

Annual Report



Town of Hingham
2016

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Report compiled and edited by Sharon Perfetti

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Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge

Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Population	23,132
Registered Voters	16,768
Dem. 3,957; Rep. 3,032; Un-enrolled, 9,992; Other, 169	
Number of Houses, including Condos	7448
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$6,364,061,160
Personal Property	\$101,728,750
Tax Rate	\$12.25
Schools	6
Public School Children, PreK-12	4,252
Professional Staff	369
Support Staff	305
Total FY2016 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$103,476,158
Total FY2016 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$48,480,876

State Senator
Norfolk-Plymouth
Patrick O'Connor
State House,
Rm. 520
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1646

State Rep.
Third Plymouth Dist.
Precincts 1,3,4,5,5A,6
Joan Meschino
State House, Rm. 437
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2425

State Rep.
Fourth Norfolk Dist.
Precinct 2
James Murphy
State House, Rm. 156
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2240



Paul Gannon, Paul Healey, Mary Power

Board of Selectmen

2016 in Hingham was both a busy and a challenging one for the Board of Selectmen. It has been a year marked with change but our thanks go to the superb work done by our volunteer and elected boards as well as the stalwart contributions by our town employees. Our town is well served.

Our Town's annual budget in FY18 now exceeds 102 million dollars. We continue to honor the Board's long standing commitment to taxpayers to employ meals tax revenues and unused levy capacity to mitigate the impact of tax increases arising out of earlier voter approval of the new Middle School and other Town projects. We also look for opportunities to provide tax relief to the neediest citizens – seniors as well as all property owners. Costs for "snow and ice" removal continue to exceed the money set aside in our budget. As has been done in the past, any excess over the budgeted amount will be taken from Fund Balance, but clearly more money needs to be dedicated to this going forward on a regular basis. To that end, we addressed this structural deficit incrementally. The Board continues to be vigilant and judicious in evaluating short term spending that involves decreasing the Fund Balance level, seen as a yardstick in assessing the strength supporting the Town's continued Aaa rating. The current fund balance stands at 20.9 percent.

Our Town's Aaa bond rating remains strong and we continue to exercise prudence in our spending. While growth revenues remain flat, the expectation for a high level of services remains. The Board continues to adhere to a long standing policy of fiscal restraint throughout the budget process. Consistent with our ongoing conversation to address aging infrastructure, the Board has supported reasonable proposals to fund a study of the Town Hall so as to better understand the growing needs of the Senior Center, the Police Department, the Recreation Department and Town Hall. We continue to work with the Fire Department to site a facility in North Hingham that will both provide a badly needed fire station but also facilitate a three station town-wide model adequately serving our needs well into the future. The Capital Budget for FY2017 addressed a number of projects including replacement of the roof at the Hingham Public Library. This project continues. The aging Foster School has reached a point where the school committee has asked for a feasibility study to obtain a determination of options for the elementary education mission going forward in North Hingham.

Consistent with the ATM 2016 vote to support a borrowing for road repair, our Department of Public Works continues with its aggressive road repair and re-pavement schedule. We strive to achieve a condition where all of the public ways within our community are in a condition that meet our overall goal of providing a network of streets within Hingham that are both durable and safe to travel on, both for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Additionally, we also engaged Design Consultants Inc. to undertake a detailed engineering study of the Summer Street Corridor with an eye towards moving forward on design changes to vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the Harbor area. The Town also continues to examine its aging seawalls within the inner harbor, as to both resiliency and restoration.

Further, the 2015 ATM vote authorized the Board to enter into discussions with respect to a long term lease for the use of Barnes Wharf. The Board successfully concluded two years of negotiations and entered into a thirty year lease with the Hingham Maritime Center for Barnes Wharf. The agreement ensures a continuing vitality for the waterfront, community sailing and rowing programs available to the public. We were pleased to see the completion of the long awaited pedestrian bridge connecting the Whitney Wharf to the Iron Horse Park. There is a proposed bathhouse/ snack stand and multi-purpose building on this year's warrant calculated to bring additional amenities to the harbor. Our thanks to the Engineering Department, Roger Fernandes, the Harbor Development Committee, and the Bathing Beach Trustees for their ongoing efforts in the harbor.

The development potential in the Derby Street Corridor area continues to be examined by the South Hingham Working Group. Formed in 2013, the SHWG is winding down its work after holding numerous public meetings with the input of the stakeholders and interested residents. The SHWG anticipates releasing a final report that reveals both the constraints and the opportunities which may exist for future development. We look forward to seeing work commence by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MA DOT) on both the Derby Street corridor and the Whiting/Derby Street intersection later this year. The construction work will be concurrent so as to minimize its disruptive effects. Our thanks to the hard work of this committee, Emily Wentworth and Roger Fernandes for their dedication and hard work on this, as well as the support from our legislative contingent for the Derby Street corridor improvements, the library, harbor improvements and other projects.

The continuing re-development of the Hingham Shipyard continues and the Board entered into a Local Initiative Project with Avalon last year with respect to the construction of 190 rental units on the former Building 19 site on Lincoln Street. The project, approved by ZBA, also sees a seven figure contribution by the developer to be applied towards a new aerial ladder Fire truck. It is anticipated that A.W. Perry will begin construction on 77 market rate luxury condominium units in the Shipyard, bringing in additional revenue for the town. There is also a pending 220 unit project at 230 Beal Street (the former Hingham Mutual Insurance site) submitted by Alliance Residential presently under consideration by the ZBA. Should the application on 230 Beal Street be permitted and timely constructed, the town will achieve an uncontested 10% minimum subsidized housing inventory (SHI) figure with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Thereafter, the ZBA will have discretion to approve, deny or condition any future Chapter 40B submittals. The Board considered, but ultimately rejected, proposals submitted by various parties to build a multi-unit complex at 2 Beal Street (known as the Selectmen's Parcel). Our thanks to the ZBA and the Planning Board, real estate counsel and the staff of the Department of Community Planning for their hard work.

Hingham's litigation effort to determine the price of the water company should we vote to acquire it continues. After the court released its decision following the April 2016 Town Meeting, the town advanced its position to the Massachusetts Appeals Court and is confident in the outcome. Once a final decision as to price has been determined by the court, the Town will have the opportunity to decide if such ownership is in our best interests.

We are very pleased to note that the voters at the April 2016 Town Meeting overwhelmingly supported the acquisition of the Lehner property behind the area of Main Street and South Pleasant Street. This pristine undeveloped piece of property was made available to the town by the Lehner family and with its acquisition another beautiful area of open space is now available for our citizens to enjoy in perpetuity. Our thanks to the Community Preservation Committee for its hard work on this project.

As part of our ongoing effort to maintain and safeguard good government, the Board of Selectman announced a series of Goals and Objectives that we have worked to meet. Consistent with the vote of Town Meeting in 2016, a petition was advanced to General Court to enact a special act relating to the position of Hingham's Town Administrator so as to ensure that future candidates for this position will be only the most highly qualified to fill this critically important role in town government. That is now law. Our thanks to the Town Administrator By-Law Committee for its superlative work on this effort.

Our public safety personnel continue to serve with great professionalism. We saw Police Chief Glenn Olsson and his brother Fire Chief Robert Olsson seamlessly step into their new positions following the retirements of Police Chief Michael Peraino and Fire Chief Mark Duff. The transition has gone well. The Board has been pleased to both hire and promote new police officers and promote personnel of both departments to ranking positions. It speaks to the depth of both departments that we continue to be able to promote from within and succession planning continues to remain a priority of any promotional consideration. We enjoy the distinction of having two brothers serving in key roles within our community. Both departments, ably led by their chiefs have actively engaged in positive ways with our community in their public safety functions, including substantive participation in planning efforts underway with respect to future fire station siting/design, and an examination of the growing needs of the police department.

In 2015, the Town of Hingham was honored to receive the prestigious Freedom Award from the Secretary of Defense. In June 2016, Hingham was invited by the Secretary of Defense to participate in the selection process for the recipients of the 2016 Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is given to those employers whose support for its employees who also serve our nation as reservists or guardsmen is considered to be exceptional. The Chair traveled to the Pentagon and participated in the 2016 selection of nominees for the Secretary's consideration. In June 2016, our Town Administrator, Ted Alexiades and our Veteran Service Officer, Navy Senior Chief Keith Jermyn traveled to Norfolk VA and

accepted the United States Navy Reserve Outstanding Employer Support Award on behalf of the Town of Hingham. Vice Admiral Robin Braun, the Chief of the US Navy Reserve made the presentation.

Our Flag for Soldiers Campaign honoring our residents serving in uniform that render selfless service to our country is seen throughout town and has become a tradition going forward. We also note that the Herbert L. Foss Intermodal Transportation Center has opened at the Hingham Shipyard and we look forward to celebrating Seaman Foss and his extraordinary bravery which earned him the Medal of Honor at Cienfuegos, Cuba in a ceremony to be held this June. We would like to pass along thanks for the hard work of the Foss Committee for seeing this through. We note with sadness the loss United States Marine Corps Corporal Christopher Orlando, who perished on a training mission in Hawaii on January 14, 2016; he remains with us in our hearts and thoughts. We are pleased that a scholarship in his memory has been created and hope that his sacrifice for our nation will be a perpetual reminder to all that freedom is not free.

We welcomed our new assistant town administrator Thomas Mayo to the Board and thank him for his hard work as he settles into his role serving the town. We note the passing of two of our citizens John Riley and Nelson Ross whose decades long service to our community was truly a testament to their dedication and commitment to making Hingham a better place for all of us. Their contributions to our community will be felt for years to come. We wish to welcome our two newest voices at the State House, State Representative Joan Meschino and State Senator Patrick O'Connor. It is a pleasure to work with both of them. Finally, we thank the citizens of our town for their ongoing support and participation in making this town a great place to live.

Paul K. Healey, Chairman
Paul J. Gannon
Mary Power

Town Administrator

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

The past year the Town's financial position has continued to improve. The Town has re-affirmed its AAA rating. Fund Balance reserves have continued to surpass our financial objectives as a result of having implemented both financial and operational initiatives over the past several years. Several large housing developments have been permitted resulting in significant one time permit revenue to cover the costs of several one-time expenses thereby allowing our fund balance to remain in a strong position after balancing the budget.

Other items of interest in 2016 include continuing progress upgrading our roads in response to 2016's ATM article authorizing an accelerated repair and re-pavement schedule. Repairs to the Library's roof are complete ensuring safe use of that facility for all of its patrons. The Town successfully negotiated a 30 year lease with the Hingham Maritime Center ensuring long term use of that facility by the High School rowing and sailing teams. The Town also saw completion of the Whitney Wharf Bridge project connecting Whitney Wharf to Iron Horse Park.

Our office continues to facilitate policy initiated by the Board of Selectmen, including their annual goals and objectives. This year some of these on-going projects include affordable housing initiatives, working with the South Hingham Working Group to understand development options along the Derby Street corridor, continuing discussions regarding the re-development of the Hingham Shipyard, facilitating the purchase of the Lehner Property as approved by Town Meeting, continuing planning efforts for harbor-area improvements, furthering conversations regarding the fire station building committee's efforts to site a new north Fire Station, consideration of a Town-wide leashing law, working with Planning on economic development initiatives in the Square, continuing the Aquarion litigation towards a goal of attaining a potential purchase price, and celebrating the dedication of the new MBTA intermodal center in the Shipyard with the Seaman Herbert Foss memorial.

In June of this year, the Town was recognized by United States Chief of Naval Reserves, Vice Admiral Robin Braun with the Outstanding Employer Support Award. This comes on the heels of receiving the Freedom Award from the Secretary of Defense in 2015 as an exceptional employer

of reservists and guardsmen. The Town of Hingham is truly proud of and supports our active service men and women and veterans.

2016 saw the retirement of Assistant Town Administrator Betty Foley. Betty's commitment to always putting the best interests of the Town of Hingham first will be her lasting legacy and the Town is better for her contributions. In all, 13 people retired this year and we wish them well for many years to come.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly Tom Mayo, Sharon Perfetti, Sally Sinclair and David Basler in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. Success is a cooperative effort, and I look forward to a productive year serving the Hingham community in 2017.

Ted C. Alexiades
Town Administrator



*Betty Foley, Assistant Town Administrator
2004-2016*

2016 Elected Town Officers

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Michael J. Puzo	2017
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)	
Paul K. Healey	2019
Mary M. Power	2018
Paul J. Gannon	2017
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Eileen A. McCracken	2018
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
William M. Fennelly	2019
Michael P. Shaughnessy	2018
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2017
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Kirk J. Shilts	2019
Peter B. Bickford	2018
Stephan J. White	2017
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
Roger M. Freeman	2019
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2018
John Ryan	2017
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Irma Lauter (Appointed by State)	2021
Elizabeth James (Replaced William A. Wise)	2020
Robert D. Keyes	2019
James R. Watson	2018
Davalene Cooper	2017
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)	
Elizabeth O'Reilly	2019
Carlos A. F. Da Silva	2019
Kay L. Praschma	2019
Aylene M. Calnan	2018

Cynthia W. Galko	2018
Carol M. Falvey	2017
Edward J. Schreier	2017

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2021
William C. Ramsey	2020
Jennifer Gay Smith	2019
Sarah H. Corey	2018
Judith S. Sneath	2017

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Kirk J. Shilts	2019
Robert M. Higgins	2018
Stephen Harold	2017

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Bruce Thompson	2021
Adrienne S. Ramsey	2020
Sarah J. Melia	2019
Vicki Donlan	2018
Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2017

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

Laurel H. Cosman	2018
Karen Sadlon	2017

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

Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault
Christopher Daly

2016 Appointees

Term Expires

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)
Susan Nickerson

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

Thomas E. Belyea	2017
Daniel J. Coughlin	2017
Linda K. Kutsch	2017
James A. Sharkansky	2017
James W. Taylor, Chair	2017
David Anderson	2019
Julie Strehle	2019
Eryn Kelley	2019
Donna Smallwood	2019
Robert Curley	2019
Victor Baltera	2018
Kristin LaCroix	2018
Eric Haskell	2018
Lucy Hancock	2018
Craig D. MacKay	2018

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

Timothy White, Chair	2017
Daniel Jacobson	2017
Michael MacDonald	2017
Aylene Calnan	2018
Anita Comerford	2018
Nancy Kerber	2018
Brittan duBose	2018
Al Chambers	2018
Mary Power (Selectmen's Rep)	

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF
(Appt. By Selectmen)

Robyn Maguire	2018
Joseph Freeman	2017
Joseph M. Fisher, Chair	2019

Associate Members (one year term)

Alan Kearney	2017
Mario Romania, Jr.	2017
Michael Mercurio	2017
James Blakey	2017

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

Mike Dwyer (Selectmen Appt.)	2018
George L. Alexakos (Moderator Appt.)	2017
George Danis, Chair (Moderator Appt.)	2017
Doug Farrington (Selectmen Appt.)	2019
Rob Shickel (Moderator Appt.)	2019
Ted C. Alexiades, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

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

Edward Matthews, Chairman	2018
Vacancy	2018
Susan M. Kains	2017
Robert Smaldone	2017
Richard J. Callahan	2017
Rikard Johnson	2017
DeWitt DeLawter	2019
Tom Kenyon	2019

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

Maura Graham	2018
Suzanne M. Harnden	2017
Carolyn Aliski	2017
Diane Morrison	2017
Deborah A. Hayes	2017
Patricia Bray	2019
Margaret Coleman	2019
Laura Spaziani, Chairman	2019

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR
Elizabeth Eldredge, MD**

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen)

William Reardon

Chris Daly

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner

Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector

Reginald Newcomb, Local Building Inspector

Richard Wakem, Local Building Inspector

William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires

Donald Drew, Ass't. Inspector of Wires

David Bennett, Ass't. Inspector of Wires

Brian McPherson, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Jay Yetman, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Phillip S. Thaxter 2018

Sandra S. Peavey 2018

John Rice 2017

Eric Connerly 2019

David Jones 2019

Christopher Baron 2019

Glenda Garland (School Rep.)

CABLE DIRECTORS OF TELEVISION PUBLIC ACCESS CORP.

James Dellot

Hal Goldstein

Robert Kirk

Noreen Moross

Margaret Sullivan

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

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

Brendan Kiernan 2018

Elizabeth Claypoole 2017

Harold F. Schlib, III 2017

Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman

Craig MacKay

Lucy Hancock

Ex-Officio

Treasurer (Non-voting member)

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

Carol Pyles (Moderator Appt.)	2018
Anthony Kiernan (Moderator Appt.)	2017
Kathleen Peters (Selectmen Appt.)	2017
Jim Conroy, Vice Chair (Historical Comm. Rep)	2019
Larry Lindner (Selectmen Appt.)	2019
Robert Mosher (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2019
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)	2019
James Watson (Housing Authority Rep.)	2019
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2019

2015 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT TASK FORCE

John Davenport
Terence Farrell
Kathy Reardon
Lissa Tully
Andrew McElaney

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

Scott T. McIsaac	2018
Laurie Freeman	2018
John Morrissey	2018
Robert Mosher	2017
Henry Hidell	2017
Paul Hall	2019
Adrienne DuBois	2019

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

Kathleen Peloquin	2017
Jerold Loomis	2018

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

Charlie Cristello (Appointed by Selectmen)	2018
William Powers (Elected by Employees)	2017
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2016
Jim Costello (Retirement Board Appt.)	2018

Ex-officio

Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)

COUNCIL ON AGING

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

Linda Hurley	2018
Beth Rouleau	2018
Dawn Sibor	2018
Gretchen Condon	2017
Gail Faring	2017
Joan Iovino	2017
Richard Ponte	2017
Debra Hoffman	2017
Peter Nevins	2019
Kristin Arute	2019

COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Paul J. Casey	2018
John J. Bailey	2018
William Friend	2017
Roderick C. Gaskell	2017
Scott D. Peterson	2019

CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)

Leah Godfrey	2018
Marlie L. McManus	2017
Jean Roberts	2017
Janine Bradley Suchecki	2017
Jane Shute	2019

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

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

Kevin Ellis	2020
Susan L. Sullivan	2020
Shane Nolan	2020
Mary Ann Blackmur	2017
Nancy Wiley	2021
Brian Stack	2021

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

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner
Barbara Partridge
John Pollick
Susan Sommer

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)
Elizabeth Flynn
Dorothy Galo
Jennifer Henriksen
Judith Rielly
Patricia Tomecek

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF

Chief Robert Olsson

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE
(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

Scott Cyr, Selectmen Appt.	2019
Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt.	2019
Ben Kerman, M.D., Selectmen Appt.	2019
Kenneth Brown, Moderator Appt.	
Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.	
Tim Bankroff, Moderator Appt.	
Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.	

Ex-officio

Town Accountant
School Business Manager

FIRE CHIEF

Robert Olsson

**FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Selectmen 6/18/15)**

Greg MacCune, Chairman
Al Kearney
Nancy MacDonald

(Appt. by Moderator 6/18/15)

Peter Boyle
Karen Griswold
Thomas Carey

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

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

See Conservation Commission

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)

Jason Caine	Cassie McDermott
Mary Ellen Carlisle	Jim Murphy
Monica Conyngham	Carrie Murphy
Bill Nickerson	Dewitt DeLawter
Robin Nickerson	Louis O'Dea
Eric Dresser	Glenn Olsson
George Ford	Gabby Roegner
Ginny Gray	Cyndy Tonucci
Tom Hoffman	Jay McGrail

GAR HALL TRUSTEES

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)

Robert Beal, Jr.	2017
Scott McMillan	2019
Frank Sheelen	2019

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)

Edward Morris	2018
Deirdre Anderson	2018
Paul Losordo	2017
Brian Knies	2017
Thomas Coveney	2017
William S. Reardon	2019
Eric Kachel	2019

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

Kenneth R. Corson, III

Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)

Raymond Abreu	Connor Kennedy
Joseph P. Driscoll	Michael McCue
Daniel Goldstein	Michael Nash
Max Goldstein	Michael Riley
Jake Handrahan	Danny Souza

2015 HARBOR TASK FORCE

(Appt. by Selectmen, 2/26/15)

Sarah Corey (Rep-Planning Board)
Alan Perrault (Rep- Trustees of Bathing Beach
Kevin Ellis (Rep-Dev. & Industrial Comm.)
Deirdre Anderson (Citizen at Large)
Richard Cook (Citizen at Large)

HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer

HERBERT FOSS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Peter T. Finney
John McHugh
Alan D. Perrault
Donald J. MacKinnon
William S. Reardon
Melissa Tully

HISTORIAN, TOWN

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 ATM 1943)

Alexander Macmillan

HISTORIC ARCHIVES TASK FORCE

(Appt. By Selectmen, 8/30/2011)

Paula M. Bagger (Historical Society Member)
Michael Archille (Library Director or Designee)
Dorothy Galo (School Supt. Or Designee)
Eileen A. McCracken (Town Clerk or Designee)
Stephen Swett (Historical Commission Member)

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

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

Michael Collard (Architect)	2018
Lois Levine (Historical Society Rep.)	2017
Denis King (Attorney)	2017
Virginia Tay, (Planning Board Designee)	2016
Hans von der Luft (Resident in HD), Chairman	2019

Alternate Members

Ben Burnham, At-large	2018
Thomas Kindler, (Resident in HD)	2017
Martha Saunders, At-large	2016
Katherine Finnerty	2019

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

Huck Handy	2017
Stephen Swett	2017
Kathryn Black	2017
Sarah Carolan	2019
Kevin Burke	2019
Signe McCullough	2018
Jim Conroy	2018

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.
Edward D. Boylan
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.
Edna English
Arthur Garrity
David Mehegan, Chairman
JoAnn Mitchell
Nelson G. Ross, Esq.
Edward Siegfried

Appt. By Selectmen

*Michael A. Spatola	2018
Elizabeth A. Eldredge	2017
Jeremy Parker	2019

Appt. By Moderator

Lisa Tuite	2018
Michael Barclay	2019

Ex-officio

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

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

(Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2017
Greg Doble (Selectmen Appt.)	2017
(Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2016
(Moderator Appt.)	2016
Dave Ellison (Selectmen Appt.)	2018

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (L.E.P.C.)

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Ted Alexiades, Selectmen Designee
Glenn Olsson, Law Enforcement
Bob Olsson, Civil Defense
Lou LaChance, Firefighting
Jim Sheard, First Aid
Bruce Capman, Health
Loni Fournier, Local Environmental
Joan Cooper-Zach, Hospital
John Ferris, Transportation Personnel
Tom Mayo, Broadcast and Print Media
Barbara Farnsworth, Community Groups
Paul Heanue, Owners and Operators of Facilities
Randy Sylvester, Department of Public Works
Ken Corson, Other

LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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

Brenda P. Black	2017
James Pettee	2017
Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2017
David P. White	2017
John Stringer	2017
Diane Morrison	2017
Kimberly Jursic	2016
Janice B. McPhillips	2016

Ex-officio

Superintendent Public Works

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

David Alschuler, 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)

Lindsay Newell, Hingham Representative

MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)
Kenneth Drescher 2017
Joan Getto, Chair 2017
Martha Ryan 2017
Ann Shilhan 2017
Michael Shilhan 2017
Dorcas V. Wagner 2017

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)
David Alschuler 2018
Edna S. English, Alternate

MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER
(Appt. By Selectmen)
Eileen A. McCracken

NOISE BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Selectmen, ART ATM 2013)
Declan Boland
Vicki Donlan
Dennis King
Brian Knies
Joseph McCracken

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
(MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)
Gerald Allen (Conservation Appt.), Chairman 2017
Carolyn Nieslen (Selectmen Appt.) 2019
Charles Berry (Planning Board Appt.) 2018

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

PERMANENT BUILDING & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
STUDY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, 10/12/2010)
Roger Fernandes
Donald J. MacKinnon
John Manley
Jerry Seelen
Benedict Wilcox

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

Marie S. Harris	2018
David Pace, Chairman	2018
Russell F. Conn	2017
John F. Manning	2017
Smaiyra Million	2019

PLANNING BOARD
(Appt. By Selectmen)

Richard Cook (Associate Member)

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

Mary Power

PLYMOUTH COUNTY STUDY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)

Peter Blampied
James Claypoole
Scott Ford
Michael Holden, Esq.
Jane Malme

POLICE CHIEF
(Appt. By Selectmen)

Glenn Olsson

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

Randy Sylvester

RECREATION & FIELDS MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Selectmen 2/26/15)

Paul J. Gannon, (Selectman)
Vicki Donlan, Mark Thorell (Recreation)
William Friend, Jay McGrail (SSCC)
Raymond Estes (Schools)
Warren Pelissier (SNAP)
Edward Healey (Soccer)
Susan Rizzo (Football)
Brian Hlidek (Lacrosse)
Elliott Sherman (Babe Ruth)
Timothy McGowan (Little League)

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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

Dawn Sibor	2017
Betty Tower	2019
Virginia Gray	2019
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)

John Fitzsimmons	2018
Adam White	2017
Vacancy, Chairman	2019
Roger Nastou	2019
Matthew McGonagle (fill unexpired term)	2019
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer, Statutory	2015
Francis Gaul	2019

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

Robert S. Bucey (Moderator Appt.)
Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)
Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)
Raymond Estes (School Comm. Appt.)
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)
Stefan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

James R. Huse, Chairman
Barbara Kardok
Dorothy Manganaro
Michael Studley

SOUTH HINGHAM STUDY GROUP

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Richard Cook (At large)
Paul Healey (Selectmen's Rep.)
Tod McGrath (ZBA Rep.)
Judith Sneath (Planning Board Rep.)
Susan Sullivan (Dev. and Ind. Rep.)
Mark Lucas
Jerry Seelen

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Stephen Messinger
Randy Sylvester

SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

(Appt. by Selectmen, 8/23/2012)

Laura Burns
David Ellison
Elizabeth Flynn
Dennis Friedman
Dorothy Galo
Melissa Goldman
Linda Port, Chair
Marisa Ronan
Linda Kutsch, Advisory Comm. Liaison
Paul Gannon, ex-officio

SPECIAL LIAISON TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Nelson G. Ross

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

(Appt. by Selectmen)

Raymond Abreau	Max Goldstein	Daniel Souza
Brian Aiguier	Johnathan Gordon	Richard St.
Leslie Badger	Jake Handrahan	Laurent
Michael Bolze	Michael McCue	James Taylor
Mark Brennan	Michael Murray	Russell Way
Kenneth Corson	Michael Parker	James Wells
Joseph Driscoll	Mitchell Powers	Brian Willard
Daniel Galvin	Michael Riley	
Daniel Goldstein	Charles Souther	

TAX CLASSIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Benjamin P. Burnham
Edward Colbert
Michael Shaughnessy

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

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Karen Johnson, Chair
Tom Carey
Charles Cristello
David Pace
Nelson Ross

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR

Ted C. Alexiades

2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE

(Ad Hoc Appt. by Selectmen, 12/20/12)
Charlie Cristello 2018
Tina Sherwood 2018
Thomas Carey, Jr.
Ronnie Kirvin
Jerry Seelen

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)
Police Chief (or Rep.)
Fire Chief (or Rep.)
Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)
Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)
Francis Donlan 2018
Clark Frazier 2017

TREE WARDEN

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE

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

L. Paul Heanue
Sandra Peavey
Bruce Rabuffo
John A. Riley
Susan Sullivan
Benedict Wilcox

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

W. Paul Koenen	2018
John Clifton	2018
Hank Maude	2019
Maureen DeMenna	2017
John G. Buckley	2017
Jack Rayburn	2017
Thomas Burbank	2019
Janine Suchecki	2019
David Sargent	2019
Fr. Sinisa Ubiparipovic, Chaplain	2019
Scott McMillan	

**WATER CO. ACQUISITION STUDY COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Selectmen, 3/29/12)**

Jonathan Asher
Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.
Robert Higgins
Joshua Krumholz
Edward R. Siegfried

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

Maureen F. Doran
Matthew H. Greene
Ron Kirven
Samuel S. Mullin, Chairman
Kirk J. Shilts
Adam C. S. White
Melissa Bower Smith

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

Robert Egan

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

Patricia Coyle, Hingham Representative
David Sibor, Hingham Representative

WHISTLEBLOWER COMMITTEE

Dan Dwyer (Moderator Appt.)
Greg MacCune, Chair of Audit Committee
David Pace, Chair of Pers

Annual Town Meeting

April 25, 2016

Registered Voters: 16,802

Attendance: 584

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 25, 2016. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m, a quorum being present. Jerry Seelen was appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Rev. Thomas Nestor of St. Paul Parish. The Pledge of Allegiance lead by Keith Jermyn, the Director of Veteran's Service. 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. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, etc.
3. Reports from Various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Transfer into the Stabilization Fund
8. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
9. Transfer from Meals Tax Stabilization
10. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
11. Building Department Revolving Fund
12. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
13. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
14. Fire Station Building Committee and Renovations
15. Close Out Capital Projects
16. Lincoln School Apartments Capital Requirements
17. Senior Tax Work-Off Program
18. Tax Exemption for Deployed Military Reservists
19. Water Company Acquisition Feasibility Continuation
20. Road Building
21. Town Administrator Special Act
22. High School Health and Wellness Center Design Funds
23. Transfer Funds to the SPED Trust Fund
24. Special Legislation – SPED Financing
25. Insurance Proceeds in Excess of \$20,000

26. Solar Panels at the Landfill
27. Disposition of Property; Selectmen's Parcel
28. Hingham Harbor Park Project and Building: 0 Otis Street
29. Hingham Harbor Bathhouse and Refreshment Stand
30. Community Preservation
31. Kress Field Playground: PARC Grant Program
32. Lehner Property
33. Amend CPC Composition
34. Amend Zoning By-law re: Media Broadcasting or Production Studios
35. Amend Zoning By-law re: Floodplain Protection Overlay District
36. Amend Zoning By-law re: Common Driveways
37. Amend Zoning By-law re: Bed and Breakfast Establishment
38. Amend Zoning By-law re: Update Zoning Map References
39. Amend Zoning By-law re: Lot Shape Requirements
40. Safety Improvements at North Street at Main Street Intersection
41. Amend General By-laws re: Sewer By-law
42. Establish the Hingham Art Commission
43. Acceptance of Easements

Article 1

VOTED: 1. That Pauline Munroe, 16 Pilgrim Road, be 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 Christopher Daly, 3 Button Cove Road, be elected a Trustee of the Bathing Beach in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1934.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 2

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 91, section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with section 11 of said chapter 91, and 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 3

VOTED: That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust, Audit Committee, Capital Outlay Committee, Commission on Disability Issues, Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Country Club Management Committee, Council on Aging, Energy Action Committee, Fire Station Building Committee, GAR Hall Trustees, Harbor Development Committee, Hingham Historic Districts Commission, the Historian, Historical Commission, Board of Managers of Lincoln Apartments LLC, Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee, Memorial Bell Tower Committee, Open Space Acquisition Committee, Scholarship Fund Committee, 2006 School Building Committee, Wastewater Master Planning Committee, and Water Supply Committee be received; and that all of said bodies and posts of government 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, 2016, or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$269,577 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personnel Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 5

VOTED: That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

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

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

Town Clerk¹: in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-law.

