

Annual Report



Town of Hingham 2019

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2019 Annual Town Meeting, Hingham High School

Area	22.59	Square Miles
Shore Line	21	Miles
Population	23,426	
Registered Voters	17,936	
Dem. 4,293; Rep. 2,828; Un-enrolled, 10,618; Other, 141		
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,555	
Assessed Value		
Real Property	\$6,652,412,754	
Personal Property	\$107,749,420	
Tax Rate	\$11.53	
Schools	6	
Public School Children, K-12	4,267	
Professional Staff	391	
Support Staff	297	
Total FY2020 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$111,723,344	
Total FY2020 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$55,295,577	

State Senator	State Rep.	State Rep.
Norfolk-Plymouth	Third Plymouth Dist.	Fourth Norfolk Dist.
Patrick O'Connor	Precincts 1,3,4,5,5A,6	Precinct 2
State House,	Joan Meschino	James Murphy
Rm. 520	State House, Rm. 437	State House, Rm. 156
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Mary Power, Karen Johnson, Joseph Fisher

Board of Selectmen

I am pleased to submit the following report for Fiscal Year 2020 on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Although it seems like a long time ago, we began the year with the positive momentum of a historic Annual Town Meeting attended by over 2,000 citizens who overwhelmingly approved the decision to purchase the Hingham Water System from Aquarion. Thanks to the incredible work of staff and volunteers alike, the meeting ran smoothly and efficiently and was a very proud moment for the Town. The vote was the culmination of more than 8 years of effort and leadership by prior Boards of Selectmen, Advisory Committees, staff, lawyers and, in the true Hingham tradition, a number of talented volunteers, most notably the members of the Water Company Acquisition Study Committee, Jon Asher, Ed Siegfried, Joe Bierwirth, Josh Krumholz and Bob Higgins. Their tireless work, coupled with the comprehensive outreach efforts by Citizens for Hingham Water, provided Town Meeting with the confidence that the acquisition was not only the right thing to do, but it also made financial sense for the Town and the ratepayers. Approval of Article 10, Water Company Acquisition, was a landmark vote in the history of Hingham's Town Meeting.

Unfortunately, we will end the fiscal year on a much different note, in the midst of a global pandemic that brought the world as we know it to a halt. We extend our sincere gratitude to the municipal and school leadership for taking immediate action on March 13, 2020 to close Town buildings and reimagine municipal services and education in a manner that keeps the staff and public safe while providing virtual access to essential services. Thanks to the work of our small but mighty Information Technology group, Steve Becker, Kate Richardsson and Joseph Lindsay, local government went online within a week of the Declarations of States of Emergency at the federal, state, and local levels. The Department of Health led by our Executive Health Officer, Susan Sarni, and the Board of Health members, Peter Bickford, Lizzie Eldredge and Kirk Shilts, have been vigilant in implementing procedures and reporting protocols to enable the Town to respond to and monitor this crisis. It truly takes a village and staff members from across all departments have joined together to keep the Town functioning and to keep us all safe. In addition, Hingham volunteers have answered the call to take care of each other (especially those particularly vulnerable at this time) and to support front-line workers here in Hingham as well as in Boston and the greater South Shore. As I write this report, the Town is in the process of developing a reopening plan for both Town government and the community. Once again, we will need the cooperation and commitment of the citizens of Hingham to be successful in our efforts. Based upon past experience in this community, we are very confident in that regard.

As we look to the coming fiscal year, we must also consider the potentially drastic and unsettling economic effects of the pandemic on the Town's financial condition. With the work of the municipal and school departments, we are confident that we will conclude FY 20 with budgetary "turn backs" that will provide a cushion against the financial blow that we are expecting will hit our FY 21 budget.

Looking back a few months, we concluded the customary FY 21 budget process on schedule on March 12th after months of public hearings and deliberations. As required by law, at that time expenditures in the FY 21 proposed budget were fully supported by conservatively anticipated revenues. A week later the world changed, and in response the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and the School Committee joined together to commit to the implementation of a financial management plan for Fiscal Year 2021. A full copy of the Plan follows this report, but in short, the budget proposed for FY 21 is balanced in part with the use of approximately \$3.3 million of Unassigned Fund Balance (sometimes called our "rainy day fund" or the Town's savings account) on the condition that both the municipal and school departments adhere to spending constraints

and deferrals and agree to proportionately share potential budget reductions in cooperation with future guidance from the Forecast Group, the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee. We want to assure you that all parties understand the grave economic stakes we are facing and are committed to managing the Town cautiously through this unparalleled crisis. It is with that spirit of fiscal stewardship that we recommend Article 6 to Town Meeting for approval.

While it is obviously difficult to move beyond our day-to-day focus on Covid-19, it is important to take a moment to recognize that this past year was a busy and productive period for the Town thanks in large part to the hard work of our employees and volunteers. The following is just a synopsis of certain of those accomplishments as well as a look to the future of Hingham:

Water System Acquisition. The work to actually take title to the water system, now named the Weir River Water System calling attention to our precious and stressed watershed, started the day after Town Meeting and has continued unabated throughout this fiscal year. It is a transaction without example and “getting it right” has been and continues to be the mantra of the Board of Selectmen, staff, lawyers and volunteers. I would like to recognize the extraordinary and ongoing efforts of Selectman Mary Power, WCASC chair Jon Asher, the Town’s outstanding legal team -- John Coughlin, Kerry Ryan, Susan Murphy and Kevin Feeley, as well as the members of the Water Transition and Evaluation Committee – James Taylor, Scott Cyr, Joseph Welch, David Von Loesecke and Richard Norman for their continued guidance and diligence to bring the transaction to a successful conclusion. We anticipate the acquisition will be completed this coming July. We have hired a water system operator, Suez, after a competitive bidding process and we have received the regulatory endorsement of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection with the approval of our comprehensive Water Business Plan. We are in the process of hiring a Water Superintendent and finalizing our financing plans for the acquisition costs, working with the Town’s financial advisers and bond counsel. It has been an all-out effort and one the Town can be incredibly proud of undertaking.

Master Plan Committee. Created by 2019 Annual Town Meeting, this 15-member committee spent this past year listening, learning and imagining Hingham’s future in order to position the Town to proactively address the challenges of the next decade. Led by chair Gordon Carr, the committee held over 17 visioning sessions with hundreds of citizens and received nearly 1,000 responses to an online survey about the needs and priorities Hingham should consider as the community charts its path

forward. The group is now working to compile and make recommendations for achievable policy goals to move Hingham toward a shared future vision. We look forward to their report and we are grateful for their extraordinary efforts.

Foster School. The Town received the wonderful news that after two prior applications, the Foster Elementary School project was accepted into the Massachusetts School Building Authority's eligibility program for school construction. If all goes as planned, the Town could be in line for MSBA reimbursement of about 30% of certain building costs. We are still in the early stages of this project and in order to continue to assess its feasibility, Article 17 asks for an appropriation of \$350,000 (to add to monies appropriated by Annual Town Meeting 2017 in the amount of \$750,000) so proper analysis and planning can be undertaken by the Foster School Building Committee. We urge your consideration of and support for Article 17.

Public Safety. Article 12 asks for an appropriation to further evaluate a proposed site on Route 3A for a new public safety building and Article 13, if approved, would establish a public safety building committee. While we understand that we are in a period of economic uncertainty, strategic infrastructure planning to meet the growing needs of the Town must continue. We have been working for the last 6 years to identify a suitable location for a fire station on the north side of Hingham, and at the same time we have been trying to find a way to address inadequacies in the space at Town Hall currently occupied by the Police Department. We believe that we have identified a location on Route 3A for the construction of a new public safety building that could combine both of these functions and solve both of these problems within one joint facility. The requested feasibility money would enable the Town to confirm whether the desired building could be constructed on the parcel and provide us with a better sense of the cost of the facility. Assuming these findings are acceptable, it is likely that a Special Town Meeting will be called in the fall to request the funds to purchase the parcel at issue. Our public safety personnel, under the able leadership of Fire Chief Steve Murphy and Police Chief Glenn Olsson, put their lives on the line for the citizens of this community each and every day and we salute their efforts. We urge support of Article 12 and Article 13.

Senior Center Expansion. Linked to the public safety building project is the expansion and enhancement of the Senior Center, another high priority, long-time capital need for the Town. Article 14 asks for feasibility money to further consider the expansion of the Senior Center space at Town Hall into the area currently occupied by the Police Department and to improve the current space. This plan allows the seniors to remain at

Town Hall but would provide a facility that better accommodates the programs and services our senior population deserves. We recommend approval of Article 14 and Article 15, which establishes a Senior Center building committee to pursue this initiative.

Climate. The Town was designated a “Green Community” by the State in 2018 after the Town pledged to cut municipal energy use by 20% over the next 5 years and to enact zoning and permitting rules that incentivize energy reduction and renewable energy. The State awarded the Town \$142,232 in initial grant money, which the Town used to make energy efficiency upgrades to public facilities. The projects undertaken to date are projected to result in annual energy cost savings to the Town of approximately \$28,600. In addition, Hingham has continued to support the work of town volunteers, our municipal neighbors, and state leaders in their efforts to block the construction of a compressor station in Weymouth on the Fore River. Finally, we have engaged with Town volunteers to form the Climate Action Planning Task Force to begin to plan for our carbon neutral future.

Town Forest. The Town will be working with the State Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Forest Stewardship Program to develop a 10-year Forest Stewardship Plan. Under this program, a private consulting forester will help us evaluate the Town Forest and develop goals and practices for its management. The plan is a critical step in understanding the existing conditions and the steps necessary to protect the environmental values of the Town Forest and the safety of its visitors.

Hingham Harbor. Under the supervision of Harbormaster Ken Corson, we completed the dredging of Hingham’s Inner Harbor this past fall. This a once-a-decade effort that takes careful planning and supervision as well as the cooperation of all boat owners. We commend Harbormaster Corson for his efforts on this front and also for his work to secure a \$2 million grant from the State, which will directly offset about half the cost of this project that would otherwise have been paid by Hingham taxpayers. I am pleased to report that under the leadership of the Trustees of the Bathing Beach, Alan Perrault, Ed Johnson and Chris Daly, the Bathing Beach Snack Shack is nearing completion and will open in accordance with our Covid-19 planning. This project was supported in part by a grant from the Seaport Economic Council. Finally, work continues by the Harbor Development Committee on seawall repair and reconstruction as we continue to plan for the resiliency of our harbor in the face of ongoing climate change.

Planning and Zoning. Development continues at the Shipyard and at Bare Cove. The permitting of these projects allowed the Town to achieve

an uncontested 10% subsidized housing inventory and to take back control of our local zoning by-law. We continue to work to add affordable housing to our inventory through the good work of the Affordable Housing Trust and we urge your approval of the grant of CPC funds to the Affordable Housing Trust's Opportunity Fund as part of Article 18. In recognition of our efforts, this past year Hingham was designated as a Housing Choice Community by the Department of Housing and Community Development. This designation provides the Town with exclusive access to Housing Choice Capital Grants and priority access to a number of other state grant and funding programs. In late 2019, the Town received a Housing Choice grant in the amount of \$140,000 and will use those funds in coordination with the Affordable Housing Trust to rehabilitate a two-family dwelling for affordable housing purposes.

It has been our distinct honor to serve as your Board of Selectmen this past year. Your dedication to the work of our town is an inspiration and we have done our very best to steward the Town in a manner that allows us to provide the services we need for today, while carefully planning for our future. We thank you for your trust in our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Johnson, Chair
Mary M. Power
Joseph M. Fisher

Town Administrator

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

2019 was a momentous year for the Town of Hingham. Many goals were accomplished, and chief among them was the decision to purchase the water company. At Town Meeting in April, the Town voted to acquire the privately owned water system that serves Hingham, Hull, and a portion of Cohasset. This decision was not made lightly and was the culmination of thousands of hours spent across many years and dozens of public meetings by hundreds of volunteers, staff, and consultants. This was a generational vote and one that puts the Town on track for public control of the water system in perpetuity.

While the water system vote was perhaps the most visible effort of 2019, the Town implemented other significant initiatives last year, including advancing the development of the Town's Master Plan, engaging in Harbor redevelopment planning, completing the decennial harbor dredging work, and concluding the South Hingham development planning effort. As always, Hingham's incredible cadre of volunteers leads the way with strong, dedicated support for staff. This volunteerism is a product of patriotism and a sense of responsibility for the well-being of the Town. It is this dedication to local government that allows the Town of Hingham to prosper. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have spent their own time and treasure in supporting their community. Hingham is better because of all of you.

The Town's financial position continues to improve. The Town has re-affirmed its Aaa bond rating. For yet another year, Fund Balance reserves continue to surpass our financial objectives. Local receipts continue to improve with a strong regional and national economy and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continues to support local programs through increases in State Aid.

Having been placed on the schedule for the State Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), Hingham continues to work with the Towns of Hull and Cohasset as well as the State Department of Transportation on the redesign of portions of Route 3A. This project is the product of many public meetings across the region. When built, it will improve the safety on that roadway for thousands of motorists and pedestrians.

In July, the Town was awarded up to a \$2,000,000 grant through the Massachusetts Dredging Program to offset costs associated with our

harbor dredging effort. 2019 also marked our first year as a Green Community. Having been awarded nearly \$150,000 towards energy efficiency projects, the Town is well on its way to reducing our governmental energy use by 20%. Additionally, we have been designated a Municipal Vulnerability Program community, which will make significant State funds available to the Town for climate change resiliency projects. The Town was also designated as a Housing Choice Community, allowing for access to State grant and funding programs to support affordable housing. Other grants include FEMA grants to offset costs incurred during significant storm events, recycling grants, and myriad police and fire grants to offset annual operational costs. I would be remiss if I did not highlight the significant efforts of our incredible staff who find the time and have the skill to successfully apply for these outside funding opportunities.

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

As I continue in my role as your Town Administrator, I do so as part of a team. I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and welcome Joe Fisher to the team. I would also like to thank the department heads and all Town employees and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Hingham. Specifically, I would like to thank our dedicated and highly professional staff in the Selectmen's office consisting of Michelle Monsegur, Sharon Perfetti, and Heidi Gaul for their ongoing commitment to the success of the entire organization. We have a great team in the Selectmen's office and I look forward to another successful year in 2020.

Tom Mayo
Town Administrator

2019 Elected Town Officers

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Michael J. Puzo	2020
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)	
Joseph M. Fisher	2022
Mary M. Power	2021
Karen A. Johnson	2020
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Eileen A. McCracken	2021
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Christine M. Roberts	2022
Charlton A. Chambers	2021
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chair	2020
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Kirk J. Shilts	2022
Peter B. Bickford	2021
Elizabeth Eldredge	2020
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
Roger M. Freeman	2022
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2021
John Ryan	2020
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Janine Suchecki	2024
James Watson	2023
Greg O'Meara (Selectmen Appointment)	2022
Irma Lauter (Appointed by State)	2021
Megan M. Buhr	2020
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)	
Elizabeth O'Reilly	2022
Carlos A. F. Da Silva	2022
Nancy Correnti	2022
Elizabeth Emerson Lewiecki	2021
Kerry J. Ni	2021

Michelle Ayer	2020
Edward J. Schreier	2020

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Kevin M. Ellis	2024
Judith Sneath	2023
Gordon M. Carr	2022
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2021
William C. Ramsey	2020

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Kirk J. Shilts	2022
Robert M. Higgins	2021
Stephen Harold	2020

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Ryan J. Lynch	2024
Vicki Donlan	2023
Nandita S. Scott	2022
Bruce Thompson	2021
Adrienne S. Ramsey	2020

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

Laura Boyle	2022
Laurel H. Cosman	2021
Karen Sadlon	2020

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

Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault
Christopher Daly

2019 Appointees

Term Expires

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)

Susan Nickerson

ADA COORDINATOR

(Appt. by Selectmen)

Michelle Monsegur

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)

Kathleen Almand	2022
David Anderson	2022
Robert Curley	2022
Eryn Kelley	2022
Julie Strehle	2022
Victor Baltera	2021
Nancy MacDonald	2021
Eric Haskell	2021
Ed Gaydos	2021
Davalene Cooper	2021
Tom Belyea	2020
Andrew McElaney	2020
Elizabeth Claypoole	2020
George Danis	2020
Evan Sheehan	2020

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

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

Kathleen Amonte	2021
Michael McDonald	2021
Gregory Waxman	2021
Anita Comerford	2021
Amy Farrell	2021
Nancy Kerber	2021
Brittan duBose	2021
Elizabeth Von Pier	2021
Al Chambers	2021
Timothy White	2021
Joe Fisher (Selectmen's Rep)	

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

Paul Healey 2022
Robyn Maguire 2019

Associate Members (one year term)

David Ullrich 2020
Joseph Freeman 2020
Michael Mercurio 2020
Mario Romania, Jr. 2020
Joseph Ruccio 2020
Andy Touchette 2020

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

John Deeley (Selectmen Appt.) 2021
Mike Dwyer (Selectmen Appt.) 2021
Doug Farrington (Selectmen Appt.) 2021
Rob Shickel (Moderator Appt.) 2021
Joshua Marine (Moderator Appt.) 2020
Leonette Scappini (Moderator Appt.) 2020
Thomas Mayo, Town Administrator, ex-officio
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio

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

DeWitt DeLawter 2022
Leah Godfrey 2022
Lauren Murphy 2022
Ray O'Neill 2022
Edward Matthews, Chair 2021
Rikard Johnson 2020
Claudia Eaton 2020
Francis Rocket 2020

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

Patricia Bray 2022
Margaret Coleman 2022
Patricia Collins 2022
Laura Spaziani, Chair 2022
Susan Kiley 2021
Jennifer Sullivan 2020
Suzanne M. Harnden 2020
Carolyn Aliski 2020
Diane Morrison 2020

