historic district. The knowledge and expertise of Districts Commission members in the areas of building and landscape architecture, architectural history, and history of the town have proved invaluable to the owners of historic properties. The public is always welcome to attend Commission hearings held at the Town Hall on Thursday evenings as scheduled. The Commission Office, on the second floor of the Town Hall, is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

The Commission appreciates the continued support of the Building Department and the Selectmen's Office; and the cooperation of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, other town offices and the public. The Commission also thanks the Historical Commission for its fiscal support of funds to cover the general operating expenses, and the salary for the part-time staff who serve both Commissions. The Commission is particularly grateful for the service of Martha (Marty) Saunders, whose term expired in 2008. Marty is a portrait and landscape painter, and an historical artist. Her training in and knowledge of New England's architectural styles, historic paint colors, historic landscape design and native plantings made her an exceptional resource for many years.

#### **HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**

Chuck Clutz	Arthur Choo, Jr.
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Nancy MacKay	Elaine Marcell
John McCoy	Bill Tuite
Susan Berry	Ben Wilcox, Vice-Chair

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Andrea Young, Administrator  
Leah Godfrey

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Sarah Dewey	Noel Ripley, Jr.
Elizabeth Eldredge	Beth Rockoff
Alexander Macmillan	Michael Shilhan
Bill McCullough	Gary Tondorf-Dick
Geoff McCullough	Arlyn Vogelmann

## Hingham Historical Commission

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, including the homes, churches and other non-residential structures, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal. The Inventory is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.gov/historical/inventory.html>.

By virtue of its demonstrated level of expertise, The Historical Commission has been designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of the Interior.

The Hingham Historical Commission administers the *Preservation Projects Fund*, which it established, pursuant to statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving the historic character of the town. Grants, private contributions, and receipts from the sale of the books on Hingham's history - [Not All Is Changed](#) and [When I Think of Hingham](#) - provide the income for this fund.

Through the Preservation Projects Fund, the Commission has contributed to the town's preservation efforts in various ways; exploring measures to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, supporting the cataloguing of archival materials, making information on the historical and architectural assets of the town available to the public, and publishing the aforementioned histories and our *Historic Districts Handbook* are notable examples. Monies within this fund have been specifically set aside or contributed to help maintain such assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, the Governor Andrew statue, historical town markers, and the Iron Horse, "Victory", at Hingham Harbor.

In addition, the Commission now administers a special trust fund, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation of, and improvement to, historical assets adjacent to the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and occasionally proposes, projects to preserve the history and character of the town. The Commission recently established an Institutional Preservation Grants Program, within the Preservation Projects Fund, utilizing CPC and other grants to aid in the restoration and rehabilitation of historically significant buildings or structures.

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, designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Local Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners and developers to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

The Historical Commission meets monthly at Hingham Town Hall. The Commission's office is on the second floor and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Alexander Macmillan, Chair  
Sarah Dewey, Vice-Chair  
Will Ertman  
Noel Ripley, Jr.  
Beth Rockoff  
Virginia Tay  
Arlyn Vogelmann

Andrea Young, Administrator  
Leah Godfrey

## Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

The Committee is pleased to report that recycling by Hingham Town residents has increased and thus the amount of trash which the town must pay to have disposed of has decreased over 2008. For the first time, more than 54% of the waste (by weight) brought to the Transfer and Recycling Station was recycled and 45% was disposed of as household rubbish! This includes all of the Demolition and Bulky waste taken to the Bourne facility which now sorts and recycles all materials brought there. In 2008, only 7,017 tons of waste was taken to SEMASS Waste to Energy incineration facility compared to 7, 229 tons in 2007.

The Transfer and Recycling Station has experienced significant improvements over the year as the new configuration of recycling areas was completed, new signs to better inform residents where each type of material can be recycled were installed, and a map of the recycling areas at the Station was added to the DPW website.

In the service of continuing to educate and enforce compliance with the Massachusetts and Hingham regulations regarding recycling, a total of 220 citations were issued to residents in 2008 for failing to recycle materials that must be recycled.

The later part of 2008 brought a marked downturn in the commodities market for recyclable materials. However, due to contracts already in place with recycling vendors, Hingham enjoys receiving a higher rate per ton for all recycled paper than current market rates and continues to receive some revenue for corrugated cardboard. Other recyclable materials continue to be picked up and processed for significantly lower rates than the rates for transporting and disposing of waste through the Town's contract with SEMASS. Thus, we remind Hingham residents that in this time of fiscal constraint, it remains most cost effective to sort and recycle all mandated materials. Every ton of waste that is recycled saves the Town over \$100 (the cost of transporting and burning waste), in addition to the energy saved and the reduction of CO2 emissions that occur from recycling materials.

To update residents on the status of the DEP mandated project to cap the second half of Hingham's former landfill: The project is still scheduled to begin in 2009. Hingham's DPW has made arrangements to move the compostable yard waste and brush/logs area to an adjacent

property during the project, thus allowing continued composting during the months of the project. Note: During the capping project, times for bringing yard waste for composting will temporarily be changed as will the overall configuration of recycling areas at the Transfer station itself. Look for information on the DPW website and on signs at the Transfer Station.

The Committee explored Pay as You Throw (PAYT) waste disposal systems with consultants from Mass D.E.P. At this time, Hingham's recycling rate is high enough that such a system would not likely result in a sufficiently large increase in recycling to offset expenses of such a change. The Committee opted to continue to educate Hingham residents about the cost issues involved in waste disposal and financial benefits of recycling.

The Hingham Schools continue to steadily increase their recycling rates and types of materials that are being recycled. All schools now have programs in place to collect for recycling: paper, corrugated cardboard, plastic containers, metal containers, fluorescent tubes and ballasts, and ink and toner cartridges.

DPW helped the Hingham Library get recycling bins for paper and mixed beverage containers both inside and outside the Library.

The Committee organized a campaign to approach sports groups who use the Town's facilities (gyms and fields) to raise funds to purchase recycling bins for these areas. Nineteen bins were purchased with funds donated by sports groups, school PTOs, and individuals. The Committee sincerely thanks all donors and hopes that all town residents will use the recycling bins located at the fields, gyms, beach and downtown areas. to recycle mixed plastic, metal, and glass beverage containers.

In 2009, the Committee plans to focus on increasing communication and education to the wide range of Hingham residents about the cost savings for the town in continuing to increase our recycling rate and thus decreasing the amount the Town needs to pay for disposal of waste. We also hope to increase information about cost effectiveness of finding ways to minimize waste (re-usable bags, re-usable water bottles, buying locally to reduce packaging, etc.). We invite town residents who have ideas or information to share with us to contact us by coming to our monthly meetings or emailing us at: [recycling@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:recycling@hingham-ma.gov).

Brenda Black  
Joseph Bottone  
Pat Durkin  
Marianne MacDonald  
David White

Cheryl Bierwirth  
Andrea Dewire  
Mark Hallal  
Peter Stathopoulos

Ex-officio Member: Randy Sylvester, Interim Superintendent, DPW

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## **Metropolitan Area Planning Council**

Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes inter-local cooperation and advocates for smart growth by working closely with cities and towns, state and federal agencies, non-profit institutions, and community-based organizations in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. MAPC strives to provide leadership on emerging issues of regional significance by conducting research, building coalitions, advocating for public policies, and acting as a regional forum for action.

MAPC provides technical assistance and specialized services in land use planning, water resources management, transportation, housing, resource protection, economic development, public safety, geographic information systems (GIS), collective purchasing, data analysis and research, legislative and regulatory policy, and the facilitation and support of inter-local partnerships. More information is available at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org).

MAPC is governed by 101 municipal government appointees, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 13 appointees of state and City of Boston agencies. An Executive Committee comprising 25 elected members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

### **South Shore Coalition (SSC)**

Braintree, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth

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The South Shore Coalition comprises representatives or appointees from the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen or City Council from each of the member municipalities. The Coalition is staffed by MAPC and the Chairman is Holbrook Town Administrator Michael Yunits. The Coalition

meets monthly to discuss issues of mutual interest and to learn about MAPC activities and products.

The year 2008 began with a highly successful South Shore Forum in January, on the topic of New Parking Strategies for Town and Village Centers. Over 60 residents and municipal officials attended the forum to hear from parking experts and to discuss application of innovative parking concepts on the South Shore. Since the forum, many cities and towns in the subregion have conducted studies or revised their development controls to try out new concepts.

At subsequent meetings in 2008, participants discussed a variety of topics, including the Patrick Administration's Zoning Reform proposals; best practices for streamlined permitting; the regional Suburban Mobility Program; transportation funding priorities; and recommendations for MetroFuture, MAPC's long-range regional plan. Coalition staff also provided occasional technical assistance to city and town planners and facilitated the preparation and submittal of two letters of interest for the region's Suburban Mobility program.

### **Advancing Smart Growth**

MAPC is directed by statute to adopt, from time to time, a comprehensive regional plan. Our current plan, **MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region**, was adopted by the Council on December 2, 2008. This initiative, which has engaged over 5,000 individual and organizations throughout the region, will guide Metro Boston's growth and development, as well as the preservation of critical resources, through the year 2030. At the December 2 meeting, Council members and MetroFuture friends and supporters voted to move the project from planning into advocacy and action, and participants helped to set priorities among a series of implementation strategies designed to move MetroFuture into this dynamic next stage. MetroFuture is uniting the efforts of MAPC, partner organizations, and the thousands of "plan-builders" in an effort to alter regional priorities and growth patterns consistent with the new plan.

As a member of the **Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance**, MAPC helped to form the Transportation Investment Coalition last year. This year, the group of business, environmental, public interest, and planning organizations changed its name to **Our Transportation Future**, and has actively advocated for savings, efficiencies, and new revenues to address the state transportation finance deficit.