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

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

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

A Unanimous Vote

Article 6

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate for each of the following purposes, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that, where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in partial payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; and provided that any amount or portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 7

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available reserves the sum of \$2,046,471 into the Stabilization Fund.

2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 8

VOTED: That the Town appropriate a sum of \$65,413 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2017 tax rate.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 9

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$450,000 from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2017 tax rate.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 10

VOTED: That, with the exception of \$500,000, 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, 2016, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said Fiscal Year, as defined in sections 57 and 57A of chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said Fiscal Year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next Fiscal Year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 11

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 authorize the continuation of such a fund for the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the Fund. Monies shall be spent primarily to compensate such inspectors for their services. The Building

Commissioner, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend monies from the Fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during Fiscal Year 2017.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 12

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 authorize the continuation of such a fund for the Department of Elder Services. Departmental receipts for all fees and charges received from Senior Center programs shall be credited to the Fund. Monies shall be spent for Senior Center programs and related expenses. The Director of Elder Services, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend monies from the Fund. The amount that may be spent from the Fund shall be limited to \$60,000 during Fiscal Year 2017.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 13

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$781,436 to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during Fiscal Year 2016.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 14

VOTED: That the Town: (1) authorize the Fire Station Building Committee established by Article 14 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting to: (a) consider and evaluate sites other than 230 North Street for a fire station to service the north side of Town, replacing the current North Fire Station; and (b) consider and evaluate sites other than 847 Main Street for a fire station to service the south side of Town, either as a replacement for the current South Fire Station or to establish a fourth fire station in the Town; and (2) appropriate \$295,903 to be expended under the direction of the Fire Station Building Committee for the consideration and evaluation of sites as described above and for design costs, including architectural and engineering services, as well as other professional fees, for the construction of a replacement for the current North Fire Station. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum

under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7(21), or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 15

VOTED: That the sum of \$121,806 is hereby transferred from amounts previously appropriated and borrowed under the following Warrant Articles for the purposes set forth below:

Amount to be Transferred	Warrant Article	Meeting Date	Original Purpose
\$2,449	Various	Various	Landfill Capping
\$89,756	Various	Various	Central Fire Station
\$29,601	Article 15	2003	DPW Building

These amounts are no longer needed to complete the projects for which they were initially borrowed and will be used to pay costs of the North Fire Station renovation (Article 14, ATM 2015), as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 20.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 16

VOTED: That the Town appropriate a sum of money from available reserves to the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Fund as and when requested by the HAHT until June 30, 2026, and in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, which funds are to be expended by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust to make capital improvements to the Lincoln School Apartments located at 86 Central Street, Hingham, MA, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to amend the Lease for said Lincoln School Apartments to provide for increased lease payments to the Town in amounts sufficient to repay said aggregate appropriation to the Town over a period of time and under terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 17

VOTED: That the Town amend its acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 59, section 5K, by adopting the 125 hour maximum limit.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 18

VOTED: That Town renew its acceptance of Clause 56 of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 59, section 5, to allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction of all or part of their real and personal property taxes for any fiscal year in which they are serving in a foreign country.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 19

VOTED: That the Town appropriate from available funds up to \$300,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen for professional fees and costs, including, but not limited to, financial services, valuation services, legal services, consulting services, and administrative services, to continue its investigation into the feasibility of acquisition of the corporate property, and all rights and privileges, including the assets of the Town's Water Company, now known as Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc., and/or affiliated related companies, including Aquarion Water Capital of Massachusetts, Inc., pursuant to St. 1879, c. 139, or through any other method of acquisition, including any negotiation or litigation, including the currently pending Suffolk Superior Court case, or any appeal thereof, the Board of Selectmen may determine to be necessary or advisable in order to determine whether the acquisition is feasible and advisable for further Town Meeting consideration.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 20

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$2,242,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of improving and resurfacing various roads within the Town over the next five years. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of

Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7(21), or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 21

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation relating to the Town Administrator in substantially the form provided in Article 21, recognizing that the Great and General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

A Majority Vote

Article 22

VOTED: That no action be taken on this Article.

A Majority Vote

Article 23

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$100,000 from available funds to the Special Education Reserve Fund.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 24

VOTED: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and in accordance with Article LXXXIX, Article II, Section 8 (M.G.L.A. Const. Amend. Art. 2, Section 8) of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, that the Town of Hingham authorize its Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth for a special act to allow the Town of Hingham School Committee to establish a reserve fund to be utilized in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years by the Town of Hingham School Committee to pay, without further appropriation, for unanticipated, unbudgeted and/or extraordinary costs of special education out-of-district tuitions and/or transportation. Further, that the Town of Hingham

School Committee may appropriate or transfer in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years from the school department budget in order to fund said reserve fund. Further, that the Board of Selectmen may appropriate or transfer in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years from the town budget in order to fund said reserve fund. Said appropriations or transfers shall be in addition to any appropriation or transfers that may be approved by Town Meeting from time to time to said reserve fund. In any event, the balance in said reserve fund shall not exceed 2% of annual net school spending as defined in Chapter 70 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the prior fiscal year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 25

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$25,239 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund: Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$20,000 for use by the School Department.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 26

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 15A, and all other applicable laws, the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to transfer, in part, the care, custody, management, and control, from the Board of Selectmen to the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant of a portion of a parcel of land consisting of the surface of the capped landfill being located on Town of Hingham Assessor's Map 106-0-7, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to effect said partial transfer of said parcel of land, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the Town, for the limited purpose of allowing the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant to enter into a License, Lease, and/or other Agreement with a third party for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a solar generating facility on said parcel of land to generate electricity for distribution by the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant. This authorization shall expire if the Board of Selectmen, the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, and a third party do not enter into acceptable Agreements within two (2) years of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 27

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen (a) pursuant and subject to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, sections 3, 15, and 15A, as applicable, and Hingham General By-laws article 5, section 4A, to dispose of a parcel of land, known as and numbered 2 Beal Street, and shown as Lot 50 on Assessor Map 69, for a minimum of \$1.00 and on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, for use as an assisted living facility that includes units which qualify under Massachusetts law for inclusion in Hingham's Subsidized Housing Inventory, and (b) in the event the above-described use of such parcel of land is not undertaken, to proceed as to said parcel of land pursuant to the authorization provided under Article 42 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Majority Vote

Article 28

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 45, section 7, for approval to erect a building that exceeds 600 square feet in area on the ground on the parcel known as 0 Otis Street and shown as Lot 50 on Assessor Map 50.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 29

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Trustees of the Bathing Beach to (1) petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to permit a long-term lease within a building to be erected on a parcel located on Otis Street and shown as Lot 50 and/or Lot 51 on Assessors Map 50 and (2) to enter into a long-term lease for all or a portion of said building for the purpose of a snack/refreshment stand and bathhouse on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and/or the Trustees of the Bathing Beach deem in the best interests of the Town.

A Majority Vote

Article 30

VOTED: That the Town appropriate or set aside for later spending sums of money as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows:

- 1) Appropriate \$45,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund for addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund;
- 2) Appropriate \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to be used by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for the HAHT Opportunity Funding Program;
- 3) Appropriate \$60,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to be used by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust to create an affordable housing unit at 302 Whiting Street, Map 187/Lot 24;
- 4) Appropriate \$6,651 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve and \$23,349 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Housing Authority for a feasibility study and consultant services regarding a parcel of land on Beal Street, Map58/Lot 23;
- 5) Appropriate \$41,387 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Historical Commission for the preservation of Town maps, photos, monuments and markers throughout the Town;
- 6) Appropriate \$85,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Second Parish Church Association for the Second Parish ADA Compliance Project located at 685 Main Street, Map 126/Lot 047;
- 7) Appropriate \$15,650 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Community Center for restoration of the front exterior of and leaded glass sidelights in the building located at 70 South Street, Map 61/Lot 163;
- 8) Appropriate \$132,243 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Recreation Commission for the renovation and repurposing of Kress Field Playground located at 1 Off-Gardner Street, Map 203/Lot 0;

9) Appropriate \$35,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Harbor Development Committee to install lighting along the Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge, Map 51/Lot 01; and for contingency costs in completing said bridge project.

10) Appropriate \$19,962 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Community Planning Department for installation of signage kiosks and trail materials for the Comprehensive Trails Plan; and

11) Appropriate \$150,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Bathing Beach Trustees and/or the Board of Selectmen to develop a Maritime Facility (Bathhouse/Multipurpose Maritime Building).

A Unanimous Vote

Article 31

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectman to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the reimbursement of 54% of the total project cost of \$120,000 up to the grant award maximum of \$50,000, which project cost is to be paid for through the Community Preservation Act funds appropriated for the renovation of Kress Field Playground, a playground dedicated to active recreation purposes under M.G.L. c. 45, s. 14, pursuant to the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant Program under 301 CMR 5.00, and all other applicable laws, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of said grant to be administered by the Town of Hingham Recreation Department.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 32

VOTED: That the Town (i) appropriate the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to be used by the Hingham Conservation Commission under M.G.L. c. 40, § 8C, to purchase the parcels of land comprised of Assessors' Map 137, Lot 1, Lot 18, Lot 21.B and a portion of Lot 23 and Assessors' Map 147, Lot 6, and to meet such appropriation (a) expend Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$211,861) from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve and Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$288,139) from the Community Preservation General Fund and (b)

authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000), together with costs of the borrowing, under the provisions of M.G.L. chapters 44 and 44B and any other enabling authority upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine, provided that any grants received by the Town would reduce the borrowing by a like amount and that the source of repayment of such principal indebtedness and interest accrued thereon shall be the Hingham Community Preservation Fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44B; (ii) authorize, but not require, the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to grant a conservation restriction that meets the requirements of sections 31 to 33, inclusive, of M.G.L. c. 184 as required pursuant to section 12 of the Community Preservation Act (M.G.L. c. 44B) to a nonprofit organization; and (iii) to authorize the Conservation Commission to seek reimbursement under the LAND program, (formerly known as the Self-Help Program), Chapter 132 A §11 and enter contracts therefor.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 33

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 38 of the Hingham By-laws by deleting Section 1 thereof and inserting in its place:

“Section 1. Establishment

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44B, known as the Community Preservation Act, there is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee (“the Committee”) consisting of nine members. The term of office of each member of the Committee shall be three years. In case of a vacancy, the designating or appointing authority for that seat shall designate or appoint a new member to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. The composition of the Committee and the methods of appointment of the members of the Committee shall be as follows:

One (1) member of the Conservation Commission as designated by that Commission;

One (1) member of the Historical Commission as designated by that Commission;

One (1) member of the Planning Board as designated by that Board;

One (1) member of the Housing Authority as designated by that Authority;

One (1) member of the Recreation Commission as designated by that Commission;

Two (2) members to be appointed by the Selectmen; and

Two (2) members to be appointed by the Moderator."

A Unanimous Vote

Article 34

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

Item 1: By amending Section III-A by deleting the current use 3.6A.

Item 2: By amending Section III-A, 4 by inserting a new use "4.27 Media broadcasting or production studio"; permitted as of right (P) in Business A, Business B, Office Park, Industrial, Industrial Park, and Limited Industrial Park, allowed with a Special Permit A2 (A2) in Business Recreation and Official and Open Space, and prohibited (O) in all other zoning districts.

Item 3: By amending Section VI by inserting the following definition: "Media broadcasting or production studio: An establishment which engages in production or broadcast of content for television, cable, internet, or other media."

2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 35

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

- Item 1: By amending the Title of Section III-C "Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District" by deleting it and replacing it with "Floodplain Protection Overlay District";
- Item 2: By amending Section III-C, 1 by deleting from the first sentence the following text: "Zoning Map of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts Part B Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District dated 2012, as may be amended from time to time." and inserting the following text: "Zoning Map Part B Floodplain Protection Overlay District";
- Item 3: By deleting the words "Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District" from the following Sections: Table of Contents Section III-C; II-B,1; II-C,2; III-C, subsections 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; IV-B, subsections 12 and 13; IV-F, subsection 1; the Index; and anywhere else it may appear in the By-law, and replacing it with "Floodplain Protection Overlay District";
- Item 4: By deleting "25023C0018J, 25023C0019J, 25023C0038J, 25023C0081J, 25023C0082J" after the word "numbers", and inserting ", and panel numbers 25023C0018J, 25023C0019J, 25023C0038J, 25023C0081J, 25023C0082J revised to August 14, 2015." after "July 17, 2012" in Section III-C,1;
- Item 5: By inserting "The 2015 Letter of Map Revision is on file with the Conservation Commission." at the end of the first paragraph in Section III-C,1;
- Item 6: By amending Section II-C, 2 by deleting "The Zoning Map of the Town of Hingham Massachusetts, Part B (1975), as amended" and inserting "Zoning Map Part B Floodplain Protection Overlay District",
- Item 7: By deleting the map "Zoning Part B Flood Plain and Watershed Protection 2014" and replacing it with the updated map that reflects the revised FIRM panels listed in Item 4 above and is titled "Zoning Map Part B Floodplain Protection Overlay District";
- Item 8: By amending Section III-C, 1., by replacing the second paragraph in its entirety as follows:
- "The Floodplain Protection Overlay District is established as an overlay district to all other districts for the following purposes:
- a. to protect public health, safety and general welfare;

- b. to protect human life and property from hazards of periodic flooding;
- c. to prevent the occurrence of public health emergencies resulting from water quality contamination and pollution due to flooding;
- d. to preserve natural flood control characteristics and the flood storage capacity of the floodplain; and
- e. to regulate development in floodplains in a manner that, at a minimum, meets the requirements of FEMA for participation in the NFIP."

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 36

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

By inserting a new Section "Section V-I Common Driveways

Section V-I Common Driveways

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to provide guidelines for the Planning Board to permit Common Driveways in order to reduce the number of access points on public or private streets; to protect wetlands and sensitive natural areas from disturbance; and to preserve historic streetscapes in the Town, when these driveways meet reasonable construction and design standards.

2. Applicability and Scope

Common driveways may be allowed by Special Permit A3 issued by the Planning Board. A Common Driveway provides common vehicular and pedestrian access, extending from a street, to more than one but not more than three lots. All lots served by the Common Driveway shall satisfy the frontage requirements as defined in Section VI and specified in Section IV-A for the zoning district in which the lots are located. Without limiting the foregoing, access over the frontage must be actual and not illusory. The Planning Board may find frontage to be illusory if the frontage would fail to provide acceptable physical access as contemplated by MGL Chapter 41, Section 81M. Such failure may include, but is not limited to, the inability of the applicant to obtain an order of conditions under applicable state or local wetlands regulations

for construction of the access, the presence of distinct physical impediments to threshold access, or extreme lot configurations. Where the proposed development constitutes a subdivision under the Subdivision Control Law, this By-law shall not apply.

3. Plan Requirements

A plan shall be prepared and wet stamped with the original signature of a Massachusetts professional civil engineer (the "Design Engineer") at a scale of 1"=20' or 1"= 40', providing sufficient detail to demonstrate conformance to the Construction and Design Standards detailed below. The plan must clearly depict zoning requirements and potential driveway locations for all lots. Upon completion of construction a certified as-built must be submitted.

4. Construction and Design Standards

All Common Driveways shall conform to the following minimum standards:

a. Common Driveways shall provide the following minimum easement widths and minimum paved surface widths as applicable:

Use Served	Minimum Easement Width	Minimum Paved Surface Width
Residential	24-feet	20-feet
Non-residential	40-feet	24-feet

Access roads serving individual lots off of Common Driveways shall comply with 527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 18. The Planning Board may require that the Minimum Paved Surface width of a Common Driveway serving residential multi-family dwellings, non-residential lots or any combination thereof be increased based on the type and volume of traffic projected to be generated by the proposed development, provided that the Minimum Easement Width must at all times be at least 4' greater than the Minimum Paved Surface Width. If no development is proposed with the application for the Common Driveway, the minimum non-residential standard shall be required. There shall also be provided an 18" cape cod berm on each side of the Common Driveway serving non-residential uses.

b. Common Driveways shall not exceed 400' in length in residence zoning districts and 800' in all other zoning districts, measured from the street line to the end of the shared portion of the Common Driveway.

Where a Common Driveway exceeds 150' in length, turnarounds for emergency vehicles shall be provided in locations approved by the Fire Department. There must be adequate directional signage provided identifying the addresses served by the Common Driveway for emergency vehicle response, as well as routine traffic.

c. No Common Driveway shall be allowed to be constructed off any cul-de-sac or dead end of a public or private way. No Common Driveway shall be connected or attached to any other Common Driveway. No Common Driveway shall be extended without prior approval of the Planning Board pursuant to this Section V-I.

d. Sight distances at the entrance of a Common Driveway along the intersecting street shall conform to current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards and be indicated on the plan.

e. To provide better traffic safety and reduce the visual impacts of traffic on abutting properties, the Planning Board may require Common Driveways to be set back a minimum of 15' from lot lines and/or be screened with a buffer of trees and/or shrubs.

f. Common Driveways shall be constructed using a minimum 12" thick sorted gravel sub-base. The base course shall be a minimum of 2" binder and the top course for paved driveways shall each be a minimum 1 1/2 " thickness. Surfacing with gravel, crushed stone, or another permeable or semi-permeable surface may be proposed, especially for use within one hundred feet of a wetland or in other sensitive areas.

g. Runoff draining onto abutting properties shall not exceed that which existed prior to construction of the Common Driveway, or be concentrated at any one point of discharge. Runoff shall not discharge into the public way. The Design Engineer shall provide a drainage statement and sufficient analysis to support the proposed storm water drainage system, including pre and post construction flows.

h. Common Driveway easements may allow space for installation of water lines and other utilities as needed. Utilities shall be shown on the Common Driveway Plan. The Planning Board may require that utilities be installed underground.

i. No portion of a Common Driveway or turning area shall be located above major components of a septic system, including septic tanks, leaching fields, and distribution boxes, except where approved by the

Board of Health, and only upon a finding by the Planning Board that there will be no negative impact on access for the lots served by the Common Driveway during future maintenance or replacement of these components.

5. Common Driveway Easement and Agreement

Proposed documents shall be submitted to the Planning Board with an application for a Common Driveway Special Permit A3 demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Board through easements, restrictive covenants, or other appropriate recordable instruments that the maintenance, repair, snow removal, and liability for the Common Driveway shall remain perpetually the responsibility of one or more of the record owners of the lots served by the Common Driveway, or their successors-in-interest. Easement areas shall be shown on the Common Driveway Plan. Approved legal documents shall be recorded prior to issuance of a building permit for any building to be served by the Common Driveway.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 37

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

Item 1: By amending Section V-G, 1.a. to delete "in districts zoned as residential and business".

Item 2: By amending Section III-A, 1. to add use "1.8.8 Bed and Breakfast Establishment in conjunction with a single-family dwelling only (subject to Section V-G)"; permitted with a Special Permit A2 (A2) in Residence A, Residence B, Residence C, Residence D, Residence E, Business A and Business B, and prohibited (O) in all other zoning districts.

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 38

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

Item 1: By deleting "(April 2, 1983)" and "(November, 1986)" from Section II-C,1.

Item 2: By inserting "Watershed" after the word "Pond" in Section II-C, 1.

Item 3: By deleting "(1975)" from Section II-C, 2.

Item 4: By deleting Sections II-C, 3; II-C, 4; and II-C, 5 in their entirety.

Item 5: By deleting from Section III-D, 2. "Zoning Map - Part C, Accord Pond Watershed and Hingham Aquifer Protection District, Town of Hingham, Massachusetts" Dated November, 1986," and replacing it with "Zoning Map Parts A and C".

Item 6: By inserting into Section III-E, 3 "Industrial Park- and Office Park-zoned land in Hingham south of Whiting Street (Route 53)" after "Only", and deleting "areas zoned Industrial Park or Office Park shown on the Hingham Zoning Map Parts A and C and within the South Hingham Development Overlay District".

Item 7: By inserting into Section III-G, 3, after "Applicability" the following "The Downtown Hingham Overlay District consists of parcels in Business District A extending from the intersection of South Street and Bates Way to the west and the intersection of Summer Street, Green Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway to the east, as shown on the map "Zoning Map Parts A and C."

Item 8: By inserting into Section II-B after "regulations." the following "The Overlay Districts are shown on the Zoning Maps."

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 39

VOTED: That the Town vote to amend the Town of Hingham Zoning By-law by making the following changes:

Item 1. Delete Section IV-C, 10. in its entirety, insert a new Section IV-C, 2. as follows, and renumber existing subsections 2 through 9 of Section IV-C (General Intensity Provisions) sequentially as Subsections 3 through 10:

2. Lot Shape

- a. In addition to the minimum lot area and frontage requirements, all lots shall be laid out in such a manner so that a circle, with a diameter equal to eighty (80) percent of the minimum frontage requirement for the zoning district in which it is located, can be placed tangent to the front and within all other lot lines with no portion of the circle extending beyond the boundaries of the lot.

- b. In addition to complying with subsection 2.a above, to meet the minimum lot shape requirement in residential districts, for lots created after April 1, 2000, a lot must also be a closed parcel of land having a defined area and perimeter, and additionally provide a shape factor not exceeding the numerical value of twenty-two (22). Shape factors shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$P^2 / A = S$$

P = perimeter in linear feet

A = land area in square feet

S = shape factor not exceeding 22

A lot may have a shape factor exceeding twenty-two (22) if a contiguous portion of the lot:

- i. meets the minimum area requirement for the zoning district; and
- ii. has a shape factor not exceeding twenty-two (22); and
- iii. is accessible within the property boundaries for purposes of ingress, egress and location of utilities; and
- iv. is located at a depth not more than two (2) lots removed from the street on which the lot's frontage is located.

Item 2. Delete from the definition of Frontage in Section VI the words "and tangent to which and within all other lot lines a circle, the diameter of which is not less than 80 percent of the minimum lot size frontage set forth in Section IV-A of this By-law may be located."

2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 40

VOTED: That no action be taken on this Article.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 41

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by amending Article 23, entitled "Sewer Appropriation By-law", by adding after subsection (b)(iii) new subsections (c), (d), and (e), as follows:

"(c) The Board of Health may, but is not required to, submit an advisory statement indicating the public health and environmental needs for said project;

(d) The Board of Sewer Commissioners may, but is not required to, submit an advisory statement indicating the scope and constraints of said project; and

(e) Such other information as the Advisory Committee deems appropriate."

A Majority Vote

Article 42

VOTED: That Article 42 be referred to the Board of Selectmen for further study.