BOARD OF HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Eldredge, MD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN CLERK

(Appt. by Selectmen)

Sally Sinclair

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen)

William Reardon

Chris Daly

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner

Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector

John Hallin, Local Building Inspector

David Comoletti, 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)

Christopher Baron 2022

David Jones, Chair 2022

Michael Leary 2022

Jeff Cutler 2021

Eric Osterberg 2021

John Rice 2020

Eric Connerly 2019

Dr. Paul Austin (School Rep)

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

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

Kevin Flaherty 2022

Matthew Goulet 2021

Eric Valentine 2020

Michael Donovan 2019

Appt. By Advisory Committee Chair
Elizabeth Claypool
Eric Haskell
Ex-Officio
Treasurer (Non-voting member)

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

Larry Lindner (Selectmen Appt.)	2022
Carol Pyles (Moderator Appt.)	2021
Kirsten Moore (Moderator Appt.)	2021
William Harrington	2020
Daniel White (Moderator Appt.)	2020
Jennifer Gay Smith (Planning Board Rep.)	2020
Kevin Burke (Historical Comm. Rep)	2019
Robert Mosher (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2019
James R. Watson (Housing Authority Rep.)	2019
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2019

**COMPRESSOR STATION TASK FORCE
(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Turner Bledsoe
Kristin Casey
Mary Farrington
Richard Norman
Joshua Ross

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

Crystal Kelly	2022
Jacqueline Zane	2022
Francis Gaul	2020
Henry Hidell	2020
Robert Mosher	2020
Paul Hall	2019

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

Horatio Hemmings	2022
Kathleen Peloquin	2020

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

Robert Mansfield	2022
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2021
Eileen A. McCracken (Retirement Board Appt.)	2021
Charlie Cristello (Appointed by Selectmen)	2018
Ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)	

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

David Alschuler	2022
Kristin Arute	2022
Warren Millburg	2022
Eleanor Letterie	2021
Linda Hurley	2021
Karen Johnson	2021
Dawn Sibor	2021
Debra Sullivan	2020
Linda Powers	2020
Chrissy Roberts	2020
Gail Faring	2020
Debra Hoffman	2020
Peter Nevins	2019

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

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

COURT PROSECUTORS HINGHAM DISTRICT COURT

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

CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)

Stephanie Gertz	2022
Megan Ward	2021
Leah Godfrey	2021
Janine Suchecki, Chair	2020
Patti Coyle	2020
Patricia Byrnes	2020
Jane Shute	2019

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

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

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

DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON

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

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Dorothy Galo
Jennifer Henriksen
Patricia Tomecek

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF

Chief Stephen Murphy

ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE

(ART 41 ATM 2008)

Brian Cardarella	2022
Ben Kerman, M.D., Selectmen Appt.	2022
Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt., Chair	2022
Scott Cyr, Selectmen Appt.	2022
Michael Reive, Moderator Appt.	2022
Beth C. Porter, Moderator Appt.	2021
Mikhail Kacherovich, Moderator Appt.	2020
Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.	

Ex-officio

Town Accountant
School Business Manager

FIRE CHIEF

Stephen Murphy

FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Greg MacCune	2021
Al Kearney	2021
Kevin Ellis	2021

(Appt. by Moderator)

Mark Wilkin	2021
Karen Griswold	2021
Thomas Carey	2021

FOSTER SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**ART 19 ATM 2017****(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Linda Hill	2020
Jennifer Murphy	2020

(Appt. by Moderator)

Raymond Estes	2020
Kevin Lynch	2020

(Appt. by School Committee)

Edward Schrier	2020
Timothy O'Neill	2020
Chris Mercer	2020

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

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

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

Scott McMillan	2022
Frank Sheelen	2022
Robert Beal, Jr.	2020

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

Rosamund Conroy	2022
William S. Reardon, Chair	2022
Katie Doran Cutler	2021
Deirdre Anderson	2021
Marco Boer	2020
Thomas Coveney	2020
Bruce MacAloney	2020
Eric Kachel	2019

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

Kenneth R. Corson, III

Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)

Joseph P. Driscoll, Head Assistant Harbormaster
Michael McCue
Danny Souza
Daniel Goldstein
Connor Kennedy
Jake Handrahan
Raymond Abreu.Jr.
Max Goldstein

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

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

Alexander Macmillan

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

Virginia Tay (Planning Board Designee)	2022
Hans von der Luft (Resident in HD), Chair	2022
Michael Collard	2021
Veronica Madden	2020

Alternate Members

Ben Burnham, At-large	2022
Tomas Kindler, (Resident in HD)	2020
Justin Aborn	2020

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

Kevin Burke	2022
Sarah Carolan	2022
Jim Conroy	2021
Stephen Dempsey	2020
Elizabeth Dings	2020
Signe McCullough	2021

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.

Edward D. Boylan

Thomas J. Carey, Jr.

Edna English

Arthur Garrity

David Mehegan, Chair

JoAnn Mitchell

Edward Siegfried

Tina Sherwood

Michael Spatola

Appt. By Selectmen

Mirela Izmerlic	2022
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Thomas Ventresca	2021
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Lucy Hancock	2021
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Elizabeth A. Eldredge	2020
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Jeremy Parker	2019
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Appt. By Moderator

Aylene Calnan	2022
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Lisa Tuite	2021
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Michael Barclay	2019
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Ex-officio

Rep. of Board of Selectmen

Treasurer/Collector

Superintendent of Schools

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

Gretchen Condon (Moderator Appt.)	2022
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Dave Ellison (Selectmen Appt.)	2021
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Greg Doble (Selectmen Appt.)	2020
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Amy Farrell (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2020
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Janet McNulty (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2020
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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (L.E.P.C.)

(Appt. By Selectmen)

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

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE (AKA
Cleaner Greener Hingham Committee)**

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

Katie Gallacher	2021
Christine Nielsen	2021
Kathleen Puzo	2021
Peter Stathopoulos	2021
David P. White	2021
Maria Zade	2021
Janice McPhillips	2020
Stephen T. Jiranek	2020
Steve Collins	2020
Andrew Ayer	2020
Brian Cardarella	2019
Brenda P. Black	2019
David P. White	2021
Diane Morrison	2019

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

MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)

Katie McBrine, Hingham Representative

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

(Article 36 ATM 2019)

Gordon Carr

Adrienne Ramsey

Liza O'Reilly

Paul Healey

Nancy Kerber

Susan Sarni

Donna Smallwood

Deidre Anderson

Michael Kranzley

Hans Von der Luft

Bryce Blair

Bob Hidell (Conservation Appointment)

Liz Klein

Jerry Seelen

Vcevy Strekalovsky

MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE

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

Sarah Carolan 2020

Kenneth Drescher 2020

Joan Getto, Chair 2020

Jason Ryan 2020

Martha Ryan 2020

Ann Shilhan 2020

Michael Shilhan 2020

Dorcas V. Wagner 2020

Shawn Wegener 2020

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)

David Alschuler 2021

MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Eileen A. McCracken

NAMING BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Phil Edmundson
Wendy Ellison
Melissa Tully
Scott Ford
Sarah Melia

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

Gerald Allen (Conservation Appt.), Chair	2020
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

PERSONNEL BOARD

(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)

Smaiyr Million	2022
Marie Harris	2021
David Pace	2021
Russell Conn	2020
Jack Manning	2020

PLANNING BOARD

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Ted Matthews (Associate Member)	2020
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PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

Mary Power

POLICE CHIEF

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Glenn Olsson

PRESERVATION AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Jack Hobbs	2021
Jennifer Schwartz	2021
Benjamin Burnham	2020
Vcevoid Strekalovsky	2020
Peter Bickford	2019
Suzanne Buchanan	2019
Benedict Wilcox	2019

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

Randy Sylvester

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

Donna Marchand	2022
Thomas Burbank	2021
Judith Nims	2020
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

**ROUTE 3A TASK FORCE
(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Deirdre Anderson
Bryce Blair
Alan Perrault
Judith Sneath
Paul Healey
Roger Fernandes (Staff)
Mary Savage-Dunham (Staff)

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

Roger Nastou	2022
Matthew McGonagle	2022
Francis Gaul	2022
John Fitzsimmons	2021
Adam White	2020
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer	Statutory

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

James R. Huse, Chair	2021
Barbara Kardok	2021
Dorothy Manganaro	2021
Michael Studley	2020
Philip Shute	2020

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

Stephen Messinger
Randy Sylvester

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

(Appt. by Selectmen)

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR

Thomas Mayo

2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE

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

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

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

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

TREASURER

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer/Collector

TREE WARDEN

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

VETERANS COUNCIL

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

Thomas Burbank	2022
Benjamin Dulieu	2022
Joseph Gragg	2022
Janine Suchecki	2022
Hank Maude	2021

Mary Ann Blackmur	2021
James Ippolito, Chaplain	2021
Kelly Collins	2021
Frank Curtis	2020
Scott McMillan	2020
Jack Rayburn	2020
Joseph Sweeney	2020

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

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

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

Robert Egan

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

Sharon Burbank Allen, Hingham Representative
 Patricia Coyle, Hingham Representative

WHISTLEBLOWER COMMITTEE

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

Annual Town Meeting

April 22, 2019

Registered Voters: 17,533
Attendance: 1,994

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 22, 2019. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m, a quorum being present. Aylene M. Calnan, Daniel J. Dwyer, Lucy N. Hancock, Russell F. Conn, Scott C. Ford, and Sarah J. Melia were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Cody D. Busby, Pastor of the South Shore Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith Jermyn, the Director of Veterans' 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 from the Stabilization Fund
8. Transfer from Meals Tax Stabilization
9. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
10. Water Company Acquisition
11. Board of Water Commissioners
12. Water System Enterprise Fund
13. Water Company Acquisition-Transition Costs
14. Building Department Revolving Fund
15. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
16. Unpaid Bill of a Previous Year
17. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
18. South Shore Country Club Equipment
19. Municipal Waterways Improvements and Maintenance Fund
20. Dredging of Hingham Harbor
21. Transfer Harbor Revenues to Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund
22. Community Preservation Committee

23. Home Rule Petition: Establish a Hingham Means-Tested Property Tax Exemption
24. Foster School Extraordinary Maintenance Capital
25. Funding for the High School Clerestory Window Project
26. Authorize Five-Year Lease for School Transportation Vehicles
27. Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Whose Property Has Been Conveyed to a Trust
28. Property Tax Exemption for Gold Star Parents
29. Plastic Bag Reduction and Encourage Reusable Bags By-law
30. Installation of Fiber Optic Municipal Area Network
31. South Shore Park Chapter 43D Priority Development Site
32. Home Rule Petition: Simplified Street Acceptance Process
33. Street Acceptance - Portion of Martins Lane
34. Acquisition of Canterbury Street Cemetery
35. Comprehensive Master Plan
36. Master Plan Committee
37. Additional Engineering Funds for Completion of Route 3A Design
38. Amend Zoning By-law: Section I-C Enforcement
39. Amend Zoning By-law: Section III-A Retail Sale of Alcoholic Beverages
40. Amend Zoning By-law: Rezone Conservation Land as Official and Open Space
41. Amend Zoning By-law: Section III-G Downtown Hingham Overlay District
42. Amend Zoning By-law: Special Permit and Site Plan Review Requirements
43. Amend Zoning By-law: Timeframe to Commence Permitted Use or Construction that becomes Nonconforming
44. Amend Zoning By-law: timeframe to Commence Use or Construction under a Special Permit
45. Acceptance of Easements

Article 1

VOTED: That Laura Boyle, 22 Westmoreland 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.

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 existing Town Committees, Commissions, and the Town Historian 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 Cost Item agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2019 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$230,500 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020, 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 the Town Clerk 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, 2019, 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 appropriate the sum of \$178,836 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2020 tax rate.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

Article 8

VOTED: That the Town appropriate and transfer the balance remaining in the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund (approximately \$120,000 as of March 1, 2019) for the purpose of defraying the debt on the Middle School project and thereby reducing the Fiscal Year 2020 tax rate. Positive action will close out this fund.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 9

VOTED: That, with the exception of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant's payment in lieu of taxes (expected to be approximately \$500,000 based on Plant sales, but no less than \$450,000), which is hereby transferred to the General Fund, all funds received by the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant during the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2019, 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 10

VOTED: That the Town of Hingham hereby exercises its right to purchase the corporate property and all of the rights, privileges and franchises of the Hingham Water Company (now owned by Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc. and/or Aquarion Water Capital of Massachusetts, Inc. their successors and/or assigns) including, but not limited to, the water system and treatment plant, all as authorized under Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1879 (as amended) and as confirmed in *Town of Hingham v. Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc. and Aquarion Water Capital of Massachusetts, Inc.*, 92 Mass.App.Ct. 430 (2017), for the purchase price as determined by the Final Judgment entered by the Suffolk County Superior Court in Civil Action No. SUCV2013-03159-BLS2, as calculated in accordance with the formula contained in said Final

Judgment as of the date of this vote, and that the Town appropriate \$114,000,000.00 to fund said purchase and to fund the repayment of litigation expenses and other costs incurred in connection with the acquisition and to fund first-year capital costs for said water system, and that the Town authorize the Town of Hingham Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to complete said purchase. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44, section 8(3), or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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

A 2/3rds Vote Required

Ballot Vote

Yes – 1,482

No – 382

A Majority Vote

Article 11

VOTED: That the Town of Hingham vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to act as the Board of Water Commissioners pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 39E, and all other applicable laws, and with all the powers and duties associated therewith, to manage, improve and control the water system purchased pursuant to Article 10 of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Town of Hingham, including the authority to hire a Superintendent and to enter into all contracts necessary to manage, improve and control said water system; and that the Town of Hingham establish a Transition and Evaluation Committee composed of five members with three members to be appointed by the Moderator and two members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of advising on all water system transition matters and conducting a study of the governance and operation of the water system and to report annually to the Moderator and the Board of Selectmen and to make its recommendations based on that study to the Moderator and the Board of Selectmen upon the conclusion of its study; and that the Town of Hingham establish a Citizens Advisory Board to be comprised of five members appointed by the Town of Hingham Board of Selectmen which shall include one member nominated by the

Town of Hull Board of Selectmen and one member nominated by the Town of Cohasset Board of Selectmen for the purpose of assisting the ratepayers of the water system and advising and informing the Water Superintendent and the Town of Hingham Board of Selectmen of concerns or issues raised by ratepayers of the water system

A Majority Vote

Article 12

VOTED: That the Town of Hingham vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53F1/2 and establish a Water System Enterprise Fund for the operation of the water system purchased pursuant to Article 10 of the 2019 Town of Hingham Annual Town Meeting and to require that all receipts, revenues and funds received from the acquisition and operation of said water system shall be deposited into said Water System Enterprise Fund and that all salaries, expenses, capital expenditures and debt service payments associated therewith shall be paid from said Water System Enterprise Fund and to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from the receipts, revenues and funds received from the acquisition and operation of said water system to operate said water system and to be expended by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Water Commissioners as follows:

Recommended Budget	
Salaries	\$240,120
Operating Expenses	\$4,420,000
Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT)	\$830,503
Debt Service (Acquisition and Capital)	\$2,688,662
Revenue/Budgeted Surplus	\$4,867,883
Total Water Company Enterprise Fund Appropriation	\$13,047,168

A Majority Vote

Article 13

VOTED: That the Town of Hingham vote to appropriate an amount not in excess of \$250,000 from available reserves to be used for any transition costs associated with the purchase of the water system pursuant to Article 10 of the 2019 Town of Hingham Annual Town Meeting, including, but not limited to, engineering, legal, consulting, salaries or other costs, provided that said sum shall be reimbursed to the Town of Hingham from the

proceeds of the bonds issued by the Town of Hingham for the purchase of said water system.

A Majority Vote

Meeting Adjourned 11:36 PM

Second Session

April 23, 2019

Registered Voters: 17,533

Attendance: 437

Reconvened: 7:00 PM

Article 14

VOTED: That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Building Department Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2020 to \$350,000.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 15

VOTED: That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Elder Services Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2020 to \$70,000

A Unanimous Vote

Article 16

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds a sum of \$812.77 to pay an unpaid bill of a previous year.

4/5th Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 17

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$777,413 to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during Fiscal Year 2019

A Unanimous Vote

Article 18

VOTED: That the Town appropriate a sum of money not in excess of \$415,000 for the purchase of golf course maintenance equipment for the South Shore Country Club. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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

A Unanimous Vote

Article 19

VOTED: That the Town vote to establish a Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund under M.G.L. c. 40, § 5G to receive revenue from boat excise taxes under M.G.L. c. 60B, § 2(i) and to receive revenue from mooring permit fees under M.G.L. c. 91, § 10A and to receive any additional sums from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the Federal Government and to require that fifty percent of said boat excise taxes collected under M.G.L. c. 60B, § 2(i) shall be deposited into said fund as required by law and that all mooring permit fees collected under M.G.L. c. 91, § 10A shall be deposited into said fund as required by law and provided further that appropriations from said Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund shall be limited to the following as required by M.G.L. c. 40, § 5G: (1) maintenance, dredging, cleaning and improvement of harbors, inland waters and great ponds of the Commonwealth located in the Town of Hingham, (2) the public access thereto, (3) the breakwaters, retaining walls, piers, wharves and moorings thereof, and (4) law enforcement and fire prevention associated therewith.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 20

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund, or its predecessor funds,

for the dredging of Hingham Harbor. In addition, that the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$3,500,000 to dredge Hingham Harbor. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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

A Unanimous Vote

Article 21

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$754,750 in mooring permit fees through 6/30/18 and approximately \$375,000 during FY2019 from three categories of available reserves, to the Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund, which sums were generated from fees paid to the Town of Hingham, from any parking license for the purpose of accessing slips or moorings, mooring and docking permit revenues, mooring/docking permit late fees, boating fines and/or boat excise taxes, for deposit to the Town's Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund, to be used in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 5G.