MAPC has continued its participation on a zoning reform task force chaired by Undersecretary for Economic Development Gregory Bialecki. The "**Land Use Partnership Act**," developed through the task force, would establish a framework for municipalities to designate growth and preservation areas, and to develop consistency between master plans and zoning. The bill would significantly modernize the state's outdated zoning and subdivision laws, providing a menu of reforms to all municipalities, and additional relief to those who choose to opt into the bill's planning and smart growth requirements. Passing legislation to reform zoning and planning in the Commonwealth will remain a key area of focus at MAPC throughout 2009.

### **Collaboration for Excellence in Local Government**

Subregional councils continued to communicate with MAPC's eight regions and to gather citizen input this year. Most of the subregional coordinators hosted legislative breakfasts this year, where participants could prioritize legislative goals and ideas with their delegation.

Through its Metro Mayors Coalition, MAPC helped 21 communities secure more than \$2 million in **Shannon Grant funding** over the past three years to implement multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary strategies to combat youth violence, gang violence, and substance abuse. Our North Shore Coalition has grown and flourished during 2008, working on issues as diverse as transportation planning, anti-gang programs, and consolidation of services.

### **Collaboration for Public Safety**

MAPC performs fiduciary, planning, and project management duties for the **Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council** (NERAC), a network of 85 cities and towns north and west of Boston. In 2008, MAPC helped to develop evacuation and sheltering plan templates across the region, and created three regional caches of emergency response equipment that can be loaned out to municipalities for drill exercises or emergencies.

MAPC completed **Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans** for 46 cities and towns this year, on top of the 29 plans already completed in recent years. Each plan recommends strategies to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters *before* they occur, along with a GIS map series depicting areas subject to various natural hazards.

## **Collaboration for Municipal Savings**

MAPC's **Regional Services Consortia** administered procurements for more than 50 cities and towns, saving communities up to 20% on purchases such as office supplies, paving services, and road maintenance. In 2008, MAPC performed multiple procurements for five consortia: North Shore, South Shore, Metrowest, Northwest and Merrimack Valley (the last in collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission). MAPC also entered the vehicle fuels market in 2008, procuring a contract for several South Shore towns.

## **Reliable Data, Available to All**

MAPC, along with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation, continued this year to provide municipalities with [Pictometry Oblique Aerial Imagery Technology](#) free of charge to cities and towns. The [Pictometry Oblique Aerial Imagery Technology](#) allows users to display features such as buildings, land areas and hydrology, which may be viewed from several directions and at different scales.

In April 2008, Pictometry International once again conducted a flyover of the entire state that provides five-way aerial imagery for all public sector agencies statewide. The five-way imagery consists of four oblique views (north, south, east and west) and one straight down view that may be viewed through Pictometry's Electronic Field Study software version 2.7, which is also available at no cost to municipalities.

MAPC also continued expanding the MetroBostonDataCommon.org Web site, which provides on-line mapping and chart-generating tools for users. This year, the Massachusetts School Building Authority contracted with MAPC for analysis and consulting services, including analysis of the impact of new schools on enrollment patterns. The Data Center also began distributing a monthly e-mail newsletter highlighting new datasets and resources for constituents.

MAPC's data center is partnering with the Donahue Institute at the University of Massachusetts to encourage more accurate counts on the **2010 Federal Census**. MAPC is helping municipalities prepare for the Census in many ways, including advocating for the formation of Complete Count Committees that can target hard-to-count population groups such as recent immigrants and renters in each city and town.

## Getting Around the Region

MAPC continued its popular **Regional Bike Parking Program**, negotiating discount group purchasing contracts with three leading vendors of bicycle parking equipment. This allows MAPC communities, the MBTA, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to purchase discounted equipment. The Boston Region MPO, the Executive Office of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration have provided generous funding to support 100% reimbursement of the cost of eligible bike parking equipment bought through this program. Communities around the region have used the program to put new racks at schools, libraries, parks, and shopping areas. A total of 788 racks holding 2472 bicycles have been installed at 25 communities throughout the region.

MAPC continued its work on the **Regional Pedestrian Plan**, administering a survey this year to nearly 2,000 people. The plan will identify policies to make walking more convenient, safe and practical.

## On Beacon Hill

- **Municipal Health Insurance:**  
MAPC continued encouraging municipalities to join the **Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission (GIC)**, which can help communities save millions of dollars each year by taking advantage of lower insurance rates available through the GIC. To date, 27 municipalities have joined the GIC.
- **Shannon Community Safety Initiative:**  
Over the last three years, MAPC's advocacy and grant development services have helped more than two dozen communities to secure funding for interdisciplinary programs that focus on youth violence, drugs, and enforcement against gangs. The program was funded at \$13 million in Fiscal 2009.
- **Statewide Population Estimates Program:**  
A \$600,000 line item in the 2008 budget provided the State Estimates Program with more resources to prepare for the 2010 Census. This program will help correct the deficiencies of recent population estimates and to prevent similar deficiencies from occurring in 2010. Conservative estimates suggest Massachusetts stands to gain between \$2.5 million and \$5 million per year in federal funding, or between \$7.5 million and

\$15 million between 2007 and the 2010 Census as a direct result of the program's efforts.

- **Surplus Land:**  
MAPC continues to advocate for passage of a new policy on the disposition of surplus state land. Specifically, we continue to build support for our proposal that encourages smart growth development on surplus land while giving municipalities a meaningful role in the disposition process, a discounted right of first refusal, and financial participation in the proceeds.
- **Community Preservation Act:**  
CPA has been very popular throughout the region, but recently the state matching fund has declined precipitously. Legislation filed by Senator Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) and Representative Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) would secure adequate funding over the long term for the state's CPA matching fund, and encourage even more communities to join.
- **District Local Technical Assistance**  
The planning assistance offered through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund (DLTA) was funded at \$2 million for Fiscal 2009. It enables the state's 13 Regional Planning Agencies, including MAPC, to provide municipalities with technical assistance in two key areas: achieving smart growth land use objectives, and consolidating procurement, services and planning across city and town lines.

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## Hingham Memorial Bell Tower

On October 9, 2008 we had a visiting band from England to ring a three-hour peal. This peal was a full peal of bells consisting of some 5,000-plus changes, meaning that the sequence in which the 10 bells will be rung is not repeated as the ringing progresses through the three hours. We also had a visiting band that rang for about two hours. Hearing the bells is a very nice listening experience, especially as you walk through the Hingham Cemetery. We also were invited to ring for *Christmas in The Square*, which is a festive occasion.

The Committee is looking into having a specialist come from White Chapel in England to look at the bells with the possibility of having them re-hung.

Working as a team, we tackled the job of cleaning up the space underneath the bells. It was a Saturday well spent – tiring but rewarding.

Two new ringers from out of town are joining us as well as one new local resident.

The Bell Tower committee members would like to extend a welcome to all visitors and especially encourage potential ringers. We ring on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please join us on a Tuesday evening.

Kenneth W. Drescher  
Pete Shaw  
Michael Shilhan  
Betty Shaw  
Joan R. Getto  
Nancy Stimson  
John McKendry  
Justine Thurston  
Shirley Newsom  
Dorcas Wagner

## Open Space Acquisition Committee

The Open Space Acquisition Committee, established by Article 15 of the 1997 Town Meeting, is comprised of five members, three appointed by the Conservation Commission and one each by the Planning Board and the Selectmen. With assistance from Conservation Officer, Cliff Prentiss, the committee evaluates opportunities for the acquisition and protection of open space parcels against a number of criteria including whether the Town's acquisition of the parcel would (1) protect Hingham's water resources,(2) preserve important wildlife or vegetation habitat,(3) abut or link up existing conservation parcels, (4) provide public access for walking, biking or other passive recreation, (5) preserve or enhance distinctive streetscapes, or (6) help preserve Hingham's character. When appropriate, the Committee negotiates the terms and conditions for the Town's acquisition of the parcel for presentation to the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting. Since the Town's adoption of the Community Preservation Act in 2001, the Town's Community Preservation Fund, composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town property taxes and state matching grants, has the principal source of funding for the Town's acquisitions of open space.

The Committee was instrumental in the Town's acquisition of the 17.5 acre parcel known as "Schultz's field" behind the golf driving range on Union Street in 2003. We also were instrumental in acquiring approximately six acres of relatively rare open wetlands and emergent marshlands off Downer Avenue near Foster School in 2004. These wetlands eventually draw and feed from Hingham Harbor. In 2006 we assisted in the Town's acquisition of the house and 3.88 acre lot at the southern end of Scotland Street. The house is used by the Hingham Housing Authority for affordable housing, and the excess land has been added to the surrounding McKenna Marsh conservation land owned by the Town.

The Committee was disappointed with the 2007 Town Meeting's failure to approve its article, recommended by the Community Preservation Committee , for the Town 's acquisition of a four acre parcel behind 667 Main Street which borders the Crooked River Meadow. This parcel is valuable to the Weir River watershed and contains many species of wildlife. Should the Town have another opportunity to protect this land the committee urges the Town to purchase it.

In 2008, the Open Space Acquisition Committee and the Community Preservation Committee was able to present a 3.3 acre parcel of land on

Rockland Street abutting the Weir River salt marshes. One of the parcels is included in the Weir River Estuary Park Committee's Land Protection Plan. The Committee was pleased with the Town's adoption of this valuable parcel. Also in 2008 the Selectmen and the Community Preservation Committee worked with the Open Space Committee to acquire the Mobil Station property on the banks of Hingham Harbor. This valuable land will enhance the harbor area and eventually link to the downtown area.

As of the writing of this report, the Community Preservation Committee has under consideration three properties for the Town's consideration. The Historical Commission will sponsor one parcel as well.

The Committee is grateful to our former Chairman, John Davenport, who gave invaluable time and expertise to this Committee. Without him, the previous parcels might not have been pursued or purchased. We welcomed Jessica Foley to our committee in September, 2008.

Susan B. Berry, Chair  
Peter Rosen  
James Morris  
Michael Pollard  
Jessica Foley



Detention Pond constructed as part of the new DPW Complex/Fields Project, located in the Northwest section of the park, adjacent to the new ball fields.

## Plymouth County Mosquito Control

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2008.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County.