A Majority Vote

Article 43

VOTED: That the Town authorize but not require, for a period through April 30, 2017, the Board of Selectmen to accept grants of easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, or pedestrian walkways, or water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms and conditions that the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Meeting Adjourned 11:07 PM

2016 Cash Appropriations

Article 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	479,500
Expenses	34,090
Capital Outlay	0
132 RESERVE FUND	550,000
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	398,498
Expenses	12,555
Capital Outlay	88,700
Audit	61,500
Information Technology	228,608
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	237,942
Expenses	11,510
Consulting	67,000
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	329,217
Expenses	45,338
Capital Outlay	0
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	232,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	27,700
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	182,054
Expenses	7,866
Capital Outlay	50,500

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	20,850
Expenses	19,845
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	738,761
Expenses	57,297
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	17,228
Expenses	7,370
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	220,571
Expenses	427,701
Capital Outlay	78,482
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	14,500
Capital Outlay	<u>6,200</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>4,672,075</u></u>
PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$451,378)	5,164,273
Expenses	312,500
Capital Outlay (\$35,000 from Mooring Permits)	358,000
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$450,990)	4,994,702
Expenses	404,445
Capital Outlay	132,000
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	854,438
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	61,646
Expenses	5,300

295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	155,716
Expenses	56,975
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	352,977
Street Lighting	<u>183,274</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>13,036,246</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	38,643,488
Expenses	8,970,233
Capital Outlay	867,155
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u><u>48,480,876</u></u>
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
405 TOWN ENGINEERING	
Payroll	241,350
Expenses	33,350
Capital Outlay	0
Road Building/Construction	300,000
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$55,300)	1,972,788
Expenses	414,314
Capital Outlay (\$238,428 for Excess Overlay)	292,000
Snow Removal	504,325
Road Maintenance	303,246
430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING	
Payroll (Overtime \$25,798)	498,057
Expenses	819,128
Capital Outlay	200,000
440 SEWER COMMISSION	
Payroll (Overtime \$22,708)	327,175
Expenses	271,166

Capital Outlay	195,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,794,940
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	229,415

\$2,827,696 shall be funded from Sewer revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u>8,406,254</u>
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HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	303,271
Expenses	23,335

541 ELDER SERVICES

Payroll	206,377
Expenses	17,383
Capital Outlay	50,000
Tax Work Off Program	0

543 VETERANS' SERVICES

Payroll	95,610
Expenses	5,679
Benefits	259,185

545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER

2,700

546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER

3,700

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u>967,240</u>
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

610 LIBRARY

Payroll	1,336,866
Expenses	324,534
Capital Outlay (from available reserves)	1,175,303

630 RECREATION COMMISSION

Payroll	91,725
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650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	18,081
Expenses	21,145
Capital Outlay	0
692 CELEBRATIONS	<u>11,719</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	<u><u>2,979,373</u></u>
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	2,103,614
\$2,103,614 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u><u>2,103,614</u></u>
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>9,562,032</u>
(\$4,504,621 IS EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSITION 2 1/2)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u><u>9,562,032</u></u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	7,195,455
900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	795,063
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	4,029,783
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	330,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
914 EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAXES	<u>742,500</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u><u>13,122,801</u></u>

UNCLASSIFIED

901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	605,000
940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	
Claims and Incidentals	<u>10,950</u>
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>615,950</u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	103,946,461
Article 7	
From Available Reserves to Stabilization	
Article 8	
Reduce FY2017 tax rate	65,413
Article 9	
From Meals Tax Stabilization to reduce 2017 Tax Rate	450,000
Article 10	
From Municipal Light Plant to reduce 2017 Tax Rate	500,000
Article 13	
From Free Cash to FY15 Reserve Fund	781,436
Article 14	
Fire Station Building - renovation North Station	295,903
Article 30	
CPC	
General Reserve: Administrative Fund	45,000
Beal St Map58/Lot23	23,349
Historical Comm- preservation maps, photos	41,387
2nd Parish ADA Compliance Project	85,000
Community Ctr restoration	15,650
Recreation- Reno & repurpose Kress Field	132,243
Harbor Dev- Lighting Whitney Wharf Bridge	35,000
Community Planning- signage, trail materials	19,962
Tr. Bathing Beach- Bathhouse/Maritime Bldg	150,000
Housing Reserve-HAHT Opportunity Funding Program	100,000

Housing Reserve-HAHT Beal St Map58/Lot23	6,651
Housing Reserve-HAHT 302 Whiting St Map 187/Lot24	60,000
Article 32	
CPC-General Reserve Lehner/Conservation	288,139
CPC-Open Space Lehner/Conservation	211,861
Article 16	
From Free Cash to HAHT Lincoln School Apts	1,000,000
Article 19	
From Free Cash to Board of Selectmen Feasibility Water Company	300,000
Article 20	
Borrow/Board of Selectmen Resurfacing various roads throughout the Town	2,242,000
Article 25	
Insurance recovery > \$20,000 School Dept	25,239
Article 32	
Borrow/Board of Selectmen Lehner/Conservation Property	4,500,000
	115,320,694

Presidential Primary, March 1, 2016

Democratic Ballot

Presidential Preference

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Bernie Sanders	287	314	325	284	186	142	288	1826
Martin O'Malley	6	0	2	0	1	5	3	17
Hillary Clinton	424	459	421	396	272	397	398	2767
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	7
No Preference	4	7	2	1	1	1	6	22
Blanks	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	7
Write-Ins	0	6	1	1	1	0	4	13
Total	725	788	753	682	461	549	701	4659

State Committee Man

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Christopher Doyle Matthews	468	538	470	457	294	361	459	3047
Blanks	257	244	279	221	164	187	237	1589
Write-Ins	0	6	4	4	3	1	5	23
Total	725	788	753	682	461	549	701	4659

State Committee Woman

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Alice P. Arena	485	546	488	459	299	369	472	3118
Blanks	239	6	263	222	160	178	226	1294
Write-Ins	1	236	2	1	2	2	3	247
Total	725	788	753	682	461	549	701	4659

Town Committee - Vote for no more than Thirty-Five

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Group	280	294	297	272	165	202	262	1772
Ellen Whalen	305	350	353	340	198	236	329	2111
Philip H. Doster	276	311	310	279	180	303	283	1942
Susan K. Haley	280	336	330	300	183	228	292	1949
Edmund Demko	305	363	339	302	191	215	295	2010
Michael F. Mullaley	281	320	310	288	179	223	288	1889
Margaret D. Mullaley	284	330	317	295	184	229	287	1926

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
June M. Freedman	277	329	332	288	194	231	299	1950
Virginia G. Doster	273	318	316	286	175	298	283	1949
Garrett J. Bradley	406	477	463	454	273	262	435	2770
James L. Watson	289	323	335	302	179	219	284	1931
Paul J. Gannon	309	382	363	354	221	228	384	2241
Timothy H. White	411	330	328	291	196	217	287	2060
Ilona Cutler	271	318	308	278	175	220	281	1851
Kevin J. Whalen	287	321	329	314	178	215	306	1950
James M. Costello	283	325	323	307	186	221	314	1959
Carlos A.F. Da Silva	279	343	334	300	189	221	304	1970
Suzanne Kaye	278	325	320	289	199	225	283	1919
Kathleen M. Swanson	313	332	332	289	179	216	397	2058
James R. Watson	288	323	330	289	183	220	287	1920
E. Shawn Worster	274	327	309	279	176	208	276	1849
Deborah G. Ludwig	284	325	327	292	176	215	280	1899
Millicent E. Broderick	282	342	315	285	176	211	278	1889
Alex J. Carabelli	273	311	308	285	177	211	279	1844
Richard T. McCarthy, Sr.	274	317	321	281	178	299	287	1957
Ruth G Nace	275	316	319	286	176	311	280	1963
Dawn C. Sibor	270	319	324	299	185	217	311	1925
Richard S. Haley	274	322	321	300	178	220	287	1902
Blanks	435	494	454	410	296	347	439	2875
Write-Ins	5	15	5	10	3	1	13	52

Republican Ballot

Presidential Preference

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Jim Gilmore	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Donald J. Trump	210	211	202	236	182	77	276	1394
Ted Cruz	28	47	55	41	31	30	53	285
George Pataki	1	3	1	0	1	4	0	10
Ben Carson	12	11	11	13	11	7	12	77
Mike Huckabee	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Rand Paul	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	7
Carly Fiorina	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	7

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Rick Santorum	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Chris Christie	3	1	2	2	2	1	4	15
Marco Rubio	130	159	137	169	112	69	169	945
Jeb Bush	12	12	9	4	3	19	7	66
John R. Kasich	152	168	205	227	140	117	163	1172
No Preference	1	5	2	3	2	3	4	20
Blanks	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	7
Write-Ins	4	6	7	3	0	2	1	23
Total	558	625	636	702	487	332	693	4033

State Committee Man

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Peter J. Buckley	210	238	244	221	189	103	200	1405
Matthew B. LeBretton	249	282	296	376	231	156	362	1952
Blanks	98	104	96	101	67	73	131	670
Write-Ins	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	6
Total	558	625	636	702	487	332	693	4033

State Committee Woman

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Janet R. Fogarty	358	427	433	475	347	217	425	2682
Blanks	196	197	202	222	140	114	264	1335
Write-Ins	4	1	1	5	0	1	4	16
Total	558	625	636	702	487	332	693	4033

Town Committee - Vote for no more than Thirty-Five

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Group	188	228	218	284	175	132	246	1471
Laura E. Marwill	223	302	250	318	201	138	283	7115
Eric A. Haskell	204	243	240	308	206	140	260	1601
Virginia B. Gray	249	283	298	356	215	156	288	1845
Donald A. Hussey	229	276	273	326	210	143	280	1737
Helga J. Jorgensen	223	245	239	302	190	138	257	1594
Ann P. Collins	230	276	267	328	205	156	282	1744
Gordon M. Carr	212	258	255	317	212	141	269	1664
John P. Cafferty	225	273	274	326	213	142	269	1722
Edna S. English	240	290	295	373	239	162	359	1958
Christine Cadegan	203	246	323	304	200	137	255	1668

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Constance A. Coleman	201	239	234	305	192	135	255	1561
M. Susan Earle	198	250	234	296	183	141	263	1565
Talbert E. Lauter	228	248	253	329	198	142	298	1696
Barbara McAlvin	195	245	227	290	181	137	254	1529
Lydia H. Harris	216	243	232	297	185	142	255	1570
Jerry K. Seelen	223	268	253	320	199	137	268	1668
Heather A. Hedlund	278	323	315	375	244	156	325	2016
Bonnard F. Fage	225	247	234	296	287	136	255	1680
Timothy F. Finnerty	213	269	274	326	209	137	278	1706
William A. Wise	207	257	248	320	204	137	263	1636
Donald R. Pinto	200	248	238	331	201	137	270	1625
Lynne Powell-Pinto	204	248	239	331	199	140	265	1626
Kathleen A. Peloquin	210	267	239	306	187	139	257	1605
Susan C. Bush	252	298	318	358	232	165	311	1934
Betty J. Tower	210	253	258	313	194	148	273	1649
C. Ronald Johnson	205	241	243	304	185	139	258	1575
Judith C. Nims	217	240	227	298	181	136	253	1552
Richard C. PeDone	205	248	230	296	183	135	258	1555
Mary J. Hanron	191	250	232	291	181	137	252	1534
Brian J. Battista	250	289	281	351	232	146	343	1892
Dight W. Crain	199	241	229	301	184	159	258	1571
Nancy H. Smalzel	213	243	230	303	191	139	254	1573
Blanks	334	397	414	417	309	200	477	2548
Write-Ins	5	6	8	4	3	0	6	32
Total Voters -								
16,692								52.1%

Special State Primary, April 12, 2016

Senator In General Court - Democratic

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Paul J. Gannon	86	92	72	117	78	66	197	708
Joan Meschino	122	131	152	143	70	201	99	918
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	209	223	224	260	148	267	296	1627

Senator In General Court - Republican

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Stephen D. Gill	9	14	18	13	13	25	12	104
Patrick M. O'Connor	64	84	98	93	83	102	95	619
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	9
Total	75	100	117	108	97	128	107	732

Senator In General Court - Green- Rainbow

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks								0
Write-Ins								0
Total	0							

Senator In General Court - United Independent

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks								0
Write-Ins (Joan Meschino)			1					1
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

**Total Voters -
16,813**

14%

Annual Town Election, April 30, 2016

Moderator

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	40	51	72	52	45	50	76	386
Michael J. Puzo	201	238	269	268	218	216	238	1648
Write-Ins	0	6	1	0	0	0	4	11
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Selectman

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	62	82	85	68	65	61	79	502
Paul K. Healey	175	208	254	250	196	204	233	1520
Write-Ins	4	5	3	2	2	1	6	23
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Board Of Assessors

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	69	86	138	104	76	72	97	642
William M. Fennelly	172	209	204	216	186	193	221	1401
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Board Of Health

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	68	88	127	103	78	73	101	638
Kirk J. Shilts	173	204	215	217	184	192	217	1402
Write-Ins	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	5
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Municipal Light Board

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	64	81	101	87	63	71	99	566
Roger Freeman	176	214	241	233	200	195	217	1476
Write-ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Housing Authority

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	72	85	129	94	82	71	102	635
Davalene Cooper	169	209	213	225	181	195	216	1408
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

School Committee

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	189	207	214	166	158	169	189	1292
Raymond C. Estes	101	141	138	129	141	130	143	923
Elizabeth "Liza" Reed O'Reilly	163	180	249	231	166	185	203	1377
Carlos A.F. Da Silva	163	204	224	218	178	154	210	1351
Kay L. Praschma	107	150	200	215	144	159	208	1183
Write-Ins	0	3	1	1	2	1	1	9
			102					
Total	723	885	6	960	789	798	954	6135

Planning Board (For Five Years)

For Five Years	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	65	83	109	86	62	64	83	552
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	176	209	233	233	200	202	231	1484
Write-Ins	0	3	0	1	1	0	4	9
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Planning Board (For Three Years)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	68	76	125	97	77	67	106	616
Jennifer Gay Smith	173	219	217	223	186	198	212	1428
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Sewer Commission

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	79	98	133	117	90	77	112	706
Kirk J. Shilts	162	194	209	201	173	188	206	1333
Write-Ins	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	6
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045

Recreation Commission

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	65	81	124	93	76	72	107	618
Bruce P. Thompson	175	214	217	225	187	194	209	1421
Write-Ins	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	6
Total	241	295	342	320	263	266	318	2045



Town Clerk Eileen McCracken dons the appropriate shoes on Election Day.

Special State Election, May 10, 2016

**For Senator in General
Court-Democratic**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Joan Meschino	160	179	204	184	107	294	165	1293
Patrick M. O'Connor	113	155	173	185	133	176	176	1111
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Write-Ins	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
Total	274	334	377	370	1	472	342	2409

**Total Voters -
16,848**

14.3%

State Primary Election September 8, 2016

Democratic Ballot

Representative In Congress

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Stephen F. Lynch	191	139	207	190	125	263	242	1357
Blanks	49	30	55	69	40	98	66	407
Write-Ins	7	7	12	4	1	8	13	52
Total	247	176	274	263	166	369	321	1816

Councillor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	96	75	121	93	63	146	133	727
Stephen F. Flynn	89	63	67	82	58	129	101	589
Blanks	60	37	86	87	44	93	87	494
Write-Ins	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	6
Total	247	176	274	263	166	369	321	1816

Senator In General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Brian Richard Cook	71	39	78	77	45	98	67	475
Joan Meschino	97	99	114	99	66	169	128	772
Paul Gannon	14	11	12	17	3		54	111
Blanks	58	24	63	66	28	83	11	333
Write-Ins	7	3	7	4	24	19	61	125
Total	247	176	274	263	166	369	321	1816

Representative In General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Garrett J. Bradley (Pct 1, 3-5, 5A, 6 only)	30		29	25	19	114	38	255
James Michael Murphy (Pct 2)		117						117
Stephen Burm	80	11	51	64	51	23	139	419
Joan Meschino	117	24	171	149	80	174	108	823
Blanks	20	24	22	19	13	56	26	180
Write-Ins	0	0	1	6	3	2	10	22
Total	247	176	274	263	166	369	321	1816

Sherriff

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Scott M. Vecchi	133	122	152	137	88	223	184	1039
Blanks	112	54	120	126	78	144	134	768
Write-Ins	2	0	2	0	0	2	3	9
Total	247	176	274	263	166	369	321	1816

County Commissioner

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Greg Hanley	117	96	107	102	79	168	144	813
Lincoln D. Heineman	108	83	113	111	71	171	107	764
Blanks	264	172	327	313	180	393	388	2037
Write-Ins	5	1	1	0	2	6	3	18
Total	494	352	548	526	332	738	642	3632

Republican Ballot**Representative In Congress**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
William Burke	74	71	75	108	62	102	89	581
Blanks	24	17	37	28	20	17	37	180
Write-Ins	19	6	9	14	20	5	25	98
Total	117	94	121	150	102	124	151	859

Councillor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	104	85	101	131	92	94	131	738
Write-Ins	13	9	20	19	10	30	20	121
Total	117	94	121	150	102	124	151	859

Senator In General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Patrick M. O'Connor	80	80	91	121	93	98	114	677
Stephen D. Gill	24	12	16	19	6	22	24	123
Blanks	10	1	13	7	3	3	10	47
Write-Ins	3	1	1	3	0	1	3	12
Total	117	94	121	150	102	124	151	859

Representative In General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Kristen Arute	26	8	49	53	32	15	60	243
John Brannan	23	7	19	22	16	10	19	116
Blanks	57	72	43	58	6	93	63	392
Write-Ins	11	7	10	17	48	6	9	108
Total	117	94	121	150	102	124	151	859

Sherriff

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Joseph D. McDonald, Jr.	74	77	72	119	76	101	109	628
Blanks	43	17	49	31	26	22	41	229
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Total	117	94	121	150	102	124	151	859

County Commissioner

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Daniel A. Pallotta	50	39	47	81	56	71	76	420
Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Sr.	68	59	65	99	62	83	75	511
Blanks	116	90	129	120	86	94	150	785
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	234	188	242	300	204	248	302	1718

**Total Voters –
17,560****15.6%**

State and Presidential Election, November 8, 2016

Electors of President And Vice President

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Clinton and Caine	1327	1436	1445	1363	920	717	1300	10796
Johnson and Weld	114	113	123	128	80	38	95	886
Stein and Baraka	26	28	28	23	20	3	14	164
Trump and Pence	776	801	739	768	645	267	814	6210
Blanks	51	36	43	49	38	25	52	396
Write-Ins	66	68	81	69	46	10	68	525
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Representative In Congress

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Stephen F. Lynch	1421	1505	1464	1367	957	708	1382	11069
William Burke	835	862	877	930	721	288	852	7034
Blanks	100	113	118	99	71	63	108	862
Write-Ins	4	2	0	4	0	1	1	12
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Councillor

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Christopher A. Iannela, Jr.	1593	1716	1672	1585	1145	733	1559	12642
Blanks	744	746	757	797	582	323	761	6149
Write-Ins	23	20	30	18	22	4	23	186
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Senator In General Court

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Patrick M. O'connor	984	1112	1093	1088	837	469	948	8474
Paul J. Gannon	1130	1134	1142	1105	737	502	1224	8923
Blanks	245	232	218	204	171	89	168	1551
Write-Ins	1	4	6	3	4	0	3	29
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Representative In General Court (Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Kristen G. Arute	1160		1132	1241	976	335	1281	9532
Joan Meschino	1055		1194	1016	675	632	937	8320
Blanks	144		131	139	93	92	123	1097
Write-Ins	1		2	4	5	1	2	28
Total	2360		2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Representative In General Court (Precinct 2)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
James Murphy		1691						
Blanks		757						0
Write-Ins		34						0
Total		2482						0

Sherriff

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Joseph D. Mcdonald, Jr.	1197	1255	1212	1317	999	434	1287	10028
Scott M. Vecchi	907	953	961	800	578	515	815	6892
Blanks	254	272	283	279	170	111	239	2035
Write-Ins	2	2	3	4	2	0	2	22
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

County Commissioner

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Greg Hanley	982	1084	1036	945	714	531	1032	8033
Daniel A. Pallotta	1112	1163	1114	1192	942	377	1194	9229
Lincoln D. Heineman	707	649	734	597	433	380	573	5079
Blanks	1917	2066	2034	2060	1404	832	1882	15578
Write-Ins	2	2	4	6	5	0	5	39
Total	4720	4964	4922	4800	3498	2120	4686	37958

Question 1 Additional Slots-Only Casino

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Yes	694	739	695	592	482	159	686	4955
No	1571	1648	1682	1724	1204	818	1561	13245
Blanks	95	95	82	84	63	83	96	777
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Question 2 Charter Schools

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Yes	1084	1080	1244	1175	841	456	967	8864
No	1221	1357	1169	1180	878	548	1327	9678
Blanks	55	45	46	45	30	56	49	435
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Question 3 Farm Animal Containment

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Yes	1844	1949	1942	1871	987	767	1796	13894
No	455	469	465	479	727	222	477	4552
Blanks	61	64	52	50	35	71	70	531
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

Question 4 Recreational Marijuana

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Yes	1073	1064	1162	998	708	216	912	7487
No	1253	1382	1261	1376	1021	796	1393	11172
Blanks	34	36	36	26	20	48	38	318
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2360	2482	2459	2400	1749	1060	2343	18977

**Total Voters –
17,402**

85.4%

Vital Statistics

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016*
Births	205	216	201	222	220
Marriages	73	80	85	84	78
Deaths	275	281	402	491	448

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

Building Department

The Building Department continued to see renovation and new construction activity on both residential and commercial properties throughout the town during 2016. Damon Farm has received several occupancies. The Derby Street Shoppes as well as the Shipyard continue to see new tenants. Hingham Light's new facility is now open, the harbor has seen a new bridge installed and the new MBTA Commuter Boat Facility is nearing completion. We are anticipating the start of new apartment buildings at Linden Ponds and the Shipyard early next year.

We continue to enforce the Massachusetts 8th Edition of 780 CMR State Building Code, The Massachusetts State Electrical Code 527 CMR 12.00, The Massachusetts State 248 CMR Plumbing and Gas Code, along with the Town of Hingham General By-Law and the Zoning By-Law.

All permits are now applied for online. Homeowners and contractors may apply for permits from their home or office at www.hingham-ma.gov.

The Building Department has issued a total of 3,963 permits and conducted 6,241 inspections in 2016.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1,217	Building Permits	\$983,075
34	Final Cost Affidavits	32,786
657	Plumbing Permits	53,276
441	Gas Permits	16,300
1243	Electrical Permits	135,881
102	Certificate of Inspection	19,707
113	Occupancy	3,465
68	Re-inspection	4,675
88	Sheet Metal	18,065
<u>3,963</u>		<u>\$1,267,229</u>

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

We would like to thank all applicants, residents, businesses and town departments for their cooperation and support this past year. We look forward to serving you in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Clancy C.B.O., Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Conservation Commission

In 2016, the Conservation Commission supported multiple projects related to natural resource protection and open space management.

After a unanimous vote of approval at the Annual Town Meeting on April 25, 2016, the Commission worked in cooperation with multiple Town Departments and Committees to acquire the 50-acre Lehner property. Comprised of meadows, woodlands, wetlands and streams, the property abuts over 70 acres of open space and protects wildlife habitats, public water supplies, scenic streetscapes and other historic features. Staff also submitted a LAND Grant application in conjunction with the Lehner property acquisition, however the project did not receive a grant award. The Lehner family and the Town agreed to an extension of the original closing date, which is now scheduled for early January 2017.



The Commission also took the lead on updating the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (2009-2016). With the help of representatives from pertinent Town Departments and Committees, staff conducted a Town-wide survey, assessed and revised the community goals and seven-year action plan, and updated other sections of the plan with readily available information. Staff are actively addressing the state's comments on the draft plan and hope to have a final plan (2016-2023) approved in 2017.

Following the recommendations of the Comprehensive Trails Plan and with the help of a grant award from the Community Preservation Fund,

the Commission, in partnership with the Department of Public Works, the Bare Cove Park Committee and the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, purchased and installed 31 kiosks at various open space properties in Town. The kiosks will display interpretive and orientation materials, rules and regulations for use, and emergency contact information.

The Commission also continued to evaluate projects subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Hingham Wetland Regulations; it acted on 152 applications and projects during 2016. These included:

- 2 Orders of Resource Area Delineation
- 2 Emergency Certification
- 2 Enforcement Orders
- 36 Orders of Conditions
- 2 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 32 Determinations of Applicability
- 35 Certificates of Compliance
- 37 Administrative Reviews
- 4 Permit Extensions

In 2016, the Commission issued a total of 60 hunting permits; 5 for the spring turkey season and 55 for the fall deer season. Staff received notification of 14 deer being harvested during the 2016 season.

The Commission's dedicated volunteers also continued to help maintain and improve its open space properties. Various groups and individual volunteers worked many hours over the course of the year to pick up trash, clear brush and downed trees from trails, and other tasks that contributed to a more positive visitor experience.

Scott McIsaac, Chair
Adrienne DuBois
Laurie Freeman
Paul Hall
Henry Hidell
John J. Morrissey
Robert Mosher

Loni Fournier, Senior Planner: Conservation/GIS

Planning Board

Hingham witnessed continued development and permitting activity across all sectors (commercial, industrial, institutional and residential) over the past year. New development and reuse of existing buildings took place on commercial and industrial properties across Town.

The Planning Board conducted twenty-two Site Plan Review hearings. Fourteen were in conjunction with Special Permits, and eight were not. These included the redevelopment of the Lincoln Building, a series of changes at the Derby Street Shoppes, and modifications to the Hingham Shipyard residential units. There were also approvals related to the expansion or modification of existing buildings and businesses in town. In addition, the Planning Board reviewed thirteen Special Permit A3 approvals in conjunction with requests for parking waivers or determinations in accordance with the Town's off-street parking regulations, and one Special Permit A3 approval for a Preliminary Flexible Residential Development.

Joint hearings were conducted between the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding applications for a Special Permit A2, and the related Site Plan and/or Special Permit A3 on an as needed basis. Together, the Boards permitted the Lincoln Building redevelopment and changes to Derby Street Shoppes to approve the Capital One Café and the removal of parking spaces by Burton's Grill. They also permitted a major modification at the Hingham Shipyard.

The Planning Board reviewed seven Form A (Approval Not Required) plans and endorsed six of them for lot line changes, land swaps between adjacent parcels, or the creation of new lots. One Form A submittal was ultimately withdrawn. The Planning Board also acted on one Definitive Subdivision and two applications for modifications to existing subdivisions. Residential development on approved subdivision and infill lots, and in approved multifamily developments continued with activity at Baker Hill, Lewis Court, and Weathervane. Both Lewis Court and the Baker Hill subdivisions are nearing completion. Construction is underway at the recently approved 901 Main Street Definitive Subdivision.

In the months leading up to the 2017 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on five proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law (Lot Width, Parking Design Standards, Lot Line and Lot Area Definitions, Regulation of the Sale and Consumption of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed, and Changes to Nonconforming Accessory Structures). The purpose of the Lot Width article is to provide consistency

in the shape of lots. The purpose of the Parking Design Standards article is to provide clear guidelines for the Board and applicants regarding design of parking lots, as well as clear standards for shared parking and land banked parking. The purpose of the Lot Line and Lot Area Definitions article is to provide definitions for these terms. The purpose of the Regulation of the Sale and Consumption of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed article is to propose a temporary moratorium on this use to allow time for the state to draft their regulations on this use. The purpose of Changes to Nonconforming Accessory Structures is to provide a more appropriate permitting mechanism for proposed changes to nonconforming residential garages, sheds, porches and other accessory structures by reviewing them with a Special Permit process.

As with recent previous years, 2016 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Development and Industrial Committee, Traffic Committee, South Hingham Study Group and the newly re-formed Harbor Development Task Force.

Judith Sneath, Chairman
William Ramsey, Clerk
Jennifer M. Gay Smith
Gary Tondorf-Dick
Sarah Corey

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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

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

The Board held thirty-eight (38) meetings in 2016, during which members conducted one hundred nineteen (109) separate hearings on both ongoing and new applications. The Board received seventy-five (75) applications over the course of the year. This represents a 42% increase in the number of applications received over the prior year.

Variances: Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property, and no substantial detriment to the public good. More than half (43) of all applications submitted to the Board in 2016 were variance requests. The majority of the variances approved were dimensional and related to setback requirements for residential accessory structures, both attached and detached, as well as additions to single-family dwellings. The Hingham Zoning By-Law also authorizes the Board to grant use variances; however, this form of relief is granted sparingly. The Board did not grant any variance requests related to use in 2016.

Administrative Appeals: Aggrieved parties may appeal a decision or issuance of a permit by the Building Commissioner to the Board. Three (3) administrative appeal applications were filed in 2016; two remain ongoing and the third was withdrawn by the applicant.

Findings: The Board received two (2) applications for a Finding under M.G.L. ch. 40A, § 6 this past year. Findings involve changes to pre-

existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use or structure to the neighborhood.

Special Permits: The Board heard applications on twenty-one (21) Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific purpose, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special Permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. Several special permit applications involved either commercial signage or construction in floodplain districts, including both commercial and resident docks and piers. Special permit applications approved, after a collaborative review process with the Planning Board, include the mixed-use redevelopment of the Lincoln Building in Hingham Square and modifications to both the Hingham Shipyard and Derby Street Shoppes.

Comprehensive Permits (M.G.L. ch. 40B): Chapter 40B is a state statute that allows developers to seek a single local permit under flexible rules for housing developments where at least 20-25% of the units will have a long term affordability restriction. These applications tend to be more complex than others, in particular because the Board must review comprehensive permit applications under all local regulations, including those otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health. As a result, the Board solicits comments from these agencies and coordinates closely with all Town departments during its review of comprehensive permit applications in order to protect the public interest. Three (3) comprehensive permit applications were filed with the Board last year, which collectively proposed a total of 586 new dwelling units. In May 2016, the Board approved, with conditions, the Avalon Hingham Shipyard II development to be located on Lincoln Street (Route 3A). While the original application for this development proposed 250-units, the project was reduced to 190-units during the public hearing process. In September, the Board commenced its review of the Broadstone Bare Cove Alliance comprehensive permit application, which proposed a 300-unit development on Beal Street. The size of this project was subsequently reduced during the public hearing process to 220-units. Review of this application remains ongoing at the time of this report. The third application consists of a 36-unit development on Ward Street, known as River Stone. The hearing on this matter was stayed with the Town's filing of an Appeal with the Housing Appeals Committee pursuant to 760 CMR 56.03(8)(c). Finally, the Board received notice of three (3)

Project Changes After Issuance of a Comprehensive Permit - one related to Linden Ponds and two to Avalon Hingham Shipyard II - finding after review that each constituted an insubstantial change.

Other Business: Board members or its designee continued to participate in an ongoing planning initiative last year, known as the South Hingham Study Group. The Board also initiated two zoning amendments for consideration at 2017 Annual Town Meeting. The Board sponsored the proposed changes in an effort to improve the processes and regulations it implements under the Zoning By-Law.

Board members would like to express appreciation for the support, cooperation, and assistance we received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board would also like to acknowledge its new Zoning Clerk, Teresa McDonald, who joined the team in April. Zoning Board staff is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all zoning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are held on selected evenings at Town Hall.

Joseph W. Freeman, Chair
Robyn S. Maguire, Vice-Chair
Joseph M. Fisher, Clerk

Emily Wentworth, Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator

Historic Districts Commission

The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for reviewing proposed exterior additions and alterations to buildings in Hingham's historic districts. In 2016, the Historic Districts Commission held over 80 hearings and made site visits to review applications from property owners seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to protect the history and character of Hingham's historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the characteristic architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts. Maintenance and repair projects do not require a hearing and are approved administratively. The work of the Commission is enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, and by the Historic Districts By-Law approved by Town Meeting.

The Commission's objective is to work collaboratively with applicants to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of an historic structure and its site. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior form the basis for the Commission's review of projects. The Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts prepared by the Historic Districts Commission and Guidelines For New Construction and Additions in Hingham's Historic Districts, written and adopted in 2015, are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. These Guidelines define the standards for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic districts. Reviewing the Guidelines helps property owners submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The Guidelines can be obtained from the Town's website or from the Historic Districts 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 Commission members include an AIA architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, a resident of an historic district when possible and an at-large member. The public is encouraged to attend Commission hearings held at Town Hall, generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. Alternatively, the Commission is one of only a few boards that regularly video tapes its meetings, and they are readily available to for the public

to watch. Call HCAM at (781) 836-5094, or go to the HCAM website www.hinghammedia.org/ for programming information.