That the Town transfer \$371,408.35 from the Waterways Fund, to the Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund, which sum was generated from fees paid to the Town of Hingham through 6/30/18, from any boating fines and/or boat excise taxes, for deposit to the Town's Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund, to be used in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 5G.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 22

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

- 1) Appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund for addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund;
- 2) Appropriate \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve and from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for the HAHT Opportunity Fund;
- 3) Appropriate \$19,528 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by Liberty Plain Cemetery Corporation to continue to restore and conserve markers and grave stones within the Liberty Plain Cemetery located at 990 Main Street, Map 180/Lot 20;
- 4) Appropriate \$121,651 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower Committee to restore the mechanisms of 6 bells located at 68R Main Street, Map 61/Lot 124A;
- 5) Appropriate \$29,921 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Historical Society for stabilization of Old Ordinary House and 1906 Annex at 21 Lincoln Street, Map 61/Lot 21;
- 6) Appropriate \$60,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Recreation Commission to conduct a Comprehensive Study of Hingham's athletic fields, outdoor tennis courts, and basketball courts;
- 7) Appropriate \$120,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach for additional funding to complete the Bathhouse/Concession Stand located at 0 Otis Street, Map 50/Lot 50;
- 8) Appropriate \$24,445 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by Hingham School Committee to assist with making Plymouth River School Playground AAB compliant located at 200 High Street, Map 124/Lot 32.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 23

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 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, to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A HINGHAM MEANS-TESTED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. With respect to each qualifying parcel of real property classified as class one, residential according to the classification by the Board of Assessors for the town of Hingham (a "Qualifying Parcel") there shall be a senior, means-tested exemption from the property tax otherwise payable with respect to such Qualifying Parcel in an amount to be determined annually by the Board of Selectmen as described herein. For the purposes of this special act, a Qualifying Parcel shall be a unit of real property as defined by the Board of Assessors under the deed for the property as residential class one and includes a condominium unit. The exemption provided for herein shall be in addition to any and all other exemptions allowed by the General Laws.

SECTION 2. A taxpayer shall qualify for the exemption provided for herein only if all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) The Qualifying Parcel is owned and occupied by one or more natural persons who applied for and received the circuit breaker income tax credit the previous calendar year under section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws;
- (b) The Qualifying Parcel is owned by: (i) a single taxpayer age 65 or older; or (ii) jointly by one or more taxpayers so long as one owner is age 65 or older and all other owners are age 60 or older in each case as determined as of December 31st of the previous calendar year;
- (c) The Qualifying Parcel is the domicile of the taxpayer(s);
- (d) The applicant taxpayer (or at least one of the joint applicants) has been domiciled and owned a residential unit of real property in the town of Hingham for at least ten (10) consecutive years prior to filing an application for this exemption;
- (e) The maximum assessed value of the domicile is no greater than the prior fiscal year's maximum assessed value for qualification for the circuit breaker income tax credit under Section 6(k) of

chapter 62 of the General Laws as adjusted annually by the Department of Revenue;

- (f) Property taxes shall not be reduced by more than 50 percent by this exemption; and
- (g) The Board of Assessors has approved the application. The Board of Assessors may deny an application if they find the applicant has excessive assets that place them outside of the intended recipients of the senior exemption created by this act. The Board of Assessors shall adopt by regulation criteria for approvals and denials of applications.

SECTION 3. The Board of Selectmen shall annually set the exemption amount provided for in section 1, provided that the amount of the exemption shall be within a range of 50 percent to 100 percent of the amount of the circuit breaker income tax credit under section 6(k) of chapter 62 of the General Laws which the applicant received in the previous year. The total amount exempted by this act shall be allocated proportionally within the tax levy on all taxpayers and/or shall be funded by an appropriation or transfer from existing funds and cannot exceed 1% of the municipality's tax Levy.

SECTION 4. A person who seeks to qualify for the exemption under section 1 shall, before the deadline established by the Board of Assessors, file an application, on a form to be adopted by the Board of Assessors, with the supporting documentation of the applicant's income and assets as described in the application including a copy of the filed income tax return of the applicant showing the Circuit Breaker tax credit. The application shall be filed each year for which the applicant seeks the exemption.

SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted under this act until the Department of Revenue certifies a tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the tax levy and/or by an appropriation or transfer from existing funds.

SECTION 6: This act shall expire after 3 years of implementation unless reaffirmed by Town Meeting vote.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 24

VOTED: That the Town vote to transfer from available funds, an amount of \$350,000 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee

upon the recommendation of the 2017 School Building Committee for the purpose of funding Foster Elementary School Extraordinary Maintenance Capital needs for the existing school building.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 25

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount of up to \$550,160 for the purpose of replacing the clerestory windows and completing other work related to this project at Hingham High School. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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

A Unanimous Vote

Article 26

VOTED: That the Town authorize the School Department through the end of FY 2020 to enter into leases of up to five years for the purpose of leasing school buses and vans for transporting students.

A Unanimous vote

Article 27

VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause Twenty-second G (inserted by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018 known as an Act Relative to Veterans' Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation, and Enforcement ("BRAVE Act")).

A Unanimous Vote

Article 28

VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause Twenty-second H (inserted by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018 known as an Act Relative to Veterans' Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation, and Enforcement ("BRAVE Act")).

A Majority Vote

Article 29

VOTED: That the Town vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of Hingham by adding the following Article 44:

Plastic Bag Reduction and Encourage Reusable Bags By-law

Section 1. Purpose and Intent:

Single-use plastic checkout bags have significant detrimental impacts on the environment and to public health including but not limited to: causing the death of marine animals and birds through ingestion and entanglement, contributing to pollution of the land environment and waterways, creating physical and financial burdens to solid waste collection and recycling facilities, clogging storm drainage and sewer systems, necessitating the expenditure of millions of barrels of crude oil nationally for their manufacture, and increasingly risking the public health from non-biodegradable microplastics, which wildlife ingest and enter the food chain that humans consume.

The goal of this by-law is to reduce the common use of plastic checkout bags and to promote the use of reusable bags by consumers, thereby reducing local land and marine pollution, reducing waste, protecting the town's unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Hingham.

Section 2. Definitions:

The following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"ASTM D6400" means the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics.

“Checkout Bag” means a bag with or without handles provided by a Store to a customer at the point of sale that is intended for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the Store. Plastic bags without handles used to cover clothing such as a dry cleaning bag are not included in this definition.

“Compostable Plastic Bag” means a plastic bag that conforms to the current ASTM D6400 standard specifications.

“Paper Bag” means a paper bag that can be readily recycled.

“Product Bag” means (1) a bag in which loose produce, bulk items, unwrapped baked goods or prepared food, or other products are placed by the consumer to deliver such items to the point of sale or check out area of the Store, or (2) a bag that contains or wraps foods to retain moisture or to segregate foods (like meat or ice cream) or other items to prevent contamination or damage when the items are placed together in a Recyclable Bag or Reusable Bag. Plastic bags without handles used to cover clothing such as a dry cleaning bag are not included in this definition.

“Recycled Paper Bag” means a paper bag that is 100% recyclable and contains at least 40% post- consumer recycled content, and displays in a visible manner on the outside of the bag (1) the word “recyclable” or a symbol identifying the bag as recyclable and (2) a label identifying the bag as being made from post- consumer recycled content and the percentage of post-consumer recycled content in the bag.

“Reusable Bag” means a bag that is either (1) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric, or (2) made of plastic other than polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride that is durable, non-toxic, and generally considered a food grade material, and is more than 4 mils in thickness.

“Single-use Plastic Checkout Bag” means a plastic Checkout Bag that is less than 4 mils thick or a Compostable Plastic Bag.

“Store” means any commercial enterprise selling goods, food or services directly to the public, whether for or not for profit, including, but not limited to: convenience and grocery stores, markets, restaurants, pharmacies, liquor stores, take-out food purveyors, and merchandise retailers.

Section 3. Use Regulations:

- (A) No Store in Hingham shall provide to any customer a Single Use Plastic Checkout Bag after November 1, 2019, except that existing

stock may be provided to customers for a period of six months after that date.

- (B) If a Store provides Checkout Bags to customers, it may only provide Reusable Bags, Paper Bags or Recycled Paper Bags.
- (C) If a Store provides Product Bags to customers, it may only provide Reusable Bags, Paper Bags, Recycled Paper Bags, or Compostable Plastic Bags.

Section 4. Administration and Enforcement:

- (A) The administration and enforcement of this by-law is the responsibility of the Hingham Board of Health.
- (B) A person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of this by-law may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Town of Hingham non-criminal disposition by-law.
- (C) The following penalties shall apply:
 - (1) First violation: written warning
 - (2) Second violation: \$100 fine
 - (3) Third violation: \$200 fine
 - (4) Fourth and subsequent violations: \$300 fine

Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate violation. A violator shall not be penalized for more than one violation per day.

- (D) The Board of Health may extend the time for compliance with this by-law for good cause shown for a period of time not to exceed one year from the effective date of the by-law. Any such extension shall be in accordance with regulations to be adopted by the Board of Health governing the criteria upon which such an extension may be granted.

Section 5. Right to a Hearing:

Any person or persons aggrieved by an order that has been served pursuant to this by-law may request a hearing before the Hingham Board of Health by filing a written petition to the Hingham Executive Health Officer within seven (7) days of receipt of said order.

Section 6. Effective Date:

This by-law shall take effect on November 1, 2019.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 30

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to be used to install a fiber optic municipal area network with redundancy in and between Town buildings. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

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

A 2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

Article 31

VOTED: That the Town approve the filing of an amended application with the Massachusetts Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of the following properties as Priority Development Sites under Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws: (a) 0 Southeast Expressway (Map 213, Lot 30), including the parcel formerly known as 0 Commerce Road (Map 207, Lot 21); (b) 99 Industrial Park Road (Map 207, Lot 8); (c) 5 Pond Park (Map 201, Lot 4); (d) 20 Pond Park (Map 201, Lot 10); and (e) 75 Abington Street (formerly 105 Research Road) (Map 206, Lot 12).

A Unanimous Vote

Article 32

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 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, to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROCEDURE FOR
MUNICIPAL ACCEPTANCE OF
SUBDIVISION ROADS IN
THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapters 79 and 82 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Hingham may employ the procedure set out in this act for municipal acceptance of roads constructed within a subdivision in accordance with a definitive subdivision plan that has been approved pursuant to the subdivision control law, as defined in section 81K of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

The Planning Board, upon request of the Board of Selectmen, or a developer, or on its own initiative, shall prepare a written certification that a subdivision road has been laid out and constructed in accordance with the board's rules and regulations and the approved definitive subdivision plan, and submit its certification to the board of selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen of the town of Hingham shall hold a public hearing, after first giving: (i) written notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the owner of record of each property abutting the road, as appearing in the records of the assessors of the town of Hingham; and (ii) notice by publication in a newspaper of local circulation not less than 7 days before the hearing. The records of the assessors of the town of Hingham shall be conclusive evidence of ownership for purposes of this act. If the board of selectmen determines, after the public hearing, that it is in the public interest to accept the road, they shall so vote, by a majority vote, and place an article on the warrant for the next annual or special town meeting for acceptance of the road.

Upon a 2/3 vote of town meeting to accept the road, the board of selectmen shall prepare an order of acceptance setting forth the vote of the town meeting for recording at the Plymouth county registry of deeds. The order of acceptance shall contain a description of or reference to a plan showing the boundaries and measurements of the road, which may

be an existing approved and recorded definitive subdivision plan. The order of acceptance shall be recorded not later than 60 days after the town meeting vote and, upon recordation, shall vest ownership of a permanent roadway easement in the road for all purposes for which public ways are commonly used in the town of Hingham, together with ownership of all utility, drainage, access and other easements shown on the plan and specifically identified in the order of acceptance, as well as all pipes, structures and other improvements located therein, in the town of Hingham with no additional notice or other action required. No owner or interest holder of land abutting a road so accepted or subject to an easement shown on the plan shall have any claim for compensation against the town of Hingham on account of such acceptance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 33

VOTED: That the Town accept the laying out, as a part of the Town way known as Martins Lane, an approximately 40 square foot parcel of land located to the west of the northwesterly terminus of the existing layout of Martins Lane, as more particularly shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan, Martins Lane, Hingham, MA (Plymouth County)", dated February 4, 2019, prepared by Beal & Thomas, Inc.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 34

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and/or by eminent domain the property known as Canterbury Street Cemetery shown as Assessors Map 43, Lot 110.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 35

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$145,000 from available reserves to be spent by the Town for the purposes of funding an updated Comprehensive Master Plan.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 36

VOTED: That the Town vote to establish a Master Plan Committee to report to the Planning Board on all matters referred to them by the Planning Board relative to the development of an updated Comprehensive Master Plan. The Master Plan Committee shall consist of 15 members determined as follows: a member of the Planning Board, who shall serve as Chair of the Master Plan Committee; a member of the following boards or their designee: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Historic Districts Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Harbor Development Committee, Development & Industrial Commission, Affordable Housing Trust, Recreation Commission, the Conservation Commission, and the School Committee; and four residents appointed by the Moderator.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 37

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$195,000 from available reserves for civil engineering services to finalize development of plans and specifications for Route 3A / Rotary / Summer Street corridor roadway improvements and all incidental costs.

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 amending Section I-C.3. by deleting the second sentence and inserting "Any person who violates the provisions of this By-Law may be subject to a penalty of \$100 for the first offense; \$200 for the second offense; and \$300 for the third and each subsequent offense if, after receiving written notice of the violation(s) from the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the person fails to correct the violation(s) within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice, or within such longer time as the Zoning Enforcement Officer may grant in appropriate circumstances.";

Item 2: By amending Section I-C.3. by deleting the fourth sentence and inserting "In the alternative, any person who violates the provisions of this By-Law, or who refuses or neglects to comply with a stop work order or notice of violation by the Zoning Enforcement Officer issued under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A or the provisions of this By-Law, shall be

subject to the enforcement provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, including a fine of \$100 for the first offense; \$200 for the second offense; and \$300 for the third and each subsequent offense."

A Unanimous Vote

Article 39

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

By amending Section III-A.4.18 to delete "Intentionally left blank" and insert "Retail sale of Alcoholic Beverages.", to be permitted ("P") in Business District A and Business District B, and to be allowed by Special Permit A2 ("A2") in Waterfront Business and prohibited ("O") in all other zoning districts;

By amending Section III-A.4.17 to insert "4.18," after "4.16";

By amending Section III-A.4.25 to delete "Retail" and to insert "Retail Store, Retail Sale of Alcoholic Beverages," and

By amending Section V-A.2 to insert "Store" after "Retail" in the sixth line of the "Use" column in the parking requirements table.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 40

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: revise the "Hingham, Massachusetts Zoning Parts A and C" map by removing from the Residence A District and including in the Official and Open Space District the land shown on Assessors Map 37 as Lot 37;

Item 2: revise the "Hingham, Massachusetts Zoning Parts A and C" map by removing the following parcels from the Residence B District and including them in the Official and Open Space District: the land shown on (a) Assessors Map 64 as Lot 43; (b) Assessors Map 190 as Lot 24 and Lot 75; (c) Assessors Map 167 as Lots 48 and 49; (d) Assessors Map 197 as Lots 3, 4 and 5;

Item 3: revise the "Hingham, Massachusetts Zoning Parts A and C" map by removing the following parcels from the Residence C District and including them in the Official and Open Space District: the land shown on (a) Assessors Map 42 as Lot 65; (b) Assessors Map 64 as Lot 41; (c) Assessors Map 65 as Lot 30; (d) Assessors Map 91 as Lot 79; (e) Assessors Map 137 as Lot 1, Lot 18 and Lot 50; and (f) Assessors Map 147 as Lot 6; and

Item 4: revise the "Hingham, Massachusetts Zoning Parts A and C" map by removing the portions of Assessors Map 65, Lots 26, 27, 28 and 29 that are currently zoned Residence C District from that zone and including them in the Official and Open Space District.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 41

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

Item 1: By amending Section III-G.2 to insert "f. Preserve and/or complement the visual context of the streetscape."

Item 2: By amending Section III-G.4 to insert the following:

"c. A Roof Deck may be allowed by a Special Permit A2, subject to the following criteria. If proposed in combination with another use that requires a Special Permit A2, the special permit process shall be combined.

- i. Access:
 - (A) If the proposed Roof Deck is above the third story, access shall be limited to an internalized staircase and roof hatch. In no event shall any enclosed habitable space, nor Roof Deck access structures, other than a roof hatch, be permitted above the third story.
 - (B) For buildings with a height of 2.5 stories or less, the Roof Deck may be accessed either by roof hatch or from enclosed habitable space within the roof form on the ½ story level or lower story level.