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 2008 season began dry with a low water table which increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 27, 2008 and ended on September 26, 2008. The Project responded to 14,346 requests for service from residents. In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we continued our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Carver on August 14, 2008. Of the season's total of thirteen EEE isolates, two were from Plymouth County as follows: Carver -8/14, Halifax-9/14.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, one Plymouth County town, Lakeville, was elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" of EEE Risk" effective Oct 4, 2008. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to report that in 2008 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of 6 birds tested positive for WNV in the following six towns: Halifax, Hingham, Scituate, Kingston, Whitman and Plymouth. Approximately fifteen birds were handled through this Project as a dead bird repository. A total of seven isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following

towns: Abington - 7/29, Brockton - 8/12, Kingston – 9/5, Mattapoisett – 8/7 and Whitman – 8/26, 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2008 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 59,047 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The remaining problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

The figures specific to the 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 Application.** 3,703 acres were treated 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 May and the last in September.

During the summer 3,491 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission. 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. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

**Water Management.** During 2008 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 5,650 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

**Machine Reclamation.** 1,520 linear feet of upland and saltmarsh ditch was reconstructed in Hingham using both of the Project's track driven excavators.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Hingham was less than two days with more than 631 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Hingham indicates that *Oc. cantator* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Ae. vexans* and *Cq. perturbans*.

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

Anthony Texeira  
Superintendent

## Public Library

2008 was a very successful year for the Hingham Public Library. Annual Reports are generally replete with statistics, and we would be remiss if we didn't share some of our Fiscal Year 08 figures with you.

Items loaned	430,350
Items loaned to non-residents	105,197
Interlibrary loans provided	70,215
Interlibrary loans received	42,712
Estimated visits	284,000
Registered borrowers-Total	14,331
Registered borrowers-Hingham	13,689
Research questions answered	5,348
Hours open	2,675
Sundays open	27
Meetings hosted [large meeting rooms]	362
Library-sponsored event attendance	7,175
Art shows	27
Displays and exhibits	18
Volunteers	81
Volunteer hours	4,114
Holdings	165,443
Annual acquisitions	16,564
Library website "hits"	1,107,456

The Reference Department responded to nearly 5,400 requests for information, close to a 10% increase over Fiscal Year 2007. The increase was especially notable during the second half of the year; demand for reference service grew steadily stronger as economic conditions grew worse. Many more patrons sought help with online job searching and applications, financial information, and resume creation. Reference staff represents the Library on a Town Documents and Artifacts Committee charged with working toward preservation and digitization of historical records. The Committee is undertaking its master planning efforts with a Community Preservation Act grant.

In addition to its traditional print resources, the Reference Department continued to add web-based resources, this year adding a science database, a subscription to Congressional Quarterly Research and the Value Line Investment Survey. Most of the Library's databases can be accessed from home as well as in the Library.

This department also is instrumental in promoting recreational reading and self-development through its Reader Advisory Services. Through one on one interaction with library patrons, the staff attempts to help patrons explore and expand their reading, viewing and listening interests. Reference also added a new dimension to its service by conducting "roving reference". Essentially the staff periodically leave their service desk on the second level of the Library to "rove" the Library in search of patrons needing reference or reader's advisory assistance. The underlying idea is to take the services to patrons and not to passively wait for them.

Adult programming in 2008 included ten "Evenings with the Author" offered in conjunction with Buttonwood Books of Cohasset; a three-part science environmental discussion series in collaboration with the Hingham School Department Science Department faculty; a "Favorite Poem" program; in-depth programs on the restoration and maintenance of older homes; a discussion of Massachusetts' casino gambling prospects. The library and the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution continued its public policy discussion group run under the aegis of the National Issues Forums. The Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI) at UMass-Boston provided two "brown bag" lectures in cooperation with HPL (one on finding happiness in retirement and another on the human brain). OLLI is considering additional offerings at HPL for 2009.

The Library's Audiovisual Department continued its popular series of independent films. This Department continues to grow and thrive, attracting a core of dedicated patrons from Hingham and throughout the South Shore. Today, approximately 15% of our 165,443 holdings are audiovisual materials. The "Sunday Sounds Special" series of classical guitar concerts has never had better attendance in its 11 year partnership between the Library and the Boston Classical Guitar Society. Typical audience sizes are now between 80 and 100 attendees per program.

The Children's and Young Adult Department serves young people from birth through approximately 14 years of age. It also offers numerous resources to parents, teachers, caregivers, and children's literature enthusiasts. The Children's Circulation Desk is staffed whenever the Library is open. During the summer, high school age youth may volunteer to assist with its summer reading program.

2008 was a fun-filled year in the Children's Department. A remarkable 4,937 children attended programs throughout the year. In addition to our always popular family programming, HPL's Junior Volunteer program for middle and high school students has doubled in size during the past two years. In 2008, program participants logged just under 300 hours of volunteer work in the Children's Department, an equivalent of 9 work weeks for a full-time employee. Volunteers assist with story times, straighten the collection, stamp cards, and perform other appropriate tasks as they arise. They are an integral, and enjoyable, part of our daily service delivery. Youth who are interested in summer volunteer opportunities may pick up an application beginning April, 2009.

Children's launched a very popular new videogame collection in January of 2008. Approximately 85% of our holdings are consistently checked out. The collection continues to grow and the demand for new titles continues to be very strong.

The Department's first summer art contest drew over 30 thoughtfully created, aesthetic entries; all with a jungle theme. Winners had their artwork reproduced on program materials that were distributed to the hundreds of children who signed up for our summer reading adventure. All entries were displayed in the Children's Department throughout the summer, as well as in an online gallery we created using a flickr.com account. We are now only shortly into 2009 and already enjoying the earliest submissions for our second annual art contest. This year's theme is outer-space. Watch for these "out of this world" creations landing at your favorite library in June.

This year's Summer Reading Program had 528 enrollees and event attendance of over 1,200.

Not all of the Library's achievements are as visible as those of our public service departments. The Cataloging Department, while understaffed, did its best to keep the flow of new materials moving to the shelves in a timely way. The Department continued to oversee the removal of outdated items from the collection and to maintain high standards for entering records in the Old Colony Library Network database. In the last calendar year, the Library added 16,564 volumes of books and audio-visual items to the collection. This included purchased titles and gift books. The Department also devoted considerable time to repairing and replacing damaged books.

The Library staff deserves commendation for its dedication to making the Hingham Public Library one of the Commonwealth's finest. Volunteers also gave 4,114 hours of service in support of the Library including the operation of a very successful used book store and home delivery. Without their help our Library would be greatly diminished. The Library's 80+ volunteers give HPL the annual full-time equivalent of 2.3 staff members.

On Sunday, January 13, 2008 the Trustees of the Hingham Public Library dedicated a sculpture created by internationally recognized artist and Hingham resident Susan Luery. The dedication ceremony took place at the main entrance of the Library. Hingham Town Moderator Thomas L. P. O'Donnell was the event's keynote speaker. The sculpture is a gift to the Library from Hingham residents Pat and Jim McAllen. The MacAllen family has a four-generation association with Hingham and the Library. The sculpture is dedicated to the memory of "Thelma and William MacAllen and their love of Hingham". The MacAllens selected the Hingham Public Library for their gift because they believe "the Library fosters a celebration and love of reading that can be shared by parents and their children throughout their lives". The sculpture, located to the immediate right of the main entrance, portrays a mother and daughter engaged in reading. The Library hopes to work with Susan Luery again in the near future to add a smaller, whimsical sculpture near the Children's Room entrance. The Library is currently looking for benefactors.

The Library's New Century Fund received gifts in the amount of \$44,766 from local donors in 2007/2008. These donations helped the library meet its State Aid to Libraries certification and insured the arrival of new books throughout the year. Board President Charles Abbott and Trustee Edna English organized and lead this successful annual fund drive. Donations large or small to the New Century Fund are always welcome. Library Business Office staff members Joan Allen and Elizabeth Welch have been instrumental in providing support to this important fund-raising effort. The 2008/2009 New Century Fund drive is underway at this writing.

In 2008 the Trustees undertook an additional fund-raising campaign through its innovative on-line auction organized and led by Trustee A. Stedman Murdy. Mr. Murdy and his Trustees Development Committee raised \$10,000 net of expenses.

HPL's achievements wouldn't be possible without the strong support of the entire community. Local taxpayers provide the lion's share of HPL's

funding. The balance of our funding comes from the Library's endowment, fees, donations and State Library Aid. Without all of these funding sources working together, it would be impossible to provide the extensive resources our community has come to value and expect. Thanks to all. Your generosity and on-going support is appreciated, particularly in this time of global economic difficulties.

In early 2008 repairs to the original Library's roof also were completed, giving cause for guarded optimism about extending this roof's useful life by six to seven years. The original Library building roof is 23 years old. The Whiton Meeting Room also was re-carpeted and painted. The North and South River Watershed Association installed an educational "rain garden" at the Library. The rain garden is used to capture rainwater runoff from the roof to nourish a bed of low maintenance plantings. The garden is located at the corner of the Whiton Meeting Room closest to the East Street access road.

Several notes of appreciation and recognition are in order. To Joan Newell for her dedicated service as our Volunteer Coordinator; to the Garden Club of Hingham for its time, effort and assistance with landscape maintenance and floral displays in the Library. To the North River Arts Society for providing approximately half of the Dolphin Gallery art shows. To Amy LeNormand for her years of dedicated service to our Children's Department and best wishes with her new position; to former Library Assistants Canice Thynne and Karen Tierney; to former Trustee Kathleen Norman and welcome to new Trustee Michael Barclay. Congratulations to Audio-Visual Librarian Isabel Bellenis for winning the Town's 2008 Productivity/Efficiency Award.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis R. Corcoran  
Library Director

## Hingham Public Schools

As of October 1, 2008, there were 3883 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 100 students over October 1, 2007. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 83 pre-school students in the integrated program, 55 out-of-district students (special education), and 2 vocational students.