The Commission wishes to thank John D'Angelo who, through his knowledge of building best practices, materials and products and his professional expertise as a general contractor, assisted countless applicants, architects and others during his two term tenure. The Commission also wishes to extend its gratitude to Marty Saunders for many years of service on the Commission. Marty's knowledge of period architecture and landscape, period paint colors, and Hingham's history was as instructive for Commission members as it was for applicants. The Commission welcomes new member Kate Finnerty.

The Historic Districts Commission is one of the five permitting boards in the Community Planning Department and appreciates the support of the Building Department, and the cooperation of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Members

Hans von der Luft, Chair
Virginia Tay, Vice-Chair
Michael Collard
Lois Levine
Denis King
Andrea Young, Administrator

Alternate Members

Chuck Clutz
Tomas Kindler
Ben Burnham
Kate Finnerty

Hingham Historical Commission

The mission of the Historical Commission is to preserve and protect the historic assets of the Town. In its ongoing efforts to do so, the Commission launched a Homeowner Education Program. Through this free consulting service, owners of historic homes and other buildings can learn from an expert about the significance of the architectural and structural elements that make the interior of their properties historically important. In 2015, the Selectmen approved the Almshouse Signs and the Memorial Plaque marking the locations of the Town's former Almshouses and the Town Farm burial ground at 230 Beal Street, where hundreds of souls were interred. Now, in 2016 the Almshouse signs are in place, and the Memorial Plaque will be installed this spring. As a final highlight of the Commission's work during the past year, the Commission was pleased to agree to collaborate with Steve Dempsey on a new book, which will focus on Hingham's 17th and 18th century houses and the histories of the people who lived in them.

In 2016, the Commission awarded grants totaling \$100,000 from the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust Fund to support restoration, preservation and accessibility projects located in the historic districts abutting the Greenbush Rail right-of-way. Projects include masonry work on the Stone Tower at Glastonbury Abbey, installing a lift in the Community Center building, additional funding for the Heritage Museum, a ramp and accessible toilet for the New North Meeting House, and grants to two homeowners to restore exterior architectural features on their respective properties. The Historical Commission, in concert with the Town Treasurer, administers the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, 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 in the area along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

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

Like Hingham, most cities and towns in the Commonwealth have established local Historical Commissions. Local Historical Commissions are responsible for: (1) creating and maintaining an inventory of historic assets described in the previous paragraph; (2) protecting these assets from neglect, deterioration, demolition and development; (3) providing educational opportunities to understand the Town's history and the historic context of its resources.

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

The Hingham Historical Commission carries out its mission via the expertise and commitment of its volunteer members and the resources contained in the Preservation Projects Fund, established, pursuant to statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving the Town's historic character. This fund, initially established with grants and donations, has been used to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, catalogue archival materials to make information on the Town's historical and architectural assets available to the public, publish three histories of the Town, *Not All Is Changed*, *When I Think of Hingham*, and Derin Bray's book *Bucket Town: Woodenware and Wooden Toys of Hingham, MA 1635-1945*; and the *Historic Districts Handbook*. In addition, monies within this fund maintain such assets as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln, Governor Andrew and Iron Horse statues, and historical town markers.

Since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes projects to preserve the history and character of the Town. The Commission has utilized CPA and other grants to the Preservation Projects Fund to support preservation projects.

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

The Commission extends its appreciation to Robert A. Curley, Jr. for two terms of dedicated service; and in particular, for the advice, counsel and leadership he imparted as Commission Chair. The Commission welcomes new members Kevin Burke, Sarah Carolan, Jim Conroy, and Signe McCullough.

Historical Commission Members

Kathryn Black, Chair	James B. Conroy
Steve Swett, Vice-Chair	Huck Handy
Kevin Burke	Signe McCullough
Sarah Carolan	
Andrea Young, Administrator	

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2016.



We must first acknowledge with great sadness the loss late last year of one of the Personnel Board's most beloved members, Nelson Ross. Nelson served the Town of Hingham and the Personnel Board for over 40 years. His tireless devotion to the work of the Personnel Board and his advice and counsel to our members is a great loss. Nelson created the standard for the work of the Personnel Board, and the loss of his mentoring, judgment and stewardship is and will be felt by all of us on the Board for

many years to come.

Calendar year 2016 presented a number of unique challenges as the Personnel Board considered and acted on a variety of issues during the year. We began negotiations with a new Town Bargaining Unit for the first time in over thirty years, the DPW Supervisors. The Board also approved the adoption of the Town's Domestic Violence Leave Policy.

During 2016, the Board approved and classified job descriptions for the following new positions: Head Assistant Harbormaster and Administrative Assistant for the Building Department. The Board also approved and classified job descriptions for the following three new positions within the Department of Elder Services: Transportation Coordinator, Clerk, and Dispatcher. Job descriptions for the five Public Works Supervisors, Administrative Secretary for Elder Services, Fire Prevention Officer and Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable were modified.

Also, the Board approved the reclassification of the positions of Assistant Project Engineer/Inspector to Grade 14, Network Technician to Grade 11, Director of Elder Services to Grade 15 with one additional step granted, and the Superintendent of Public Works to Grade 20. The Trustees of the Bathing Beach requested and the Board approved the increase of hourly rates for the Lifeguard salary schedule as follows: first year at \$13.25, second year \$13.91, and third year at \$14.61.

The Board approved the request that the newly hired Recreation Program Supervisor be placed at a higher step and be granted one

additional week of vacation. Additionally, that the recently promoted Acting Police Lieutenant, Building Department Administrative Assistant, and Building Department Administrative Secretary be placed one step higher on the applicable salary schedule because of their prior experience. Three vacation carry-over requests were approved by the Board.

An amendment to Section 16.d.1. of the Personnel By-Law was recommended by the Board to increase the payments for accumulated sick days to be as follows: (a) accumulated sick days of 1 through 149 days, \$8.00 per day; (b) accumulated sick days of 150 through 199 days, \$1,200 plus \$9.00 per day over 149 days; and (c) accumulated sick days of 200 days and over, \$1,900 plus \$11.00 per day over 199 days.

The Board recommended to the 2016 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2016, a 2% general wage increase for Hingham Town employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement be implemented. This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting. The Board ended calendar year 2016 in negotiations for a new labor contract with the union representing the Public Works Supervisors, and a successor agreement with the Police Superior Officers, and began preparation for negotiations for successor labor contracts with the bargaining units representing the Public Works employees and Police Patrolmen. These three contracts expired on June 30, 2016. The DPW Supervisors contract, once concluded, will be dated effective July 1, 2016.

Finally the Board extends its thanks to Mary Jane O'Meara for her service to the Personnel Board, as well as its welcome to the Board's newest member, Smayra Million.

David Pace, Chairman
Russell Conn
Marie Harris
Jack Manning
Smayra Million

Department of Public Works

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

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

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. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring and maintenance of the Town's capped Sanitary Landfill.

Highway Division

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Bel Air Drive	Mann Street	U.S. Bates Road
Bel Air Road	Marion Street	Volusia Road
Colonial Road	Merrill Street	Welaka Road
Cushing Ave	Paige Street	West View Circle
Grist Mill Lane	Park Circle	Whitcomb Lane
Howe Street	Parker Drive	Whitcomb Ave
Howland Lane	Pilgrim Road	Whiton Avenue
Jarvis Avenue	Puritan Road	Woodlock Road
Malcolm Street	Standish Street	
Manatee Road	Sumner Street	

Installed Slope drains as necessary on the hills of Crow Point.

Sidewalk Reconstruction: Downer Ave (from #160 to #180) accompanied Seawall repair.

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned, plowed & treated 140 miles of Town owned roadways and 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,382 drainage structures and outfalls, install,

repair, maintain 3,100 traffic and street signs and maintained 5 sets of signal lights.

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

Snow and Ice Control: 53.5" of snow, 8 Snowplow Operations, 30 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2016 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup truck with plow, 2017 John Deere Backhoe.

Special Projects: Built New Election Booths, Installed 29 Informational Kiosks on 29 Recreational Trails, Installed 3 Historical Alms House signs and placed a memorial stone at Lynch Field for the Alms House, Placed memorial stone at Jackass Park dedicated to Raymond Campbell for the Veterans agent.

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 86

Tree Removals: 249

Trees Pruned: 1,379

New Equipment: 2017 International Model 7400 Chip Truck.

Special Projects/Maintenance:

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

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

Two winter storms of 2016 with heavy snow caused significant tree damage within the South Hingham area of Town which required extensive pruning and removal of damaged trees. A microburst in the summer of 2016 caused extensive damage within the Bradley Woods and Crow Point areas of town. The numerous amount of trees that were lost were replaced in the fall of 2016. The Tree & Park Division continues its effort of pruning trees over roads and sidewalks to facilitate the paving of roads.

This year Tree & Park planted 86 shade trees throughout the town.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated a beautiful 2-1/2" caliper Lilac Tree which was planted in front of the Senior Center at Town Hall as part of an annual Arbor Day celebration. In Celebration of Earth Day (3) 2-1/2" caliper Lilac trees were planted in Jackass Park to replace tree's which had failed. Hingham was also recognized, for the 28th year, as "Tree City USA" and also obtained the "Growth Award" which is for recognition for significant projects within the town.

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

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

Recreation Division

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

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

New Equipment: None

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year we transferred 5,885 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 1,324 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,085 tons of mixed recyclables, 4,907 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 3.5 tons of tires, 650 gallons of motor oil, 137,508 pounds of electronics, 102 tons of textiles, 8.2 tons of batteries, and handled 290 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 368,060 cans and 54,810 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$21,142 to 26 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.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2016, the revenue from the scale was \$96,382. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Red (round) to Green (round).

With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 7,643 cars per week.

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

Special Projects: None

New Equipment: Aluminum Refuse Trailer, 2017 Chevy 2500 HD Pick-up with Plow, 2017 Chevy 3500 1-ton dump with plow and sander.

Interdepartmental

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

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

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

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

We at the DPW are sad to announce the passing of John "Chunk" Hennessey. John worked for the DPW for 28 years. He worked his way up from a laborer to Heavy Equipment Operator. John was a very generous person with a great sense of humor and will be greatly missed by all that knew him, especially his co-workers at the DPW.

We also like to wish Mike Delaney well who left the DPW to look into other endeavors.

Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Sewer Commission

Calendar year 2016 was another productive year for the Sewer Department. The Sewer Department continued to upgrade its infrastructure to keep in stride with our Asset Management Program. Structural repairs of 2,024 linear feet of sewer pipe were performed which removed approximately 39,744 gallons per day of infiltration.

As part of the Asset Management Plan, 17,000 feet of sewer pipes were inspected by camera, approximately 9,000 linear feet of 8 – 18 inch diameter sewers were cleaned, inspected, tested and sealed, 29 sewer connections were tested and grouted, approximately 110 vertical feet of manholes were lined and grouted, 5 manhole dishes were installed and heavy cleaning was performed on 1,500 linear feet of sewers. Any defects found in the sewer pipe where infiltration is occurring is scheduled to be repaired and 12 service connections were cleaned and repaired.

The Sewer Department is also upgrading equipment in the pumping stations as part of the Asset Management Plan. Howe Street Station generator was replaced, Bel Air Station had the generator replaced and the driveway was repaved, Walton Cove Station's lighting was replaced and the driveway was repaved, Bradley Woods Station had a new electrical service installed, South Street Station had the wet well lighting replaced, and Mill Street Station had pump handles replaced. The Sewer Department continues to be aggressive in verifying sewer main locations and mapping the sewer system using the Town's PeopleGIS Program.

The Sewer Department continues to work alongside the Board of Health enforcing the Town Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Regulation. Inspections of the grease traps in all food establishments connected to municipal sewer were performed to locate sources of FOG in the system. Camera inspections of the lines in the streets were performed to provide additional information and pinpoint any problem areas. The Sewer Commission requests that residents refrain from putting fatty substances into their drains.

In 2016, the Sewer Department crew painted the interior of several stations in order to color code the utilities so that the station will be uniform.

The Sewer Department also rebid the contract for three "On-Call" Service contracts to keep in stride with the Asset Management Plan. These

contracts are for Camera Inspections, Trenchless Sewer Repairs, and Dig Sewer Repairs.

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

Special Projects:

The Sewer Commission has also made continuing efforts to update existing special acts, policies and regulations to develop an application process for future sewer expansion projects and develop a sewer betterment calculation policy. The Sewer Commission is working with and finalizing the development of the policy consolidation with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.

As always we want to thank our Sewer Supervisor, Stephen Dempsey; the maintenance staff; our Office Administrator, Liz Welch; and the office staff for their dedication and hard work.

Robert Higgins, Chairman
Kirk J. Shiltz
Stephan G. Harold
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

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

For the 2016 fiscal year the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$504,080. To calculate the amount of the contribution we adopted the use of a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity sold. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

The Lighting Plant continues to support energy efficiency efforts at Town owned facilities. Our contributions do not end with paying for an audit report. We helped with financing lighting retrofits, equipment changeovers and improvements to heating and cooling equipment. It is expected those efforts have resulted in energy savings to the Town in the range of tens of thousands of dollars.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Hingham Is Going Green program has been existence for close to seven years. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities. The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Theirs gets paid for by assessing their customers on a per kWh fee. HMLP finances our program. In 2016 we performed about 115 residential and commercial audits.

The Lighting Board has directed me to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable and environmentally friendly energy sources that make sense from an electrical and financial point of view. To that end we and several other municipal lighting plants have bought the entire output of a two wind farms in Maine, Spruce Mountain and Saddleback Ridge. Saddleback Ridge went commercial in late 2015. We are in discussions to buy in on a third. The facilities that came on-line in 2015, Saddleback Ridge, consist of 12 2.85-megawatt (MW) turbines capable of generating 105 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. 105 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of

electricity is enough to power about 17,500 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 5.4 million gallons of gasoline per year. In 2016 approximately 14% of our electricity came from renewable sources of energy and 47% from non-fossil fuel generating plants. The Lighting Plant also works closely with the Town's Energy Action Committee in their work to promote responsible energy use in both public and private settings.

As of this writing our Auditor's report is not available for publication. When the 2016 report is certified it will be posted on our web site, as have our Annual Reports going back to 2002. Sales in 2016 were basically flat over 2015: less than 1% greater than 2015. The 2016 system peak was in August and represents an almost 7.5% increase over the 2015 peak but a decrease of about 1.6% from the all-time peak which occurred in July of 2011. The electrical load growth in Hingham over 10 years demonstrates the Town's growth. From 2006 to 2016 there was an increase of almost 15% in total sales and the system peak increased by almost 15% as well. The past several years however have seen a definite leveling off in sales growth.

The Lighting Plant continues to make capital improvements to our electric distribution system and to steadfastly maintain it. One of our most important missions is to "keep the lights on" and if they go out to "get them back on safely and quickly". 2016 was a year which tested our mettle in that regard. Due to the year-long efforts of HMLP employees neither the snowfalls in the winter or dog days of summer brought much disruption to our electric delivery system. This performance happens because of what we do 365 days a year. We add or replace equipment as needed, maintain that equipment and pay close attention to tree growth around our lines. The light plant trims trees back from our infrastructure 52 weeks a year. We feel this constant attention to detail is what makes our system perform as well as it does when stressed by heavy snow, high winds and load.

In 2012 Town Meeting voted to transfer the land which formerly housed The New England Wildlife Center in Bare Cove Park to the light plant to build an operations center. It is with extreme pride we can report the facility is fully built and occupied. The administrative folks moved into the building in June of 2016 and the field folks arrived in October. For the first time in HMLP's history all our employees are under one roof which makes for a much better customer experience and cohesive work force. The building is extremely energy efficient. Additionally we installed 40kw worth of solar panels on our roof. We will be holding an open

house soon so HMLP customers will have an opportunity to see what a beautiful home they built for us!

At the 2016 Town Meeting Hingham voters opted to give HMLP the opportunity to have a solar array built on the Town's landfill. Plans are in the works to build and it is expected we will be going out for bid shortly.

Your Light Board is made up of three Hingham residents who are elected by Hingham voters. Their names are listed below. These folks volunteer their time and efforts to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that Hinghamites should be proud of.

It is appropriate to thank the men and women of the Lighting Plant for their tireless hard work in making the system safe, reliable and for responding to customer requests in a timely manner. HMLP employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the lighting plant.

Paul G. Heanue, General Manager

Municipal Light Board Members

John P. Ryan, Chairman

John A. Stoddard Jr., Vice-Chairman

Roger M. Freeman, Secretary

Fire Department/Emergency Management

The Hingham Fire Department has had some changes in the past year with the retirement of Captain David Damstra after forty years of service to the Fire Department. He started as a volunteer firefighter back in 1975 and was appointed to the permanent force in 1976. David Damstra was made the Fire Prevention Officer in 1996 and appointed Captain in 1997. He served in the Fire Prevention role for almost 21 years. During his time, he oversaw much of the development that took place in the town and become one of the best and respected Fire Prevention Officers in the state. He served on several committees in that capacity recommending changes to the State Fire Prevention Code. Captain Damstra and I have known each other before we joined the department together in 1976 and have continued that friendship throughout our careers. We wish him well on his retirement. The department has appointed Lieutenant Chris DiNapoli to be the new Fire Prevention Officer.

During the last year we were saddened to see the passing of two of our retired firefighters; Captain Robert Delorey and Lieutenant Richard Ferris. These men were dedicated to the department and the community they served.

The Hingham Fire Department responded to 4,372 Emergency Calls during 2016. This is the highest yearend total of responses for the department. The ambulances did 2,018 transports to the hospital.

In 2016 we received mutual aid 110 times and gave mutual aid 314 times. This aid involved our working with eight towns and three ambulance services. The mutual aid program remains a vital and necessary part of our emergency response plans.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES - CALENDAR 2016

Fire	89
Overpressure/Explosion/Over Heat	11
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	2674
Hazardous Conditions	320
Service Calls	340
Good Intent Calls	343
False Alarm & False Calls	555
Severe Weather	58
Special Incident	2
TOTAL RESPONSES	4372

The Fire Prevention Division issued 675 permits and conducted 992 inspections. It continues to be a very active and important part of fire

department operations. Last year Permits, Fees and Reports generated \$43,291 in revenue for the town.

FIRE INSPECTIONS - CALENDAR 2016

Smoke detector and CO detector	335
Plan reviews	211
Certificates of Occupancy	204
Fire Protection Systems	95
Misc. Inspections	106
Chapter 304 Alcohol License Inspections	41
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	992

Under the leadership of Lt. Nickerson, the department participated in providing the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program to all Elementary Schools both public and private in town. This past year the focus continued by educating the Kindergarten grades and providing the program to the 3rd grade students. Fire SAFE educators have visited the various nurseries and day care facilities in town as well. The firefighters provided overwhelming support to the program to get the fire safety message out using the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) criteria such as "Stop Drop and Roll" and "Know Two Ways". Over 1,100 students completed the education program last year. Additional yearly programs are supported by this team of educators, like the Fire Departments involvement in the "Family Fun Day" at Cronin Field and other town events. We are looking to expand the education program by adding a fire safety program to include our older adult residents in town called "Senior Safe". This year we received a SAFE grant from the State to enhance and continue these vital lifesaving programs. Our goal for 2017 is to educate the 5th grade students with the use of the Plymouth County mobile fire escape simulator.

Our work with the South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center continues. Thanks to a SSRECC 911 grant, we have received new portable radios to replace our older portables. The new radios are set up to take full advantage of the Massachusetts and Federal radio interoperability system. This allows us to be able to communicate at any local, state or federal emergency scene. We are anticipating the SSRECC conversion to the NEXT GEN 911 answering system. This will enhance their ability to provide more effective and efficient service to the residents of the SSRECC community.

The department continues to work with MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) and FEMA by attending meetings and

exercises designed to assist local communities with situations that may be beyond the scope and abilities of local resources. Lately the exercises have been on cooperative regional evacuation and sheltering operations. We ran a very successful table top training exercise in Hingham for the eight communities working on a Regional Sheltering Plan for this area. There were over eighty participants and it was the first of its kind regional sheltering drill done by MEMA. Our Hingham CERT team continues to be a part of this process and is a vital part of the regional sheltering concept.

The Fire Station Building Committee has been meeting over the past year to move forward a plan for a new North Fire Station. This has been an ongoing project which is now focused on the area of 19 Fort Hill Street as the site of a new fire station. Work continues on the development of the site plans and drawings.

During the last year, all town buildings were converted to a central station alarm monitoring system. The old Gamewell Fire Alarm box system served the town for many years but newer more capable technology has taken its place. During the coming year the wires and appliances will be removed from the telephone poles.

Your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms play a vital part in protecting you in your home. These life saving devices require yearly maintenance and batteries should be changed twice a year. This January there were some changes in the Smoke Detector regulations governing smoke detectors in houses built before 1975. Changes to these regulations are available on our website in the Fire Prevention section. In recent years there has been an increase in carbon monoxide related events in residential and multi-family homes. The department is always ready to assist a resident with information on purchasing and installation of these devices. As winter is upon us, it is important to make sure that gas vents are properly cleared of snow to prevent carbon monoxide in the home.

In closing I would like to thank the firefighters of the department and the other town departments and committees we work with each day for their generous cooperation and assistance. The spirit of cooperation between the departments and committees truly benefits us all and is a hallmark of this town called Hingham.

Robert J. Olsson, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

Hingham Police Department

In 2016 the Hingham Police Department has continued working towards its goal of improving our partnership with the community and meeting the changing needs of the society we all live in. We strive to be inclusive to all segments of society, while working to provide citizens of Hingham with quality police services and a safe community to live in and enjoy its benefits. To accomplish this we have adopted the guidelines of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The guidelines are based on six pillars:

- Pillar One: Building Trust and Legitimacy
- Pillar Two: Policy and Oversight
- Pillar Three: Technology and Social Media
- Pillar Four: Community Policing and Crime Reduction
- Pillar Five: Training and Education
- Pillar Six: Officer Wellness and Safety

Hingham has been a very busy town as it struggles with many issues of growth and how that growth affects the quality of life for its citizens. We have been working closely with various town boards and committees to provide input and guidance to what affects various projects will have on traffic, safety and calls for service related to public safety. Hingham is unique in the level of interdepartmental cooperation the boards receive during their important deliberation process. I think two of the larger projects affecting Hingham are the potential Alliance project on Beal Street and the Avalon Hingham Shipyard project. Both these projects

are high density apartment complexes that fall under the 40B Housing Laws. Building projects are important issues to the Police Department and it is crucial we are involved throughout the permitting process. The chart shows

Call Volume Comparison							
Location	2005	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Derby Shop	620	672	626	797	809	936	995
Shipyard	60	374	627	829	1023	1118	1082
Linden Ponds	86	433	606	453	536	505	480
MBTA	0	47	39	77	89	122	122
Industrial Park	272	264	321	362	376	496	597
Total Above	1038	1790	2219	2518	2833	3177	3276
Total Calls / Year	17513	18117	18927	20854	20527	24374	23857
% of Total Calls	5.9%	9.9%	11.7%	12.1%	13.8%	13.0%	13.7%
*Shipyard (business vs. residential)							
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Business	495	614	794	931	924		
Residential	132	215	229	187	158		
TOTALS	627	829	1023	1118	1082		
2016 Derby St Corridor call for service 1712						1786	

how we provide and track data on some of the major developments in town.

We have also been working with all employees of the town by providing Dangerous Intruder Training to all town facilities, including the all levels of the schools. Departments continue to meet and review all of our related policies and look for ways to improve site security. We are working with the town's financial boards to provide additional safety features, such as video camera systems where needed. These partnerships and collaborations are a great example of interagency cooperation.

We continue to work closely with the community in our involvement with the Hingham Drug Coalition "Hingham C.A.R.E.S". The police department is committed not only to increase our enforcement of drug laws, but also to improving our ability to work with public assistance agencies in seeking treatment for people facing addiction issues. Part of this outreach involves public education and participation in regional groups such as Project Outreach and the newly formed Drug Courts. New additions to the Hingham Police this year are two K-9 units to replace the retired K-9 Axel. We welcomed K-9 Pedy our new Patrol Dog and his handler Officer Ryan Ross. We also welcomed K-9 Pablo our new Drug dog and his handler, Officer Robert Achille. We hope the additional K-9 devoted to drugs will help us accomplish this goal.

We are continuing to work on updating the existing technology within the department as well as adding new technology. We are providing new training to officers to effectively manage this equipment. We are also striving to update the policies within the Police Department to meet the new changes new technology brings. I am confident that we are preparing the department with the training and equipment needed to meet the needs this community will face in the coming years.

The Police Department also oversees the Animal Control Officer and the Harbormaster Office. We have been working closely with both departments to increase training and enforcement hours as both departments are being tasked with additional workloads in the coming years. We are also increasing the training level by requiring employees to complete a 400 hour Basic Reserve Intermittent Police Academy. This will help them deal more effectively with the changing roles of enforcement and increased public safety issues they may face. After four years of waiting we hope the Harbormaster's office will finally be able to move into the promised new office space in the MBTA Intermodal Transportation Center located in the Shipyard.

The South Shore Regional Communication Center continues to expand its role as it will soon be updated with the latest generation of Emergency 911 technology. We expect that they will also begin the new process of receiving wireless cell phone calls directly. Currently wireless 911 calls are routed to two centralized answering locations and they are manually transferred to the local jurisdiction. By receiving the wireless calls directly, emergency service will be faster and more effective. The SSRECC was implemented in October of 2011 and like all new ideas, some people have been critical of it. Over the past 5 years all agencies have worked hard to make this a success. The new, grant funded technology that we received is in place and we have continued to apply for new grants that would save additional money in the form of capital outlay expenses for computer, radios, laptops, and fiber networks. We are proud of the product that we have all helped to build and it remains an example of the benefits that this type of regionalization can bring to communities.

I would like to thank the community for all the support you have shown the Police Department over the years. The men and women of this agency are devoted to providing the best service possible. I would urge citizens to educate themselves and remain actively involved in town government. A great way to help learn more about the Hingham Police Department and town government is to sign up for the Hingham Citizens Police Academy. The program is a ten week, once a week course that I am sure you will thoroughly enjoy. For more information check out our new web page HPD.ORG

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn A. Olsson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Glenn A Olsson
Chief of Police

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.

The Traffic Committee recommended that the Board of Selectmen hire a Traffic engineer to study options for the Fearing/North/Main Street intersection which would improve traffic flow and pedestrian access, as well as retain parking in the Square.

Improvements were made to the intersection of High/French/Ward as a result of a recommendation made to the Board of Selectmen to allocate funds for DPW to paint/install a high visibility, high friction crosswalk and traffic islands at the intersection of High/Ward/French Street.

In addition, a recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen to approve that bicycle routes be marked and designated accordingly by DPW for the following routes: Rte. 228 from Queen Anne's Corner to West Corner, Free Street, Union Street, Middle Street, Pear Tree Hill, Main Street to Elm Street, Central Street from Main to Elm Street.

Based on a request from St. Paul's School, the Traffic Committee recommended that School Zone signs be painted on the road with two foot lettering to alert drivers that the busy Square is also a School Zone. This was done at both North Street and Fearing Road.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street. In 2016, based on available data, there have been four accidents which occurred there, of which only one had minor injuries. Two of the 13 cars involved were towed from the crash. Crashes by month: 1 in March, 1 in May, 1 in July and 1 in December; 3 were angle collisions and 1 was a rear end collision.

At High, French and Ward, based on available data, there have been four accidents which occurred there of which only one had minor injuries (two parties transported to the hospital by ambulance from the same vehicle). Five of the 13 cars involved were towed from the crash. Crashes by month: 1 in January, 1 in April, 1 in June and 1 in October; all 4 were angle collisions.

Once again, the Traffic Committee thanks the citizens of Hingham for their ongoing interest in suggesting ways to improve the free and

Harbormaster

2016 was the year of no rain, with the driest boating season in recent memory. It was so dry, Crooked Meadow River and the Weir River leading to Foundry Pond were completely drained of all their water by the middle of August. However, there was plenty of water in Hingham Harbor and it was jam-packed with boating activity every day.

This May, we participated in a downed aircraft drill in Boston Harbor. Responding from our waterways, we assisted with the rescue and recovery of people from the simulated plane crash. While it's been more than 30 years since a plane went into Boston Harbor, these drills remain important training for first responders. In the image below, Hingham Marine I is docked at Logan Airport after delivering a "patient in need of medical care". The crew is securing the boat so the "patient" can be turned over to medical personnel.