- ii. The Roof Deck and any guardrail or fence required by the state building code that is not a design element of the building shall not be visible from the opposite side of the public way(s) that abuts the structure. Proposed roof decks on existing structures shall demonstrate compliance with this standard by installing mock-ups/story poles with yellow tape strung between the poles at a height of 36" from the decking or at the proposed elevation of the guardrail or fence if greater than 36". Roof Decks on proposed buildings will be required to demonstrate how this criterion will be satisfied during the approval process with the submittal of perspective views and/or any other submissions deemed necessary by the Planning Board.
- iii. No vertical structures in excess of the minimum height of guardrail or fence required by the state building code shall be permitted on the Roof Deck, including without limitation, trellises, privacy screens or the like, provided that this provision shall not prohibit natural plantings for screening approved pursuant to site plan or design review. Temporary, seasonal umbrellas shall be permitted provided the same are anchored in weighted stands to prevent umbrellas from become flying projectiles in windy weather.
- iv. Lighting of the Roof Deck shall be dark sky compliant and foot candles shall not exceed zero at the building edges. No light fixtures shall be placed at a height greater than the minimum height of guardrail or fence required by the state building code.
- v. No amplified live music shall be permitted, nor amplified sound fixtures installed, on a Roof Deck.";

Item 3: By replacing Section III-G.5 subsections b and c in their entirety with the following:

"b. Submittal Requirements. The building permit, site plan review and or special permit applications shall include photographs of the existing condition of the exterior of existing structure(s), and a narrative description of the proposed work affecting the exterior of the building or structure, including a description of the materials to be used. Building elevations shall include detail regarding treatment of the roof, including placement and type of mechanicals, projections and any proposed Roof Deck. The Planning Board may also require additional submittals, including

plans prepared by qualified registered professionals showing the total square footage and dimensions of all buildings, the building elevations and perspective renderings, and detailing the exterior architectural features of the buildings and the exterior materials to be used.”;

“c. In connection with its review of such work, the Planning Board shall request advisory design review comments on the proposal from the Hingham Historic Districts Commission, and may engage other professional consultants, experts or assistance consistent with the provisions of Section I-F,3 of this By-Law to ensure the proposal is architecturally and aesthetically consistent with the historic character of the Overlay District. Simultaneously with the submission of an application subject to this Section 5, the applicant shall submit a copy of the application and plans to the Historic District Commission. The Planning Board shall not act until the Commission or its designated staff has reported its recommendations or 21 days have passed from the filing of the application and no report has been received.”;

Item 5: By amending Section III-G.5.d. to delete the words “and/or the Board of Appeals”;

Item 6: By amending Section III-G.6.c.i. to delete the term “ground level” where it appears in this paragraph and inserting “ground floor” in its place; and

Item 7: By amending Section VI to add the following definition after the definition of “Recorded or Of Record”: “Roof Deck. An uncovered flat surface on the roof of a structure for use for outdoor passive recreation. Uncovered shall mean that no covering structures of any kind, including a roof trellis, shall be permitted.”

A Unanimous Vote

Article 42

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

Item 1: By amending Section I-F.3 to delete “nor shall they exceed the greater of \$10,000 or one percent (1%) of the total projected cost of the project (inclusive of engineering, architectural, and legal fees and other soft costs)” from the second sentence;

Item 2: By amending Section I-I.2 to delete the first sentence and inserting in its place the following: "Applicants for site plan approval shall submit seven (7) hard copies and an electronic file of the site plan and submittal materials to the Planning Board for review, except that only two hardcopies of the drainage report are required. The Applicant shall at the same time also submit a copy of the of the application and request for advisory review and comments to each of the following: Board of Health, Building Commissioner, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works, Hingham Municipal Light Plant, Water Company, Sewer Department, Fire Department, and Police Department.";

Item 3: By amending Section I-I.4.f to delete the existing text and insert the following:

"f. grading plan, estimated net import/export of material, drainage analysis, and traffic analysis, as applicable;"

Item 4: By amending Section I-I.4.h to delete the existing text and insert the following:

"h. analysis of compliance of the construction activities and the proposed project, including the extent the project incorporates low impact design and green infrastructure solutions, with the most current versions of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Management Policy and Standards including (i) the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook, (ii) Massachusetts Erosion Sediment and Control Guidelines, and (iii) if applicable, additional requirements under the Town of Hingham MS4 Permit for projects that disturb more than one acre and discharge to the Town's municipal stormwater system;"

Item 5: By amending Section I-I.4 to insert a new subsection j as follows and to re-letter the subsequent subsection accordingly:

"j. an erosion control plan and an Operations and Management Plan for both the construction activities and ongoing post-construction maintenance and reporting requirements;"

Item 6: By amending Section I-I.4.j to delete the period at the end thereof and insert in its place "; and";

Item 7: By amending Section I-I to replace subsection 5 in its entirety with the following:

5. "Waiver; Minor Site Plans; Administrative Review;

a. Upon written request of the applicant, the Planning Board may waive any of the submittal requirements set forth in Section I-I.6 deemed by the Planning Board to be not necessary for its review of the application. In addition, the Planning Board may waive other such requirements of this Section I-I, including the requirement for a public hearing, where the Planning Board determines that the project constitutes a minor site plan.

b. in order to constitute a minor site plan, the proposed work must be limited to (i) interior renovations to a building or structure that do not include a change of use or parking demand for which a Special Permit A2 or A3 is required and/or (ii) modifications to the site which, in the Planning Board's determination, do not materially or adversely affect conditions governed by the site plan review standards set forth in Section I-I.6 below.

c. The Planning Board may, by a majority vote of the Board, establish an administrative process for site plan review of certain site plan review applications. Pursuant to administrative review, the Planning Board may delegate to the town planner and/or to a designated Board member the authority to determine whether a project constitutes a minor site plan pursuant to subsection 5.b(i) above and, if so, to waive site plan review therefor. The Planning Board designee may refer any minor site plan review application to the Planning Board for its review in lieu of administrative review if, in such designee's discretion, the scope of the project merits review by the Board. In addition, any applicant may request site plan review by the Planning Board in lieu of administrative review at the time of application, or any applicant aggrieved by a minor site plan review decision of the designee may reapply for site plan review by the Planning Board, and such review shall be considered a new application for site plan review, except that a separate fee shall not be required."

Item 8: By amending Section I-I.6 to delete the word "with" from the first sentence;

Item 9: By amending Section I-I.6.e to delete the existing text and to insert the following:

"e. adequacy of the methods of disposal of refuse and other wastes during construction and resulting from the uses permitted on the site including, but not limited to, discarded building materials, concrete truck wash out,

chemicals, litter and sanitary wastes; provided, that discharge of refuse or other wastes into the municipal stormwater system shall be expressly prohibited;”;

Item 10: By amending Section I-I.6.g to delete the existing text and to insert the following:

“g. assurance of positive stormwater drainage and snow-melt run-off from buildings, driveways and from all parking and loading areas on the site, and prevention of erosion, sedimentation and stormwater pollution and management problems through site design and erosion controls in accordance with the most current versions of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection’s Stormwater Management Policy and Standards including the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook, the Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines and, if applicable, additional requirements under the Town of Hingham MS4 Permit for projects that disturb more than one acre and discharge to the Town’s municipal stormwater system;”;

Item 11: By amending Section I-I.6 to insert a new subsection h as follows and to re-letter the subsequent subsections accordingly:

“h. assurance that appropriate Best Management Practices have been incorporated to minimize the amount of disturbed areas and protect natural resources, stabilize sites when projects are complete or operations have temporarily ceased, protect slopes on the construction site, protect storm drain inlets and armor all newly constructed outlets, install perimeter controls at the site, stabilize construction site entrances and exits to prevent off-site tracking of material, and to provide for regular inspection of stormwater controls at consistent intervals;”;

Item 12: By amending Section I-I to insert a new subsection 8 as follows and to renumber existing subsection 8 to subsection 9:

“8. Conditions of Approval

In addition to such other conditions as may be imposed by the Planning Board under this Section I-I, all site plan approvals shall be subject to the following conditions:

a. Pre-Construction Meeting

A pre-construction review meeting with inspection of the erosion control installation and marked limits of clearing shall be required as a condition of approval for all projects. Projects that disturb one or more acres individually, or cumulatively if phased

development is proposed, shall be required as a condition of any approval to provide a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for review by the Planning Board or their designee not less than three weeks prior to the start of any work.

b. Inspections

Inspections shall be required during construction, and prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, of all elements of the project related to or affecting erosion control during construction and the approved drainage and stormwater system installed for the project. The Planning Board may require, at the applicant's expense, the establishment of a consultant fee account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53G, to fund the cost of such inspections.

c. As-Built Plan Requirement

Upon project completion an as-built plan must be submitted to the Building Commissioner prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and in no event later than two years after the completion of construction. In addition to such other requirements as are imposed by the Building Commissioner, the as-built plan must demonstrate substantial conformance with the stormwater system design and performance standards of the approved project plans."

Item 13: By amending Section IV-B.6 to insert "and may be subject to professional consultant review consistent with Section I-F.3" after "designee," in the first sentence;

Item 14: By amending Section IV-B.6 to delete subsection b in its entirety and to insert the following:

"b. all projects that 1) create a land disturbance or an alteration of drainage patterns over an area greater than 20,000 square feet; or 2) create a land disturbance of more than 2500 square feet in areas with slopes greater than 10%;

c. all projects that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that would disturb more than one acre in the aggregate;

d. notwithstanding the foregoing, the following types of projects shall be exempt from site plan review under subsection b:

- i. normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Regulation 310 CMR 10.04;
- ii. routine maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas;
- iii. the construction of fencing that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns;
- iv. installation of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, electric, telephone, etc.) which will not alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns;
- v. projects wholly within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and requiring an Order of Conditions under the Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, the Town of Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law, and/or the Rivers Protection Act.; or
- vi. road widening or improvement projects; provided that road projects that (i) increase the amount of impervious area by greater than or equal to a single lane width, (ii) disturb more than one acre, and (iii) discharge to the Town's municipal stormwater system, shall meet the applicable requirements of the Town of Hingham MS4 Permit."

A Unanimous Vote

Article 43

VOTED: That the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, be amended by replacing "six (6) months" where it appears in the last sentence of Section I-C, 1, with "twelve (12) months".

A Unanimous VOTE

Article 44

VOTED: That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by replacing the reference to "two (2) year period" where it appears in the last sentence in Section I-D, 2.b. with "three (3) year period."

A Unanimous Vote

Article 45

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through April 30, 2020, the Board of Selectmen to accept grants of easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, or pedestrian walkways, or water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms or conditions that the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

**Meeting Adjourned
9:20 PM**



*Town Moderator Michael Puzo,
Town Clerk Eileen McCracken, and
Assistant Town Administrator
Michelle Monsegur tally ballots for
the historic Water Acquisition vote.*

FY 20 Cash Appropriations

Article 6

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	399,391
Expenses	59,140
Capital Outlay	0
131 HUMAN RESOURCE	
Payroll	130,596
Expenses	3,350
132 RESERVE FUND	611,500
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	266,001
Expenses	11,355
Audit	71,500
137 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
Payroll	201,046
Expenses	242,794
Capital Outlay	104,000
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	281,069
Expenses	11,513
Consulting	48,000
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	350,050
Expenses	46,792
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	257,000

159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	30,500
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	198,899
Expenses	7,866
Capital Outlay	
162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	12,650
Expenses	14,795
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	178,759
Expenses	13,306
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	156,292
Expenses	21,705
LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT	
Payroll	142,677
Expenses	7,375
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	18,370
Expenses	9,390
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	228,262
Expenses	424,005
Capital Outlay	26,784
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	16,256
Capital Outlay	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,621,680

PUBLIC SAFETY

210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$460,406)	5,727,622
Expenses	385,750
Capital Outlay	273,000
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$459,628)	5,533,871
Expenses	443,175
Capital Outlay	454,000
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	901,390
241 BUILDING COMMISSIONER	
Payroll	227,694
Expenses	14,378
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	66,872
Expenses	5,800
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	190,760
Expenses	68,858
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	410,900
Street Lighting	105,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	14,809,070

EDUCATION

300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	46,171,853
Expenses	8,147,973
Capital Outlay	975,751
TOTAL EDUCATION	55,295,577

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

405 TOWN ENGINEERING

Payroll	282,313
Expenses	13,935
Road Building/Construction	300,000

420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK

Payroll (Overtime \$55,300)	2,223,271
Expenses	466,755
Capital Outlay (\$325,000 from available reserves)	221,000
Snow Removal	563,365
Road Maintenance	362,500

430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING

Payroll (Overtime \$27,158)	604,167
Expenses	860,879
Capital Outlay	165,000

440 SEWER COMMISSION

Payroll (Overtime \$22,708)	373,341
Expenses	282,611
Capital Outlay	191,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	2,113,776
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	445,869

\$3,416,597 shall be funded from Sewer revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS 9,479,782

HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	309,032
Expenses	36,797

541 ELDER SERVICES

Payroll	255,176
Expenses	19,215

543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	105,102
Expenses	7,019
Benefits	243,002
545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,700
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	3,700
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	981,743
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,495,489
Expenses	325,426
Capital Outlay	60,000
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	104,317
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	20,664
Expenses	8,058
691 HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
Payroll	73,012
Expenses	5,291
692 CELEBRATIONS	15,661
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	2,107,918
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	1,943,489
2,123,677 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	1,943,489

DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	8,214,774
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	8,214,774
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 GROUP INSURANCE	6,287,375
900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,153,245
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	4,801,468
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	330,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
914 MANDATORY MEDICARE	973,500
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,575,588
UNCLASSIFIED	
999 UNCLASSIFIED	6,700
915 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	687,023
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	693,723
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	<u>111,723,344</u>
Article 4 Personnel Services and Expenses	230,500
Article 7 Reduce FY2020 tax rate	178,836
Article 8 From Meals Tax Stabilization to reduce 2020 Tax Rate Middle School Project.	120,000

Article 9	
From Municipal Light Plant to reduce 2020 Tax Rate	500,000
Article 10	
Purchase Water Company	114,000,000
Article 13	
Water Company Acquisition	250,000
Sundry Expenses (To be reimbursed by Water Co.)	
Article 16	
Previous Year Unpaid Bill	813
Article 17	
Free Cash FY 2019 Reserve Fund	777,413
Article 18	
Golf Course Maintenance Equipment	415,000
South Shore Country Club	
Article 20	
Dredging	
Municipal Waterways Fund	1,500,000
Borrow	3,500,000
Article 21	
Article 22	
CPC	
General Reserve -	
• Administrative Fund	50,000
• Liberty Plain Cemetery - Conserve markers & Stones	19,528
• Memorial Bell Tower - Mechanisms of 6 Bells	121,651
• Historical Society - Old Ordinary House & 1906 Annex	29,921
• Recreation - Comprehensive Study Athletic Fields	60,000
• Trustees of Bathing Beach - Complete Bathhouse/ Concession Stand	120,000
• School – Make Plymouth River Playground AAB Compliant	24,445
Housing Reserve- HAHT-Opportunity Funding Program	300,000

Article 24		
2017 School Building Committee		350,000
Foster School Extraordinary Capital Needs		
Article 25		
High School		550,160
Replace clerestory windows		
Article 30		
Fiber Optic municipal area network		500,000
Article 35		
Update Comprehensive Master Plan		145,000
Article 37		
Civil Engineering Services		
Finalize development of Route 3A/Rotary/Summer Street		195,000
		<u>233,921,451</u>

Annual Town Election, April 27, 2019

Registered Voters 17,533

Moderator

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	17	13	15	10	20	11	23	109
Michael J. Puzo	284	333	349	349	318	226	281	2,140
Megan M. Buhr	82	101	74	83	80	62	116	598
Write-Ins	1		1	0	0	0	1	3
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Selectmen

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	85	101	98	87	87	50	108	616
Joseph M. Fisher	292	337	334	350	324	249	300	2,186
Write-Ins	7	9	7	5	7	0	13	48
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Board of Assessors

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	90	103	89	74	78	50	105	589
Christine Roberts	292	339	350	366	340	249	312	2,248
Write-Ins	2	5	0	2	0	0	4	13
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Board of Health

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	96	117	101	111	99	56	109	689
Kirk J. Shilts	283	327	338	330	317	242	306	2,143
Write-Ins	5	3	0	1	2	1	6	18
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Municipal Light Board

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	89	121	100	87	93	50	101	641
Roger Freeman	293	324	337	353	325	249	315	2,196
Write-ins	2	2	2	2	0	0	5	13
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Housing Authority

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	33	52	51	50	62	21	47	316
Robert D. Keyes	130	159	137	157	143	122	195	1,043
Janine A. Suchecki	219	236	251	235	213	156	177	1,487
Write-Ins	2		0		0	0	2	4
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

School Committee

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	246	296	278	259	278	117	242	1,716
Carlos A.F. Da Silva	217	270	254	287	263	219	278	1,788
Elizabeth O'Reilly	217	256	285	256	223	232	233	1,702
Nancy Correnti	186	306	275	284	310	216	278	1,855
Joshua Ross	283	211	221	234	177	113	223	1,462
Write-Ins	3	2	4	6	3	0	9	27
Total	1152	1341	1317	1326	1254	897	1263	8,550

Planning Board - For 5 Years

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	88	107	101	101	98	51	110	656
Kevin M. Ellis	295	339	335	341	320	247	306	2,183
Write-Ins	1	1	3	0	0	1	5	11
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Sewer Commission

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	103	120	113	113	110	52	123	734
Kirk J. Shilts	279	325	324	327	306	246	292	2,099
Write-Ins	2	2	2	2	2	1	6	17
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Recreation Commission

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	80	112	106	100	97	56	105	656
Ryan J. Lynch	302	334	331	342	316	243	314	2,182
Write-Ins	2	1	2	0	5	0	2	12
Total	384	447	439	442	418	299	421	2,850

Vital Statistics

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Births	222	220	206	197	196
Marriages	84	78	74	67	71
Deaths	491	484	493	496	482

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

Building Department

The Building Department continues to see a high-volume of residential and commercial construction along with renovation projects throughout the town. The Avalon project at 319 Lincoln Street has received 190 Certificates of Use and Occupancy for their apartments. The Brio project at 10 Shipyard Drive with 77 condo units has received all of their Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Alliance project at 300-350 Beal Street has received 70% of their Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Residence at Penniman Hill consisting of 90 Assisted Living/Memory Care apartments at 276 Whiting Street are nearing completion. The Lincoln building at the corner of Main and South Street has been completed and they have received 7 Certificates of Use and Occupancy for the condo units and 1 ground level business. The old Settles Glass building at 6 Station Street has been demolished and a new residential and commercial building is under construction. There have been several raze and reconstruction of single-family homes throughout the town as well.