A Special Town Meeting and a debt exclusion ballot vote in March 2008 funded the construction of a new elementary school on the former East School site. With approximately 40% reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the \$26.6 million dollar school will house 630 PK-5 students and is scheduled to open in September 2009. During Summer 2008, the School Building Committee also oversaw the Town-funded (\$700K) installation of five modular classrooms to relieve, temporarily, overcrowding at the Hingham Middle School and the first phase of similarly funded renovation projects at Foster and Plymouth River Schools in Summer 2008. In both elementary schools there were new corridor and cafeteria floors, some interior and exterior painting, installation of SMART boards, roof repair, additional lockers, and a new gym floor at Foster, and a new fire alarm system and office flooring at PRS. Phase two of this \$7 million project is scheduled for completion in Spring and Summer 2009.

The 2008 Town Election saw Christine Smith and Esther Healey re-elected to the School Committee. Christine Smith and Linda Hill were elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively in May 2008. Two new administrators joined the HPS team in Summer of 2008. Anthony Keady replaced Cheryl Edgar as Principal of South School. Margaret Conaty was appointed to succeed Bill Barges upon his retirement as Athletic Director.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2009 (school year 2008-2009) was approved in April 2008 at \$35,204,147, an increase of 4.96% over the prior year. A capital budget of \$481,890,250 included \$150,000 for technology upgrades and replacements, the purchase of a new student Information Management System (X2) and \$25,000 for needed furnishings and equipment. The remaining dollars were allocated to items such as carpet replacement, driveway reconfiguration, and ceiling fans at South, photocopier replacement, installation of front door security cameras at HMS, Foster, PRS, and South, exterior security cameras at the high school, and new garage doors at the depot. New initiatives in the operating budget for Fall 2008 included funding for the

final phase of the elementary mathematics adoption (Everyday Mathematics), a grade 5 science text adoption (Harcourt), grades 7 and 8, level three mathematics adoptions (Holt McDougal) and the first phase of a multi-year elementary music text adoption.

Spring 2008 MCAS test results released last fall again indicated that Hingham students continue to perform above state averages across the grade spectrum. The percentage of Hingham students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels increased in grade 3 math, grade 5 ELA, grade 6 ELA and math, grade 7 ELA and math, grade 8 science, and grade 10 ELA and math.

All five schools and the district met the 2008 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets issued by the DOE in ELA and math for the aggregate. The district, Hingham High School, and Foster School also met the AYP targets in ELA and math for subgroups. Plymouth River and South School did not make the AYP target for a subgroup in ELA or math and, as required by NCLB, have been designated as "schools in need of improvement." In 2008 Hingham Middle School did meet the school improvement target in math for a subgroup and will be removed from the "in need of improvement" designation if the target is met again in 2009.

Eighty-nine percent of grade 10 students passed the ELA, mathematics, and science MCAS, with 41% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 66% scoring at the advanced level in math. All members of the Class of 2008 passed both the ELA and math MCAS required for graduation and received a state certified high school diploma.

On May 31, 2008, 268 students graduated from Hingham High School. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2008 include: ten National Merit commended students, 56 Advanced Placement Scholars, and 30 members inducted into the National Honor Society. At the tenth annual Senior Awards Night, 230 members of the Class of 2008 were honored. More than \$270,000 in local scholarship money was awarded to these graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or a student's involvement in school organizations.

The New England Association of School and Colleges' Commission on Public Secondary Schools voted to award continued accreditation to Hingham High School in Spring 2008. This action follows the Commission's review of the report of the team that visited HHS in

October 2007. The faculty and staff at the high school have begun to address the recommendations of the visiting team.

Athletics remain an important part of the Hingham High School program. Approximately 71% (720 students) of all students participate in at least one interscholastic sport, and team records were impressive again in 2008 as 21 teams participated in MIAA post-season competition. The girls ice hockey team won the Division II State Championship in Spring 2008. The girls indoor track team finished its season as Division III champions, the boys hockey team qualified for the Super 8 Tournament for the fifth time in the last six years and won the prestigious James F. Mulloy Award for Sportsmanship. In a sad ending to that fine season, long time coach Garrett Reagan announced his retirement and subsequently passed away in June of 2008. Patriot League Championships in 2008 were won by the boys and girls indoor track teams (the third consecutive such honor for the boys), the boys tennis team, the boys spring track team (4<sup>th</sup> year in a row), the boys soccer team. As well, numerous individual students and coaches were honored for their participation, skills, and sportsmanship.

A total of 59 SMART boards have been installed in the district's five schools. Purchases were funded by the first phase of the Foster and PRS renovation projects (25) or, for HHS, HMS, and South School, through the Hingham Education Foundation (HEF) corporate "Get Smart" initiative (34). Extensive SMART board training sessions have been conducted at all five schools, including a variety of subject specific workshops that were funded by HEF.

With a student population of nearly 900 students, concerns about space and the need for facilities improvements continues at the middle school. The new modulars have added classroom capacity, but core space is also stretched and roof repair and replacement of window walls and original systems loom as large ticket items. A renewed "Statement of Interest" has been submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), but no response had been received by the time of this writing.

As part of the HMS AYP Improvement Plan, identified seventh and eighth grade students have been provided with a 50% increase in mathematics instructional time as of September 2008. Initial reports indicate significant improvement in student performance.

The "Ambassadors" Club is a popular new activity at HMS. With a goal of providing students in all three grades with enhanced opportunities for

community service and school connectedness, students have served as student guides for the parent open house and a School Committee meeting at the school, participated in the Anton Cleaners "Coats for Kids" program, cleaned up the school's nature trail, and created greeting cards and "care packages" for US troops stationed in Afghanistan.

The "Response to Intervention" (RTI) literacy initiative is in full swing at all three of Hingham's elementary schools at grades K-2. Data driven instruction using DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment information has proved effective in identifying and meeting the needs of at risk readers. The results of prescriptive intervention have been a reduced number of students identified as at risk or at some risk by the end of the school year.

In 2008, primary grades teachers have participated in Reading Academies, instructed by Sally Grimes. Everyday Mathematics workshops for classroom teachers at grades 4 and 5 have supported that text adoption. Staff at all levels have benefited from SMART board workshops and training in the implementation of the new X2 software.

Each of the three elementary schools is in the process of implementing school-wide behavioral response to intervention models. This approach includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to enhance a positive school environment.

During 2008, the Hingham Public Schools continued to move forward, with the support of parents, community groups, and civic organizations. Progress in realizing the district's stated mission, and the many other goals that are established annually by the administration, was again both visible and measurable in 2008. The School Department and the School Committee appreciate the level of community support that has marked another year of sound educational practice, demonstrated academic progress, improved facilities, and meaningful programs and activities for the youth of Hingham.

DOROTHY GALO  
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Christine Smith, Chair  
Linda Hill, Vice-Chair  
Barbara Cook, Secretary

Chrisanne Gregoire  
Steve Nagle  
Esther Healey  
Caryl Falvey

## Public Works Building Committee

The April 2002 Town Meeting established the Public Works Building Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee was authorized to plan, design and construct a Project on the Town owned property known as the School Depot Parcel and the Bare Cove Parcel. The Project involves the development of a new consolidated facility for the DPW and the development of four new athletic fields. 2008 was a very busy year for the Project. Construction got underway. The site was cleared and leveled. Contracts were issued for the construction of the New DPW Building, a new Cold Storage Building, a new Sand and Salt Building, construction of the Athletic Fields Complex, Installation of Sewer Lines and Utilities, sitework and paving. A tremendous amount of progress has occurred. The DPW Building is scheduled for occupancy in the Spring of 2009. The Sand & Salt Building and the Cold Storage Building have been completed. The construction of the Athletic Fields are expected to be completed in the Summer of 2009. The Project remains on budget. The Committee expects construction of the Project to be completed by the Summer of 2009. The construction of the Skatepark has been put on hold at the Selectmen's request due to the Town's current financial concerns.

Robert P. Garrity, Chairman  
John Bailey  
Robert Bucey  
Edward Colbert  
George Ullrich  
Brian McSweeney  
Karl Willner



New DPW Building Under Construction

## Recreation Commission

The Hingham Recreation Commission is a five member elected board. The Commission oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. The mission of the Recreation Commission is to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. The Recreation Commission's program offerings strive to assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Recreation Department is an integral part of the community with the Recreation Center attracting residents of all ages and interests. The Recreation Center and its' adjacent complex, located in Town Hall, is comprised of a gymnasium, game room, classrooms, and the Fitness Center. The outdoor facilities include a playground, hockey rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and soccer and baseball fields.

The Hingham Striders Fitness Room features top quality commercial-grade aerobic and weight training equipment. The aerobic equipment includes nine treadmills, six ellipticals, four stationary bikes, and two stair masters. The Fitness Room features a variety of weight training equipment including dumbbells and more than a dozen weight bearing strength machines. Babysitting is available to Fitness Room members Monday through Friday. Certified personal trainers are available for a fee of forty dollars per hour. The Strider's Fitness Room is conveniently located at the Town Hall. With an annual fee of \$125 and a semi annual fee of \$85 the Strider's Fitness room is known as the best deal in town.

The Hingham Recreation Department offers a wide range of activities for all ages and abilities. In 2008, an array of adult activities were offered to the public including CPR classes, first aid classes, canine training classes, spinning, yoga, cardio pump, zumba, body sculpting, 20/20/20, and boot camp fitness. The teens and elementary aged students had many program offerings including fencing, tennis, cheerleading, basketball fundamentals, all star sports, whiffle ball, field hockey, street hockey, lacrosse, adapted physical education, teen yoga, teen spinning, rock climbing, and off road biking. The Commission also focused on the pre-school aged children by offering mini sports, art programs, soccer, bowling, gymnastics, and dancing programs. The Commission provided residents with seasonal events including the Halloween costume party, Christmas in the square, and an Easter egg hunt.