As the boating season began, there were plenty of hot and sunny days for everyone. Our pump out program pumped over 500 boats, safely disposing of over 8,000 gallons of waste. The number of gallons pumped significantly decreased this year because Hingham Shipyard Marinas installed a new working pump out facility. For at least the last decade, we provided pump out services to the marina. These pump out numbers were much more manageable, providing additional resources to enforcing mooring regulations, parking regulations at the boat ramp, and Massachusetts Boating Laws. These enforcement actions resulted in 120 warnings and 100 violations. Boating law enforcement is best described in Hingham as "on the water boating education". When my Assistants

and I see a violation or potentially dangerous situation we stop the boat and educate. It is common to see our boats stopped alongside a recreational boat with our blue lights flashing. Interactions are pleasant; after all, we want people to enjoy their day on the water. We logged over 130 calls for service. It was a safe boating year with only minor boating accidents. Below, Marine 1 is secured alongside a vessel selling ice cream. On this hot July day, we took the liberty to buy an ice cream and enjoy it in Worlds End. We hope they will be back next year.



Young entrepreneurs operate their business, "Ice Cream"

Our shellfish beds reopened this year after being closed for the last four years. About six years ago the clams developed Neoplasia, a clam cancer, which causes clams to die before reaching a harvestable size. This disease is not harmful to humans and does not affect the quality of the shellfish. This year, with the clam population looking stronger than previous years, commercial diggers harvested 368 racks of shellfish; compared to 392 in 2011, before the closure. The rack numbers have greatly diminished in the last two decades. In 1999 over 13,000 racks were collected. Hopefully, our shellfish population will continue to make a comeback.

Hingham hosted a two day training event in September on Marina Fires & Fireboat Operations. Marine Firefighting Inc. put on the training, sponsored by the Massachusetts Harbormasters Association, INC and the Friends of Hingham Harbor through a grant award from the Massachusetts Humane Society. This course, open to all Harbormasters and Fire Departments on the South Shore, taught marine fire-fighting strategies and vessel operations. Hingham Fire and the Harbormaster's Office worked jointly on Marine 1 to continue developing our synergistic relationship. The Harbormaster provides the Fire Department with fast and safe transportation to medical and fire related calls throughout our

waterways; allowing the firemen to focus on providing medical and fire related services.

Thankfully, there were no fires on the harbor this year. A tree on Bumkin Island (Bumkin commonly misspelled as Bumpkin) was smoldering one afternoon. Apparently, campers put hot coals at the base of the tree. A few buckets of water extinguished the smoldering embers and the Fire Department cut the tree down and moved it away from the tree line, as a method of fire prevention.

One morning, in late September, thousands of bait fish, commonly known as pogies, were discovered floating dead on the surface of the water. The



pogies lingered around for several days, slowly retreating to sea, while others decomposed on the shoreline. This provided for some unpleasant smells for several days. Their untimely death was likely caused by a fishing operation which released the dead or dying fish after catching them in their nets.

Hundreds of fish alongside a dock at Hingham Yacht

Much time and energy was devoted to performing on our federal grants, requiring installation of equipment at the new Intermodal Building in the Shipyard. The building's completion date was again pushed ahead another year, it seems certain that we will be occupying the new space before the end of 2017. The building is almost complete and our office is configured and equipped. We're waiting for the building occupancy permit and an occupancy agreement between the MBTA and the Town of Hingham.

Completion of our 2014 Port Security Grant for a harbor wide security camera system was delayed four months due to the delayed building construction. The system is now installed and fully functional. It consists of numerous cameras and antennas throughout the north side of town. The video feeds are viewable at the new Harbormaster office.



While it already aided in several law enforcement actions including the investigation of a stolen boat from the Shipyard late this summer, its true benefits will be discovered when we occupy the new office. This is an image of four cameras overseeing the waterways at the Back River Bridge.

A total of 1,435 permits were issued this year. Onlinemooring.com continues to provide online mooring renewals, new mooring submittals, and mooring management for the Harbormaster. The online software tracks 755 mooring permits, 308 docking permits, 314 transient mooring rentals, and 40 moored float permits.

Your Harbormaster's Office is honored to be the waterfront representative of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at harbormaster@hingham-ma.com. If you have an emergency, dial 911. If you need immediate assistance, please call public safety dispatch at 781-749-1212, otherwise, call our business line, 781-741-1450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KRC III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

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

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

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

This past year the Trust has been working on the development of 302-304 Whiting Street. The Trust is seeking to subdivide the property into three (3) new affordable units to add to our affordable housing inventory. The Trust anticipates submitting and obtaining approval for a LIP application, a Local Initiative Program Application from the state, including a request for a local preference. With the approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Trust will proceed to work with the Town Boards to assure a quality development. This past year the Trust also worked with the Board of Selectmen to

identify a use for the selectmen's parcel, including looking into an assisted living facility. Although no resolution was reached we look forward to working with the selectmen in 2017.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, 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. Please visit the link to our website at the Town of Hingham at <http://hingham-ma.gov>.

Tim White, Chair
Brittan DuBose
Mike MacDonald
Nancy Kerber

Paul Gannon
Anita Comerford
Aylene Calnan
Al Chambers

Necia O'Neill - Administrative Secretary

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is charged with the responsibility to review the audit process, including the annual financial statements and reports prepared by our auditors.

The FY 2015 audit for the Town of Hingham is complete.

The Audit Committee reviewed The Town of Hingham's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 and met with both and Powers & Sullivan, the Town of Hingham's independent registered public accounting firm (and the Board of Selectmen), to discuss those financial statements.

The Audit Committee also reviewed the following Powers & Sullivan reports:

- (i) their report included in the Town of Hingham's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 related to its audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham;
- (ii) their consideration of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting;
- (iii) their federally mandated single audit report.

The Management Letter prepared by Powers & Sullivan did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls that are considered material weaknesses, there was no disagreement with management and the financials were prepared in accordance with acceptable accounting principles.

The Committee met four times over the course of the year.

Josh Gregory, Chair
George Alexakos
George Danis
Mike Dwyer

Bare Cove Park Committee

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in either Hingham Town Hall, or the Green Dock House Building in Bare Cove Park. The public is welcome to attend our meetings. These meetings are an opportunity to review the day to day operations, Rangers report, Treasurers report, news or events scheduled within the park. We publish a monthly agenda and the accepted meeting notes are on our webpage located on the Town of Hingham website. The Committee also manages The Friends of Bare Cove Park Facebook site.

Bare Cove Park consists of 484 acres located along the banks of the



Weymouth Back River. The property is managed as a wildlife preserve and a place for public recreation and education. The park is an exceptional area of river shoreline, wetlands, open fields, dense woods, five certified vernal pools, and diverse animal and plant life. The many wild animals that call Bare Cove Park home include coyotes, fox, turkeys, deer, and many other species.

In 2016, the off-leash dog controversy consumed much of the Committees valuable meeting time. In September 2016, the Board of

Selectmen made a decision, based on concern for the public's safety, to enforce a leash law in Bare Cove Park effective November 1, 2016. The Hingham Police and the Animal Control Officer have the authority to enforce the new regulation.

The Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia (Museum) Display at the Dock House is a popular attraction. It is open once a month from April through October and staffed by Ranger Scott. Scott can be reached through Town Hall. He is always willing to open the Museum for groups or special events.

The End of Summer Classic Road Race was held in late August and was another fun and successful event with a strong turnout. This event is very important to Bare Cove Park and we look are confident it will continue in 2017.

The Hingham High School Girls Soccer Team did a thorough job cleaning out the Triangle Garden this fall. Thank you girls and congratulations on winning two consecutive State Championships! Barbara Nicosia volunteered her time to lead this effort in the garden. Barbara's contributions have made the Triangle Garden an attractive haven for birds and assorted other wildlife.

We have received numerous requests for permits related to road races within the Park. Derby Academy and Notre Dame are both using the park for cross country practice and their meets. The Hingham High School Rowing Team has been using the Back River for regattas. Notre Dame School has also expressed some interest in using the Park and River for their practices and regattas. The Green Dockhouse area and the beach to the south is a perfect entry for rowing shells.

The Cub Scouts from Pack 27 at Foster School have donated eight Bluebird houses that we will hang with them in key locations around the park this spring. We also intend to place at least two Purple Martin homes in strategic locations.

We are gearing up for a very active spring. Migratory birds return to the park in March and April from as far away as South America. They will spend the entire warm season here along the edge of the ocean. Most migratory birds will leave the park and be on their way south by the end of September.



We ask that all park visitors respect the park. It is Hingham's to treasure. The town is entrusted with its care and maintenance. The history of the land that Bare Cove sits on is complex. We are working to protect, and enhance the property for all of the visitors. We ask for your assistance, and patience

in all of our projects related to successfully returning the land to a more pristine state. Thank you!

Ted Matthews	Chairman 2018
Bob Smaldone	Secretary 2017
Rik Johnson	Treasurer 2017
Dick Callahan	Vice Chairman 2017
Dewitt Delawter	Member 2019
Susan Kains	Member 2017
Scott McMillan	RANGER

Trustees of the Bathing Beach

The Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach met monthly throughout 2016. Several of our meetings were held jointly with the Harbor Development Committee to help advance shared interests/concerns.

2015 Town Meeting under Article 31 approved \$652,000 for the engineering, permitting and construction of a parking lot stabilization contract, parking lot reconfiguration, beachfront appropriate landscaping and the beginning of a long awaited harbor boardwalk. In 2016, the beach stabilization portion of this work and an eight foot long, three hundred foot long brick paver walkway were installed greatly improving the beach user experience. The end result has been a larger beach area surface with a dune behind the beach to help buffer the parking area. The parking lot re-pavement will be performed after the construction of the new bath house/concession building anticipated for the Fall of 2017. The construction work was performed by MECO under the invaluable oversight of Town Engineer Roger Fernandes.

Mr. Fernandes was instrumental in helping the Trustees secure a \$700,000 grant from the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council towards the development/construction of a new multipurpose bath house/snack shop/community room. Town Meeting voted a \$150,000 appropriation as a 20% match for the State grant. The Trustees with Mr. Fernandes help selected site and utility design engineers, CHA of Norwell, and an architectural firm, Strekalovsky Architecture, Inc. of Hingham, to determine the appropriate siting location and an aesthetically and historically appropriate design for the building. We are seeking additional 2017 TM funds to meet the anticipated overall construction budget and hope to begin construction by Fall of 2017 for an anticipated Spring 2018 completion and opening. The concept of a beachside concession building was 1st envisioned in the 2007 Harbor

Master Plan and was backed up by the recently concluded Harbor Development Committee's survey of citizens' waterfront priorities. The design and proposed siting of the new building was vetted through a public process which included meetings simulcast on HCAM and a Saturday public site meeting where the proposed bounds of the building were staked out.



We would like to thank the Hingham DPW for their efforts in: getting our parking lot ready for the season; restriping the lot after the beach contract was performed; trash removal; managing sand, and grading/shaping the beach for the 2016 season; for their maintenance of the grass area along Route 3A and in the Grove area and for their coordination with our vendor's geese control program.

In addition, we would like to thank all the lifeguards and personnel who helped make our past season so successful and for helping our residents enjoy everything the beach has to offer.

On Saturdays from mid-Spring to late Fall the bathing beach parking provided the Hingham Farmer's Market a high visibility location from which to operate. Our parking lot also served the Touch a Truck Program and Christmas tree sales again in 2016.

Chris Daly
Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault

Hingham Beautification Commission

The Hingham Beautification Commission completed its twelfth year of helping to maintain the beauty of Hingham!

The commission began formal meetings in April. There are eleven garden sites throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC. There are also several container "gardens" designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons. About 150 man hours were spent this year by the commission in planning, decorating, and maintaining these sites. A chart has been made of the locations of the islands in Hingham and the plant material in each of these islands.

Our daffodil planting at Scotland Island in the autumn of 2015 proved itself in the spring of 2016 with a showy display of very welcome yellow!

In late autumn, we were "given" the island at the corner of Leavitt St and Rte. 228, which we will call the Library Island. Linden Ponds had been its caretaker for years, doing a wonderful job of designing, planting, and maintaining the lovely, showy site. This is a big undertaking and will require many man hours.

The Commission formally meets once a month at the Town Hall from April to November. Our physical labor keeps us busy throughout the spring, summer, and fall. There is a Gift Account to which donations can be made by local businesses and individuals who wish to support the Hingham Beautification Commission.

Our board member, Maura Graham, stepped down this year due to family commitments. Long standing member Rose Durkin has also stepped down, but will continue as a volunteer. We have replaced their positions with new board members Jennifer Sullivan and Mary Kelley, who have already offered their eager input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Spaziani, Chairman
Carolyn Aliski
Patricia Bray
Margaret Coleman
Patricia Collins
Suzanne Harnden
Mary Kelley
Diane Morrison
Jennifer Sullivan

HBC Island Gardens

Island Name	Location	Plantings
Glastonbury	Corner of East and Hull Street	Catmint, Day Lilies
Morton's Cove	Corner of 3A and Route 228	Grass, Rugosa, Day Lilies
Kilby Street	Off 3A and turn by the Sons of Italy	Lilies, Russian Sage
Summer Street	By Nantasket Junction Rail Station	Lilies, Russian Sage
Water Street	Near Fruit Center and cemetery	Lilies, Russian Sage
Cherry Tree Park	Center of town at junction of North and South streets	Gold Mound Spire, Host, Knock out Roses
Thaxter Street	Intersection of Thaxter and North streets	Roses, Dianthus, Liriope, Lilies, White salvia
French Street	Near Rails on French street	Day Lilies and Russian Sage
Cold Corner	Corner of Main and Central	Stella Doors, Gold Cypress, Lilies, Roses
Short Street	Corner at Leavitt	Coneflower, Black-eyed Susans, White Daisies
Cushing Street	Off Main Street near...	Sedum, Mums, Lilies, Shorter Grasses
Scotland Street		Stella Doros, Bulbs, Black-Eyed Susans, Grass, Catmint, Daffodils
South Street Buckets	Near Brewed Awakenings, also near Loring (1 bucket)	Annuals (various)

Cable TV Advisory Committee

The Committee in 2016 continued to focus on advising the Board of Selectmen on the content and quality of programming on our Public, Educational, and Government channels, in partnership with Hingham Cable Access and Media (HCAM), our non-profit organization, as well as licensing and franchise agreements with Verizon and Comcast.

The Committee prepared and recommended to the Board of Selectmen for approval a consolidation of three grants executed with HCAM. Consolidation of the grants will ease planning with HCAM and simplify the financials for the operation of HCAM. The consolidated grant was approved by the Selectmen on August 31, 2016.

The Committee is currently working on cable license renewals with Verizon and Comcast. The Verizon three-year renewal process covers April 22, 2015 thru April 21, 2018. The Comcast three-year renewal process covers September 14, 2016 thru September 13, 2019. Our first ascertainment meeting was well attended at Hingham Town Hall on February 24, 2016 and numerous testimonials were received which will become part of the ascertainment reports with Verizon and Comcast.

A major renovation of the HCAM studios was completed, greatly expanding the HCAM infrastructure. Highlights include:

- Greatly enlarged main studio
- New kitchen set
- Editing suites
- Equipment room
- Additional conference room, with video projection
- New studio cameras supporting full High Definition recording of member shows
- New trcaster and teleprompter

The Committee revised its Bylaws to more accurately align with its current mission and makeup. The Bylaws had not been updated since 1988. The Bylaws have been updated to reflect:

- Work the committee is undertaking as required by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable license renewal process.
- Update to membership to include a non-voting member, the Executive Director of HCAM.

- Number of members to be no fewer than five and no more than nine.
- Meetings will be held as needed, but at least quarterly and minutes will be filed with the Town Clerk.
- Meetings will follow the open meeting protocol.

The revised Bylaws were approved by the Selectmen on May 27, 2016.

David E. Jones, Chairman
Sandra Peavey, Vice Chairman
Eric Connerly, Recording Secretary
Chris Baron
John Rice
Sky Thaxter
Glenda Garland, School Representative
Fil Filippdes, HCAM Representative

Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of nine people, six of whom are appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority, the Recreation Commission, and the Board of Selectmen, respectively, and three of whom are citizens-at-large, one appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies and citizens to fund projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low and moderate income housing, acquisition of open space, and recreation. The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. The CPC is assisted by Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer, who provides technical oversight on construction projects and assistance in analyzing grant requests. Carol Costello, Administrative Assistant to the Town Engineer, provides administrative support to the CPC on a part-time basis.

The Town obtains community preservation funds from a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes (effective July 1, 2001). State matching grants payable each November 15th are based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount collected by the Town Community Preservation Fund for the year ended June 30, 2016 was approximately \$980K from local taxes and \$277K from the State match. 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 Resource categories, i.e., Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of the categories, including recreational projects, as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The CPC reviewed 20 proposed projects in 2016 for a total request of more than \$2.0M. After due diligence, the Committee recommendations to the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen included a total of 12 projects: 5 open space/recreation projects, 3 historic preservation projects, 3 housing projects, and 1 administrative allocation. A total of \$976K was recommended and approved by the 2015 Annual Town Meeting for the following projects.

Open Space Acquisitions and Recreation projects included:

- Lehner Property
- Kress Field Playground
- Maritime Facility

- Trail Improvement Project
- Whitney Wharf Bridge - Lighting



Kress Field Playground
Grand Opening Nov 2016

On July 2, 2016 Harry Way, Bob Curley, Bill Reardon and Selectman Paul Healey assist with the celebration of the completion of the Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge, approved by Town Meeting and paid for with tax dollars through several grants from the Community Preservation Fund.



Historic Preservation projects included:

- Preservation of Maps, Photos, Monuments & Markers
- Second Parish ADA Compliance Project
- Hingham Community Center Exterior Work

Affordable Housing projects included:

- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Opportunity Funding Program
- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Renovation of 302 Whiting Street
- Hingham Housing Authority – Feasibility Study

Finally, an administrative allocation was made to cover staff and operating costs of the CPC.

The Committee wishes to thank Bob Curley, Paul Gannon and Scott McIsaac for their many years of service and welcomes new members James Conroy, Larry Lindner and Robert Mosher. Finally, deep appreciation and thanks are extended to Town Engineer Roger Fernandes and CPC Administrator Carol Costello for their tireless efforts on behalf of the CPC.

Carol Pyles, Chair (Moderator's Appt.)
James Conroy, Vice Chair (Historical Rep.)
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Rep.)
Tony Kiernan (Moderator's Appt.)
Larry Lindner (Selectmen's Rep.)
Robert Mosher (Conservation Rep.)
Kathleen Peters (Selectmen's Appt.)
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Rep.)
James R. Watson (Housing Rep.)

Carol Costello, CPC Administrator
Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer

Country Club Management Committee

The Country Club Management Committee is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2016.

Jay McGrail, Director of Operations, along with Chris Riley, Golf Professional, and Jake Silva, Golf Course Superintendent continue to improve the golf course, the golfing experience, and the recreational opportunities available at South Shore Country Club ("South Shore C.C.") for all of the families of Hingham to use and enjoy.

We are especially proud of this year's improvements to our golf course, because most of them were accomplished using funds raised by our new "Scramble Championship" event. We started The Hingham Scramble Championship this past fall and want to thank our members and everyone else who participated, as a golfer or a sponsor. The turnout for this event far exceeded our expectations and allowed us to make significant capital investments in the infrastructure of our golf course (sand traps, tee-boxes, cart paths and etc.) that we could not have otherwise made due to our limited capital budget for the year.

The golfing community's recognition of our efforts to restore and improve the golf course were a significant factor in our selection, by the LPGA as this region's host course for qualification to play in the 2017 US Women's Open Golf Championship. This event will be held on June 6, 2017, National Woman's Golf Day.

We have not only improved our golf course we also improved the benefits of our annual membership in our golf course and we are pleased that these efforts are attracting new members and increasing the number of golf rounds played on our course.

We are also pleased with the golf programs we are now offering, which include our vacation and summer camps, junior golf programs and individual golf lessons, all of which are administered by our qualified and experienced golf staff of Chris Riley, Michael Libby and Lou Hart.

This fall, we also upgraded the software programs and equipment for "The Tour", our three indoor golf simulators, improving the quality of the golf simulators and enhancing the offering available to our winter golfers. With thirty or more world-wide, recognized championship golf courses available to be played and a more authentic golf experience than can be found on any other simulators on the South Shore, we have

made The Tour, a great escape for area golfers in the winter months. Our simulators are also used for lessons and parties.

This past summer, we retained an architect and a structural engineer, as part of our renewed focus on the long-term viability of our swimming pool facility. We are hoping to commence a feasibility study this spring with funds from the Community Preservation Committee, to determine the best long-term approach for maintaining our swimming pool and continuing our swimming programs. While the pool currently remains in acceptable condition, the building structure housing the pool is very old and in need of considerable repairs. The feasibility study will enable us to ascertain whether it is better to invest in the restoration of the current pool facility or build an entirely new facility, which could include an indoor/outdoor pool for year-round swimming. The feasibility study will not only determine the investment cost of the various alternatives for continuing our pool and pool related programs, it is intended to also provide financial analysis regarding the revenues that can be generated from each of the alternatives and whether these projected revenues will support the funding required to cover the investment costs for the restoration of our current pool facility or the construction of a new one.

We anticipate opening the current pool this summer season and also expect to enter into an arrangement with Hingham's Recreation Commission to allow them to manage the pool on our behalf, with expanded and enhanced swimming programs.

In 2010, when we entered into our lease arrangement with Raffael's (the operator of South Shore Country Club's Greenside Grille and function facilities), over \$150,000 of capital improvements to the dining and function areas were completed. We are pleased to report that, in 2016, considerable additional capital improvements have again been made to South Shore Country Club's dining and function areas. The building exterior was repainted, the public restrooms have been upgraded, the brides' room has been remodeled, and the ballroom area was repainted, furniture and fixtures upgraded and improved and new carpeting has been installed. We believe this fresh new facility improves our product offering and will result in increased revenue from this area of our business, for years to come.

While it is still a productive business for us, we are attempting to find new ways to market our candlepin bowling facility, "The Alley", and increase the bowling leagues, corporate functions and parties that drive the revenues for this area of our business.

In 2016 we continued to manage the turf grass maintenance on all Recreation and Selectman owned athletic fields in Hingham. This oversight allowed us to help them continue with their annual improvements and agronomic planning. In 2017, we will be expanding this athletic field management to work with Hingham Public Schools. Therefore the South Shore C.C. will be maintaining the turf on all athletic fields in Hingham as well as the club's 18 hole golf course.

We have highlighted just a few of the exciting recent and ongoing developments occurring here at South Shore Country Club. We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in 2016; and we look forward to even more accomplishments in 2017.

Respectfully,
The Country Club Management Committee

William Friend, Chair
Scott Peterson
Rodrick Gaskell
Paul Casaey
Jack Bailey

Development and Industrial Commission

The Hingham Development and Industrial Commission was established under MGL Chapter 40, Section 8A for the promotion and development of the industrial resources of the town. As such, it is the Commission's mission to conduct research into industrial conditions, economic trends and potential commercial growth in the Town.

As part of this mission, the HDIC assists in and facilitates the development of commercial projects, including projects involving private enterprises, for the purpose of expanding or strengthening the local economy. Our commission serves to assist, counsel, and inform on the merits of planned economic growth for the benefit of the residents of Hingham, the Board of Selectmen, other Town Boards and Departments, existing businesses and businesses proposing to move to or expand in Hingham. All of this is done in a manner consistent with the Hingham Master Plan. That being said, much of what the Commission focuses on is the ability of the Town to maintain and grow economic vibrancy.

MBTA Expanded Service Discussions

In 2013, discussions were held with the MBTA about altering bus service to include West Hingham Station area. This was tabled by the MBTA in 2013. In 2016, discussions have begun once again. Adding bus service to the West Hingham Station area, Beal Street and the Shipyard is a priority of the Commission going forward in 2017. Decisions should come about regarding this by June 2017.



Lincoln Building Redevelopment

In the winter of 2015, the Hingham Square business district was dealt a devastating blow when winter storms caused the roof of The Lincoln Building at the corner of Main and South Streets to collapse. As a result, the building had to be torn down, leaving a gaping hole in the center of the District. Prior to the collapse, the building's owner had been working on plans to demolish the building and redevelop it. In 2016, the developer introduced plans for a mixed use development that included residential units. A major issue was how to comply with the Hingham overnight parking requirements as there is no on-site parking. The HDIC worked, through 2016, with the owner and with the Hingham Downtown Association and other Town Departments to find a solution and to

expedite the redevelopment of the site. The permitting process is almost complete and construction is expected to commence in early to mid 2017.



The HDIC is working with the developer to minimize impacts to other Hingham Square businesses during the construction period.

The town put a great deal of effort into revitalizing the downtown area following Greenbush commuter rail restoration - benches, street lamps, sidewalks, and other

work-and, in 2017, the Commission will focus on ensuring the area surrounding the construction site will be restored to its present condition once the work wraps up.

Underground Wiring On North Street

Also in the Square Business District, the HDIC also worked to mitigate final discussions with property owners along North Street to facilitate the underground wiring connections between Station Street and Route 3A. These discussions are complete, the last underground connections are currently taking place and it is anticipated that the telephone poles along that stretch will be removed by summer of 2017.

Settles Glass Site (6 Station Street)

Late in 2016, the HDIC was made aware of preliminary development plans for the Settles Glass site (6 Station Street). The preliminary plan would contain retail stores at grade, eight two-bedroom condominiums on the second and third floors, and a sub-surface parking garage with between 16 and 18 spaces. The HDIC is excited about the potential for this site to act as an economic catalyst to bring together the various "small market" areas of Hingham Square and will work closely with the developers to navigate the permitting process.

South Hingham Development Issues

In other business in 2016, the Commission Chair was also a member of the South Hingham Study Committee. The Study Committee, comprised of individuals representing various town entities (Planning Board, Zoning Board, HDIC, Selectman's Office, South Hingham, etc) was charged with fact-finding the various components that would be involved should development of any kind be proposed in South Hingham. The exhaustive

work has left very few stones unturned and has created a clear picture of what increased development will mean for the infrastructure, traffic and basic services. The results of the Study Committees work will be published in 2017.

On a final note, the Hingham Development & Industrial Commission continued during 2016 to take a strong interest in the future development of Hingham Harbor. Proposals have been made to the Trustees of the Bathing Beach and the Harbor Development Committee to redevelop the restroom facilities and to include a small restaurant area as part of that development. The HDIC supports the concept of such a proposal as a way to increase the use of the Harbor area and to enhance its viability as a meeting place by providing a certain amount of desired amenities.

We encourage residents, property owners, and business representatives to attend and participate at our meetings. The Commission usually meets at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month in Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Sullivan, Co-Chair
Shane Nolan, Co-Chair
Kevin Ellis
Mary Ann Blackmur
Brian Stack
Nancy Wiley

Department of Elder Services

"The Hingham Department of Elder Services supports the independence and ongoing personal development of Hingham's population 60 years of age and older, advocates for their needs and works to enhance the quality of their lives."

Transportation continues to be one of the most critical services provided by the Department. Transportation provides a way for older adults to grocery shop, attend Senior Center programs, accomplish necessary errands, and get to and from medical appointments. During 2016, 4907 trips were provided to 235 individuals. At the end of 2016, we had conducted a mail survey of all users and the results of the survey will be tabulated in early 2017.

As a result of the staffing pattern evaluation that occurred and was outlined in the 2015 Annual Report, staffing resources solely dedicated to this program were increased during 2016 through the addition of a Transportation Coordinator in late August. Prior to this decision, all medical transportation had been scheduled by a 14 hour a week dispatcher, and all other transportation was the responsibility of the Administrative Secretary. The volume of transportation telephone calls, scheduling of rides, and oversight of volunteer Van Drivers made it clear that transportation should have staff dedicated solely to this program.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance not only with sorting through the myriad of programs and services, but in accessing the most appropriate services to enable an older adult to continue to live at home. On any given day, one can find an older adult, family member or friend meeting with the Outreach Coordinator to discuss medical insurance coverage; receiving assistance with the completion of various benefit applications; discussing issues of dementia and the need for services; or seeking information about housing. The Outreach Coordinator also confronts issues of elder abuse (physical, financial and emotional) and is a mandated reporter; and works closely with the Board of Health Nurse, Police and Fire on hoarding issues and self-neglect.

Fitness classes, the Lifelong Learning Program – Discovery, Matter of Balance, Personal Journal Writing, health screening clinics, and the AARP Income Tax Assistance Program continued to thrive in 2015. Due to space constraints, some fitness classes are now closed to non-Hingham residents and maximum participation limits have been imposed.