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

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

The Building Department has issued a total of 5,397 permits and conducted 10,618 inspections in 2019.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1,242	Building Permits	\$743,741
40	Final Cost Affidavits	40,362
834	Plumbing Permits	83,795
746	Gas Permits	37,545
1,627	Electrical Permits	124,320
71	Certificate of Inspection	7,130
409	Occupancy	14,170
4	Re-inspection	300
423	Sheet Metal	35,010
5,397		\$1,085,363

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 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Conservation Commission

Empowered to administer the state's Wetlands Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act, and the Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law, the Conservation Commission reviews numerous applications and oversees many projects that fall within its jurisdiction. In 2019, the Commission acted on 117 applications and projects, including:

- 2 Emergency Certifications
- 3 Stop Work Orders
- 21 Orders of Conditions
- 3 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 2 Orders of Resource Area Delineation
- 20 Determinations of Applicability
- 31 Certificates of Compliance
- 28 Administrative Review Decisions
- 7 Permit Extensions

The Commission also supported multiple projects related to open space and natural resource management. Most notably, 2019 marked the re-opening of Burns Memorial Park. The Commission partnered with the Hingham Land Conservation Trust (HLCT) to feature the property, which was once part of a privately owned park known as "Tranquility Grove," in the HLCT's annual fall walk. As many as 10,000 people gathered at Tranquility Grove in 1844 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the end of slavery in the British West Indies. The event became known as the "Great Abolitionist Picnic." In preparation for the HLCT's fall walk, commemorating the 175th anniversary of the historic event, the park's Hersey Street entrance and trail system were restored.



Burns Memorial Park re-opening (photos courtesy of the HLCT).

Additionally, the Commission approved a Stream Channel Maintenance Plan for the Weir River, with writing and technical assistance from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). The plan authorizes Town staff, members of the Weir River Watershed Association, and other volunteers, following training by the DMF, to manually cut vegetation and remove debris within and along the stream channel in support of an unobstructed migratory path for diadromous fish. An initial training and work session was held before the end of the year, with additional work days planned into the spring of 2020. Annual reports are required for the first three years of work, per the approved plan. It is anticipated that after three years, the stream channel will require less attention, in the form of annual inspections and periodic removal of obstructions.

In 2019, three Hingham Boy Scouts from Troop #1 approached the Commission to complete their Eagle Scout projects on Commission-owned land.

- Luke Chipman restored three benches and cleared approximately 350 feet of trail at Brewer Reservation, near Cranberry Pond.
- Joe Kenneway constructed a footbridge to span a muddy section of trail at Foundry Pond.
- Aidan Murphy plans to restore a bench and install a kiosk, complete with natural and cultural interpretive information, at Governor Long Bird Sanctuary.



*Restored bench at Cranberry Pond and new footbridge at Foundry Pond
(photo courtesy of B. Kenneway).*

The Commission, HLCT, and Hingham Boy and Girl Scout Troop leaders also met in the fall to discuss a variety of open space-related, community service projects. The Commission is hopeful that one of its five proposed

projects at Foundry Pond, Home Meadows, More-Brewer Park, Brewer Reservation, and Plymouth River Complex will be carried out in 2020.

Finally, in 2019, the Commission issued 47 bow-hunting permits, 13 for the spring turkey season and 35 for the fall deer season. There were he Commission received notification of 33 deer being harvested during the 2019 season.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 thirty Site Plan Review hearings. Eighteen were in conjunction with Special Permits, and twelve were not. These included the proposed redevelopment of 23-25 Central Street, a new building at 315 Lincoln Street, and a mixed-use building at 11 Bank Ave. There were also approvals related to the expansion or modification of existing buildings and businesses in town. In addition, the Planning Board reviewed sixteen Special Permit A3 approvals in conjunction with requests for parking waivers or determinations in accordance with the Town's off-street parking regulations.

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 redevelopment of 315 Lincoln Street and a mixed-use building at 11 Bank Ave and heard the lookback on the parking and circulation improvements at World's End. The Planning Board reviewed three Form A (Approval Not Required) plans and one Flexible Residential Development. The Planning Board also approved three Definitive Subdivisions modifications. Residential development on approved subdivision and infill lots continued with activity at Beechwood Subdivision, Patterson Pond Estates, 901 Main Street Definitive Subdivision, and Red Tail Lane. Construction continues at 230 Beal Street on a multifamily development.

The update of the Comprehensive Master Plan, a priority for the Planning Board, began in September 2019 with public outreach and visioning sessions. This project is ongoing. The Master Plan draft report is expected in the fall of 2020.

In the months leading up to the 2020 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on four proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law (Site Plan Review, Downtown Overlay District, Abandonment or Discontinuance of Nonconforming Single-Family and Two-Family Dwellings, and Update Flood Map References).

The intent of the Site Plan Review Article is to correct a cross reference, provide language to clarify a requirement, and to lower the threshold of

site disturbance that triggers Site Plan Review. The intent of the Downtown Overlay District Article is to clarify the requirements for mixed-use commercial/residential buildings in the Downtown Overlay District and provide parameters for the amount and location of commercial use that must be provided in such projects. The Planning Board brought this article forward as a result of increased permitting activity in the Downtown and specifically with mixed use commercial and residential developments. The revised language is intended to provide clear direction to applicants and property owners as proposals are designed while still advancing the town's goal of having a walkable and active commercial district. This proposed language specifies both the amount of commercial use required as well as the location of the commercial use relative to the way. The intent of the Abandonment or Discontinuance of Nonconforming Single-Family and Two-Family Dwellings Article is to more clearly state that a conforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwelling use may be reestablished in a dimensionally nonconforming structure that had been abandoned or discontinued for a period of more than two years. Discontinued, in this context, means not used or occupied. The amendment also restricts changes that could be made to the building or structure to those that maintain or improve the nonconforming dimensions and add or expand in compliance with the current height and yard requirements. The intent of the Update Flood Map References Article is to update the Floodplain Map References to refer to the most current mapping from FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) as required as part of the town's membership in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

As with previous years, 2019 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of or liaisons to several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Development and Industrial Committee, the Route 3A Task Force, and the Traffic Committee. In addition, the Master Plan Committee Chair is Planning Board member Gordon Carr.

Respectfully submitted,

William Ramsey, Chair
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Clerk
Judith Sneath
Gordon Carr
Kevin Ellis

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-Law authorize the Board to hear and decide applications for findings, variances, certain special permits, and appeals from actions of the Building Commissioner or the Zoning Administrator. These permits are broadly categorized into land use and dimensional regulations.

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

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

The Board received 54 applications over the course of the year. The Board itself held 21 meetings in 2019, during which members conducted 77 separate hearings on both ongoing and new applications. The Zoning Administrator separately held 5 hearings during 5 meetings on applications related to either commercial signage or accessory dwelling units.

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. Approximately 25% of all applications submitted to the Board in 2019 were variance requests, which represents a significant departure from the trend in recent years where more than half of all applications received were for variances. Requests for dimensional relief related primarily to setback requirements for residential accessory structures, both attached and detached, or modifications of previously approved plans. Only 8 variances were conditionally granted by the Board last year for relatively modest forms of relief. The Hingham Zoning By-Law also authorizes the Board to grant use variances; however, this form of relief is granted sparingly. The Board received just a single use variance application requesting a

modification of a previously issued decision related to Boston Golf on Whiting Street. The hearing remains ongoing at the time of this report.

Administrative Appeals: Aggrieved parties may appeal a decision or issuance of a permit by the Building Commissioner or the Zoning Administrator to the Board. Three administrative appeal applications were filed in 2018. The Board upheld the Building Commissioner in one case and reversed his decision in two others.

Findings: No applications for a finding under M.G.L. ch. 40A, § 6 were filed with the Board this past year. Findings involve changes to pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension, or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use or structure to the neighborhood.

Special Permits: The Board heard applications on 33 special permit requests. Special permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a particular purpose, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. The most common special permit applications received in 2018 involved residential construction in floodplain districts; commercial signage in business districts; and the modification of single-family dwellings to include a second dwelling unit in residential districts. Nine applications in that final category were approved under the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations adopted during the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. In August 2019, the Board voted to delegate its authority to hear applications to create an ADU to the Zoning Administrator. Special permit applications considered last year during a collaborative review process with the Planning Board include a Commercial/Residential Building in Downtown Hingham and a Take Out Restaurant/Coffee Shop in North Hingham.

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

public interest consistent with local needs. The Board received a single comprehensive permit application in 2019. The proposed plan calls for construction of two single-family homes by Habitat for Humanity on land owned by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust. Review of the plan remains ongoing at the time of this report. The Board also received notice of 3 Project Changes After Issuance of a Comprehensive Permit, but ultimately granted a withdrawal without prejudice for each. Finally, construction was either completed or continued on previously approved 40B developments, including Damon Farms at Queen Anne's Corner, Avalon Hingham Shipyard II on Lincoln Street, and Broadstone Bare Cove on Beal Street.

Board members would like to express appreciation for the support, cooperation, and assistance we received from all Town departments during the past year. Zoning Board staff within the Land Use & Development Department is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all zoning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to attend its meetings, which are held on selected evenings at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn S. Maguire, Chair
Paul K. Healey, Vice-Chair and 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 2019, the Historic Districts Commission held over 75 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 building and its site. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior form the basis for the Commission's review of projects. The *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts* prepared by the Historic Districts Commission and *Guidelines for New Construction and Additions in Hingham's Historic Districts, written and adopted in 2015*, are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. These Guidelines define the standards for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic districts. Reviewing the *Guidelines* helps property owners submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Historic Districts Commission page on the Town's website or from the Historic Districts Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five voting members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the group of voting members and the group of alternate members each include an AIA architect, one designee from the Planning Board, one designee from the Historical Society, a resident of an historic district when possible and an at-large member. The public is encouraged to attend Commission hearings held at Town Hall, generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. The Commission regularly videotapes its meetings, which can be accessed via the Harbor Media website or YouTube.

The Commission wishes to thank Veronica Madden for her service as a voting member. Her work as an attorney for the State benefited the Commission in many ways, not the least of which were her wise counsel and practical approach in all matters.

The Commission welcomes new members Catherine Daley, Carol Pyles, Robert Edson, and Tracy Shriver.

Finally, the Commission mourns the sudden passing of Virginia Tay (June 13, 1946 - March 5, 2020). Dr. Tay served as Vice-Chair of the Commission for several years, and most recently as Chair. Her professionalism, kind demeanor and humorous repartee set the tone for the Commission's meetings. Virginia was dedicated to preservation in the purest sense. Her thoughtful preparation for every hearing was evident in her comments as she reviewed each project. With unwavering commitment, she lived the values that she expressed. Virginia's preservation ethic is one to which we should all aspire.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young, Administrator
Sherry Robertson, Administrative Assistant

Members

Virginia Tay, Chair
Michael Collard, Vice Chair
Catherine Daley
Carol Pyles
Hans von der Luft

Alternate Members

Tomas Kindler
Benjamin Burnham
Justin Aborn
Robert Edson
Tracy Shriver

Hingham Historical Commission

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

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

In 2019, the Commission finalized an agreement with the Historical Society making the jointly owned John Richardson collection accessible to the public for research. The Commission is committed to digitizing this extensive collection of photographs and documents, which when complete will be available to the public online.

Last spring, the Commission was pleased to give out the award for the first annual Essay Contest to two Hingham High School seniors who worked together to prepare an essay and a video on the history of World's End. The winner of this year's essay contest will receive the award in April.

Five recipients of the first Town of Hingham Award for Historic Preservation were honored at a reception at the Hingham Community Center last April. Town Historian Alexander Macmillan received a lifetime achievement award; the Second Parish Church, the Ames Chapel, the Hingham Rec Barn, and the Fire Museum received awards in other preservation categories including restoration and adaptive reuse.

To date, 10 new signs mark the former locations of bridges that were

integral to the ability of residents to traverse the town. The remaining historically important bridges will be marked during 2020.

The Commission produced two new videos in conjunction with Harbor Media. The historical significance of the Bethlehem/Hingham Shipyard and the area of Hingham known as Tuttleville was captured in the second and third programs in the *History Abode* series. The first program in the series focused on Major General Benjamin Lincoln. In October 2019 Martha Reardon Bewick's book *Tranquility Grove* came to life in a recreation of the story of the great abolitionist picnic that took place in Hingham in 1844.

The second floor of Town Hall is home to a new display dedicated to remembering the Hingham Shipyard, its people, and its accomplishments. The display came together thanks to a joint effort by the Hingham Community Planning Department, Veterans' Services, the Hingham Historical Commission, donation of model ships and artifacts from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the loan of photographs and memorabilia from the Collins family.

The Historical Commission, in concert with the Town Treasurer, administers the \$1.35M Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation and improvement of historical assets along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way. In 2019, the Commission awarded grants totaling \$100,000 to support restoration, preservation, accessibility projects, and other projects that maintain or enhance the character of the Town.

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

The Commission also advises on certain environmental reviews through the Federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting in 1988 and revised in

2012. The By-law is designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

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

The members are pleased to welcome architect Robert Stansell to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young, Administrator

Historical Commission Members:

Kevin M. Burke, Chair

Sarah Carolan, Vice-Chair

James B. Conroy

Stephen Dempsey

Elizabeth Dings

Signe McCullough

Robert Stansell

Information Technology

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

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

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

2019 Accomplishments

- Procured a \$16,000 State grant as part of an IT regional grant in 2017 with 8 other municipalities for a flyover to create orthographic images for use with our GIS system.
- Implemented new security and phishing training for employees.
- Implemented new firewall at the Transfer Station.
- Implemented security cameras in the Library.
- Upgraded server operating systems in Town offices and Library.
- Upgraded desktop operating systems in Town offices and Library.
- Telephone system upgrade at all municipal locations.

The Information Technology Department is looking forward to 2020 and our planned installation of a redundant fiber ring to municipal buildings.

I would like to extend my great appreciation to the IT staff, Kate Richardsson and Joe Lindsay, as well as for the overwhelming support and cooperation from all Town departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Becker, Manager of Information Technology

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2019.

The 2019 calendar year saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board approved the job description for the newly created position of Water Superintendent/Managing Director and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 20. The Board also approved the job description for the newly created position of Land Use and Development Coordinator and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 9.

The Board approved revisions to the following job descriptions: Department of Public Works Sewer Foreman; Town Engineer; the Assessor's department Data Quality Inspector, Assistant Assessor and Assessing Technician.

The Board approved the reclassification of the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works position from Grade 15 to Grade 18 in the Salary Schedule.

Also, the Board approved the following requests to hire: A Firefighter/Paramedic at the second step of FS-2 on the salary scale; the Elder Services Director at Step 4, Grade 14 of the Salary Scale and approved the granting of an extra week of vacation time; and the Administrative Clerk to the Board of Selectmen at Grade 8 Step 3 on the salary scale.

Additional sick time was approved for a Police Officer. The Board granted an extra week of vacation for a Police Patrolman based on experience. The Board approved the placement of a newly promoted Police Sergeant on the salary scale at a higher step of PS-3B retroactive to the date of his promotion.

The Board approved a temporary adjustment to the DPW Superintendent's salary for additional duties assumed, retroactive to May 1, 2019 and continuing until whichever comes first, the implementation of the Wage and Classification Study or April 30, 2020. Additionally, the Board approved a salary adjustment for the Assistant Project Engineer/Inspector for additional work performed, working out of grade.

Seven vacation carryover requests were approved by the Board.

The Board recommended to the 2019 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2019, 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. A consultant was also

retained to perform a Wage and Classification Study for non-union and non-contract personnel.

During calendar year 2019, the Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a one-year successor agreement and then a three-year successor agreement with the union representing the Department of Public Works Supervisors. The first contract provides that, for its term, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, there will be a general wage increase of 2%. The second contract provides that, for its term, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023, there will also be a general wage increase of 2% in each of the successive years. Also, the Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a one-year successor agreement with the union that represents the Police Superiors. This agreement provides that for the term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 there will be a general wage increase of 2% and an equity adjustment.

The Board approved an adjustment to the FY2019 salary schedule for part-time and seasonal positions to align with Massachusetts Minimum Wage Standards and appointed the Director of Human Resources and the Superintendent of Public Works to the DPW Teamsters sick leave bank committee.

The Board said farewell to David Basler, Human Resources Director who retired in January and welcomed a new Human Resources Director, Lisa Campbell. The Board is grateful for David's many years of Service to the Town. As the Town's first Human Resources Director, David worked diligently to establish a professional human resources department within the Town and provided valuable assistance to the Personnel Board.

Finally, the Board extends its gratitude to Marie Harris who stepped down from the Personnel Board after 20 years of service. Marie was an invaluable member of the Board. A dedicated public servant, Marie worked tirelessly and was always available to address the needs of the Town. She will be missed.



Respectfully submitted,

Personnel Board members: David Pace, Marie Harris, Smayra Million

David Pace, Chair
Russell Conn, Jack Manning, Smayra Million, Courtney Orwig

Department of Public Works

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

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

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

Highway Division

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Blue Sky Drive	Hollyhock Lane	Taurasi Road
Bradley Hill Road	Main Street (Free St to Middle St)	
Bremer Circle	Old Cross Street	
Hobart Street	Paolo Road	

Sidewalk Replacement: None

Drainage: Replaced all drainage piping and catch basins on Bradley Hill Road and Bremer Circle.