July 4, 2008 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> continuous running of the Hingham Road Race. One of the region's oldest footraces, this premier event starts our Independence Day celebration, and is one of the town's finest traditions. Thanks to Hingham Striders, who cultivated this growing race and reshaped it into how we know it today. Through their entrepreneurial innovation, dedication to community, and sustainable fundraising legacy, race proceeds continue to generate seed money to subsidize quality, affordable programs, finance special events, purchase capital equipment for the Striders Fitness Room. Also, race proceeds have contributed to the Rec Center game room and office, field maintenance improvements, and provided Summer Program scholarships based on need, at no cost to the tax payer. The end use of some race proceeds also generate fee revenues, offset operational and overhead costs, and pay for services provided by the Recreation Department.

We are also appreciative of the timely research and publications provided by our Road Race Historian, Tom Belyea. Due to his efforts, the people of the town have reclaimed a full, rich, and complete history of victories and inspirations. Special thanks to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Road Race Committee, Chairman Bob Keyes, Commissioner Scott Bosworth, David and Jill Drohan, Stephen and Murnie Leary, Nancy White, Tory Dolan, and Mark Thorell. We appreciate the dedicated support from our Fire, Police, DPW, and the entire Recreation Department staff.

Recreation Commission

Frank Jones, Chairman  
Bob Keyes, Vice-Chair  
Scott Bosworth, Secretary  
Bob Keyes  
Tom Campbell

Director of Recreation

Mark Thorell

## Scholarship Fund Committee

The Scholarship Committee is charged to invest the assets of Hingham's scholarship fund. Scholarship fund assets for the year ending 2008 totaled \$2,378,003 compared to \$3,416,686 at year-end 2007, an overall decrease of 30.4%, which represents investment returns plus capital additions and withdrawals.

During 2008 market returns were negative for virtually every asset class, with the exception of U. S. Treasuries: The Standard and Poor's 500 index was down 37.4% for the year, The Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond index was up 5.24%, and three month U. S. Treasury Bills returned an average 1.44%.

Income from the fund provided scholarships to 172 students who graduated from Hingham High School in June 2008, totaling \$160,000 (In 2007, 184 students received awards totaling \$160,000). The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975 and in the intervening years a total of over \$1.7 million has been awarded to college bound Hingham High School students.

At the beginning of 2008, the fund was structured with about 69% of its assets in equity securities and about 31% in bonds and money market instruments. The fund's current asset mix is: 65% equity / 35% bonds and money market. The committee feels that a large proportional exposure to stocks is justified given the perpetual nature of the fund.

During 2008, the committee continued to implement the guidelines set forth in the Investment Policy Statement for the Scholarship Fund, which was formalized in 2005. Rebalancing transactions focused on maintaining the asset allocations as outlined in the Investment Policy Statement.

The fund received new contributions from citizens and friends of the Town of Hingham during the year of \$18,070. Two new scholarships were established during 2008: the John Higgins Scholarship and the Marie Meallo Memorial. The Committee welcomes continued contributions to the fund in whatever amounts, however, a minimum of \$2,500 is needed to establish a separately named scholarship. For contributions less than the minimum the Hingham Scholarship Memorial Fund has been established.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. It must be noted that the committee could not properly function without the efforts of the professional employees of the Town of Hingham; in particular Nancy Leahy of the Treasurer's office who handles the many administrative details involved with donations and distributions throughout the year.

Francis Gaul, Chairman  
Kurt Weisenbeck, Clerk  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer  
Thomas Hagstrom  
James MacAllen  
Roger Nastou  
Matthew Welch

## **2006 School Building Committee**

2008 began the physical implementation of the ten year school master plan for which the School Building Committee was created by Town Meeting in 2006. Following the considerable work done in 2007 to align with the requirements of the new state funding program established by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the work of the Committee in 2008 focused on beginning construction of a new 630 student elementary school on the site of the former East School as well as Phase I of capital improvements to Plymouth River and Foster Elementary Schools. Further design of long-term improvements to the Middle School was placed on hold until the MSBA is prepared to consider this project for reimbursement funding.

The challenge of the first several months of 2008 was balancing the need to initiate the logistics of the public construction process as necessary to complete the new school by September 2009 while not preempting approval of the project by either the MSBA or by town voters.

On February 1 the School Building Committee released the documents to formally open the public bidding process for the new school while – through collaboration with the School Building Committee, School Committee, Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen – a Special Town Meeting was scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> to consider two articles:

1. To appropriate \$26,565,000 for the construction of the new school contingent upon at least 40% of the cost to be reimbursed by the state, and
2. To appropriate \$7,000,000 for improvements to Plymouth River and Foster Elementary Schools along with an additional \$700,000 to purchase and install modular class rooms to address overcrowding at the Middle School. The projects in this second article were not eligible for state reimbursement.

With assistance from State Representative Garrett Bradley and State Senator Robert Hedlund, the Town received notification on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from the MSBA that the new Elementary School was approved for 40% reimbursement up to a maximum of \$10,370,000. Following approval of both articles by a voice vote at Town Meeting, the same articles were approved by voters in a Special Election held on March 8, 2008.

On March 28, CTA Construction was named as the General Contractor for the new school project and work through the spring focused on completing contractual arrangements for state reimbursement and to begin actual construction. The official groundbreaking ceremony took place on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 15 months prior to the scheduled opening.

The Committee also oversaw the further design, scope, timing, and bidding process for the improvements to Plymouth River and Foster Elementary Schools. In order to accommodate school occupancy and the impact of planned improvements, the Committee decided to approach this project in phases – with the first phase to occur in the summer of 2008. On May 20, Midland Construction Company was named the General Contractor for \$1.2 million in Phase I improvements that included major repairs or upgrades to flooring, safety systems, lockers, carpeting, classroom technology, Foster's roof and the entry drive to PRS. Phase I was substantially completed in time for the opening of school in September 2008 and was on budget.

During the summer, the School Department also installed five modular classrooms at the Hingham Middle School in order to provide emergency and temporary relief for the severe overcrowding in this building. The School Building Committee is eager to work with the MSBA under their new system to consider a more comprehensive and permanent solution to the space needs of our Middle School program.

Along with oversight of the progress of construction at the new elementary school, the final months of the year focused on completing

the scope of Phase II of the PRS/ Foster improvements. Due to complications in scheduling of certain components of the plan, initial bidding was higher than anticipated and the Committee rejected the initial round of construction bids in December. The Committee ended the year reconfiguring the scope of Phase II in order to simplify the construction schedule and adhere to the planned budget. Pending the results of final bids for Phase II and an assessment of the balance of funds, the Committee hopes to initiate a third phase that will incorporate all possible remaining items from the original scope of improvements to PRS and Foster.

As 2008 ended, construction of the new elementary school was more than 50% complete, well within budget and on schedule. The School Building Committee is happy to report that we are on track to deliver in September. 2009 the long-term solution to the overcrowding and facility needs of our elementary schools as envisioned by the 10 Year Master Plan.

Alan Macdonald, Chair  
Tim Collins, Vice Chair  
Steve Nagle, Secretary  
Samantha Anderson

Peter Bradley  
Sandra Cleary  
Stefan Voglemann

## South Shore Recycling Cooperative

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of sixteen South Shore towns established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998. It was established to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.** Representatives from each member town are appointed by the chief Elected Official(s).

Since its inception ten years ago, disposed tons of trash-per-household has dropped by nearly 25%, and the recycling rate for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans has risen from 16% to 22%.

In FY09, the SSRC raised its annual dues for the first time in ten years, from \$4,000 to \$4,500 per town. In 2008, the SSRC raised **\$72,000** through these fees, and **\$6,000** in outreach sponsorships from Covanta SEMASS. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit member towns. The SSRC estimates that in 2008 these activities **saved Member Towns at least \$151,000** (Not all figures are in at the time of publication. Highlighted numbers are from 2007).

### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

#### Household Hazardous Product Collections

The SSRC extended its contract for the collection and disposal of **household hazardous products** with **Clean Harbors**. By using the SSRC contract, Member Towns avoided a setup fee, paid about 12% less than the per-car State contract rates, **saving our towns about \$38,000**. They also avoided the administrative time to bid, schedule and publicize them.

**2,661 residents** attended the fifteen collections held in 2008. The contract also enabled **125 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

The SSRC advertised the events with several thousand **flyers** delivered to town halls and libraries, and ongoing press releases in all **local papers and cable TV**. The Executive Director helped run twelve of the collections, handed out relevant information, provided signs, calculated

the **proper billing** for the vendor to ensure that discounts and allowances were credited and visitors billed properly, and assisted with billing issues.

### **Construction and Bulky Waste**

Through an arrangement facilitated by the SSRC with the **Bourne ISWMF**, Member Towns enjoyed a disposal rate of \$75/ton for **construction and bulky waste**, which is **\$12.50/ton less than the gate fee**. With generation of **4,799 tons**, eight Member Towns saved **\$60,000**.

**Cohasset, Hanover, Kingston and Scituate** save on mattress recycling by using an SSRC arranged program with Miller Recycling in Plainville to store, transport and process mattresses for \$14/each. This saved the participating towns approximately **\$14,600** on the **2,091 mattresses** they collected.

### **Compost and Brush**

The SSRC extended the contracts with no pricing increases for **brush grinding and compost screening**, which had been awarded to Letourneau Corp. and Lion's Head Organics. The grinding contract was used by three of our towns for 9 days. Data on screening contract usage was unavailable.

### **Mercury Bearing Waste**

The SSRC helped its Member towns, even **Hull and Marshfield**, which don't contract with SEMASS for disposal, to maximize their benefits from the **Material Separation Plan (MSP)**, including the provision by SEMASS of digital thermometers and thermostats for exchange, reimbursement for mercury disposal costs, and a Universal Waste Shed for **Abington**.

### **Paper**

The SSRC has facilitated the siting of dozens of Abitibi Paper Retriever containers in all of our communities. In 2008, they captured an additional **1,013 tons** of paper from the waste stream, and returned over **\$6,000** to the municipalities and local organizations.