During 2016, through a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the National Aging Mastery Program (AMP) was implemented at the Senior Center. Limited to 30 individuals, the program quickly filled and a waiting list was started. AMP is a 10 week course that takes a comprehensive approach to enable older adults to make the most of longevity. At the conclusion of the course one of the participants wrote: "since retiring, I have been making a list of major things I should do...because of the program, I was able to improve diet, increase exercise, review all medications, rewrite my will and do many more things on my list." AMP will return to the Hingham Senior Center in the spring of 2017.



2016 Graduating Class of the National Aging Mastery Program

The need for a larger Senior Center continues to be at the forefront of discussion by the Council on Aging. The growth in the older adult population, programs and services, and the need for physical space that better suits the operations of the Senior Center has necessitated this discussion. We look forward to working with the Town Hall Study Committee to further address this need.

The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide range of services and programs. Volunteers work in all capacities at the Senior Center from driving vans, answering telephones, teaching classes, preparing our newsletter for mailing, gardening, and various miscellaneous tasks. During 2016, 1,417 volunteers donated 10,075 man hours to the Senior Center. We would also like to thank the many different organizations and other Town Departments who work with us to ensure that older adults are safe and comfortable in their own homes.

In January 2016, longtime staff member, Caroline Gibson, retired from her position as Administrative Secretary. Caroline's dedication, hard work, detail and kindness made Hingham a better place for all older adults. Nicole Riley also left her position as Program Coordinator in March of 2016. Nicole's technological knowledge and skills helped to bring iPad learning to Hingham's older adults. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank retiring Council on Aging members June Freedman, Chrisanne Gregoire, and Leslie Vickers. During her tenure, Chrisanne served as the Council on Aging Chairman for three years and was instrumental in leading the Council on Aging through the revision of its Strategic Plan. June Freedman chaired the Senior Center Policy Sub Committee and will continue to volunteer as a member of the Lifelong Learning Steering Committee. Leslie Vickers began the Parkinson's Support Group about 10 years ago, and will continue to lead this group.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director
Beth Rouleau, Chairman
Dawn Sibor, Vice Chairman
Gail K. Faring, Secretary
Debra Hoffman, Treasurer
Kristen Arute
Gretchen Condon
Linda Hurley
Joan Iovino
Peter Nevins
Richard Ponte

Fire Station Building Committee

Established by Article 14 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the Fire Station Building Committee was originally charged with overseeing the renovation of the North and South fire stations and the construction of new fire station in the vicinity of Cushing, Whiting and Derby Streets. Upon the completion of initial site work at the North fire station, it was determined that a renovation of the existing building would not sufficiently address the emergency response needs of the Town and that the location was unsuitable for constructing a new facility that would serve the Town for a minimum of 50 years into the future.

Article 14 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting modified the Committee's charge to include identifying a new location for the North fire station. In addition, the Committee was charged with identifying a new location for the South fire station, which together with the new North station and the existing Central fire station, would allow the Town to meet its current and anticipated emergency response needs with just three fire stations.

The Committee is currently evaluating sites for the new North station and will soon turn its attention to possible locations for the South station. Our architects are working on a design for a fire station that will allow for response capability to be scalable as the needs of the Town evolve in the future. We hope to present a proposal for the construction of the new North station at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Our budget for site evaluation and design fees as authorized by the 2015 and 2016 Annual Town Meetings is approximately \$800,000, of which we have expended less than \$100,000 to date.

The Committee appreciates the support of the Town and would like to acknowledge with gratitude the assistance of Town Engineer Roger Fernandes and the members of the Hingham Fire Department, especially Deputy Chief Steve Murphy, Captain Bill Powers and Lieutenant Dave Levenson, who have provided valuable insight with respect to the needs of the Department.

Greg MacCune, Chairman
Nancy MacDonald, Secretary
Bob Olsson, Fire Chief
Tom Carey
Karen Griswold
Al Kearney
Mark Wilkin

Fourth of July Parade Committee



Staging, organizing, coordinating, and directing more than eighty groups and one thousand children, adults, and horses for one morning at Hingham High School is always very interesting. After months of providing registration materials, answering questions, setting up support services, aligning order for each group and unit for the parade, and conducting a hands-on Safety Meeting days before the Parade that includes both Hingham Fire and Police Chiefs – the morning always arrives with excitement, anticipation, and often many surprises... It is part of the fun & magic of the day.

Planning for the day of the Parade, the “start date” for the Parade Committee is the prior fall – good thing we have lots of fun! Work starts early towards planning a parade that is well organized, safe for everyone (*especially the children!*) lining the streets and on the floats, and there is enough money raised to pay for the performers at the parade. By now, WE KNOW, YOU KNOW the parade is entirely self-funded, which means more than \$35,000 needs to be raised each year to pay for the bands, performers and special acts. MANY fundraising events occur throughout the year, as well as Button Sales and Donations on parade day to raise the funds needed.

Hingham's annual July 4th Parade, was announced by three short air horn blasts at 10AM on a beautiful, warm, Monday morning. Uncle Sam (George Ford) stepped onto the patriotic red, white and blue lines on Middle Street and waved to scores of children on each side of the road. Thousands of spectators, both young and old, arrived from Hingham and surrounding towns to enjoy the traditional parade; they welcomed the veterans, elected officials, community groups, bands, entertainers, and antique cars. Most spectators are decked out in their best red, white and blue July 4th outfits, and excited to see the parade.



Parade Committee Chairman Jim Murphy oversees the the largest event in town, which gathers returning Hinghamites, local officials, and South Shore residents and guests, for the traditional Independence Day event! Other parade committee members and parade day volunteers are Robin Nickerson, Bill Nickerson, Monica Conyngham, John Monz, Mary Ellen Lahiff, Dan Lahiff, Ginny Gray, Carrie Murphy, Louis O'Dea, Cynthia Tonucci, Eric Dresser, George Ford, Police Chief Glenn Olsson, Tom Hoffman, Susan Rizzo, Gabriella Roegner, Mark Everett, Dewitt DeLawter, Cassie McDermott, Deputy Chief Dave Jones, and Jack Dean.



Police Chief Glenn Olsson (center) ready for the Parade to start

Selecting the parade theme is an important place for the committee to start, as it should resonate with the meaning of the parade, as well as provide inspiration. The 2016 parade theme was *Liberty & Justice for All*.

Once this was decided a button design contest is sent out to all 5th grade school art teachers in Hingham: Plymouth River School, Foster School, East School, South School, and St. Paul's School participated this year. The committee received many wonderful button design entrants from the schools and was delighted to see how these young students interpreted the parade theme. The button design winner for 2016 was South School student Claudia Montenegro, whose drawing highlighted the American flag.



The parade buttons are distributed throughout town at various locations for sale. These sell quickly as everyone in town is eager to support the parade as well as add to their button collection. Buttons are also sold during the parade by the Hingham Rotary Club – a huge thank you to Dewitt DeLawter and Ginny Gray for their constant support, and especially the day of the parade!

One of the major tasks for the Parade Committee is to select the Grand Marshal for the parade. The 2016 Grand Marshal was longtime resident Mark Cullings. Mark was chosen because of his love of Hingham and his



many volunteer efforts; here is a list of activities Mark has either participated or started: the Hingham Education Foundation, Hingham Sports Partnership, Hingham Farmer's Market, Christmas in the Square, Hingham School Committee, Taste of Hingham, Hingham Historical Society, and most recently, the Old Derby renovation into the Heritage Museum & Visitor Center.

Mark Cullings epitomizes what a Grand Marshal represents – love for his town and willingness to put the time and energy into projects that have a long and positive impact on the town. Mark was surprised at his selection but was delighted and honored.

An annual Parade fundraiser is The Selectmen's Golf Tournament and Live Auction. The Committee would like to thank Jay McGrail, the entire SSCC staff, and Raffael's for hosting this event. The golf tournament was enjoyed by more than 80 golfers, as well as contributed to the parade funds. The live auction after the event featured Hingham Selectman Paul Healey as the guest auctioneer - Thank You, Paul!

The next major fundraiser is the 50 Flags Campaign, consisting of 50 American flags installed in your yard for a week for \$50. This year, in addition to properties all across town, nearly every home along the parade route participated! Although the fundraiser started just a few years ago, it is quickly growing into a major source of funding for the Parade! Nearly 300 residents and businesses participated this year!



50 Flags decorated many homes in Crow Point

The 50 Flags Campaign demonstrates Hingham's support of our servicemen and servicewomen, our patriotism, and decorates the town while raising funds for the Parade. Initially, we started with just 300 flags donated from the Hingham Veterans Services, now we are approaching an inventory of 9,000 flags. This campaign takes a lot of effort and coordination by Committee members Susan Rizzo and Tom Hoffman. There were many youth volunteers from Hingham High School that assisted with flag installations and collections – boys football, girls field hockey, and Best Buddies group.

New to the parade in 2016 were the Firehouse Dixie, HKS Clydesdales, and the Boston Crusaders Drum & Bugle Corps. All float participants work hard in developing and creating wonderful floats to display in the parade. All of them delighted spectators. The judges compared notes and the following floats were recognized with the following awards:

- Best in Parade: Silver Leaf Farms and LMG Designs
- Most Unique: Hingham Little League
- Most Beautiful: SuEscuela Language Academy
- Most Patriotic: Hingham High School Dance Team

In addition to the Parade Grand Marshal Mark Cullings, the parade also honored the Veteran of the Year, Senior Chief Petty Officer Keith Jermyn and the Citizen of the Year, Geri Duff. While Mark rode in his own antique car, driven by Committee member Tom Hoffman, South Shore BMW and South Shore Mini provided the vehicles for Veteran of the Year and Citizen of the Year, respectively.

The Parade Committee thanks all members for their time and energy throughout the year, sponsors for their generous donations, vendors, Hingham Police and Fire departments, Aquarion Water Company, all of the workers for the beautiful floats, the bands and performers, all of the parade participants so this would be a wonderful and safe parade for all ages to enjoy. A.W. Perry was once again the lead sponsor for the parade! Also, we welcomed Cambridge Savings Bank as a strong sponsor this year.

Thank you to all of our corporate and private sponsors, without you, we would not be able to present such a wonderful parade!

Jim Murphy, Chair

Photos provided by Crow Point Creations.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall is a one hundred twenty eight year old historical gem that has served our community with functionality and focus, fulfilling its original objective. Many Hingham residents have participated and enjoyed activities in the memorable environment of the G.A.R. Hall this year.

The American Legion Post 120, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6053, and The Hingham Militia continue to meet monthly at G.A.R. Hall, perpetuating their mission which includes involving recently discharged Veterans. It is with delight and pleasure that we continue to see men and women Veterans join in these active groups.

The G.A.R. Hall Trustees coordinated with Linda Harper, Director of the Hingham Public Library to display memorabilia from the G.A.R. Hall at the library on January 2 through January 29, 2016. The focus of the display was primarily Civil War era flags and photographs. A special tri-fold flyer about G.A.R. Hall was designed and printed for handouts at the display.

The largest attended event of the year was the Hingham High School Sophomore Class American History Field Trip. The students walked from the high school to G.A.R. Hall with the History Department teachers and staff. This year marked the seventh annual event and on April 27th over three hundred students spent almost two hours listening to Veterans from WWII to present day Afghanistan tours. The students and guests also took time to view the uniforms, flags and military memorabilia that is on display around the hall.

Another successful annual event was when Veterans served their fellow Veterans and their family's lunch at G.A.R. Hall following the Memorial Day Celebration on the Town Common.

Five Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies were held over the course of the year where six boys achieved the highest rank within the Boy Scouts organization. The boys represented Hingham Troops 1, 4, and 52. The Cub Scouts also held meetings at G.A.R. Hall. Packs 27, 41, and 52 all held flag folding and etiquette sessions as well as toured the hall itself.

On November 2nd the G.A.R. Hall Trustees lent a large portion of the hall's Hingham Veterans uniform collection to the New England Center and Home for Veterans (NECHV) for the evening's use at their *Leave No*

One Behind Gala at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. The uniforms lined the entranceway to the gala and created a stunning sight to set the tone for the evening. NECHV raised over one half million dollars for the support of homeless Veterans that evening and the Trustees were very proud to contribute to their mission.



On December 3rd G.A.R. Hall hosted the celebration of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Essay contest winners, the eighth annual essay event for St. Paul School, Hingham High School, and Hingham Middle School. This year there were 444 applications to participate in the essay contest and 75 people attended the celebration.

This year the G.A.R. Hall had extensive upgrades to the heating, air conditioning, and septic systems. The Trustees continue the bi-annual art preservation, restoration and maintenance of the memorabilia to insure the integrity of our G.A.R. historic collection. We extend our sincere appreciation for the budgeting support and awareness of our town's leaders in perpetuating the mission of our G.A.R. Memorial Hall.



Respectfully submitted by the G.A.R. Hall Trustees:

Scott McMillan, Chair; Robert Beal, Jr, Treasurer; Frank Sheelen, Secretary; Ernie Sofis, Historian Emeritus; Keith Jermyn, Advisor

Harbor Development Committee

Attention to infrastructure, access, physical improvements along the waterfront and promoting Hingham harbor related issues continued to be the focus of the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) in 2016.

The HDC met monthly through 2016, including one televised meeting in March. The Committee particularly targeted moving forward several town projects approved and funded by Hingham's 2015 Annual Town Meeting (ATM). To maximize efficiency of an all volunteer committee, individual HDC members continue to take the lead on several of our initiatives by acting as liaisons with other committees and following through on projects between meetings. HDC is most appreciative of the extensive professional assistance provided to the Committee for its ongoing projects and proposals by Town Engineer Roger Fernandes and his able assistant Carol Costello. Selectman Paul Gannon served as the Committee's Selectmen liaison and Bathing Beach Trustees Alan Perrault, Ed Johnson and Chris Daly joined us in several meetings to advance harbor matters of mutual interest, including beach stabilization and the Bath House/Snack Shop Project.

Whitney Wharf Bridge Completion and Opening - After MANY years of aspiration and planning, the long awaited bridge providing improved pedestrian access to the Wharf behind Red Eye Roasters was completed in the spring of 2016. This project was funded by grants recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and approved by the voters, including a final 2016 ATM appropriation of \$35,000 for lighting on and around the bridge. A formal opening, with ~ 60 town officials and voters present, took place on July 2 in time for 4th of July celebrations and the summer season. This major piece of the envisioned harbor walkway can now be enjoyed by the public.

Town Owned Wharf Repair, Restoration and Reconstruction—Following 2015 ATM's appropriation of \$175,000 for structural assessment and development of detailed engineering drawings of four town owned wharves, HDC retained Beals & Thomas to evaluate necessary repairs and possible height increases of the wharves at Iron Horse Park, the POW/MIA memorial, the Mobil Station Property and Barnes I and II. During a series of publicized meetings in the spring of 2016, Beals and Thomas presented that engineering assessment and identified numerous criteria to help the Town prioritize repair and restoration recommendations against the background threat of sea level rise. This is in response to the 2014 Kleinfelder Sea Level Rise Study, funded by a Coastal Community Resilience Grant, to assess the Town's vulnerability

to key infrastructure damage in the event of unusual wind and high tide events.

Based on those weighted criteria, in June the Committee elected to proceed with Town Pier (aka Iron Horse Park) as the first wharf for phase 2—preparation of detailed engineering drawings and permitting work for this project. HDC also determined that we would seek additional funding from 2017's ATM for similar Phase 2 work at the other prioritized wharves. Such work for the wharf on Barnes 1 is also required pursuant to a long term lease between the Town and the Hingham Maritime Center rowing and sailing facility negotiated by the Selectmen and signed in December of 2016. That lease calls for a phased lease term with obligations on both sides, including for the Town extending its best efforts to complete the designs and secure permitting for repair/restoration and sea level rise resiliency of Barnes 1 wharf by December 31 of 2018.

Route 3A/Rotary/Summer Street Transportation Corridor - the 2015 ATM also approved expenditures of up to \$400,000 for civil engineering services to begin development of plans and specifications for this transportation corridor. In February 2016, the Selectmen signed a contract with Design Consultants, Inc. (DCI) for that engineering study. DCI surveyed and measured the entire corridor during the summer of 2016. With this data and informed by the Mass. Dept of Transportation's Central Transportation Planning Section (CTPS) summer 2015 traffic study of the Route 3A/ George Washington Boulevard corridor as a basis for their efforts, DCI is developing initial engineering plans for the corridor with emphasis on speed reduction and accommodations for Mass. DOT's 'Complete Street's initiative, which includes shared pedestrian/bike paths as part of the roadway layout. It is expected that DCI's initial plans will be far enough along to share with the public in the spring of 2017.

Hingham Boat Ramp - HDC continues to advocate a new and improved boat ramp/launch/parking area for the inner harbor to replace its deteriorating predecessor. State officials from the Dept. of Marine Fisheries met with the Committee in July, toured the boat ramp site and acknowledged their responsibility for design and funding of these new facilities. They concur that the Town has addressed the problem of migrating beach sand choking out the ramp in two ways: (1) with the 2015 adoption of the larger beach sand management plan and (2) with the recently completed construction of a harbor walkway and buried concrete wall in the Bathing Beach parking lot to protect it from winter storm erosion and reduce sand migration in the direction of the boat

ramp. The Public Access Board Division of Marine Fisheries issued an RFP for engineering, design and permitting of the replacement ramp and float system and awarded the bid for that work to CLE Engineering in January 2017. Once construction documents are produced, the Division and the Town will need to prevail on our legislators to urge state funding for this important infrastructure project.

Revising the Harbor Master Plan Vision – With the 2015 ATM's vote of confidence and financial support, HDC is proceeding with a number of diverse harbor improvement initiatives as outlined above (also including the revised bathhouse/snack shack being proposed by the Bathing Beach Trustees at the 2017 ATM). We are also planning for the next round of harbor basin dredging, presumably in the 2019-2020 time frame. The Committee continues to try to balance opportunistically moving forward with individual projects as funding sources are available with the need to place such projects into the context of an overall vision for the future of Hingham's harbor. While some progress was made in 2016 on the vision picture, in part with the assistance of a landscape design firm subcontracted by DCI as part of the transportation corridor project, HDC is very mindful of the need to update particularly the programmatic and landscape plans of the now outdated 2007 Harbor Master Plan. We will prioritize that effort in 2017 to create the vision for the kind of harborscape and amenities that the townspeople told us they desire in the 2014 town-wide survey.

Committee Members

William Reardon, Chairman
Paul Losordo, Vice Chairman
Thomas Coveney, Secretary
Deirdre Anderson
Eric Kachel
Brian Knies
Edward Morris

Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

Board of Health

The Hingham Board of Health consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of seven employees Bruce T. Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer, Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse, Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent, Andrea Benedetto, Administrative Secretary, Ann Marie Papasodero, Health Clerk, and Robin Magner, our new Food Inspector.

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities include such activities as adult immunization clinics which includes elderly homebound residents, blood pressure monitoring and health assessments, Title 5 Septic System approvals, food establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, recycling and dumpster regulations, Fats, Oil and Grease regulations (FOG), tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, Right-to-Know enforcement, septic system approval and inspection, Body Art licensing, communicable disease investigation and management, Recycling licensing, communicable disease surveillance and response, recreational camps for children licensing, regulating the keeping of animals and fowl, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

This year the Board of Health re-established tobacco compliance inspections for the sale of tobacco to anyone under the age of 19 years old. This program has been a great success. Of all the establishments that sell tobacco products not a single sale was made to minors during the 2016 compliance program.

The Health Department has been actively working with the Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition now in its fourth year. The Coalition's



new logo, Hingham C.A.R.E.S., stands for Community, Action, Resources, Education and Support. The mission statement of Hingham CARES is to help inform and educate our community in all aspects of substance use and to provide resources to those in need. Please stop by the Health Department for information and to see how you can get involved.

The Hingham Board of Health was recognized by the State Department of Environmental Protection for their innovative regulations which requires all trash haulers to offer recycling to their residential and commercial customers.

Permits issued in 2016:

Farmers Market	38	Food Establishment	158
Retail Food	78	Store Milk	92
Catering	12	Frozen Desserts	7
Residential F.S.	4	Mobile Food Service	14
Fat, Oil & Grease	50	Septage Haulers	25
Rubbish Haulers	24	Septic Installers	50
Tanning Salons	2	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	11	Pool Constr. Permits	15
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps	14
Septic Permits	105	Variance Applications	39
Building Permits	860	Treatment Plant	298
Soil Evaluations	36	Tobacco Sales	20
Animal Permits	13	Private Well Permits	15
Flu Shots	300		

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

Seaman Herbert L. Foss Committee

The Seaman Herbert L. Foss Committee is pleased to submit the following report for the year ending 2016.

In October 2014 the office of State Senator Robert Hedlund announced that the new Intermodal Facility at the Hingham Shipyard would be named after Seaman Herbert L. Foss. There would also be space in the facility to honor Seaman Foss with a sculpture and memorabilia. The Board of Selectmen (BOS), Veteran's Council and the Foss Memorial Committee universally agreed that this was an appropriate way to honor Seaman Foss. The BOS asked the Veteran's Council and the Foss Memorial Committee to work together with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to locate a proper memorial in the new Intermodal Facility.

The Veteran's Council and the Foss Memorial Committee worked closely together to hire Susan Luery to design a suitable sculpture for the facility. The bust will be located inside the new facility in a visible alcove next to the ticketing area. The alcove location will also allow for display of a plaque describing the acts of heroism for which Seaman Foss was given the Medal of Honor. The dedication of the sculpture was delayed while the building was completed. In early 2017 the new building was finished and opened to the public soon thereafter. The dedication of the memorial is now expected to occur in late Spring of 2017 (ceremony tentatively set for 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 3, 2017).

The Foss Memorial Committee looks forward to completing all tasks with which they were charged at the conclusion of the ceremony and will formally discharge the Committee soon afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,

Foss Memorial Committee:

Peter Finney, Chairman

Alan Perrault, Vice-chairman

Melissa Tully, Committee Secretary

William Reardon

John McHugh

D.J. Mackinnon

Veteran's Council:

Jon Asher, Past Chairman

Hingham Cultural Council

The Hingham Cultural Council awarded \$4,700 in 2017 to support arts and artists in our community. Eleven grants, ranging from \$200 to \$800, were awarded. Recipients include:

- From JAZZ to Hip Hop by Music DANCE.edu
- South Shore Art Center's 62nd Arts Festival
- Satuit Concert Band's Summer Concert Series
- Children's Museum in Easton presents Science on the Go!
- Hingham Singers at Second Parish
- 61st Annual Junior Arts Exhibit, Second Parish, Hingham
- "The Mediterranean Pathway to Wellness" seminar by Tricia Silverman, RD, LDN. MBA
- Old Ship Church Candlelight Concerts
- James Library presents the Adventures of Benjamin Franklin
- South Shore Conservatory presents Wacky Wednesday Concert Series
- Maple Day at South Shore Natural Science Center

The Massachusetts Cultural Council guidelines and application process can be found by visiting www.mass-culture.org. In addition to these guidelines, the Hingham Cultural Council local guidelines include the following:

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

We welcome any suggestions that would improve these guidelines. Applications will be available September 1, 2017 with the next deadline of October 16, 2017.

Respectfully,

Janine Suchecki, Co-Chair
Marlie McManus, Co-Chair
Leah Godfrey
Jean Roberts
Jane Shute

Hingham Housing Authority

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

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

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

- 78 one-bedroom apartments (c.667), housing for seniors 60+ or disabled meeting certain income guidelines
- 8 family apartments (c.705), for income-eligible families
- 6 congregate units under the Supportive Senior Housing Initiative program providing housing and services in collaboration with South Shore Elder Services

We currently have nearly 500 applicants on our waiting lists.

Our management portfolio includes:

- 14 units of c. 689 housing for individuals with disabilities, a partnership with the Department of Mental Health
- 50 Housing Choice vouchers (25 of which we sponsor for other agencies), a federal rent subsidy program for low-income families
- 5 Project Based vouchers attached to the Captain Anderson house for homeless Hingham veterans
- A single family affordable home on Scotland Street purchased with Community Preservation funds in 2007
- 15.4 acre lot on Beal Street

Over the past year, the Authority has successfully combined capital, operating, maintenance resources and grant money to improve our properties and programs.

Projects at Thaxter Park included:

- Exterior main door replacements to apartment buildings \$33,133
- Hands-free exterior door at Congregate
- Turnover and rehab of 9 apartments
- Common hallway/foyer rehab \$12,000

We have received a \$100,000 sustainability grant for boiler replacements and additional state bond funding for walkway repairs and window replacements totaling \$212,886.

We are pleased to report that we have once again successfully applied for and received a federal grant of \$66,199, a slight increase over our previous grant award, for our Family Self-Sufficiency program.

Thanks to the Community Preservation committee and the feasibility grant money awarded to us, a local housing needs study has been completed. The board has been working with that study and affordable development plans in line with those results which will be collaborated with the town.

We would like to thank Emily Wentworth for her assistance with the Ridgewood Crossing affordable unit. Randy Sylvester and his DPW crew continue to go above and beyond assuring the safety of our residents and we are grateful for their efforts.

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of one of our most beloved residents and veteran, Fred Ceres. A memorial bench and plaque have been commissioned at the park in his honor.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Director and her staff, Angel, Margie, Kevin and Mike for their dedication to the population we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Napier, Executive Director
Robert Keyes, Chairman & Treasurer
Irma Lauter, State Appointee
James R. Watson, Vice Chairman

Elizabeth James, Commissioner
Davalene Cooper, Secretary

Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling

The Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee (LRWDRC) is pleased to provide residents with a recap of 2016's waste disposal and recycling operations at Hingham's Transfer Station. The LRWDRC's educational and advocacy efforts support the town of Hingham's household solid waste disposal operations. This report contains the highlights and updates of the education and advocacy efforts of the LRWDRC in 2016. For financial data related to the overall costs and revenues from Hingham's waste disposal and recycling operations, please refer to the Department of Public Works' summary and financial report in this Annual Report.

Ongoing operations updates: As of the date of submission of this report, the Transfer Station data on hauling costs, municipal waste, and recycling tonnage was not available for publication or for trend analysis compared to prior years.

A total of 3,802 residential and 118 commercial Transfer Station permits were issued in 2016, a marked reduction in residential permits from the previous years.

New this year: Used mattresses and box springs are now accepted for recycling at the Transfer Station. Pick up a free bulky waste permit at the DPW office and show to the attendant who will give you access to the recycling area.

Rigid Plastics: A wide range of rigid plastics are accepted for recycling in the plastics bay at the Transfer Station.

Hingham's Community Redeemable Bottle and Can Collection fundraising program continued to benefit many local youth organizations. In exchange for redemption proceeds, this year 23 youth groups performed the following community services:

- Assisted at Hingham Food Pantry
- Retirement of US Flags
- Library Clean-a-thon
- Hingham Harbor Clean Up
- Cleanup at Senior Center
- 12 Classroom benches built at South Elementary School
- Hingham Library - Assist with Library Arts Fair (Afternoon)
- Hingham Library - Assist with Library Arts Fair (Morning)

- Cleaning up triangle island at Bare Cove Park
- Assisted with Letter Carrier Food Drive - Food Pantry
- Cleaning up fields behind Town Hall
- Field cleanup at South School
- Assisted Letter Carrier Food Drive
- Distributed material at Planning Board Town Meeting
- 4th of July Parade - Brush Cleaning at Amonte Meadow - Marketing Campaign Distribution
- Cleaning High School grounds - planting, sifting compost
- Elder Services - Assist with Broadway Bash
- Bare Cove Park Clean-Up
- Jack Whanono - Plymouth River School Plant Walk
- Senior Center – Assisted with Men's Breakfast
- Spread Mulch at Hersey Playground
- Hingham Library - Cleaned shelves, toys, trays in Children's Dept.

2016 Initiatives and Educational Programs

The LRWDRC continued to work in conjunction with the Board of Health, the School Department, the DPW, and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative's efforts to educate and advocate for common sense environmentally friendly and fiscally sound recycling practices. Specific town-based and regional efforts in 2016 included:

- Quarterly "Recycling News", our online newsletter with specific recycling guidance and answers to frequently asked questions. To sign up: go to www.hingham-ma.gov, click on the "Notify Me" button, sign in, and select the "General News and Announcements" list. You will receive an email announcing each new newsletter which will include a link for viewing.
- Secured the rights to show "Re-Use: Because You Can't Recycle the Planet" documentary produced by Hingham resident Alex Eaves.
- Informational displays at the Hingham Library and Town Hall on a range of recycling topics.
- Responded to questions posed on Hingham Pinboard Facebook page with more than 5,000 subscribers.
- Supported the Board of Health's efforts to assist commercial waste and recycling haulers to comply with Hingham's residential and commercial recycling regulations.
- Assistance with the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on May 21st. Questions on recycling were answered. Hingham collected toxic substances from 214 households, thus keeping these hazardous wastes out of the municipal waste stream.