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned, plowed & treated 140 miles of Town owned roadways and approximately 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,382 drainage structures and outfalls; installed, repaired, and maintained 3,100 traffic and street signs, and maintained 5 sets of signal lights.

Stormwater Management

Stormwater Regulation: The Stormwater Phase II Final Rule was promulgated in 1999 and was the next step after the 1987 Phase I Rule

in EPA's effort to preserve, protect, and improve the Nation's water resources from polluted stormwater runoff. The Phase II program expands the Phase I program by requiring additional operators of from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in urbanized areas and operators of small construction sites, through the use of National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits, to implement programs and practices to control polluted stormwater runoff. Phase II is intended to further reduce adverse impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat by instituting the use of controls on the unregulated sources of stormwater discharges that have the greatest likelihood of causing continued environmental degradation. Under the Phase II rule, all MS4s with stormwater discharges from Census designated Urbanized Area are required to seek NPDES permit coverage for those stormwater discharges.

Permit Program Background: On May 1, 2003, EPA Region 1 issued its Final General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (2003 small MS4 permit) consistent with the Phase II rule. The 2003 small MS4 permit covered "traditional" (i.e., cities and towns) and "non-traditional" (i.e., Federal and state agencies) MS4 Operators located in the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. This permit expired on May 1, 2008 but remained in effect until operators were authorized under the 2016 MS4 general permit, which became effective on July 1, 2018.

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

Vehicle Maintenance: The DPW facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station, and Sewer Department's equipment safely and more

efficiently. This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks w/ sanders and plows, 11 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks w/ plows, 4 Sidewalk Plows, 4 Front End Loaders, 2 Backhoes, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging Material Handler, 1 Chipper, 11 Mowers, Chainsaws and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of Health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park and Town Hall.

Snow and Ice Control: 34" of snow, 7 Snowplow Operations, 23 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2019 Chevrolet pickup truck with Plow (#41), 2020 International Dump Truck with Plow & In-body Spreader (#7).

Special Projects: Rehabilitated the South Shore Country Club's flagpole. Whitney Wharf – POW/MIA Veterans Memorial Park seawall repair and remediation disposal of approximately 100 cubic yards of contaminated soil. Assisted in the construction of the Bath House. Replace Gazebo Roof at Hingham Harbor.

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 29

Tree Removals: 247

Trees Pruned: 1,863

New Equipment: None

Special Projects/Maintenance: The Department of Works Tree & Park Division landscaped the entrance to the Town Hall and repaired the turf at the memorial.

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

The Tree and Park Division maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and strives to constantly make improvements with the assistance of other Town committees to which we are extremely

grateful. We maintain in excess of 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various committees, boards, and departments within the Town.

This year, Tree & Park planted 29 shade trees throughout the town.

For the 2019 Arbor Day celebration, the Tree & Park Department planted two October Glory Maple trees at East Elementary School that were donated by the Garden Club of Hingham. In celebration of Earth Day, a 2-1/2" to 3" caliper October Glory Maple tree was planted on the Common (School St). The Town of Hingham was also recognized as a "Tree City USA" for the 31st year.

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

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

Recreation Division

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

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

New Equipment: None

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year, we transferred 5,444 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 1,164 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,019 tons of mixed recyclables, 2,193 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 1.53 tons of tires, 1850 gallons of motor oil, 48.39 tons of electronics, 108 tons of textiles, 3.82 tons of batteries, and handled 184 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 474,000 cans and 56,700 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$26,584 to 26 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The Transfer Station is now recycling mattresses with help from a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2019, the revenue from the scale was \$90,100. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Red (square) to Green (square).

With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepted an average of 7,747 cars per week.

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

Special Projects: Re-lined Baler

New Equipment: Aluminum Refuse Trailer (#T2).

Interdepartmental

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

essential services for the Town of Hingham.

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

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

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

We would like to give a special thank you to Robert Ford of the Tree & Park Department, who retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the Town of Hingham. We would also like to wish all the best to Michael DiRienzo (Tree & Park) and Robert Feldmann Jr. (Highway) who have left the DPW to look into other endeavors.

We are happy to welcome a new employee, Christopher Turenchalk, as a Tree & Park Laborer.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Sewer Commission & Sewer Department

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

Calendar year 2019 was another productive year for the Sewer Department. The Sewer Department continued to upgrade its infrastructure to keep stride with our Asset Management Program.

Infiltration/Inflow (I&I):

The I&I program consists of investigating and inspecting the infrastructure for unwanted flow into the sanitary sewer. As part of the I&I program, our engineering contractors inspected 199 Manholes and took video of approximately 40,300 linear feet (lf) of sewer pipes. The investigation identified defects in the system which the following rehabilitation work was performed to reduce I&I and increase the capacity of the sewer system.

- 40,300 lf of pre-cleaning, inspecting, testing, and sealing of sewers.
- Installation of 6,623 lf of cured-in-place manhole to manhole lining.
- Installation of 8 lf structural cured-in-place short liner.
- 1,187 lf of cleaning, inspection, testing and sealing (CITS) of sewers ranging from 8 to 24 inch diameter pipe.
- Installation of six cured-in-place lateral liners for a total of 110 LF.
- Lined manhole's interior and exterior with cementitious lining totaling 153 vertical feet (vf) of lining.
- 41 vf of interior epoxy lining in two manholes
- Furnish and install 29 manhole inflow dishes
- Dig repairs to replace defective sewer wye connections, replace sagging and broken pipe alignment, and replacement of one sewer manhole.
- Lincoln Street Force Main repair.
- Installation of two new manholes that serve as a network junction into the municipal sewer system.
- Removed 1 sump pump from discharging into the municipal sewer system.

These rehabilitations eliminated approximately 72,000 gallons per day of peak removable I&I (Infiltration & Inflow).

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

The Sewer Department is also upgrading equipment in the pumping stations as part of the Asset Management Plan. Broad Cove Station had SCADA System upgrades, replacement of pump #2 check valve, and the installation of new lighting in the wet well. Greenbush Station had Pump #1 replaced. Bradley Woods Station SCADA System was upgraded. Howe Street Station had replaced hatchway doors, pump rails, station generator controller, discharge piping, and the fence. Mill Street Station had an aerator installed in the wet well to mitigate grease build up, relocated control panel to inside the station, installed a new level controller, rehabilitated wet well, installed new pump and discharge piping. Weir River Station installed aerator in wet well to mitigate grease build up and a new level controller. Town Brook Station installed new backflow preventer and cleaned wet well. Walton Cove Station had the discharge piping replaced. Town Hall Station had the discharge piping replaced.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Shilts, Chair
Robert Higgins
Stephen G. Harold
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Hingham Municipal 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 2019 fiscal year, the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$504,081. In 2007, the Light Board voted to calculate the amount of the contribution to a formula that 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 ten years. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities. The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Investor owned utilities get assess their customers on a per kWh fee while HMLP finances our program. In 2019, we performed about 112 residential and commercial audits.

We continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable and environmentally friendly energy sources that make sense from an electrical and financial point of view. Wind/Hydro/Solar projects would not have come to fruition without the infusion of capital/cash. We are investing and making real contributions to a greener world by "putting steel in the ground" and building clean plants. At the end of 2019, 52% of HMLP's supply came from non-fossil fuel sources. Current Massachusetts regulations, which only apply to investor owned utilities and not to municipal light plants (meaning we have no regulatory requirement to comply with but we have chosen to), call for 34.2% of their supply to be carbon free. We are 1.5 times that.

To that end, we and several other municipal lighting plants have bought the entire output of three wind farms in Maine. They are Spruce Mountain, Saddleback Ridge, and Canton Mountain Wind. Spruce Mountain went commercial late in 2012. Spruce Mountain consists of 10 2.0 megawatt

(MW) turbines capable of generating 66 million kilowatt-hours kWh of clean, renewable electricity each year which is enough to power about 11,000 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 5.4 million gallons of gasoline per year. Saddleback Ridge went commercial in late 2015. Saddleback Ridge consists of 12 2.85 megawatt (MW) turbines capable of generating 105 million kilowatt-hours kWh of clean, renewable electricity each year which is enough to power about 17,500 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 8.4 million gallons of gasoline per year. Canton Mountain Wind consists of 8 2.85 megawatt MW turbines capable of generating 62 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year which is enough to power about 10,300 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 5.1 million gallons of gasoline per year. We signed a contract with Granite Wind in 2018 and they started generating in 2019. Granite Wind consists of 33 3.0 megawatt (MW) turbines. In 2019, Granite Wind produced 233 million kWh which is enough to power 38,800 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 18.6 million gallons of gasoline per year.

In 2019, HMLP received 10,946m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from the New York Power Authority which is enough to power about 1,825 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 896,610 gallons of gasoline per year. In addition, HMLP received 5.8m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from Brown Bear, formerly known as Miller Hydro, which is enough to power about 965 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 474,000 gallons of gasoline per year. In addition, we bought electricity generated by the NuGen Solar array located in Central Massachusetts. This project generated 2.755m kWh of electricity which is enough to power about 460 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 225,400 gallons of gasoline per year. Finally, we signed on to buy power from two hydro-plants: Shepaug and Stevenson which are both managed by FirstLight Power (a clean power producer based in Massachusetts and Connecticut with a portfolio that includes over 1,400 MW of hydro and solar energy). Shepaug and Stevenson supplied us with just over 5.5m kWh which is roughly capable of powering 920 houses and reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 455,000 gallons of gasoline per year.

As of this writing, our Auditor's report is not available for publication. When the 2018 report is certified it will be posted on our web site, as have our

Annual Reports going back to 2002. kWh sales in 2019 were approximately 3.9% lower than in 2018. The 2019 system peak was in July and was approximately 8.9% lower than the 2018 peak which was the all-time HMLP system peak. Over the past 15 years, 2005 to 2019, there was an increase of almost 9.6% in total sales. The past several years however have seen a definite leveling off in sales growth. Year over year from 2005 to 2019 there have been eight years of growth and seven years of declining kWh sales. In the past five years, there were three years with decreases in sales and decreases in two of the past three years.

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”. 2019 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. 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.

2019 was the third year HMLP offset the carbon emissions of all the fossil-fuel based electricity it purchases by buying Replacement Energy Credits (RECs). HMLP is the first utility in Massachusetts to be 100% carbon free. This decision will be reassessed in 2020. In the meanwhile, Hingham Light customers will be credited with using electricity generated without carbon emissions effective January 1, 2017.

Your Light Board is made up of three Hingham residents who are elected by Hingham voters. These folks volunteer their time and efforts to make HMLP 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Fire Department / Emergency Management



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

2019 was an exciting year for the Fire Department. Our response volume continues to grow, and we had numerous changes. One of the most important things was the purchase of the new Quint ladder truck. We spent over a year designing a replacement for our 1999 Seagrave ladder. The two most visible differences between the old Seagrave model and our new Pierce ladder are that the new truck is now a "Tower Ladder," which means the firefighters can work in the front bucket rather than from a traditional ladder. The second most significant difference is the size. The Seagrave was custom built to fit into the size limitations of our old headquarters station. Specifically, the truck was much lower to the ground and had a lighter-duty ladder. In comparison, the new Pierce ladder is a standard ladder with a heavy-duty aerial and average vehicle height. The old truck worked well for 20 years but was starting to show its age with mechanical breakdowns. We are very thankful to the generous support of the Town and are very excited that we were able to purchase a brand new truck that can serve for the next 25 years.

In 2019, the Hingham Fire Department responded to 4,616 emergency calls. Our call volume continues to increase and is higher than the previous year. Of those 4,616 responses, 2,815 were medically related calls, and the ambulance transported 1,980 patients which generated \$1,423,316.84 in ambulance receipts.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES - 2019

Fire	50
Overpressure/Explosion/Over Heat	6
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	2815
Hazardous Conditions	279
Service Calls	432
Good Intent Calls	414
False Alarm and False Calls	543
Severe Weather	58
Special Incident	9
Total Responses	4,616

The Fire Prevention Division has continued its involvement with inspections, permitting, and participation in different Town committees. The Fire Marshal has been busy with all of the new construction and performed 200 site visit inspections to ensure the work performed adheres to fire safety standards. Last year the division issued 1,094 permits and conducted 1,753 inspections. We issued 236 residential burn permits, which equaled \$1,180 in fees. The combined total from all permits, fees, and reports generated \$44,445 in revenue.

FIRE INSPECTIONS – 2019

Smoke Detector and CO Detector	569
Plan Reviews	411
Certification of Occupancy	304
Misc. Inspections	185
Chapter 304 Alcohol License Inspections	36
FP6 Permits (General, propane storage, cutting/welding.)	183
Nursery School Inspection	8
Elderly Boarding Care Inspection	16
Site Visit	200
School Fire Drills	24
Total Inspections	1,753

RESPONSE TOTALS 2014 – 2019

2019	4616
2018	4487
2017	4389
2016	4372
2015	4332
2014	3936

Sadly, the department had two retirees pass away. Firefighter Donald E. Milley began his career with the Hingham Fire Department as a sub-call firefighter in 1958. He then became a call firefighter in 1968 and a permanent full-time firefighter on August 8, 1970. Don was one of the department's first Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and retired on September 17, 1997. He died this past March. Firefighter Robert Heaney joined the department as a sub-call firefighter in 1970 and became a permanent full-time firefighter on November 15, 1971. He retired on February 9, 1992 and died this past May.

The department continued to work with the Hingham CERT Team and received \$2,500 through another FEMA grant, which purchased a misting fan and two temporary shelters. The team continued with their assistance at significant Town events such as Christmas in the Square and the Fourth of July road race. The team also worked during the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by providing communication assistance and crowd managers helping us with contingency plans for the higher than usual attendance.

The department was pleased to offer the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) and Senior SAFE programs again this year. The State awarded us \$7,117 to provide both programs. The goal of the SAFE program is to conduct age-appropriate fire safety education within the community schools. Pre-school and kindergarteners receive fire safety visits at the schools to introduce fire safety skills with a focus on "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and "Hot or Not Hot" identification. The third-grade students focus on evacuating in case of fire and identifying two ways out by illustrating an escape plan. The fifth-grade students were added into the program last year with concentrated on "Cooking Safety." This lesson was a great addition to our program, as we found out ten and eleven-year-olds are doing a lot of cooking at home. This new lesson couldn't have been more appropriate, considering two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials (NFPA 2013-2017 annual averages). These students learned the skills and awareness to encourage staying safe in the kitchen. Last year the SAFE educators visited five pre-schools and the four elementary schools and taught 1,018 students.

The SAFE program also supported five field trip visits to the fire stations from various Boy Scout and Girl Scout Dens and helped them earn public safety badges. During the summer, the SAFE program also assisted with many summer camps including Hingham Recreation, Derby Academy, and the SNAP (South Shore Special Needs Athletic) Program. All of the programs allow the children to learn about the firefighter's specialized equipment. Also, they are taught about technological changes that are helping firefighters keep themselves and victims safer during emergencies.



*SAFE Coordinator
Lieutenant
Nickerson
demonstrates our
gear to some of the
kids*

The Senior SAFE portion of the grant continues to support the community's older adult population by focusing on home safety, including fall prevention. One goal of the Senior Safe educators is to keep the older adults in their homes while staying safe.

In addition to the state SAFE grants, the Rogers & Gray Charitable Foundation Junior Fire Marshal Program awarded our department with safety-themed activity books, crayons, pencils, and fire hats. The continued support from the state-funded SAFE grants and companies like Rogers & Gray, combined with positive feedback from the community, allows the Hingham Fires SAFE program to grow each year successfully.

In 2019, the department received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to purchase seven Thermal Imager Cameras (TIC's). The new TIC's replaced three older models that had reached the end of their life. The TIC's allow the firefighters to see heat sources through smoke and limited visibility and are very useful in searching for rescue victims or finding hot spots such as a fire in a wall. All of our apparatus now have the TIC's, which our firefighters will use in many situations. The department also



One of the kids in the SAFE program looking through one of the new TIC's.

received a second AFG grant with the Cohasset, Hull, Norwell, and Scituate Fire Departments. Collectively, the departments submitted a regional grant to purchase a mobile pump testing machine. The testing machine serves two purposes: first for training and second for certification. We are required to annually certify the pumping capacity of our fire engines, which this new machine will allow us to do ourselves rather than contracting it out. The second benefit is this machine serves as a simulator to train and test our pump operators themselves. The grant award was for

\$189,911 and allowed for the pump machine itself and the funds to host multiple training programs for all of our firefighters.

Two members of the Department retired last year: Lieutenant Michael Vento and Firefighter Tim Krall. Lt Vento retired in July after serving the Town for 32 years, and FF Krall retired in September after 31 years. The department thanks them both for their service and wishes them the best upon their retirement. Following Lt Vento's retirement, Richard Connelly was promoted to lieutenant in July. We welcomed aboard four new

Firefighter/Paramedics: Kevin Brady, Alex Bailey, Angela Clancy, and Alan Fielding. Firefighter Brady came to us from another department and was quickly able to fit into his new role with us. Alex, Angela, and Alan graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy 10 week recruit program and have begun their career serving the Town.

Even though 2019 was not a busy year for weather or other significant events, it was still a busy year for emergency management. Working with other Town departments, such as the DPW and Hingham Light, the Town was able to recoup \$437,349 from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the March 2, 3, 2018 storms. FEMA offers a program that allows municipalities to request 75% reimbursement for damages sustained to public infrastructure during significant events that receive a Presidential disaster declaration. The department was also able to close out past declarations from 2012 and 2015 for additional reimbursement of \$120,253.