### **Textiles**

The SSRC introduced Bay State Textiles, which pays \$50/ton for used clothing and textiles, to the managers. 2008 figures are not yet available, but in 2007, eight towns recycled **280 tons** of material through them, for which they were paid **\$14,017**.

### **Books**

The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$100/ton for used books and other media, to SSRC members. 2008 figures are not yet available, but in 2007, thirteen SSRC towns set up twenty book collection sites through them, and repurposed 218.3 tons of material, earning \$19,421.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

##### **Mass Recycles Paper**

This statewide Campaign grew out of a 2006 SSRC pilot project. It is run by MassRecycle, and chaired by the SSRC Executive Director. The goal is to recover an additional million tons of paper each year from the Mass. trash. The Campaign has broad support from MassDEP, US EPA and the recycling industry.

Most of our towns, and half across the State, have signed the **Mass Recycles Paper resolution** and **receive supporting outreach materials**, including thousands of bill inserts. SSRC communities stand to gain about \$500K/year in avoided disposal cost and revenue from the sale of waste paper.

##### **Press Contacts**

The SSRC releases articles and is a resource to the local press about waste reduction, recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste. The following articles and op-eds were released to and published by the local and regional newspapers in 2008:

**Don't trash your recycling efforts** Dec. 19

**SSRC to host 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Shredabstractions"** November

**South Shore towns recycling more, wasting less** August 26

**Hull Re-joins the SSRC** August 13

**Al Gore commends SSRC efforts, Earth Day Celebration** April 17

**Legislators talk trash with Municipal Managers;** Rep. Hynes receives award April 1

**A real paper chase: Too good for the trash** Patriot Ledger, Jan. 31

##### **Resident Contacts**

The Executive Director fielded **129 calls and emails** from Member Towns' residents in CY08 to answer questions, mostly about hazardous and difficult to manage product disposal.

##### **Website**

[ssrc.info](http://ssrc.info) provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a quarterly newsletter, and links to other sites. It was overhauled this past fall, and logged 3,745 visitors in 2008.

### **Marshfield Fair Recycling**

With assistance from MassDEP and the Town of Marshfield, the SSRC supported **recycling** at **the Marshfield Fair** for the fifth year. While public education was the main benefit, seven tons of material was also recycled and composted.

**Recycling containers** from a previous grant were loaned out for use at Hanover Day, and are available for other area events.

### **ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.**

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with them, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

A sample of the assistance she provided and problems she helped solve in 2008 included:

- evaluation of **Covanta SEMASS'** extension proposal and alternatives for our four **Tier One** towns
- collaborating with Cape Cod communities on a **regional disposal contract** negotiation
- attendance at Board/ committee meetings in **Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Plymouth and Weymouth**
- evaluation of **electronics and scrap metal** processors' pricing and practices
- identifying and correcting errors on **Data Sheets** submitted to MassDEP
- collection, evaluation and sharing of **recycling and disposal cost and tonnage data**
- guidance on **PAYT bag** vendors
- research on outlets for expanded polystyrene for **Marshfield**
- sharing State Contract information on **bins and carts** upon request by **Plymouth and Scituate**
- provision of recycling stickers for barrels and bins
- delivery of free **rechargeable battery collection** boxes to municipal collection locations
- publicity for **Marshfield & Weymouth** recycling contests and

## **Abington's Universal Waste Shed**

- distribution of a ten page **directory of service providers**.

### **Paper pricing**

**The SSRC subscribes to *Official Board Markets*** on which most towns' paper rebates are based, calculates rebates that should be paid to the municipalities by their recyclers and updates the managers each month.

### **Quarterly Newsletter**

The SSRC publishes a quarterly newsletter filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The newsletter is circulated to over 350 town officials, legislators, regulators and volunteers, and is posted online at <http://ssrc.info/newsletters/newsletters.htm>.

### **Monthly Meetings**

The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended monthly meetings. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

### **ADVOCACY**

The Executive Director attends policy meetings, forums and conferences hosted by MassDEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, the Council of SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. She shares what she learns with the Managers, and relays the Managers' concerns to the professional and State organizations and regulators.

The SSRC held a **Legislative Breakfast** in May at which **Rep. Frank Hynes** (D-Marshfield) was recognized with our "Recycling Hero" award for his sponsorship and support of bills and budget items that promote waste reduction. Sen. Robert Creedon also spoke at the event.

The SSRC exists to serve its member towns by facilitating their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Claire Sullivan, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling



## **375th Anniversary Committee**

The Committee and sub-committees are well underway for Hingham's 375th Anniversary Celebration from September 2009 – September 2010.

On September 11, 2009, a golf tournament and a tennis tournament are being held at the South Shore Country Club. The kick-off celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, which includes a tour of Hingham and a cookout Downtown on the tunnel cap. Other events to follow in September 2009 is a one-woman show on Madame Sarah Derby, and a Hingham history quiz based on the early period which will be published weekly in the Hingham Journal.

In October 2009, a tour of the Hingham Cemetery conducted by a carver specialist who will discuss the seven noted carvers represented in the Hingham Cemetery. These events are just a few of many to come.

Thanks to Hingham Mutual, one of our Lead Sponsors, and their generous contribution, our fund raising efforts are underway. We are selling several commemorative items to help defray the cost of the celebration.

Schedules of events along with commemorative items can be found online at: [http://www.hingham-ma.gov/Committees/375th/towngov\\_comm\\_375th.html](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/Committees/375th/towngov_comm_375th.html)

Committee members have been working diligently to make this celebration a great success for the townspeople to enjoy.

Justine L. W. Thurston, Chair

## Veterans' Services

The Hingham Veterans' Services office is responsible for the processing and distribution of veterans' benefits in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115. These benefits encompass financial as well as medical and emergency assistance for qualifying Hingham veterans and/or their dependents. The Veterans' Services department also assists eligible veterans in the areas of education, job training and placement as well as assistance with federal disability claims, dependent pensions and transportation to and from medical appointments.

Consistent outreach strategies continue to inform veterans and their dependents of little known benefits available to them through the Veterans' Services office and 2008 saw a significant increase in the number of veterans and/or their dependants seeking benefits.

Iris Adler, producer of the documentary "Remember Us" was the guest speaker at the town's annual Memorial Day observances. Town moderator and Navy veteran Tom O'Donnell was the guest speaker for the Veterans' Day ceremony.

Veterans' Services, in conjunction with the Hingham Veterans' Council hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Injured Soldiers" fishing trip. Massachusetts Undersecretary of Veterans' Services Coleman Nee and our town's selectmen welcomed the 26 injured participants. Hingham residents as well as the harbormasters from Weymouth, Hull and Quincy donated the use of their boats and time.

I would like to thank the citizens of Hingham as well as the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and a special thanks to former Town Administrator Charles Cristello for all his encouragement and support.

Michael Cunningham, Director  
Hingham Veterans' Services

## Water Supply Committee

The Water Supply Committee (WSC) is charged with maintaining a Water Supply Policy for the Town of Hingham, and monitoring adherence to this policy in the Town of Hingham. The WSC is working with Aquarion Water Company (Aquarion), the public water supplier for the Hingham-Hull water district, on long-term planning to ensure that we have sufficient water to satisfy the Town's current and future needs. The State's determination that our district is in a "stressed basin" places special requirements on the water supplier and a need for supportive action by the towns in the basin to encourage water conservation.

Aquarion's Registration under the Water Management Act to continue withdrawals at the same level as before (i.e. the average from 1981-1985. The renewal, which extends from January 1, 2008 The State currently limits our water district (Hingham, Hull and a part of Cohasset) to the same level of consumption as averaged from 1981-1985, more than 20-years ago. This is called our "registered amount". To obtain more water (called a "permitted amount") the State requires public water suppliers in stressed basins to show that there is a need and that existing water supplies are being used efficiently. Aquarion has launched a major campaign to educate water users and landscapers on the need to conserve water, particularly when installing sprinkler or other irrigation systems.

The State Department of Environmental Protection renewed to December 31 2017, requires Aquarion to meet the Water Resources standard of 65 residential gallons per capita day and 10% unaccounted for water by December 31, 2017. Aquarion has already met those standards. Beginning May 1, 2009 Aquarion will be required to restrict nonessential outdoor watering between May 1 and September 30 when the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force declares a drought level of "Advisory", "Watch", "Warning", or "Emergency."

A major development in 2007-2008 was Aquarion's application to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for a water rate increase. Hingham, together with other towns in the Aquarion system testified on the case. The DPU is expected to render its decision by April 1, 2009.

Discussions are under way with State regulators to seek approval for a small "permitted amount" of water (in addition to the "registered amount" already allowed) to ensure we have enough water for future needs. The process of obtaining a permit for additional water for long-

term needs is lengthy and could require up to three years to complete. The water supplier must complete a study documenting long-term needs and supply options. These options include developing new water sources in Hingham but outside the Weir River basin, interconnecting with neighboring towns, purchasing water from the MWRA, and desalinization.

In 1999, the State and Aquarion agreed through a consent order to institute a Water Balance Program, which requires that planned developments that significantly increase demand within our water district must offset their projected water needs with an equal amount of water savings. We anticipate that Aquarion will continue the water balance plan system when the State approves any additional permitted amount.

Roger W. Sullivan  
Thomas A. Burbank  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Maureen F. Doran  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Paul K. Cappers  
James Connelly



One of the many exhibits at the Bare Cove Fire Museum

## Weir River Estuary Park

The Weir River Estuary Park (WREP) is one of Boston Harbor's most valuable natural resources and includes almost 600 acres of undeveloped land within the three towns of Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset. Its core is a Massachusetts Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The WREP committee, formed in 2002, is committed to preserving and conserving the ecological health of the estuary by protecting its wildlife habitat and the land and water that supports it.

In 2008 the WREP committee completed the following partnership projects with Hingham entities to fulfill goals established in the Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan.

1) Amonte Property Acquired: Thanks to the Open Space Acquisition Committee's preparation and a positive Town vote to use Community Preservation Committee money to purchase the Amonte 3.3 acres of land along the Weir River and Rockland Street was achieved. This property is on the proposed WREP Pedestrian and Bike Path which provides views of the tri-town estuary.