- Support for the Hingham Schools' recycling efforts.

Committee Goals for 2017

In addition to ongoing efforts to educate the Hingham community about the economic and environmental benefits of recycling, the LRWDRC's 2017 goals include:

- Providing recycling education at this spring's Household Hazardous Waste Collection day, Saturday, June 10, 9am-1pm at the Plymouth River School, 200 High Street.
- Educating residents on waste reduction strategies including food waste composting (estimated to be 25-35% of residential waste).
- Promoting in Hingham MassDEP's campaign to increase separation of textiles from household waste to increase textile re-use and recycling and reduce waste and waste costs.
- Promoting the Mattress recycling program, funded by a MassDEP grant.
- Promoting MassDEP campaign to reduce contamination in recyclables collections.
- Working with the Board of Health to ensure that private haulers who pick-up residential and commercial trash are complying with the Town's Mandatory Recycling regulations.
- Supporting recycling in the Hingham Schools by participating in all schools recycling forums.
- Evaluating the causes and impact of the drop in the number of issued Transfer Station residential permits.

Brenda Black
Janice McPhillips
Kimberly Juric
Peter Stathopoulos
Diane Morrison
David White

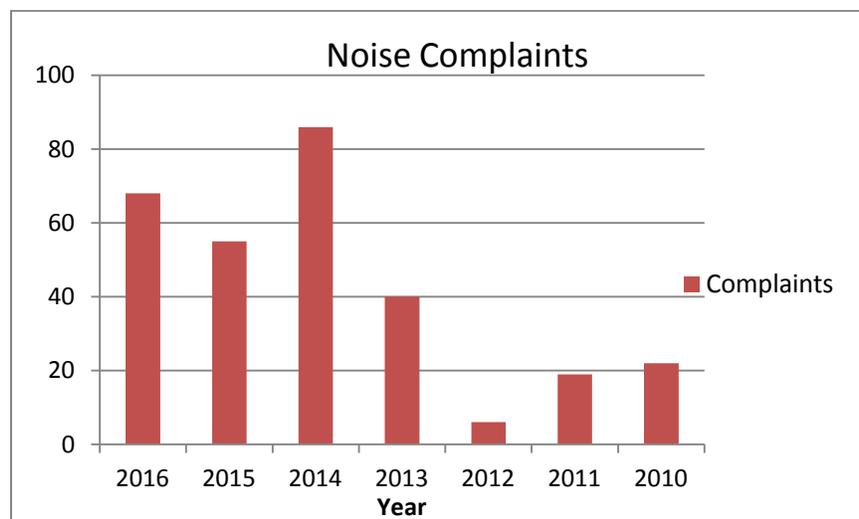
Massport Community Advisory Committee

The Massport Community Advisory Committee was created in 2014 by the Massachusetts Legislature in the amended 1956 Enabling Act that established Massport, and its members represent nearly 40 communities that surround Boston's Logan Airport. The Massport CAC now has an active website where residents can reference all of the CAC meeting notes, related news and events, and useful links including the Massport online noise complaint filing website: <http://massportcac.org>

The Noise Abatement Office at Logan International Airport "is responsible for implementing noise abatement measures and generally monitoring community complaints and other aspects of noise effects from Logan Airport Operations."

In 2016, the town of Hingham logged 68 complaints to the Massport Noise Abatement Office, which were reported by 18 callers, which was a slight increase from the 55 complaints that were reported by 16 callers in the year 2015. A complete listing of the complaints placed by each town may be found at

<http://www.massport.com/environment/environmental-reporting/noise-abatement/complaints-by-towns/>



Lindsey Newell, Hingham Representative

The Hingham Memorial Bell Tower

The Memorial Bell Tower Committee is comprised of six volunteers dedicated to keeping the tradition of a functioning Bell Tower alive and well in Hingham. Committee members are available to meet as needed and are responsible for ringing the Bells. The Bells are generally rung on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and for Town celebrations, weddings or funerals.

The Memorial Bell Tower is an important historical structure for Hingham. The room on the second floor is dedicated to the Rev. Peter Hobart, founder of the Town of Hingham and first minister to the people. It was originally paneled in Cypress and furnished with Elizabethan antiques.

The bells themselves have a wonderful story as well. The bells on the top level are Change-Ringing Bells. Hingham's Memorial Bell Tower is one of only 11 free-standing bell towers with Change Ringing Bells in North America, and is the only bell tower of this type to have ten bells instead of the usual eight. The bells in the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower are copies of the bells that were rung in Hingham, England in 1632. Rev. Peter Hobart and Hingham's early settlers would have heard them ringing there before leaving England to sail to America.

The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, England. The lightest bell weighs 550 pounds and stands 3.5 feet high, while the heaviest bell weighs 2,262 pounds and stands nearly 6 feet high. When ringing, the bells are balanced in the mouth-up position (upside down). The ringer pulls on the rope, which is attached to a wheel on which the bell is mounted, causing the bell to swing in a 360 degree circle and stop in the mouth-up position. The ringer then pulls the rope again, which causes the bell to swing back the other way and stop mouth-up again. Unlike some church bells, Change-Ringing bells do not produce recognizable tunes; instead, they are rung in an orderly sequence in rows. Ringers have the ability to increase or slow down the ringing speed; and the order of the bells can be changed on every pull, creating an infinite number of non-repeating patterns.

Kenneth Drescher
Joan Getto
Michael Shilhan
Ann Shilhan
Dorcas Wagner
Martha

Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2016. 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 2016 season began dry with a low water table, dry conditions increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground larvicided 4,600 acres and aerial larvicided 15,432 acres and this 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 June 1, 2016 and ended on September 9, 2016. The Project responded to 13,775 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health has developed an "Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan" for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project were at the "Low Level Risk" Eastern Equine Encephalitis. We are pleased to report that in 2016 there were no human, or horse EEE cases in the district. There were 3 pools of mosquitoes found to be infected with EEEV. They were in the following towns: Kingston, Middleboro, and West Bridgewater.

West Nile Virus was not found within the district. All towns within the district remained at the "Low Level Risk" category for West Nile Virus. We are also pleased to report that in 2016 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County Mosquito Control district. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 47,391 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Health threat 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.

In conjunction with the MDPH we began a trapping program to monitor *Aedes albopictus* expansion in the state. *Ae. albopictus* is an introduced mosquito that has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in Massachusetts since 2009. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. In mid-summer the mosquito was detected in the District for the first time. We think the population is small, but expect the mosquito to spread. As a result, we plan to expand our *Ae. albopictus* surveillance program.

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

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Hingham, 126 larval sites were checked.

During the summer, 2,091 catch basins were treated in Hingham to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission. Our staff treated 922 acres using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2016 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 2,300 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Coquillettidia perturbans* and

Culex pipiens/restuans. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Culex pipiens/restuans*, *Oc. excrucians* and *Cq. perturbans*.

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

Stephen Gillett
Superintendent

Commissioners:
John Kenney, Chairman
Michael F. Valenti, Vice-Chairman
Cathleen Drinan
John Sharland-Secretary

Hingham Public Library

The Hingham Public Library was as active as ever in 2016, offering daily programs and events for children and adults; circulating over 350,000 items including books, movies, music and technology; and answering over 4,500 research questions. There were over 247,000 visits to the Library last year, averaging just over 1,000 people each day, and over 12,000 residents have an active library card. The hardworking and talented staff of over 30 employees and our dedicated corps of over 100 volunteers have been dynamically engaged in providing a high level of services and resources that meets the needs and interests of the community while promoting literacy, personal growth, and life-long learning.

The Library is a place that serves many diverse and changing functions – a place of quiet reading, study and reflection; a place of community gathering; a place of collaboration and group work; a place to borrow a book or laptop; a place that encourages early childhood literacy and life-long learning; a place to attend a lecture, meeting, or concert; and a place to seek help and information on just about any topic. We serve all ages and every member of the community, and thus often are driven by seemingly diverse purposes.

Our need to provide modern library services that support these purposes has led us to evaluate our physical spaces and building needs to ensure that we are able to provide a high level of responsive and effective services. In 2016, the Library Trustees hired Beacon Architectural Associates to assist us in planning for potential building improvements, and to submit an application for a state grant with a January 2017 deadline that, if successful, would provide partial funding towards needed improvements.

Twenty-sixteen also saw increased innovative offerings at the Library, in addition to our traditional offerings, with the launch of the newly redesigned Library website www.hinghamlibrary.org, which features a modern, mobile-friendly and responsive design with improved navigation and functionality for both mobile devices and web browsers. The Technical Services Department, under the supervision of department head Jill Blair, worked throughout the year to expand and enhance the Library's non-traditional collection of items available to be checked out by our patrons, including artworks of reproduction and original prints, puzzles, and several unique and popular items in our Technology Equipment Collection, such as Google Reality Glasses, Beats Portable Speaker, Amazon Tap and Go-Pros.

There's also a community puzzle in our lobby that has been a big hit – stop by and add a piece or two or more! Popular Playaway Launchpads have been added to the Children's collection, that come preloaded with 10 educational apps and are 100% secure. Collection Development Librarian Peter Thornell has worked to increase digital access to online content through acquisition of a new service called Hoopla, which provides a large collection of eBooks, Audiobooks, Comics, Music, Movies and Television, available to borrow immediately, with no waiting. Stream content on a computer, or download to a device. Additionally, the Library's Technology Training Lab, under the direction of Technology Librarian Anna Byrne, offers one-on-one drop-in instruction as well as group classes to learn how to use various technologies.

The Library also offered a variety of popular programs throughout the year, and over 16,800 people attended over 900 programs for adults, teens and children. Programs for children included book groups, daily storytimes, puppet shows, Read-to-a-Dog sessions, STEM programs with Inventor Mentors, scavenger hunts, movies, crafternoons, Pop-Up art programs, community collaborations with South Shore Conservatory and Su Escuela Language School, and a summer reading program capped off with a make your own sundae party and outside water fun.

Teen programs included meetings with our new Teen Advisory Board and Teen Librarian Meghan McCusker to help plan collection purchases and activities, which include book groups, craft activities, trivia night, karaoke and extended hours (and pizza!) for students studying for finals at the end of the school year.

Adults also had many opportunities to participate in a number of events and activities, including author talks, lectures and presentations on a variety of topics such as lawn care, Social Security, refugee stories, travel, music, local history and world events, concerts, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) lectures, afternoon and evening movies, crafts nights, book clubs, a story slam, art exhibits and receptions, technology classes and workshop help sessions, local history Pop-Up exhibits curated by Local History Librarian Michael Achille from items in our historical collections and a cookbook club.

Other highlights from the year include an Empty Bowls fundraiser, organized by Children's Librarian Totsie McGonagle, that raised \$4,175 for local food shelters; an Artisan and Craft Fair, organized by staff member Carol Lipsett, that featured handmade goods by local artisans; and our popular semi-annual book sales, made possible through the hard work and dedication of our library bookstore volunteers, with special

thanks to Adrienne Richardson, Irma Lauter and Marcia Sinclair for their time, effort, and talent.

Thanks also to our many volunteers whom we rely on each and every day to keep the Library running smoothly, especially to Joan Newell, Head of the Volunteer Program, for her many years of dedicated service and indispensable help, to Jean McGeary for organizing and managing the Home Delivery program and to Jim and Eileen Macedo for establishing and coordinating a team of new volunteers to assist with the Shelf Reading Program.

Finally, we are deeply saddened to report the passing of two members of the Board of Trustees, Nelson Ross and former Trustee Sted Murdy. Nelson, a Trustee since 1991, was a much-loved and admired friend of the Library, as he was to the entire Town, whose skill as a conciliator and problem-solver proved to be a priceless gift to the Trustees and the staff on many occasions. Sted, a Trustee from 1984 to 2012, and President of the Board from 1991 to 2000, was a genial spirit and friend to all, whose dynamic leadership helped bring to fruition the renovation completed in 2001. Both fine men and dear friends will be greatly missed.

In conclusion, we wish to thank all the members of the Board of Trustees for their time, involvement and dedication that makes the Library such an outstanding community resource, and to thank all the staff for their hard work, team-efforts, and daily contributions that result in helpful, friendly and world-class service to patrons of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Mehegan, Chairman of the Board
Linda Harper, Library Director

Hingham Public Schools

As of October 1, 2016, there were 4,252 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) in the Hingham Public Schools, a count nearly level with October 1, 2015. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 67 pre-school students in the Integrated Pre-school program, 51 out-of-district special education students, and 4 vocational students.

Operational and management changes in the Hingham Public Schools for Fall 2016 included the appointments of Dr. James LaBillois, Assistant Superintendent, Erica Pollard, Director of Foreign Languages K-12, Andrew Nyamekye, METCO Director, and Elizabeth O'Neill, Assistant Director of Student Services.

The 2016 Town Election saw Carlos Da Silva and Kay Praschma elected to the School Committee to fill vacancies resulting from the expiring terms of Andy Shafter and Ray Estes. Liza O'Reilly, Aylene Calnan and Cynthia Galko were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively, in May 2016.

The Annual School Department Operating Budget for fiscal year 2017 (school year 2016-2017) was approved at the April 2016 Town Meeting at \$47,613,721; another \$867,155 was appropriated for Capital Projects, including projects at the Depot properties benefitting several Town departments.

The four elementary schools continue to enhance curriculum and instruction in literacy, math, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives. In English Language Arts, teachers have been implementing a new program, Journeys, across all grades and schools. The curriculum alignment and revision of our K-5 science program continues, with a number of new units and topics being addressed across the grade span. In each of the schools, targeted instructional opportunities have been designed to respond to needs identified by analysis of district, state, and standardized tests results, with additional targeted improvements underway in our special education department.

Hingham students continued with strong performances in the visual and performing arts, as demonstrated in building and district-wide concerts, regional music and art competitions. The annual all-town art show continued in its Town Hall location in Spring 2016 and featured the work of students from all six schools. A permanent ceramics display remains in the lobby there. Drama students captivated audiences with their

productions of "Rock of Ages" in November 2016 at Hingham High School and "The Sound of Music" last Spring at Hingham Middle School.

Academically, Hingham students continued to perform above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2016 MCAS. The percentage of students performing at the proficient or advanced levels increased in grade 4 math and ELA, grades 6, 7, and 8 ELA. In grade 10 100% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in ELA, 95% in math, and 96% in science. All members of the class of 2016 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math, and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) reports released by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) are used to measure student performance changes on MCAS from one year to the next. In Hingham, SGPs were rated as "high" at grade 4 and 5 in both ELA and math, and in grade 7 ELA.

The Massachusetts Accountability system is used to classify districts and schools on a five level scale from the highest performing in Level 1 and the lowest performing in Level 5. The levels reflect both overall performance and the progress of the different subgroups of the student population. The Hingham 2015 accountability results were as follows: East School, Plymouth River School, South School, and Hingham High School - Level 1; Foster School and Hingham Middle School - Level 2. A school percentile was also reported indicating the school's overall performance relative to other schools in Massachusetts with the same grades. The Hingham school percentiles were as follows: East - 98th, Foster - 96th, PRS - 99th, South - 98th, HMS - 86th, HHS - 89th.

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, 272 students graduated from Hingham High School. In addition to a diploma, 31 members of the class received the Global Competency Certificate. Through interdisciplinary academic study, community service and international travel, these graduates demonstrated increased global awareness, a heightened appreciation of diversity, and a capacity to work and contribute in an increasingly interconnected world. Of all graduates, 92% will go on to four-year colleges located in 26 different states and four foreign countries, about 5% will attend specialized or two-year institutions, some will attend post-graduate programs or take a gap year, and a few will begin full-time employment. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2016 include 13 National Merit commended students, 99 Advanced Placement Scholars, 8 National Scholars, 1 AP International Diploma recipient, and 62 members inducted into the National Honor Society.

HHS students have the opportunity to participate in a myriad of extracurricular activities including the new Computer Programming Club and Breathe Out, a student group dedicated to suicide prevention. Competitive extracurricular activities include Mock Trial, Debate, Quiz Bowl, Math Team and Robotics. One of our Robotics students was a 2016 nationwide finalist for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Dean's List, an award for outstanding student leaders whose passion for and effectiveness at attaining FIRST ideals is exemplary. The Quiz Bowl team participated for the seventh straight year in WGBH's High School Quiz Show and qualified for and fielded varsity and JV teams at the national competition for the National History Bowl and Bee. The HHS Student Council, one of the largest groups in the school and one of the largest councils in the state, was awarded the Silver Medal as a Student Council of Excellence in Massachusetts. The Oceanography and Biology Clubs were involved in a NOAA funded project last year to build, deploy, and follow an "ocean drifter" tracked by GPS. The drifter was deployed off Provincetown during the club's annual Whale Watch (April 27, 2016). It spent the summer drifting on George's Bank, drifted off New Jersey in the fall, got caught in the Gulf Stream, and is now in the mid-Atlantic still collecting data nearly 9 months after deployment.

June 2016 marked the end of Hingham's first year of a tuition-based full day kindergarten. The 307 students occupied 4 classrooms in each of the 4 elementary schools. The second year of a state grant funded professional development, consultant services, and additional learning materials including iPads for each classroom. In winter and spring 2016, a kindergarten implementation group completed a DESE-required program evaluation; parent forums at each building and the collection of some anecdotal and assessment data provided the basis for a local program evaluation which continued into fall 2016 with feedback provided by first grade teachers. The second year of the full day initiative began in September 2016 with a decline in Kindergarten enrollment to 275 students; all but 4 children enrolled in the full day option. The program remains tuition-based according to a sliding scale based on family size and the State Median Income.

The championships continue to rain down in "Title Town." Hingham enjoyed one of the most successful runs in the history of athletics at Hingham High School during 2016. HHS teams won eight Patriot League Championships (Wrestling 4-peat, Boys Indoor Track, Girls Tennis, Girls Spring Track, Girls and Boys Lacrosse, Boys Cross-Country-3-peat and Girls Soccer). State championships were won by Girls Soccer 3-peat,

Girls Fall and Spring Rowing and Girls Track won the State Relays. Other significant contributions were the following:

- Boys Ice Hockey was invited back to the MIAA Super 8.
- Girls Ice Hockey made it all the way to the MIAA State Semi-final.
- Girls Basketball had their most successful season and made it to the South Sectional Semi-final.
- Boys Lacrosse and Girls Soccer won the South Sectional Championship – 3-peat!
- The wrestling team raised more than \$2,000 for the Paul F. Anderson House for homeless veterans.
- Eighty senior leaders participated in a two-day leadership workshop at HHS.
- Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach John Todd became the “winningest” coach in Massachusetts history with 409 victories!

In Fall 2016, the School Committee met in a Planning Session to establish goals and priorities for the upcoming FY 18 budget season. A number of facilities needs were discussed, including a successor Master Plan, with particular focus on Foster School, Ammunition Depot-related properties, a HHS Health and Wellness Center project, and a window replacement project at PRS. Subsequent to that meeting, Budget Guidelines and Assumptions were developed and approved by the School Committee. In December 2016, the School Administration developed a “level services budget” that is (at the time of this writing) in the process of refinement and adoption or other action by the School Committee, Selectmen, Advisory Committee, and ultimately by the April, 2017 Town Meeting.

Hingham Public Schools continued to benefit from strong and long-standing community partnerships in 2016. The cooperative efforts and generosity of parents, PTOs, booster and other community groups, civic organizations, SEPAC, the Hingham Education Foundation, and the Hingham Sports Partnership have again supported the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving both short and long term goals. At the Annual Senior Awards Night in May 2016, more than \$350,000 in local scholarship dollars was awarded to 272 HHS graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that serve to enhance the excellent facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

Our appreciation goes again to the citizenry and voters of the Town for their ongoing support and financing of annual education budgets and facilities enhancement projects. Equally important to our students of all ages is the support for school activities, performances and other achievements that Hingham residents provide. Thank you Hingham!

DOROTHY GALO, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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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 maintaining safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. The Recreation Department'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, abilities, and interests. The Recreation Center, located in Town Hall, is comprised of a gymnasium, game room, two studios and the Fitness Center. The outdoor facilities include playgrounds, a street hockey rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and soccer and baseball fields. Additional program space will be added in early 2017 with the opening of the Rec Barn. 2016 was a hugely successful year for the Hingham Recreation Department. An array of adult activities were offered to the public including zumba, boot camp, spinning, dance, yoga, tennis, harbor hoops, men's and women's basketball and much more. School aged students and toddlers had many program offerings including legos, a babysitting training course, tennis, street hockey, basketball, soccer, all star sports, mini sports, art programs and dance. The Commission provided residents with seasonal events including the Halloween costume party and an Easter egg hunt. The Rec continued its partnership with the SSCC this year for tennis and golf programs. Both programs were run at SSCC, with the Rec providing tennis instructors and SSCC providing golf instructors.

The 2016 Summer Program was a huge success! Our summer staff worked diligently to design a new and exciting line up of shows and entertainers for the 2016 summer including sports and dance workshops, animal shows, music performances, and more! The new field trips were planned specifically geared to each age group. Between the Preschool, Playground, and Teen Xtreme programs, the Rec Department enrolled over 1724 participants.

New this year, the Rec was able to offer 20 brand new Kaiser Spin bikes to the community. These bikes were well received at our 13 spin classes each week. Also new this year was the roll out of our Taekwondo program for children ages 4 – 12. Another youth activity we were able to offer that was well attended was a school age field hockey program. Next year, we have a plan to expand our field hockey program offerings.

One of the most exciting accomplishments this year was the opening of the Kress Field playground. The rehabilitation of the Kress Field Playground has a two-fold purpose. First, the renovation will offer residents of South Hingham at least one decent area to socialize and play. Secondly, the playground was designed to meet the needs of the special needs population. The play equipment includes handicapped swings, sensory boards, rubber pathways, musical instruments, and various other all inclusive play equipment. While there are currently several handicapped accessible playgrounds in town, there are no playgrounds specifically geared towards handicapped and special needs children.



The “Funky Feet” dance program marked its second full year at Hingham Rec in 2016 and was a huge success! In May, the program held its second recital at the middle school auditorium. Over 600 dancers, ages 3-18, participated in four different performances. More than 2,000 Hingham residents were in attendance to watch the performances over one weekend!

“Hingham Rec Paddle Sport” had its second full summer season in 2016, and it was very successful. This program made it possible for the public to rent out paddleboards and kayaks at very affordable rates. This program gave people with varying paddle sport experience the opportunity to experience something new and fun at Hingham Harbor during the hot summer months, while keeping cool on the water. In addition to “Hingham Paddle Sport” we continued to offer an assortment of adult fitness classes at the Harbor including yoga and zumba. These classes were well attended and we look forward to building our program curriculum at the Harbor in 2017.

July 4th, 2016 marked the 58th continuous running of the Hingham Road Race. One of the region’s oldest footraces, this premier event starts our Independence Day celebrations and is one of the town’s richest traditions. Thanks to Hingham Striders who cultivated this growing race and reshaped it into how we know it today. Because of 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, and 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 taxpayer. Proceeds also generate fee revenues, offset operational and overhead costs, and pay for services provided by the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department would like to thank all those who make this annual race possible.

The Hingham Rec closed out the year with very exciting news for the 2017 year ahead. There will be an expanded partnership to now include the management of the South Shore Country Club Pool.

New changes and expansions to programs and facilities are always a top priority for the Hingham Recreation Commission. Day in and day out we strive to be the best that we can possibly be. Without our staff and the support from the community it would be impossible for us to run and offer all that we do. A big thank you, to all that made 2016 a year to remember.

Recreation Commissioners:

Vicki Donlan, Chair
Bruce Thompson, Vice Chair
Sara Melia, Secretary
Adrienne Ramsey
Budd Thorne

Recreation Department Staff:

Mark Thorell, Recreation Director
Kathy Walsh, Administrative Secretary
Mike Benard, Program Administrator
Christina Macdonald, Program Administrator
Stephanie Higgins, Program Administrator

School Building Committee

The School Building Committee continued to meet as necessary throughout 2016 to address various issues including outstanding site work and project closeout with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). After eleven years, two new schools and various renovation projects, the 2006 School Facilities Master Plan has now, for the most part, been completely executed.

Financially, the project remained significantly under budget all year despite the approval of a final change order and other minor expenditures. Although final figures won't be available until the MSBA completes its audit of the project closeout paperwork submitted in late December, it is expected that the total project cost will be nearly \$4.5 million below the 2011 Special Town Meeting appropriation of \$60,910,920 for a net cost to Hingham taxpayers of approximately \$32,800,000, more than \$2.1 million less than originally anticipated. As the single largest building project ever undertaken in Hingham, the significance of its financial success cannot be overstated.

In September, the new Hingham Middle School opened for its third school year welcoming and accommodating new and returning students in excess of the building's design capacity. The school incorporates high-performance and quality design, cost-efficient construction, the inclusion of green, energy-efficient and sustainable features, and up-to-date technology and operating systems, all earning the project LEED silver certification promising cost and operational efficiencies to the Town, that will yield ease of use and maintenance. The new Hingham Middle School provides well for the educational needs of our middle school students, continuing Hingham's long-standing tradition of excellence for generations to come.

It has been our great pleasure to serve the Town on this committee. We are profoundly proud of the results and eternally grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the fabric of our community.

Raymond C. Estes, Chairman
Timothy R. Collins, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Cleary, Secretary
Samantha Anderson

Peter Bradley
Robert Bucey
Stefan Vogelmann

Scholarship Fund Committee

The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2016 were \$4,376,730 compared to \$4,153,020 at the end of 2015. These figures include investment returns, deposits of \$53,440, and disbursements for scholarships and administrative fees of \$224,810. If net disbursements are included with investment returns, present and future beneficiaries experienced a return on investments of 9.06% in 2016.

2016 was a mixed year for the major asset classes. The Barclays US Aggregate, a broad domestic investment grade bond index returned +2.65%. The S&P 500, an index comprised of the 500 largest US public companies according to market capitalization, returned +11.96%. The Russell 2000 Index, an equity index that includes a broad array of small sized US companies, returned +21.3%. The MSCI EAFE Index, which measures large company equity performance domiciled in developed markets within Europe, Australasia and the Far East returned +1.5%.

The asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds & money market equivalents, has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for the past five years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests, the committee continues to feel this mix to be most prudent.