The Emergency Management Department also hosted an eight-hour FEMA course on managing an Emergency Operations Center, which was attended by most members of the Hingham Emergency Management Team. The department was awarded two emergency management grants for a total of \$15,125 to purchase a mobile message board and supplies for our emergency operations center. Finally, we received a \$4,800 award from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to purchase additional firefighter gloves.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Murphy
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

Police Department



The Hingham Police Department continues to see an increase in call volume, reaching a high of 26,031 calls for service in 2019. Our partnerships with community-based organizations strengthened as we continued to combat the opioid epidemic and a growing concern over mental health related issues.

We continue to work with the Plymouth County Outreach (PCO), a collaboration of all 27 municipal police departments in Plymouth County as well as the District Attorney's Office, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, and the Bridgewater State University Police Department, to help make treatment readily accessible to those suffering from Substance Abuse Use Disorder. Additionally, we have joined the Plymouth County HUB Initiative which aims to locate, identify, and navigate those who suffer from Behavioral Health Issues into proper and effective treatment. The new HUB Initiative and the existing PCO complement each other as substance abuse and mental health issues often intersect.

The Hingham Police Department has completed the International Association of Chiefs of Police "One Mind Campaign." All of our officers have completed the Mental Health First Aid training and over 20 percent of our officers have completed the more intensive Community Crisis Intervention Training.

Two of our officers successfully applied for a grant for 10 in-car printers for the state electronic citation program, making us the first municipal department in our area to obtain them. The automation of this system allows officers to focus on the safety of themselves and of the vehicle stopped and clear traffic stops faster. The system brings the added benefit of reducing waste from paper copies of tickets.

The department has undertaken the process of becoming an accredited police agency through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. Accreditation involves a top-to-bottom review of the policies, procedures, and practices of the department to ensure that they are in compliance with the standards set by the Accreditation commission. The dedicated members of the Hingham Police Department are committed to ensuring the delivery of police services at the highest level of professionalism and integrity.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the committed men and women of the Hingham Police Department for their continued hard work and dedication. Each of them is committed to providing the highest level of service to the residents, business owners/employees, and visitors to this vibrant community.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn A. Olsson, Chief of Police

Hingham Police Statistics - 2019

Calls for Service 2019	26,031
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Court Statistics

Arrests	244
Arrest Warrants	15
Arrest Warrants	15
Court orders	54
Criminal Complaint Applications	193
Protective Custody	19

Motor Vehicle Citations

Warnings (No Fine)	4,082
Civil (Fine)	599
Criminal/Arrests (from Motor Vehicle Stops)	258

Parking Tickets

Total Issued	283
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Traffic Committee

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

A stop sign was installed where Wompatuck Road meets Kimball Beach and Foley Beach Roads per recommendation of the Traffic Committee to the Board of Selectmen citing safety concerns at this intersection for the children walking to Foster School.

The Traffic Committee recommended that street lights be installed on Downer Avenue on pole #7 and on Simmons Road on pole #10 both of which were approved by Board of Selectmen.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street. Based on available data, there were seven accidents at this location in 2019. Crashes by month: 1 in February, 1 in June, 1 in September, 2 in October, 1 in November, and 1 in December.

Based on available data, there have been eight accidents at the intersection of High, French, and Ward Streets this year. Seven of the accidents occurred at High and French Streets and one accident occurred at High and Ward Streets.

Once again, the Traffic Committee thanks the citizens of Hingham for their ongoing interest in suggesting ways to improve the free and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian movement within the streets and sidewalks of Hingham. Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, please send a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Glenn Olsson, Hingham Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Glenn A. Olsson, Chair (Represented by Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy)
Chief Steven Murphy (Represented by Deputy Chief William Powers)
Randy Sylvester, Department of Public Works
William Ramsey, Planning Board
Daniel Miller Dempsey
Matthew Person

Traffic Safety Division

Persons Injured/Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes in 2019

Fatal.....	0
Motor Vehicle Crashes with Injury.....	154
Motor Vehicle Crashes without Injury.....	915
Total Motor Vehicle Crashes.....	1,097

Other Facts

Town of Hingham (Square Miles).....	23
Town of Hingham Road Miles.....	131
Town of Hingham State Highways (Routes 3, 3A, 228 and 53).....	4

Motor Vehicle Citations Issued in 2019

Warnings (No Fine).....	4,082
Civil (Fine)	599
Criminal/Arrests (from Motor Vehicle Stops)	258
Total Issued.....	4,940

Parking Tickets Issued in 2019

Total Issued.....	283
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Motor Vehicle Crashes Facts and Figures Previous (5 Years)

<u>Year</u>	<u>MV Crashes</u>	<u>Fatals</u>	<u>Injuries From</u>
2014	776*	0	57
2015	839*	1	63
2016	855*	2	58
2017	813*	0	67
2018	1,066*	0	118

*Includes all crashes documented and/or investigated in Hingham (except on Route 3), including crashes that were reported after the fact, crashes off road (such as in parking lots) and minor crashes where Officers responded.

Harbormaster

Dredging was a popular discussion around the harbor this year as many mariners found navigating the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin challenging due to the shallow water. In 2019, Town Meeting voted to establish a Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund to receive funds from mooring permits, boat excise tax, and other harbor revenues and to raise, borrow, or transfer funds for the dredging of Hingham harbor. These articles supported the Harbormaster's application to the Massachusetts Dredging Program, which resulted in the award of 50% of the dredging cost up to \$2 million.



Harbormaster Ken Corson accepts the two million dollar Massachusetts Dredging Program grant from Lt. Governor Karen Polito.

The dredging project was awarded to Cashman Dredging & Marine Infrastructure Co., LLC, for \$2.8 million. All moorings and boats were removed from the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin by October 1, 2019. Cashman began dredging a few days later. Working around the clock with minimal shutdowns, the project was complete by November 6. The entire mooring basin was dredged except the area under the private marinas because this material was not approved for offshore disposal.

The dredging project was a mammoth victory that resulted in the removal of almost 63,000 cubic yards of material producing a consistent -6 feet of water depth at low tide. Throughout the project, many people including

young children were seen watching the massive equipment working just off the shoreline.



Cashman's dredge FJ BELESIMO and scow EDDIE CARROLL working in the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin. The mud bucket holds about 20 cubic yards of material.

The Harbormaster's Office responded to over 193 calls for service this year. Below are several of the reported calls.

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| 6 Accidents | 4 Municipal Aid |
| 2 Groundings | 2 Sinking Boats |
| 1 Hazmat Spill | 2 Stolen Boats |
| 2 Investigations | 1 Suicide Death |
| 11 Medical Aids | 6 Suspicious Activity |

The World's End Mooring Area accommodated approximately 233 transient mooring rentals in addition to the numerous boats that have customarily anchored in this area. The anchored boats and large rafts presented numerous issues including noise complaints, disturbances, and soft unreported groundings.

The pumpout boat spent approximately 400 hours providing services to pump over 6,000 gallons of waste from approximately 493 boats.

This was the last season for Jake Handrahan and Max Goldstein as Assistant Harbormasters. They will continue to serve our community as Patrolmen. A hiring process is underway to meet staffing requirements.



Vessel being dewatered by a tow company after hitting a rock off Hingham's Bumpkin Island and being rescued by a Harbormaster boat.

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 remain our highest priority. We are always open to questions and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Animal Control

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

The Animal Control Officer was involved in a number of activities this past year:

- Patrolled Bare Cove Park and enforced the “off-leash” program.
- Educated the public about coyotes.
- Partnered with the Veteran’s Services Department to administer the “Vets and Pets” fund, which helps support Hingham Vets and their pets in need of care, grooming, food, supplies, emergency boarding, and training.
- Collaborated with the Board of Health Hoarding Task Force.
- Assisted Elder Services to check on seniors and their pets.
- Promoted animal and wildlife safety in classrooms, at community events, and with the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Animal Control Statistics - 2019

Licensed Dogs	1,800
Calls to duty	718
Barn Inspections	15
Citations	6
Kennel Inspections	5
Loose dogs	18
Quarantines	31
Roadkill pickups	73

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Badger,
Animal Control Officer



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 LSA 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 continued to work with Habitat for Humanity on the development of 302-304 Whiting Street. Habitat has submitted to the state a LIP application, a Local Initiative Program Application, including a request for a local preference. Habitat is seeking to subdivide the property into two new affordable units to add to our Town's affordable housing inventory. With the approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Habitat will proceed to work with the Town Boards to assure a quality development. This past year the Trust also has worked with the Town to identify tax title properties that might be a good location for an affordable home. The benefit of this approach is that the

properties are owned by the Town and it spreads the affordable units throughout the entire town.

The Trust purchased a single family home at 499 Cushing Street and is currently investigating the possibility of developing a second affordable unit on the property. The Trust also purchased a two family home at 29-31 Rhodes Circle. With the assistance of Emily Wentworth we obtained a state grant to make necessary repairs and improvements to the property. Upon completion of the work the Trust will either rent or sell the units as affordable units.

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

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim White, Chair	Joseph Fisher, Selectmen liaison
Brittan DuBose	Anita Comerford
Mike MacDonald	Greg Waxman
Nancy Kerber	Al Chambers
Kathleen Amonte	Amy Farrell

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 committee met on multiple occasions over the past year to review the following reports as prepared by Clifton Larson Allen (CLA):

- Town of Hingham "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report" (CAFR);
- Town of Hingham "GAO and Uniform Guidance Reports Year Ended June 30, 2019";
- Town of Hingham "Contributory Retirement System Pension Plan Schedules for the Year Ending December 31, 2018";

Key findings from the auditors in the reports:

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

The 2019 Audit was the second year of engagement with Clifton Larson Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Bare Cove Park Committee

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 safe, fun, and full of life. October 2019 marked the 45th Anniversary of the opening of Bare Cove Park in the Town of Hingham.

The Bare Cove Park Committee manages the day-to-day operations within the park, meeting regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Hingham Town Hall, or at the Green Dock House Building in Bare Cove Park during warmer months. We have posted useful information on the Town's website about Bare Cove Park, including the park's history, park regulations, a printable map, dog permit application, and a contact email to reach us.

Ranger Scott McMillan continues to do a great job keeping the park in excellent condition for year-round use. In addition to summer mowing of the roadsides and fields and the winter snow plowing, he provides many other services to make the park an enjoyable place to visit, including removing invasive plants, trimming back branches from roads and trails, and maintaining the vistas of the river for all to enjoy.



The Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia (Museum) Display at the Green Dock House is a popular attraction. It is open once a month from March through October and staffed by Ranger McMillan and a group of volunteers. Ranger McMillan can be reached through Town Hall, and he is always willing to open the Museum for groups or special events.

We had an active road race series in Bare Cove Park during 2019. The MR8 Race for Peace annual road race had more than 500 runners participating. 600 runners took part in the Hingham Road Race/Cambridge 5K. Coop's Troop annual walk/run held in July had 400 participants, while more than 400 runners participated in the Beantown Marathon in September. This event is Bare Cove Park's annual fundraiser as well as the final qualifier for the Boston Marathon the following spring. Finally, the family-friendly Renegade Run Obstacle Course Race attracted over 700 participants.

The Committee has formed a working group to focus on improved signage with rules/regulations at the park entrances, off-leash program signs within the park, and the park's history, etc. We are looking forward to a less intrusive, simplified, consistent approach to signage.

Other notable 2019 events include:

- Luke Turnak from Troop 4 completed his Eagle Scout Project in the park in 2019, which resulted in the installation of a new kiosk near the new entrance to the park from The Cove residential apartments next to Lynch Field.
- Ms. Lisa Adams donated a bench along the river in memory of her husband John Adams, who loved the park and walked here often with Lisa and their dogs.
- The Friends of Bare Cove Park Account Donated to SNAP and Hingham Food Bank at Christmas time 2019 from funds donated from the Hingham Road Race/Cambridge 5K.
- Thank you to the Hingham High school Girls lacrosse team who cleaned out the debris from the triangle garden in the late fall. In addition, the High School Boys Baseball Team cleaned up, raked, and removed debris at the entrance to park. Both areas look great as a result.
- We have been in discussions with the Hingham High School Rowing Team regarding long-term solutions to improve rowing team access and support at the park in front of the Green Dock House area.

This spring, we entered a very exciting collaboration with the Hingham Land Conservation Trust to plant a Pollinator Garden in the Triangle Garden by the main park entrance. This is an extensive multi-year project and we are grateful for their guidance and project management. This project also includes the South Shore Massachusetts Chapter of Wild Ones Organization, Hingham Conservation Commission, and Hingham High School botany class/club. Site preparation is underway and planting is set for May 16th.

The Off-Leash Dog Walking Permit Program with Rules and Regulations for Bare Cove Park was promulgated by the Board of Selectmen in its capacity as the Board of Park Commissioners for the Town/Bare Cove Park in July of 2017. The Town has issued 504 permits to date. We are very appreciative of the efforts of Hingham ACO Leslie Badger and Ranger Scott McMillan. Their diligence and persistence has helped make this program a success for all visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Matthews, Chair
Francis Rocket
Lauren Murphy
Claudia Eaton, Secretary
Ray O'Neill
Rik Johnson, Treasurer
DeWitt DeLawter
Leah Godfrey

Trustees of the Bathing Beach

The Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach met regularly throughout 2019. Some of our meetings were held jointly with the Harbor Development Committee to help advance shared interests/concerns.

In 2019, the Trustees working with DPW Superintendent Randy Sylvester advanced the new bath house/snack stand project. The selected bidder on the project, Triumph Modular of Littleton, MA, constructed the nearly 2,700 square foot structure. Final punch list and site work should be completed soon, allowing for a summer 2020 opening.

Greg Acerra of Fireking, the snack stand vendor, has worked closely with the project architects and the Town in coordinating the kitchen design and construction. Site work for the project, including bringing all essential utilities (electric, gas, sewer, and water) to the building location, was substantially completed in 2019 with final grading, tree planting, and associated site work to be completed in spring 2020. We would like to extend our thanks to Town Administrator Tom Mayo, Building Commissioner Michael Clancy, DPW Administrative Assistant Liz Welch, and Town Counsel Susan Murphy for their efforts in helping us advance the bath house/snack stand project during 2019.



Working jointly with the Harbor Development Committee (HDC), Community Preservation funds that were approved at the 2018 Town Meeting allowed the Town to extend the brick boardwalk from its southern terminus along the beach parking lot across the "gazebo parcel" toward the boat ramp parking lot. This extension, when added to the prior boardwalk along the Bathing Beach and last year's project through the "Grove," provides over 1,200 linear feet of continuous brick surface pedestrian walkway along our beautiful inner harbor as initially envisioned in the 2007 Harbor Master Plan.

Another successful collaboration with HDC resulted in utilizing a \$5,000 grant received through the Greenbush Preservation Trust for designing and constructing the first three historical/interpretive signs with imagery along the Inner Harbor to highlight the area's changes and diverse waterfront history. A second Greenbush Grant received in 2019 will provide for three additional interpretive signs that will be installed in 2020. Kudos in particular to the Harbor Signage Working Group and its Chair, Bruce MacAloney of HDC, for leading this initiative.

We would also like to thank the Hingham DPW for their ongoing efforts in preparing our parking lot for the summer season, trash removal, managing sand and grading/shaping the beach, maintaining the grass area along Route 3A and in the Grove area, and for their coordination of a geese control program. In addition, thank you to the Hingham High School seniors who helped with pre-season beach cleanup during the Harbormen Helping Hingham Day and to all the lifeguards and personnel who helped make our past season so enjoyable for beach-goers.

On Saturdays from mid-spring to late fall, the Bathing Beach parking lot provided the Hingham Farmer's Market a highly visible location from which to operate. Our parking lot also served the Hingham Nursery School's Touch a Truck Program in September and the Congregational Church's Christmas tree sales.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Daly
Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault, Chair

Hingham Beautification Commission

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

The commission began formal meetings in April. There are 11 garden sites throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC. There are also several container "gardens" designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons. About 200 hours were spent this year by the Commission in planning, decorating, and mostly in maintaining these sites. The maintenance is backbreaking work of weeding and trimming plant material in busy traffic islands...and often in the hot sun!

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

We are an organization comprised of eight women (and occasional volunteers) who all work very hard. We also receive a lot of help from the Department of Public Works. Frankly, without their help, we probably would not still exist as it is quite a bit of work to maintain the islands throughout Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spaziani, Chair
Carolyn Aliski
Patricia Bray
Patricia Collins
Suzanne Harnden
Jennifer Sullivan
Margaret Coleman
Susan Kiley

Cable TV Advisory Committee

In 2019, the Committee continued to focus on advising the Board of Selectmen on the content and quality of programming on our Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) channels, in partnership with Harbor Media (formerly known as Hingham Cable Access and Media or HCAM), our local non-profit community media hub.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the Town will soon be rolling out an additional High Definition (HD) channel on Verizon, which will be followed by an HD channel on Comcast.

The Committee successfully negotiated a 10-year cable license renewal with Comcast. Highlights of the license renewal include:

- License term: August 2019 to August 2029
- Comcast Cable subscribers as of December 31, 2018 – 4,731
- PEG Access Annual Support – 4.85% of Gross Annual Revenues, the maximum allowed under the Federal Cable Act (PEG access support in the previous license was 4.2%)
- Capital Support for PEG Access – \$250,000 paid in 10 equal installments of \$25,000 per year on or before October 1st of each year (beginning on October 1, 2019)
- Comcast will make available one HD Access Channel for PEG access purposes, available within 48 months of the Effective Date of the renewal license
- I-Net Decommission Agreement – Comcast shall provide a one-time payment to the Town in the amount of \$60,000 for the purpose of supporting the Town's cable-related needs within 90 days of the execution of the renewal license
- Senior Discount Side letter – voluntarily provided by Comcast, which adds two additional criteria for financial qualification that are often not included in cable company senior discount letters: Massachusetts Fuel Assistance and Property Tax Elderly Asset/Income Abatement Relief under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5

We are pleased to include Dr. Paul Austin, Superintendent of Schools, as the school representative to the Committee, and look forward to increasing interaction with Hingham public schools. We also plan on updating our by-laws in the coming months to reflect the current committee structure.