2) A new "No Wake" zone buoy was installed by the Hingham Harbormaster on the seaward side of the George Washington Boulevard Bridge to alert boats to travel at a no wake speed to help preserve the fragile shoreline banks and wildlife habitat. The no wake zone extends to the tip of World's End. Thank you, boaters and Hingham Harbormasters, for protecting this ACEC resource.

3) The Weir River Estuary Center building is now ready for use under the leadership of the Weir River Watershed Association. The Estuary Center on George Washington Boulevard demonstrates sustainable practices that can be replicated by local households. For example, a small wind turbine generates electricity for the building, solar hot air panels produce heat, daylight tubes provide lighting, soy-based foam insulation cuts down on the heat required, a rain garden filters parking lot run-off water, water-conserving plumbing fixtures reduce water use, and reverse osmosis treatment allows well water to be used. Additional green features are in the planning.

Additional partnership projects currently underway are:

1) State-supervised cleanup of the former gas station site across the street from the Hingham Court House, a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) designated 21E site, is in progress. When the

contamination is all removed through chemical applications to the soil, the property will be turned over to the Town Conservation Commission. The site will link to existing Conservation shoreline property.

2) The Mass Highway, Hingham-Hull DPW, and Straits Pond Watershed Association's project, "West Corner Tidal Gate," is contracted, permitted, and ready to start in summer 2009. Traffic re-routings and other utility provisions are planned to maintain access during the construction phase. The project results will expedite tidal water exchange to restore an ecological balance to Straits Pond.

3) The Rockland Street Design Project to restore and improve water drainage and storm drains to comply with recommended ACEC practices, Storm-water Policy Phase 11, was approved in a Massachusetts Transportation bond bill for 2009.

4) The Hingham-Hull Rotary Club's President Project will provide a rest stop along the State bike lane and pedestrian walkway on George Washington Boulevard in Hull; the site was formerly known as the "Showboat property." The landscaped overlook of the outer estuary will be completed in 2009 and will include interpretative signage, a seating area, native plantings, low maintenance grass and mowed paths.

5) Rockland Street-George Washington Street Boulevard and Foundry Pond clean-ups occur annually in the spring and, when possible, in conjunction with Coastsweep clean-up in the fall. All citizens are encouraged to help conserve the estuary's health.

Three representatives per community are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen of Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull. Representatives from national, state and local government agencies, as well non-governmental groups play a role on the committee. The Committee wishes to thank all of the above, as well as volunteer citizens and Hingham voters for all their hard work in advancing land and aquatic protection, conservation, acquisition and interpretative enjoyment in the estuary. Public meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month on a rotating schedule amongst the three towns and are posted on the Hingham Town website, <http://www.Hingham-ma.gov>. Public input is welcome.

Richard Avery, Co-Chairperson, Cohasset,  
Faith L. Burbank, Co-chairperson, Hingham; James Rodgers, Hingham  
Judeth Van Hamm, Co-chairperson, Hull

## Finance Director/Town Accountant

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 for the Town of Hingham, MA is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37 and 38.

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

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

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

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

The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances has been completely reorganized to a new statement of activities. The expenses of the town, organized by activity, are netted

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

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This was the twelfth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award.

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

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

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

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

fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The *Statistical Section* contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

#### **PROFILE OF THE TOWN OF HINGHAM**

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

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of Boston. Established in 1635, the current population is approximately 20,000. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has six local historic districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed in the post World War II years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, public education, street maintenance, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 25% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services which provides senior citizens with a variety of enrichment programs, as well as outreach services. Bus service is provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connects to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant swimming and boating facilities. Bare Cove Park, containing 468 acres, was a former federal ammunition depot and is now owned and managed by the Town. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the passive recreation provided by Bare Cove Park, Wompatuck offers bicycle and hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction and registry of deeds and probate.

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

### **ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK**

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which rose slightly over the past few years, have begun to decline again. However, the Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past few years.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties and over the past few years has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties.

### **MAJOR INITIATIVES**

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority, and to that end the Capital Outlay Committee recommended a total of \$2,423,634 for capital improvements for Fiscal 2009.

### **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 (Undesignated Fund

Balance) be maintained at about 5% of annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the 5% level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

**BUDGETARY CONTROLS:** The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15-member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

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

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

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Finance Director/Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator. The Town Accountant, who also serves as the Director of Finance, holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING:** In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, town or town) must publish an

easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. We will be submitting the fiscal 2008 report to GFOA for review in anticipation of receiving the certificate.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT:** The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 were audited by the public accounting firm of O'Connor & Drew, P.C. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

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

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** A special gratitude is owed to Dave A. DiLulis, and Kevin Carnes, Partners, at O'Connor & Drew, P.C., whose attention to the fiscal year 2008 financial statements was invaluable. I also want to express my appreciation to the accounting personnel, Sue Nickerson, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Kate Richardsson, and Jan Jacobson for their assistance with the preparation of the CAFR, and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. I wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Hardcopies of the CAFR are available in the Town Accountant's Office, or online in PDF form at: [http://www.hingham-ma.gov/accountant/documents/Town\\_of\\_Hingham\\_CAFR\\_2008.pdf](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/accountant/documents/Town_of_Hingham_CAFR_2008.pdf)

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO, Finance Director/Town Accountant

## **Board of Assessors**

Once again we have the privilege of giving a most favorable report to our staff. We offer sincere thanks to Lane Partridge and his assistant Kathy Collins. They were greatly assisted by Sandra Alger, Tania Diatchenko and Susan Walker. Plus thanks to Rick Nowlan and Bob Abbott for their excellent field work.

Although the media has been emphasizing a lull in the housing market, there has been no letup in Hingham. There were 204 sales in 2006, 248 in 2007 and 269 in 2008. We also followed building permits and maintained cyclical inspections.

There has been minimal change in the median home value, which remains at \$688,000. The increase in the tax rate is due to an increase in the budget approved at town meeting.

All departments in Hingham are being asked to tighten our belts in the next years, and we have anticipated this request. We have already realigned some procedures to assure no change in the results because of this request.

As usual we will continue to do everything possible to keep assessments equitable.

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman  
Robert Kurtz  
Mark Tyburski

## Hingham Contributory Retirement Board

The Annual report for Fiscal 2008 contains the financial statements as well as membership statistics report, a list of new members and a list of members that retired in 2008.

The retirement system was independently audited for the year ended December 31, 2007. The last actuarial review study was performed January 1, 2008.

Ted Alexiades, Chairman and Ex-Officio Member

Thomas P. Hall, Appointed Member

Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member

Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member

Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member

Nancy M. Hutt, Administrative Assistant

### Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2008 (Pre-Close)

#### **ASSETS**

Cash - Citizens Bank	308,134.28
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Investments – PRIT CASH	123.38
Investments - PRIT CAPITAL	56,291,229.96

Accounts Receivable 39,155.26

**Sub Total 56,638,642.88**

#### **LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable -9,274.63

**Sub Total -9,274.63**

#### **FUND BALANCES**

Annuity Fund -16,116,146.98

Annuity Reserve Fund -5,456,767.18

Military Service Fund -11,349.11

Pension Fund -1,744,314.33

Pension Reserve Fund -58,541,036.16

**Sub Total -81,869,613.76**

**REVENUES**

Investment Income	-2,457,060.90
Interest Not Refunded	-1,843.05
Miscellaneous Income	4,532.21
Realized Gains	-908,670.85
Realized Loss	5,076,211.63
Unrealized Gains	-3,952,052.19
Unrealized Loss	26,130,901.58
Contrib. received for Military Service	-7,404.07
Members Deductions	-1,974,427.30
Members' Make Up & Re-deposits	-57,712.89
Transfers from Other Systems	0.00
Pension Fund Appropriation	-2,828,493.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-33,640.00
3(8)(c) Reimb. From Other Systems	-121,654.50
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-150,916.73
Member Payments from Rollovers	-4,578.07
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>18,713,725.71</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Staff Salaries	66,546.01
Consultant Fees	0
Management Fees	345,590.36
Legal Expenses	4,587.82
Medical Expenses	0
Fiduciary Insurance	4,140.00
Service Contracts	28,210.80
Administrative Expenses	35,267.00
Furniture and Equipment	608.99
Travel	977.02
Annuities Paid	872,542.34
Pensions Paid	4,404,389.26
COLA's Paid	143,875.81
3(8)(c) Reimb. To Other Systems	117,906.86
Transfers to Other Systems	261,606.70
Refunds to Members	240,270.83
Option B Refunds	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,526,519.80</b>

**NEW MEMBERS 2008**

James C. Aftosmes  
Leslie A. Badger

Susan M. Ahern  
Debra A. Bennett

Lee S. Biegel  
Laura J. Boyle  
Justin E. Burns  
Janet E. Carco  
Michele M. Crossen  
Padraig G. Cunningham  
Tania Diatchenko  
Nathaniel Egan  
Kara W. Flint  
Genita V. George  
Susan C. Hajjar  
Brendan J. Holleran  
Joseph M. Keefe  
Kara A. Kremer  
Deborah L. Lumbert  
William M. McCormick  
Michael J. McDonough  
Michael D. McIntyre  
Daniel J. Nardo  
William R. Nickerson  
Mary C. Norton  
Timothy P. O'Brien  
Maureen L. Owen  
Jessica A. Petkus  
Paul M. Piccuito  
Marilyn R. Player  
Mark E. Rappoli  
Cheryl B. Ruscansky  
Jane E. Snowdale  
Kim D. Stolper  
Kimberly M. Waugh  
Frank J. Yetman

Kevin M. Bliss  
Nancy M. Bucey  
Jon Butman  
Jacquelyn M. Crombie  
Barbara R. Cullen  
Kris M. D'Entremont  
Eleanor Donovan  
James S. Eustace  
Amy Gardner  
Rebecca D. Golden  
Tina R. Hines  
Kathryn A. Jacobs  
Charissa A. Kerr  
Daniel S. Leary  
Amy S. Maree  
Melissa L. McCourt  
Kathleen B. McGonagle  
Kaitlyn M. Moynahan  
David A. Nickerson  
Annemarie Norton  
Joanne R. O'Brien  
Lynne O'Hara  
Jeffrey L. Paul  
Jo A. Petrilli  
Nichole S. Pinkus  
Attolio F. Proia  
Kristen A. Reilly  
Robert P. Scully  
Christine E. Stark  
Jeremiah J. Sullivan  
Susan L. Willison

**DECEASED MEMBERS 2008**

Patricia O. Eagan

**RETIRED MEMBERS 2008**

Kevin E. Carnrick  
John H. Travers, Jr.