The committee voted to provide \$220,000 in scholarship awards in 2016. This amount is consistent with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement, which is to distribute 5% of the average assets over the prior three years, and compares to \$230,000 in 2015 and \$220,000 in 2014. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years over \$3 million has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional acumen of members of the Treasurer's Office for trade implementation and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

Appointees

John Fitzsimons, Frank Gaul, Matt McGonagle, Jean Montgomery, Roger Nastou, Adam White

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS
IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>12/31/15</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>
Rizzotto Memorial	22,000	22,714
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon	29,002	30,154
Orvis K. & May B. Collins	61,607	64,056
Amasa J. Whiting	29,968	31,138
Second World War Memorial	75,080	78,125
Margaret McElroy	15,710	16,328
Stuart Macmillan	71,265	74,171
Anne Mulholland	7,143	7,397
John Lewis Russell	18,599	19,374
Caroline Murdock	14,053	14,600
Charles (Chuck) Martell	34,546	36,567
Francis James Thompson.....	2,475,440	2,573,843
Patricia Lynne Schneider.....	5,288	5,493
Harold L. Downing	22,479	23,353
Hingham Theater for Children.....	6,532	6,790
Curtis Chase	13,498	15,094
Wallis Lee Chipman	8,430	8,737
Russell H. Arkell.....	11,499	12,132
Hingham Basketball Boosters.....	15,114	15,697
Charles Berry	6,462	6,734
Edward O. Hornstra	19,652	20,431
William J. Laubenstein Jr	5,846	6,073
Mary Sheldon.....	8,124	8,435
Robin Karen Kurciviez.....	6,304	6,529
Mary J. Fee.....	5,596	5,810
Jacobs.....	35,745	37,093
John Higgins.....	5,290	5,481
Burditt W. Collins Memorial.....	8,383	8,691
Savini Music.....	6,809	7,464
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce.....	236,141	249,113
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	21,514	22,306
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial	6,399	7,067
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant.....	135,654	142,551
Hingham Taxpayers	63,183	67,061
Hingham Band Parents.....	6,841	7,144
Susan Burton.....	24,160	25,070
Leroy L. Eldredge	20,952	21,946
John Barba	23,268	24,158
M. Tilghman Earle	25,887	27,196
Lewis J. Ernst	14,512	15,120
Joan E. Pyne Memorial	7,893	8,660
John Peter Nionakis.....	13,378	14,711

Kids Cabaret	3,818	3,950
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy	16,304	16,943
Field Hockey Team.....	10,397	10,911
Charles L. Vickery	37,600	39,185
Jamin Guarino	39,920	41,581
Clifford Family Memorial	11,853	12,318
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace	12,476	13,032
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.	3,440	3,546
Hingham Scholarship Memorial	7,439	8,139
Crofoot Trust	22,384	24,132
Sam Butterfield.....	11,004	11,409
Gloria O. Lofgren	14,566	15,157
Robin Helene Ruben	17,942	19,312
Robert L. Goodrich	36,370	37,753
Helen S. Wollan	6,982	7,427
Former Students of HHS.....	14,634	15,149
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	22,664	23,502
Hingham Women's Club	17,392	18,052
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial	12,005	12,510
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial	24,392	26,004
Samantha Hooper Memorial.....	7,056	7,341
Cynthia Steven Scholarship.....	5,823	6,061
Marie Meallo Scholarship	12,000	12,464
Keith Ryan Memorial.....	3,570	3,982
Sean Ryan Memorial	59,382	73,331
Colarullo Family Scholarship.....	9,754	10,133
Neil Tompkins Memorial	63,910	82,627
Christopher J. Orlando Memorial	0	13,447
Elizabeth Nally Memorial.....	0	4,311
General Fund	<u>2,701</u>	<u>2,664</u>
 Total	 4,320,909	 4,376,980

Shade Tree Committee

The primary purposes of the Shade Tree Committee are to foster and promote the preservation and planting of shade trees and to support the DPW in the appropriate shade tree species, site selections and the care of shade trees. The Shade Tree Committee reviewed the approved list of recommended shade trees and made the necessary revisions where appropriate. In keeping with the committee's purpose, 86 shade trees were planted in 2016. A number of these trees were replacements for trees lost due to winter storms and drought related stress factors. The loss of shade trees can happen for the reasons just mentioned but the objective is to minimize losses where and when possible. We have been looking carefully at a number of triggers that support good tree health to include environmental factors such as drought and salt tolerance, disease tolerant species, and carefully selecting the appropriate shade tree for specific planting locations.

Earth Day 2016: The Earth Day celebration was held on April 22 at Jackass Park and included the reading of the Earth Day Proclamation and the planting of three Japanese Tree Lilacs, *Syringa reticulata*. The Japanese Tree Lilacs were replacements for three removed trees. The Shade Tree Committee and members of the DPW were present at the ceremonial tree planting. A special thank you to Jeff Handrahan (Supervisor of Trees, Parks and Recreation) and his crew for all their hard work in preparation for the Earth Day tree planting ceremony.

Arbor Day 2016: The Arbor Day celebration was held on Friday, April 29 at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center, Hingham Town Hall, where a Japanese Tree Lilac, *Syringa reticulata*, was planted. Participants for the Arbor Day celebration included Paul Gannon, Selectman for the Town of Hingham, who read the Arbor Day Proclamation; Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works; Jeff Handrahan, Supervisor of Trees, Parks and Recreation; Jim Huse, Chairman of the Shade Tree Committee and representatives from the Garden Club of Hingham, who donated the tree for Arbor Day.

For the twenty-eighth year, Hingham was named "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation. This honors Hingham's commitment to effective management, growth and development of public trees in 2015. In addition, Hingham received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvements at a higher level of tree care.

James Huse
Barbra Kardok

Dorothy Manganaro
Michael Studley

Veterans' Services

The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115. The Department also assists veterans applying for various State and Federal support programs as well as arranging and managing the Town's military-related ceremonies throughout the year.

We as a community were heartbroken to learn of the tragedy that befell twelve Marines over the island of Hawaii on January 14th. Components of Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard forces quickly mobilized to search for the missing Marines. The search for survivors lasted five days, officially being called off on January 20th with the listing of all the ill-fated crew as presumed dead, missing-at-sea. The mid-air collision had claimed the life of Hingham native, Corporal Christopher J. Orlando.

Several days later, the call went out and the citizens of Hingham responded in great numbers by lining the streets with banners, flags, and salutes, standing in respectful silence while the motorcade rolled by on that cold evening of Tuesday, January 26th.



In April, the Marine Corps concluded salvage operations, recovering nine sets of remains, as well as large portions of the wreckage. Three of the crew members have never been found. The Orlando family together with numerous Federal, State, and local officials participated in a

touching memorial service at St. Paul's Parish to honor this son of Hingham.

The Memorial Day 2016 observance was held at Sanborn Auditorium in Town Hall due to inclement weather. The principal speaker was U.S. Army Major Michael Manning, Secretary to the General Staff of the Rhode Island National Guard. A Hingham native and 1993 graduate of Boston College High School, Major Manning spoke of service and sacrifice, recounting personal examples of witnessing great leadership.

For the second year in a row, the town has received a major Department of Defense award. In June an official invitation from the Chief of Navy Reserve, Vice Admiral Robin Braun was delivered to the Town Administrator, Ted Alexiades, inviting him to attend the annual Navy Reserves Employer Recognition Event in Norfolk, Virginia. The town was recognized for its contributions, dedication and support provided to our Navy and the national defense. Hingham was one of only 37 other employers and only the second municipality to receive this Certificate.

L to R: Vice Admiral Robin Braun, Ted Alexiades and Keith Jermyn



In October, as has been the custom for the past several years, the Town remembered the birthday of Hingham's Medal of Honor recipient, Seaman Herbert L. Foss, with a wreath-laying ceremony at his gravesite in the Fort Hill Street cemetery. Concurrently, the Town's Veterans' Council and the Foss Memorial Committee continued their joint efforts in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to memorialize Seaman Foss with a bronze sculpture to be installed at the newly-constructed Herbert L. Foss Hingham Terminal intermodal facility set to open at the Hingham Shipyard in the spring of 2017.

Veterans' Day was observed in Sanborn Auditorium featuring the Commonwealth's former Secretary of Veterans Services, Coleman Nee, a Marine who served in Operation Desert Storm. The Secretary spoke

about how honored he was to serve the 385,000+ veterans who call Massachusetts home and his advocacy for them during the Patrick administration. U.S. Navy Lieutenant Jonathan Asher was named Veteran of the Year for his years of service to the Town in general and to the Veterans' Services Department and Veterans' Council, in particular.

This year marked the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Veterans and citizens gathered at the Amphibious Veterans of Massachusetts Memorial, located in the Hingham Shipyard, to pay homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The featured event was the wreath-laying at the flagpole by U.S. Navy Carpenter's Mate First Class Guy Stadig, who served during WWII at Pearl Harbor.

Finally, the Town's Veterans In Need Fund—funded through *ad hoc* donations as well as contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property-tax payments—finished calendar 2016 with slightly more than \$20,000 on hand. Over the Fund's six-year history, upwards of \$14,000 has been expended to provide emergency shelter, heating, medical, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans and their dependents as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and approved by the Town's appointed Veterans' Council.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, Town committee and board members, and all the Town's citizens who have provided such strong support to our veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A. Jermyn, Director

Water Company Acquisition Study Committee

As directed by the Suffolk County Superior Court's *Memorandum and Order of Findings and Rulings* of November 20th 2015, regarding the Town's Complaint against the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc. and Aquarion Water Capital of Massachusetts, Inc. (jointly, "Aquarion"), both the Town and Aquarion filed motions for proposed judgments with the Court by mid-February 2016. The Court's *Final Judgment* was received in late April, ruling that the purchase price should be \$88,585,821.

The Board of Selectmen voted to file an appeal of the Superior Court's final judgment, and the appeal was filed on May 13th 2016. Aquarion filed an appeal on May 26th 2016. Those appeals are pending. By year-end 2016, the Town had expended slightly over \$76,000 of the Town Meeting 2016 appropriation of \$300,000.

During 2017, the Committee will continue to provide support as requested by the Board of Selectmen. Ultimately, a Town Meeting vote would be necessary to approve any purchase of the water company.

Jonathan R. Asher, Chair
Joshua C. Krumholz, Secretary
Joseph L. Bierwirth

Robert M. Higgins
Edward R. Siegfried

Water Supply Committee

The Hingham Water Supply Committee was established by Town Meeting in 1946. Its members are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its original charter was to investigate the feasibility of acquiring the private water company then known as the Hingham Water Company, and to report to the Town on the costs and benefits of undertaking such action. In 2004 Town Meeting revised the Committee's role to include advising the Town on water-supply matters more generally. The Committee also continues to serve as liaison between the Town and Aquarion Water Co, the private water company that serves as the current water-supply operator.

In that connection, the Water Supply Committee conducted several public meetings over the past year. Each of them featured a presentation from Aquarion and lively discussions of Aquarion's capital improvement plans, the system's water-distribution challenges, leak-detection efforts,

public outreach programs, water rates, and the water balance program operated by the company for new developments. Several discussions focused on water conservation efforts, particularly in light of the drought conditions prevalent throughout the year. Outdoor watering restrictions, including a complete ban on irrigation systems, were in effect during much of the year. One result of those conservation efforts, as reported by Aquarion, was that average daily use for the system declined to 3.18 million gallons per day from 3.42 MGD during 2015. (The system's registered limit under the state Water Management Act is 3.51 MGD.) Aquarion reported also that its unaccounted-for water – principally water lost to leaks, but also including water use measured inaccurately on account of faulty meters or other causes – declined significantly, to roughly 16% (from an estimated 21% in 2015). This improvement was attributed to Aquarion's stepped-up leak detection and repair program, as well as its efforts to recalibrate and/or replace faulty meters.

2017 is expected to bring further conservation efforts, including further use of the outdoor watering ban as well as efforts to induce customers to cease using irrigation systems and to update aging plumbing fixtures; and investigation and evaluation of options for new sources of water supply for the future, including possible purchases of water from other systems with excess capacity. Aquarion also is planning a filing with the Department of Public Utilities to allow an increase in its customer rates.

Information on many of the matters discussed, as well as copies of some of Aquarion's presentations, can be found in the minutes of the meetings and elsewhere on the Town of Hingham website (hingham-ma.gov), under the Water Supply Committee link.

The Town's effort to investigate acquiring the water company's assets, begun four years ago, continues. The Town and Aquarion are currently awaiting court decisions over the appropriate cost of such an acquisition and how that cost ought to be determined. The results of those decisions, of course, will affect what the Town chooses to do. The Water Supply Committee has no direct role in the acquisition study or the related legal proceedings, but shares with the rest of the Town an interest in the outcome of the litigation. Meanwhile, the Committee remains committed to looking after the Town's interests in its water supply and will continue on behalf of the Town to monitor Aquarion's operations.

Sam Mullin, Chair
Kirk Shilts, Secretary
Maureen Doran
Matthew Greene

Ron Kirven
Melissa Bower Smith
Adam White

Weir River Estuary Park Committee



Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset share the estuary of the Weir River – from Foundry Pond and World's End to Sunset Point and Straits Pond. The Committee's purpose is to support the towns' Master and/or Open Space plans, advocating for protecting land and habitat, improving water quality, and promoting stewardship through education and respectful recreation. Members collaborate with the towns' Conservation Commissions, Land Conservation Trusts, Harbormasters, Watershed Associations, MA Coastal Zone Management and the MA Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Program to reach these goals.

Winter 2016 was very mild, a far cry from the record-setting 9+ feet of heavy snow accumulated (94.4 inches from January 24 through February 22, 2015 alone) last year. On January 13, we wrote to ask for signs marking the Weir River on two State-maintained roads in the estuary. We received notice of approval on February 10. Installation, on both sides of the GWB Bridge and also the Rockland St culvert, occurred before we met next on April 4. Many thanks to MassDOT District Highway Director, Mary-Joe Perry and Acting Assistant Maintenance Director, Kenneth Charlton.

On May 25, WREPCOM's Patti Coyle attended a Hingham Department Head meeting to monitor the status of a neighbor's interest to build a 130-bed Assisted Living facility at 116-134 Rockland Street. Several other neighbors and Don Kidston of Hingham Land Conservation Trust also attended. With many details still undecided, Town managers could do little more than listen. Under the inter-municipal agreement between Hingham and Hull that governs sewer allocation, the parcels currently have two sewer connections. There is no support to amend the agreement, which constrains high-density development on the parcels.

After fourteen years of service, most as the Hingham Chair, Faith Burbank resigned from WREPCOM as of June 30. The three estuary communities have benefitted from her wisdom and commitment; the

members have also enjoyed her wit and charm. Thank you, Faith.

Limited snowfall and a dry spring contributed to yet another drought in summer, extreme in much of the state. Aquarion began voluntary water restrictions on July 8, mandatory restrictions on July 18 and then banned the use of irrigation systems, soaker hoses and sprinklers on August 2. On October 3, Aquarion reported that "demand for water has dropped 35 percent as the majority of residents in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset have taken the extreme drought conditions seriously." We like to think that the five *Water Matters* forums we participated in during 2013 and 2014 helped with that. Drought continued into the New Year.



L to R: WREPComm's Judeth Van Hamm (Hull Land Conservation Trust VP) and Dick Avery (Straits Pond Watershed Association President) join Debbie Shadd, Cohasset Conservation Trust

Hoping for easier access by foot to the 6-acre town-owned Straits Pond Island, the Lofchie land on Richards Rd. has been the focal point for the Hull Land Conservation Trust. On August 31 the HLCT, after years of trying and with the help of a matching gift from the Cohasset Conservation Trust, finally raised enough money to buy a Conservation Restriction at the end of Richards Road. The Conservation Restriction will protect a portion of the 2-acre Lofchie property at the western edge of Straits Pond for a path cleared out to the island and on to Eastman Rd. in Hull. At Town Meeting and the November polls, Hull voters adopted the Community Preservation Act.

WREPComm met monthly (except August and December) from 7pm-9pm at Hingham Town Hall or the Weir River Estuary Center in Hull. Meeting

agendas were posted in the three towns according to Open Meeting Law standards. Our web page has a full-size map of the estuary and ACEC, the Paddle Guide and Land Protection Plan, meeting minutes, a list of members, the Annual Report and the proposed Bike Path. We hope you'll 'like' the photos, videos of the area and links to pertinent topics and websites on our Facebook page.



Row boats of all kinds left West Corner, the start of Hull Lifesaving Museum's 30th Annual Head of the Weir regatta, on October 29th.

The Board of Selectmen in each of the three towns may appoint up to three members, who continue to: sponsor the annual spring clean-up of the Weir River Estuary; coordinate tri-town input to develop a management plan for the protected parcels; watch for any additional properties listed in the Land Protection Plan that become available for protection/purchase; participate at various meetings around the towns.

Co-chairs: Dick Avery (Cohasset), Judeth Van Hamm (Hull), Patti Coyle (Hingham).

Members: Scott Plympton (Hull) and Dave Sibor (Hingham).

Town Accountant/Finance Director

To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2016 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration.

State law requires the Town of Hingham to publish at the close of each year a complete set of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Town. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Town has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to both protect the Town's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Town's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. As management, we assert that this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The CAFR is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Hingham in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Hingham to review and understand.

The Town of Hingham's financial statements have been audited by Powers & Sullivan, LLC a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Hingham for the year ended June 30, 2016 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion on the Town of Hingham's

financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016 and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of Federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of Federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Hingham's separately issued Single Audit Report. GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Town of Hingham's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

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 the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System being presented as a fiduciary fund within the statement of fiduciary net position.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of downtown Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has several historic village districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain

sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, it offers 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.

Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts continue to fall below the state and national percentages. The Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past decade.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties, and over the past

decade we have seen movement up and down. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties. Over the past ten years the town's population has increased approximately 5% while school enrollment has increased 12%.

Long-term Financial Planning

The Finance Director along with the financial officers, which consist of the Town Accountant, the Treasurer/Collector, and the Director of Assessing work closely with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Capital Outlay Committee and Department Heads to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

Major Initiatives

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. In the early 2000's due to economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending has been reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$2-\$2.3million range for 2017.

Financial Information

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Unassigned Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 16% and no more than 20% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or for tax reductions.

Internal Controls. Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that accurate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are

responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee shall assist in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee will supervise and review the conduct of the audit and the auditor's relationship with the Town.

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

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The 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 99% of all real estate taxes are collected during the year of billing with the remaining 1% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

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

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator. Also, the Town Accountant holds quarterly budget review meetings with departments to ensure they are within their approved budgeted appropriation.

The Finance Director holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

Other Information

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2015. This was the twentieth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Independent Audit. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016 were audited by the public accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan, LLC. The financial statements have received an "unmodified opinion" from the auditors. An "unmodified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as prescribed in the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost*

Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (the Uniform Guidance).

Acknowledgments

A special gratitude is owed to Michael Nelligan and James Powers, partners at Powers & Sullivan, LLC, whose attention to the 2016 financial statements was invaluable. We want to express our appreciation to the accounting personnel, Steve Becker, Susan Noone, Lynn Phillips, Nancy Hutt, and Bonnie Jones for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this CAFR; and to Kate Richardsson (IT Department) for her work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Cordially yours,

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO
Town Administrator/Finance Director

Susan M. Nickerson
Town Accountant

Treasurer/Collector

Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2015	76,452,016
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2016	158,530,790
-Total Paid on Selectmen's warrants.....	(157,926,137)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2016	77,056,669

Investment Return for all accounts.....561,726

During Fiscal Year 2016 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2016 Real Estate Tax	75,896,635
2016 Community Preservation Surcharge	994,867
2016 Personal Property Tax	1,233,544
2016 Boat Excise Tax	74,917
2016 Motor Vehicle Tax	4,024,802
2015 Motor Vehicle Tax	462,246
Original Betterment - Sewer Construction.....	583,947
Betterments-Paid in Advance	119,754
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	175,459
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest	2,608
Sewer Use Liens	125,863
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	<u>609,845</u>
Total	84,304,487

Tax collections remain strong with ninety-nine percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. 47,300 bills were issued to collect real estate, personal property, and excise tax. Taxes accounted for eighty percent of general fund revenues in FY 16.

There were nine new tax liens secured in fiscal year 2016. The practice of pursuing tax lien collection in house rather than selling or assigning liens to an outside party is still preferred. By applying consistently enforced collection measures and working directly with taxpayers the Treasurer's office collected \$278,773 in tax lien revenue during 2016 of which 31% or \$85,900 was payment of interest and fees accruing to the benefit of the general fund.

Two public auctions were conducted in 2016 for the disposition of parcels of land pursuant to MGL, Ch 60, Section 79 Land of Low Value: Sales Without Foreclosures. Land of Low Value Proceedings enable the Town to resolve tax liens without incurring costly and lengthy foreclosures or civil litigation. It also allows direct abutters the

opportunity to purchase these parcels and keep them on the tax rolls. Ten parcels sold at auction and seven parcels were taken by the Treasurer for the Municipality for the taxes due. In addition, the Town has several foreclosure cases currently pending in Land Court.

The total outstanding long term debt as of June 30th was \$76,413,215. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

In May of 2016 a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$19.8m Refunding Bond and a \$4.5m Note. The winning bid of 0.76% on the one year note was submitted by TD Securities. The winning bid of 1.39% (true interest cost) on the Refunding Bond was submitted by Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. This was a refunding of 2007 and 2009 debt resulting in a net present value savings of \$2,047,000 over 13 years. The refinancing was related to several projects including in large part the construction of Central Fire Station, the DPW facility and East School as well as the purchase of Lincoln School Apartments.

I wish to thank the staff in the Treasurer/Collector's office for their continued dedicated service - Lori-Ann Magner, Nancy Leahy, Jacquie Berard, Linda Kelley and Regina Ledwick.

Jean M. Montgomery
Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
As of June 30, 2016

Trust Fund	Balance <u>6/30/15</u>	Balance <u>6/30/15</u>
375th Anniversary	11,608	12,189
Aid to Elderly/Disaable	7,190	11,809
Affordable Housing Trust	470,124	701,183
Buttonwood Tree	815	764
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	61,565	64,643
Hingham Education	15,571	16,837
Federal Withholding	5,756	5,836
Foundry Pond	6,950	7,298
Fourth of July	81,235	92,839
Hannah Lincoln Whiting	15,232	15,994
Hingham High School Fields Gift Acct	154,743	115,124
Hingham War Memorial	9,828	8,037
Light Depreciation	11,712,263	8,062,948
Light Reserve Stranded Costs	4,404,696	5,018,886
Light - Customer Deposit	1,632,169	1,655,449
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan Program	635,472	107,451
Medical Insurance	848,679	1,452,559
More-Brewer	84,049	88,252
OPEB Trust (Light)	1,717,198	1,773,585
OPEB Trust (Town)	7,317,216	8,256,300
Open Space Conservation	106,095	132,409
Preservation Projects	115,224	129,471
Preservation Projects - Greenbush	1,404,095	1,404,732
Scholarship*	4,393,247	4,287,941
Stabilization	963,861	902,363
Stabilization – Meals Tax	1,207,873	1,437,631
USLST – War Memorial - Shipyard	1,851	1,944
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Acct	2,534	5,911
Veterans in Need	<u>186,652</u>	<u>19,204</u>
Total	37,405,791	35,789,589

*See Scholarship Committee Report for individual scholarship balances

Board of Assessors

It is the responsibility of the Assessors' Office to establish current fair market value for all of the properties in the Town of Hingham. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates that every city/town fully update its property assessments each fiscal year to reflect the current fair market value.

In addition to the real property valuations, the Assessors' Office maintains records on taxable personal property, boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the Assessors' Office. The Assessor's Office updates all property ownerships according to the recorded deed transactions which are received from the Registry of Deeds. Hingham consists of approximately 8700 parcels, so there are many transactions that take place. They also process plans and corrections to update the Assessor's maps as well as research property ownership and assist other town departments in the performance of their duties.

Property valuation for FY17 tax purposes is based on the valuation date of January 1, 2016. Sales from 2015 were analyzed to determine market value. The ratio of the assessment to the sales price is calculated and Hingham's ratio for Fiscal Year 17 is 95%. The fiscal 2017 tax rate is \$12.25, down 24 cents from last year. The average assessment for single family homes is \$749,950, up 4.06% from last year's average of \$720,642. The average assessment for condominiums is \$578,586, up 8.98% from last year's average of \$530,894.

The Assessors' Office continues to participate in the Senior Work Off program which has been a great success for everyone involved. We are fortunate to have two terrific volunteers who earn a real estate tax credit for their invaluable service to our office. They assist our office in a variety of ways and we are grateful that they participate in such a worthwhile program.

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman
Michael Shaughnessy
Bill Fennelly

Hingham Contributory Retirement System

There are 104 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

The Annual Report for 2016 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2016.

Susan M. Nickerson, Chairman & ex-officio	(2/4/2011-)
Charles J. Cristello, Appointed Member	(7/1/2015-2018)
William A. Powers, Elected Member	(7/1/2014-2017)
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member	(7/30/2016-2019)
James P. Costello, Appointed Member	(6/23/2015-2018)

Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2016 (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash – Citizens Bank	424,892.90
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Pooled Domestic Equity Fund (PRIT)	29,094,568.57
Pooled International Equity (PRIT)	13,137,834.76
Pooled Value-Added Fixed Income (PRIT)	16,379,651.02
Pooled Core Fixed Income Fund (PRIT)	9,519,069.68
Pooled Alternative Investments (PRIT)	3,720,838.01
Pooled Real Estate Funds (PRIT)	11,812,761.41
Pooled Emerging Markets (PRIT)	11,588,195.27
Pooled Hedge Funds (PRIT)	4,938,586.67
Cash Fund (PRIT)	10,174.42
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	1,828,420.88

Accounts Receivable	71,966.27
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Sub Total	102,526,959.86
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	-37,641.99
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Sub Total	-37,641.99
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FUND BALANCES

Annuity Fund	
Annuity Reserve Fund	-24,728,210.21
Military Service Fund	-7,444,398.48
Pension Fund	-5,547.92
Pension Reserve Fund	-6,136,596.39
Sub Total	-57,255,640.34
	-95,570,393.34

REVENUES

Investment Income	
Interest not Refunded	-2,935,204.64
Miscellaneous Income	-4,287.99
Workers' Compensation Settlements	-257.50
Realized Gain	-6,000.00
Realized Loss	-2,598,027.59
Unrealized Gain	641,692.49
Unrealized Loss	-13,610,442.69
Contrib. received for Military Service	10,331,699.72
Member Deductions	-8,354.63
Transfers from other Systems	-2,762,326.87
Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits	-230,218.03
Pension Fund Appropriation	-18,941.66
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-4,528,111.00
3(8)(c) Reimb. From other Systems	-29,745.71
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-205,530.14
Member Payments from Rollovers	-78,910.81
Sub Total	-39,509.61
	-16,082,476.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	
Management Fees	82,241.35
Consultant Fees	445,484.35
Legal Expenses	40,000.00
Fiduciary Insurance	1,020.00
Service Contracts	5,656.00
Professional Services	48,692.50
Actuarial Services	12,500.00
Education and Training	12,300.00
Administrative Expenses	1,547.29
Furniture and Equipment	7,086.55
Travel	1,512.04
Annuities Paid	817.26
Pensions Paid	1,352,460.52
COLA's Paid	5,554,610.63

3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	1,007,473.36
Transfers to other Systems	160,405.46
Refunds to Members	197,588.37
Option B Refunds	231,776.45
Sub Total	0.00
	9,163,552.13

NEW MEMBERS 2016

Michael Achille	Kathleen Lowe
Sharon Allen	Theresa Lux
Jessica Anderson	Paul Lynch
Jessica Barron	Christina MacDonald
John Bateman	Emily MacDonald
Andrew Belk	Jennifer Madden
Elizabeth Berry	Paul Malone
Elizabeth Boback	Caitlyn Mann
Margaret Carr	William Mason
Rebecca Caruso	Kayla Matthews
Kathleen Cashman	Thomas Mayo
Judy Cheney	Mark McGahan
James Conley	Karen MGourty
Michael Cotton	Maria Medeiros
Jessica Dauksevicz	Elizabeth Melcher
Alyssa DeGeorge	Albert Minevitz
Kelly Deady	Mark Mitchell
Brianna Decina	Susan Mooney
Nicole Devilly	Allyson Murnane
Stephanie DiLorenzo	Maura Mysiuk
Kathleen Doyle	Michael Nash
Joseph Driscoll	Andrew Nyamekye
Laura Eisen	Mary O'Loughlin
Nora Elicone	Kelsey O'Neil
Daniel Farquharson	Lauren Olivolo
Roderick Ferguson	Bernard Owens
David Finley	Samuel Perkins
Jane Folan	Maggie Polito
Michelle Garrity	Andrew Pope
Marianne Gately	Joseph Quill
Jessica Gillis	Elizabeth Redmond
Alex Gomez	Kimberley Richards
Christopher Groleau	Edward Rinella
Nicole Hardiman	Colleen Roy
Melissa Hodgdon	Basiliki Ryan
David Jacobs	Lori Salamone

Katherine Jasinski
 Arthur Johnson
 Leslie Killeen
 Wendy Kirk
 Kathleen Koenen
 Peter Legere
 Chloe Lemaire
 Michael Libby
 Allison Lizotte

Sylvia Schuler
 Charlotte Seelen
 Susanna Seem
 Sally Sinclair
 Elizabeth Sypek
 Jackson Valentine
 Jonathan Veno
 Peter vonStelzer

RETIRED MEMBERS 2016

Barbara Bird
 Donna Casagrande
 Rosemary Cronin
 Anne Dalton
 Paul Field
 Mary Foley

Caroline Gibson
 Jeanne Hardy
 Debra Jones
 Barbara McIntyre
 Francis Quill
 David Vaughn

DECEASED MEMBERS 2016

Susanne Barilaro
 Eva Burrell
 Donna Conroy
 Jean Conroy
 Florabell Cushing
 Josephine Dailey
 Robert Delorey
 Richard Ferris
 Frank Fuda
 Barbara Grainger

John Hennessey
 Tina Lungari
 Donald Mahar
 James Morrison
 Carl Olson
 Robert Parsons
 Donald Quinn
 Dorothy Sines
 Pauline Whiting

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2016

Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	644
Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year	165
Enrolled during current year	90
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
SUBTOTAL	90
Deduct	
Death	1
Withdrawal	30
Retirements	13
SUBTOTAL	44
Active Membership Dec. 31, current year	667

Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year	188
Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	318
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	12
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	3
Survivor benefits from active membership	1
SUBTOTAL	16
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	11
Termination of Survivors Benefits	6
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	17
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	
Superannuation	269
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	10
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	7
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	16
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	12
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year	317
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1,172