John V. Ketchum

**DECEASED RETIREES 2008**

Margaret Conditto  
John Dwyer

Donald Conroy  
Daniel Fiorentino

Natalie Hines  
Ruth Osborn  
James Shaughnessy, Jr.

Marie Meallo  
Joan Plouffe  
Seth Yalenezian

#### MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2008

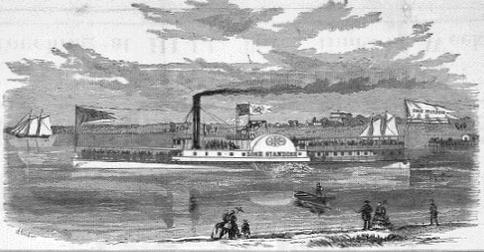
<b>Active Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>533</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>89</b>
Enrolled during current year	65
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>687</b>
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	36
Retirements	3
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>648</b>
<b>Active Membership Dec 31, current year</b>	<b>557</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec.31, current year</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor</b>	
<b>Membership, Dec. 31, previous year</b>	<b>269</b>
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	3
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	3
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>272</b>
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	9
Termination of Survivors Benefits	1
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	
Superannuation	205
Ordinary disability	6
Accidental disability	12

Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	11
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	2
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	12
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	14
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>262</b>
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	
<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>910</b>

**BOSTON, HULL, AND HINGHAM.**

**1864.. SPRING ARRANGEMENT .. 1864.**

**ONE TRIP A DAY,**  
Touching at HULL Three times a Week.



The new, elegant, and swift Steamer

**ROSE STANDISH,**  
CAPT. A. W. CALDEN,

Will commence her regular season on Saturday, April 16.

Leaving Hingham . . . . . at 7 3-4, A.M.  
Leaving Liverpool Wharf, Boston . . . . . at 4, P.M.

**Fare, 30 Cents.**

The Company will not hold themselves responsible for Baggage or Freight unless put in charge of the Captain or Clerk.

DAVID CHAPIN, AGENT.  
Liverpool Wharf, Boston.

## Treasurer Collector

Fiscal year 2008 collection rates continue to be strong with ninety-eight percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. Approximately eighty-five percent of motor vehicle excise revenue was received within the first six weeks of bill issuance. 7,969 real estate tax, 321 personal property, 1,487 boat excise and 21,806 motor vehicle bills were issued. Currently, seventy-three percent of the Town's operating revenue is tax collection generated.

Revenue from the issuance of municipal lien certificates yielded a 25% increase over fiscal year 2007 due to the implementation of a new fee schedule adopted at the April 2007 town meeting. Municipal lien certificate fees are now assessed per MGL Ch 60, sec 23B. This statute sets out a variable-rate fee schedule ranging from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty dollars a certificate based upon the parcel's property class code rather than the previously charged flat-rate fee of twenty-five dollars.

\$35,737,467 in bond anticipation notes were issued during calendar year 2008 for the purpose of funding various school projects including the construction of a new elementary school on Collins Street, construction of the DPW facility and athletic fields at Bare Cove Park, the acquisition of land at 109R Hersey St and the purchase of the Lincoln School Apartments located on Central Street. Additionally, a \$1 million grant anticipation note was renewed for highway work at Route 3A and Shipyard Drive. The details are as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>NIC</u>
\$ 6,100,000	06/18/08	06/18/09	1.78% Multi-purpose
\$ 22,937,467	11/25/08	11/25/09	1.14% Multi-purpose
\$ 6,700,000	12/23/08	12/23/09	1.29% Lincoln Sch Apt

I wish to extend a sincere thank you to my office staff: Lori-Ann Magner, Nancy Leahy, Jacquie Berard, Linda Kelley, and Regina Ledwick. They continue to provide exemplary customer service to the citizens of the town and have made the Treasurer Collector's office not just a pleasant place to work but, more importantly, a welcoming and supportive office for taxpayers to come to conduct town business.

Jean M. Montgomery  
Treasurer Collector

WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION  
JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008

2008 Real Estate Tax .....	52,142,663
2008 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	681,260
2008 Personal Property Tax .....	693,164
2008 Boat Excise Tax .....	89,632
2008 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	2,765,131
2007 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	434,341
2006 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	39,131
2005 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	1,996
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	10,356
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	262,667
Water Betterments & Committed Interest .....	970
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest .....	2,990
Sewer Use Liens .....	148,661
Payment in Lieu of Taxes – BLCS .....	519,781
Total .....	57,792,743

OTHER FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER –  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

375th Anniversary Fund .....	14,121
Aid to Elderly/Disabled .....	8,996
Affordable Housing Trust.....	86,713
BAN Proceeds .....	2,706,379
Buttonwood Tree .....	2,619
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial Fund .....	62,795
Education Fund .....	11,116
Electric Light Depreciation .....	3,685,244
Electric Light Reserve Stranded Costs - Stabilization .....	2,382,518
Electric Light - Customer Deposit Fund .....	955,336
Electric Light – Pension Funds .....	1,436,829
Escrow Account-Board of Health– Wastewater Treatment Plant .....	47,778
Federal Withholding .....	13,682
Foundry Pond .....	6,734
Fourth of July Fund .....	54,495
Greenbush Historic Preservation .....	504,857
Hannah Lincoln Whiting Charity Fund .....	17,402
Hingham Historical Commission .....	62,368
Hingham War Memorial .....	9,671

MWRA Inflow & Infiltration Grant Loan Program.....	64,447
MWRA Collateral Loan.....	47,743
Medical Insurance Fund .....	297,031
More-Brewer Fund .....	83,902
Open Space Conservation Fund .....	58,216
Stabilization Fund .....	803,409
United States LST Association – War Memorial - Shipyard .....	1,239
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account .....	<u>2,566</u>
Total .....	13,428,206

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE  
TREASURER - YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

Scholarship Fund	Balance	
	6/30/07	6/30/08
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon .....	26,419.....	24,140
Orvis K. & May B. Collins.....	56,463.....	51,575
Amasa J. Whiting .....	27,368.....	24,994
Second World War Memorial .....	68,818.....	62,757
Margaret McElroy .....	13,899.....	12,719
Stuart Macmillan .....	62,690.....	58,597
Anne Mulholland.....	5,285.....	4,868
John Lewis Russell.....	16,892.....	15,428
Caroline Murdock.....	12,864.....	11,760
Charles (Chuck) Martell.....	21,539.....	22,874
Francis James Thompson .....	2,249,727.....	2,067,737
Patricia Lynne Schneider .....	4,898.....	4,484
Harold L. Downing.....	20,517.....	18,703
Hingham Theater for Children.....	5,621.....	5,075
Curtis Chase .....	12,511.....	11,421
Wallis Lee Chipman .....	7,715.....	7,038
Russell H. Arkell .....	10,137.....	9,301
Hingham Basketball Boosters.....	13,548.....	12,362
Charles Berry .....	5,863.....	5,356
Edward O. Hornstra .....	17,923.....	16,457
William J. Laubenstein Jr.....	5,414.....	4,967
Mary Sheldon.....	7,179.....	6,563
Robin Karen Kurciviez .....	5,527.....	5,071
Mary J. Fee.....	5,236.....	4,794
Jacobs.....	32,736.....	30,090
Burditt W. Collins Memorial .....	7,592.....	7,046
Savini Music.....	6,320.....	5,778
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce.....	211,861.....	191,843
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	19,790.....	18,164

Herbert W. Farrar Memorial.....	5,873.....	5,342
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant .....	123,935.....	113,984
Hingham Band Parents .....	6,271.....	5,727
Hingham Taxpayers.....	54,981.....	51,628
Susan Burton .....	21,964.....	20,163
John Barba .....	21,419.....	19,687
Leroy L. Eldredge .....	16,502.....	16,129
M.Tilghman Earle .....	19,050.....	18,560
Lewis J. Ernst.....	13,326.....	12,149
Joan E. Pyne Memorial.....	7,288.....	6,652
John Peter Nionakis .....	6,570.....	6,006
Kids Cabaret .....	3,287.....	2,963
Field Hockey Team .....	9,401.....	8,347
Charles L. Vickery.....	30,315.....	27,335
Jamin Guarino.....	33,069.....	29,787
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace .....	10,915.....	10,391
M. Dorothy Clifford .....	9,119.....	8,761
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.....	3,143.....	2,879
Hingham Scholarship Memorial .....	4,297.....	4,300
Crofoot Trust .....	19,946.....	18,492
Gloria O. Lofgren .....	13,403.....	12,302
Robin Helene Ruben .....	13,617.....	12,595
Robert L. Goodrich .....	33,263.....	30,535
Helen S. Wollan .....	4,476.....	4,176
Former Students of Hingham High School.....	13,475.....	12,452
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial .....	19,806.....	18,268
Hingham Women's Club .....	15,979.....	14,627
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy .....	8,189.....	12,360
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial .....	8,488.....	10,036
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial .....	16,745.....	15,717
Samatha Hooper Memorial .....	5,340.....	5,872
Cynthia Steven Scholarship .....	0.00.....	4,118
Marie Meallo Scholarship .....	0.00.....	3,274
Higgins.....	0.00.....	1,849
General Fund .....	<u>4,380</u> .....	<u>4,021</u>
Total .....	3,540,184.....	3,273,446