I wish to thank all of the Committee members for their due diligence in bringing the Comcast license to a successful closure and giving their time and expertise to provide excellent cable access to the Town of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Jones, Chair

John Rice, Vice Chair

Jeff Cutler, Recording Secretary

Chris Baron

Michael Leary

Paul Austin, Superintendent of Schools

Farzad Wafapoor, Harbor Media Representative

Cleaner Greener Hingham

The Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee (LRWDRC) was renamed to Cleaner Greener Hingham (CGH) in 2018 to highlight our commitment to help the town become greener in our waste and recycling practices through education and outreach activities. The LRWDRC has been supporting waste and recycling issues for the town of Hingham since being formed by Town Meeting in 1974. The goal of this report is to provide residents with a recap of waste disposal and recycling operations at Hingham's Transfer Station in 2019 as well as to recap our education and outreach efforts. Difficulties in the recycling markets made 2019 a challenging year due to the continuing changes and general downturn precipitated by China's National Sword policy (refusing most mixed recyclables since 2017). As a result, some recyclables now cost more to process than the disposal of trash. Fortunately, because Hingham remains a source-separated transfer station (as opposed to cities and towns that have costly single stream recycling), the impact on the town was minimized.

Despite frequent news reports about the current dismal state of recycling, our recycling is not going into the trash. The MA Department of Environmental Protection does not allow that. Our recycling vendors sell recyclables when markets open and stockpile them until that time arrives. Companies who purchase materials value clean uncontaminated materials which is why our DPW stresses the need to keep our recycling streams as clean as possible. This means residents are encouraged to rinse containers before recycling and to not mix materials. Only with "clean" collections can we expect to send our recyclables for processing at the best possible rates. We ask residents to "Stop and Ask" helpful Transfer Station staff before putting materials they are unsure about into the recycling areas. In addition, residents who are looking for more information can refer to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative's website which has a handy tool called "Recycling 101" to help answer most questions about how to recycle specific materials. Just go to SSRC <http://ssrcoop.info/> and look for the Recycling 101 and Recycling A-Z tabs.

Both our recycling processor and our waste processor are inspecting loads carefully and failing to properly sort has repercussions. As an example, a recent plastics load was rejected due to contamination from plastic bags and plastic films, elevating costs for that particular load. Our recycling company can no longer process plastic bags and therefore, the designated plastic bag recycling chute at the Transfer Station was recently removed.

Plastic bags and plastic films are accepted at local grocery stores where they are collected by a local plastic lumber manufacturer. Increased costs for specific recyclables and ways to reduce the impact on our bottom line is detailed below.

Cleaner Greener Hingham's educational and advocacy efforts support the town of Hingham's household solid waste disposal operations and encourage Reduce and Reuse before Recycle, encouraging residents to be thoughtful about what is purchased so as to reduce the amount disposed as recycling and trash. 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

- 4,455 residential and 161 commercial Transfer Station permits were issued in 2019.
- The town receives payment for the following recycled materials: corrugated cardboard, metal cans, other metals, textiles, and automotive and rechargeable batteries.
- The recycling of items containing mercury (fluorescent tubes and ballasts, CFL's, thermostats and thermometers) and books are picked up at no cost to the town and recycled by special vendors.
- All other materials collected for recycling are processed for a fee.
- The clothing and textile bins continued to collect all types of household textiles that will either be reused as is or repurposed in the textile and upholstery industry. The textiles collected, ranging from rags to fine clothing, totaled 108 tons which reduced our municipal waste costs by \$16,815 (through saving \$8,964 in disposal costs and generating \$7,851 in receipts for the Town).
- The three commodities with greatest increases in recycling costs again this year are electronics, plastic, and glass. We encourage residents to make use of recycling programs that are paid for by the manufacturers rather than town taxes when possible (i.e. return used electronics to Staples and Best Buy where most electronics are accepted for recycling and the costs are paid by the electronics manufacturers and bring any glass bottles with deposits to bottle redemption centers where the costs of recycling are paid for by the bottlers.)
- The Transfer Station is a busy place, especially on weekends. A total of 404,530 vehicles came to the transfer station in 2019. Residents are encouraged to visit on weekdays when parking is plentiful and there are no lines!

- The Transfer Station purchased a new container to expand the indoor storage options available at the Swap. The Swap allows residents to “recycle” household goods, books, sporting equipment, toys and some small pieces of wooden furniture. The swap does not accept carpets, upholstered furniture or mattresses – those items need to go elsewhere at the Transfer Station.



The container on the left was recently purchased to expand indoor storage at the Swap

Plastic Bag Reduction and Encourage Reusable Bags Bylaw

Cleaner Greener Hingham invested many hours to promote a bylaw to eliminate plastic shopping bags from all stores and restaurants in Hingham which passed at Town Meeting in April. The bylaw went into effect on November 1, 2019 and bans all single use plastic shopping bags and encourages the use of re-usable bags as the best practice and most environmentally sound approach for our town. Re-usable bags save on costs incurred by the town for paper bag recycling and disposal, while at the same time avoiding the higher carbon footprint of making and transporting paper bags as well as the added cost of recycling them. The Fruit Center was a leader in this effort, eliminating plastic shopping bags as of May 1, 2019 and encouraging customers to bring reusable bags by charging customers a nickel for each paper bag.



2019 Initiatives and Educational Programs

- CGH continued to work in conjunction with DPW, the School Department, the Board of Health and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative to educate and advocate for common sense, environmentally friendly and fiscally sound waste reduction and recycling practices.

Additional Town-Based Efforts in 2019

- Posted Green Tips on the Town of Hingham Facebook page, addressing ways to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse/Compost and Recycle correctly.
- Assisted with the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in May to respond to residents' questions about recycling. Hingham collected toxic substances from 166 households, thereby keeping those hazardous waste items out of the municipal waste stream.
- Organized the second annual Hingham Clean Up on Earth Day on April 7, 2019. We thank the 50 or so volunteers of all ages who scoured Bare Cove Park and The Shipyard. Once again, the DPW helped by picking up bags at each location.



Volunteers collected and sorted litter for recycling and disposal

- Prepared three Recycling News newsletters for town residents, with information about such topics as the importance of careful sorting of recyclables to keep our costs down, correct recycling of plastic bags and films and of contact lenses. summertime waste reduction, holiday green tips. Newsletters are posted on the Cleaner Greener webpage of the Town's website. If you would like to receive notice when a newsletter is released, sign up on Town's website "Notify me" announcements from Cleaner Greener Hingham.
- Worked with the Hingham Farmers' Market to offer consistent recycling of bottles and cans and to promote reusable shopping bags.
- Supported the Hingham Schools recycling program through participation in the All Schools Recycling and Green Activities meeting.

- Responded to questions posed about waste and recycling on the Hingham Pinboard and Hingham Discussion Board Facebook pages.
- Created an informational display at the Hingham Library and Town Hall on the proposed bag bylaw.
- Created and distributed window stickers to all businesses in Hingham to remind customers to bring reusable bags (see photo above).
- Continued to work with the schools to keep a consistent program going to get paper trays from school lunches to the Transfer Station's compost area, allowing for them to be composted into re-use as soil amendments and keeping them out of the trash. This program is going well and we congratulate the schools for this important Reuse action!
- Supported the Re-Use activities of the Swap Shoppe where items that can be re-used are made available by town residents to other residents, thereby reducing the town's total waste and waste costs.
- Worked with the Hingham Congregational Church to reduce waste at Taste of Hingham by composting plates at the Transfer Station and taking food waste for composting at Weir River Farm.
- Worked with Eagle Scout Griffin Brown whose project was to install new shadow box displays at the recycling areas of the Transfer Station. Each box has a QR code that smart phone users can click on to get more information about recycling at the Transfer Station.

Hingham's Community Redeemable Bottle and Can Collection Program

This fundraising program continued to benefit local youth organizations. In exchange for bottle and can redemption proceeds, this year 24 youth groups performed the following community services in exchange for the funds received (which is valued at approximately \$24,000):

- Cleanup at More-Brewer Park
- Cleanup at Bare Cove Park
- Cleaned Book Shelves at Hingham Library Circulation Dept.
- Shelving and helping at Hingham Library Children's and Young Adult Dept.
- Decorated Veterans Graves at Old Ship
- Cleanup at Carlson Field
- Volunteered for Bare Cove Park Race
- Stocked and organized shelves at Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry
- Teach to Skate program
- Cleanup at Elementary Schools
- Distributed flags for the 50 Flags Campaign
- Cleanup at Lehner Conservation property
- Placed flags at Forth Hill Cemetery
- 5th Graders at Senior Center

- Repair/Update Recycle Boxes at Transfer Station - Troop 1 Eagle Scout Project
- Plymouth River School - Playground Eagle Project
- Cleanup, weeding, raking at Plymouth River School - Plymouth River Green Team
- Decorating US Veteran's graves
- Cleanup at Cranberry and Foundry Ponds, Burns Memorial Conservation
- Cleanup at Skate Park and road leading to Bare Cove Park
- Prepared Thanksgiving donations for delivery at Hingham Food Pantry

Committee Goals for 2020

In addition to ongoing efforts to educate the Hingham community about the economic and environmental benefits of recycling, the Cleaner Greener Hingham's goals for 2019 include:

- Continue an awareness campaign regarding the importance of adopting the reusable bag habit.
- Educate residents on the importance of careful sorting of recyclables and keeping our collections free of materials that are not accepted in order to keep our costs down and potentially generate revenues from high quality (non-contaminated) recyclables.
- Sponsor a Third Annual Town-wide cleanup in April, an opportunity to remove litter and beautify our town.
- A town-wide "Level-up Hingham" awareness campaign with a particular focus on greening up the 4th of July and Christmas in the Square, trash and recycling at sports fields around town, and the waste generated by picnickers' take-out from the new snack shack at the Bathing Beach.
- Continue to educate about the importance of Refuse and Reduce, the first steps in overall waste reduction including: refusing things you do not need such as single use cups, straws, bags and using reusable water bottles, cold drink tumblers, coffee cups, shopping bags, lunch carriers, and home composting.
- Strategies to reduce food waste by altering purchasing habits.
- Continue to research how other Massachusetts town are dealing with food waste collection for composting at their Transfer Stations and determine how Hingham could do this to help the approximately 25-35% of household trash by weight get to a compost facility thereby reducing the waste that gets incinerated and waste costs.
- Develop strategic partnerships with town committees with shared goals.
- Work with the Hingham Public Library to develop a tool lending library.

- Showcase Hingham as an environmentally concerned community and a leader in green initiatives.
- Assist and educate residents at the Annual Household Hazardous Waste collection on May 16, 2020. Information about what hazardous materials will be accepted at the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day is included at the end of this report.
- Educating residents about a proposed statewide ban on plastic bags in order to reduce plastic bag litter and help residents adopt reduce and re-use strategies to keep our waste and waste costs down.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ayer
Steve Collins
Katie Gallacher
Stephen Jiranek
Janice McPhillips, Chair
Christine Nielsen
Katie Puzo
Peter Stathopoulos
David White
Maria Zade



Community Preservation Committee

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

The Town obtains community preservation funds not only via monies from the Commonwealth but also from a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes (effective July 1, 2001). The state matching grants payable each November 15th are based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount collected by the Town Community Preservation Fund for the year ended June 30, 2018 was approximately \$1,046,814 from local taxes and \$199,050 from the State grant. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of three Community Resource categories: Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of these categories, or for recreational projects, as the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and Town Meeting see fit.

Note: CPC also had \$47,271 in funds that had been returned to the Committee because projects previously voted for were either completed under budget or cancelled.

CPC is comprised of nine people, five of whom are appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Hingham Housing Authority, and the Recreation Commission and four of whom are citizens-at-large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The latter four serve a three-year term that can be extended by one term. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies, citizens, and other town entities such as non-profits 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.

Last year, after reviewing several applications, CPC's recommendations to the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen included a total of eight projects, three historic preservation projects, one housing project, and one administrative allocation. A total of \$725,545 was recommended and approved by the 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the following specific projects.

Affordable Housing projects:

- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Opportunity Funding Program

Historic Preservation projects:

- Restoration of gravestones at Liberty Plain Cemetery
- Repair of mechanism and ropes of six bells in the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower
- Stabilization of the Historic Society's Old Ordinary and Annex

Recreation projects:

- Town-wide study of Hingham's athletic fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts
- Contingency funding for the construction of the bathhouse/concession stand at the Bathing Beach
- Bringing the playground at the Plymouth River School into compliance with the Commonwealth's accessibility laws.

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

The Committee wishes to thank Carol Pyles, Chair, and Jenn Gay Smith, Planning Board representative, for serving on CPC and welcomes new members Kirsten Moore and Judy Sneath. Finally, appreciation and thanks to CPC Administrator Carol Costello for her tireless efforts on CPC's behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Pyles, Chair (Moderator's Appt.)
Larry Lindner, Vice Chair (Selectmen's Rep.)
Kevin Burke (Historical Rep.)
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Rep.)
Dan White (Moderator's Appt.)
Robert Mosher (Conservation Rep.)
Bill Harrington (Selectmen's Appt.)
Jennifer Gay Smith (Planning Rep.)
James R. Watson (Housing Rep.)

Country Club Management Committee

The Country Club Management Committee (CCMC), in anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of the South Shore Country Club (SSCC) in 2022, focused its attention in 2019 on planning for the future. Proposals for both a new Town pool and a Turf Care Center have been presented to Town leadership as important capital investments to be made on the grounds of the SSCC.

Both of these projects are the result of the CCMC's efforts to address the long-term capital infrastructure needs and the fiscal sustainability of the South Shore Country Club. As a designated Enterprise Fund, the SSCC is expected to operate as a self-sufficient entity, including the servicing of its own debt. To this end, the CCMC has reduced its operating expenses by \$100,000 and retired its irrigation bond debt in 2019. This enables the Committee to begin to better address the many infrastructure needs at the SSCC.

The 60+ year-old Town pool came to the end of its useful life at the conclusion of the 2019 summer swimming season. It has been determined that the structure housing the pool can no longer support the weight and operation of the pool or accommodate the golf course maintenance facility underneath it. In response to this closure, the CCMC developed proposals for both a new seasonal pool and Turf Care Center. The proposed Turf Care Center would be built near its current location at the SSCC and will be appropriately funded by the SSCC from golf course revenue.

The SSCC continues to grow the game of golf through our Junior Golf program, lessons, and summer golf camps. The SSCC had 75 Junior members in 2019. We have also had great success with our weekly Wednesday Ladies' Night lessons. The three golf simulators, which were recently acquired by the SSCC, continue to provide golf enjoyment, golf lesson opportunities, and a positive revenue stream during the slower winter months. New golf course and athletic field equipment, including mowers and spreaders, were also purchased this year as we continue to invest in our golf course, while providing field maintenance support services across Hingham's playing fields.

The Alley, our ten-lane bowling facility, continues to serve Hingham's serious candlepin bowlers, as well as seniors and families looking for alternative recreational activities, primarily in the winter months. While leagues, birthday parties, and corporate events are happening regularly

and year-around at the facility, there are still plenty of times available for walk-in bowlers and families.

We continue to support Hingham's 4th of July Parade Committee, soliciting sponsors, participants, and organizing the Selectmen's Cup tournament. This tournament is a major annual fundraiser for the Parade Committee.

In addition to the fundraising events hosted by the SSCC for the Hingham 4th of July Parade and other local charities, we also host the Annual Hingham Scramble Golf Championship. This year's Championship was enjoyed by over 100 participants and raised funding specifically designated for capital improvements to our golf course. This year's tournament funds will be used for improvements to several golf course tee box areas and bunker restorations.

As a Town-owned and operated facility, the SSCC is also honored to partner and host numerous camps during the summer, including the renowned Special Needs Athletic Program (SNAP) and Hingham Recreation's Summer Sports Camp. We are the Home of Hingham High School Boys and Girls Golf teams. We look forward to continuing these partnerships in the years to come.

The South Shore Country Club continues to be recognized as a premier public course in Massachusetts. It was selected by The Massachusetts Golf Association (MGA) to host the Southeast Amateur Qualifier in 2019 and has been chosen by the MGA as the site for the 2020 Women's Senior Golf Championship. We believe being selected for these important golf events is an acknowledgement of the quality of our course and the professional skill of the SSCC staff.



The CCMC and SSCC staff continue to believe that the South Shore Country Club is a fantastic and important asset of the Town of Hingham and we are excited about the future of the Club. We support continued investment in the Club's infrastructure, including the proposed new Town pool and the Turf Care Center.

In addition, we are grateful for and very appreciative of the continuing support we receive from the Town of Hingham, its citizens, SSCC permit holders, and patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smith, Chair
Jack Baily
Susan Sullivan
Sean Toland
William Friend

Department of Elder Services

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

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

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

2019 was a year of transitions for the Senior Center. After 15 years of service, the longtime Director, Barbara Farnsworth, retired in late March. The Department of Elder Services, the Council on Aging Board, and the seniors at large recognized and thanked Barbara for her efforts on behalf of Hingham's senior community. The Town welcomed Jennifer Young as the new Director of Elder Services and the Hingham Senior Center. Jennifer came from the Plymouth Center for Active Living where she served as Director for two years and as an Outreach Worker for 7 years. In May 2019, Administrative Assistant Diane Picot left her position and the Center welcomed Terry McDonald into that role. Before coming to the Senior Center, Terry was employed for three years part-time in the Town's Land Use and Development Department.

Our monthly publication, *"The Central Times"* underwent several revisions to maximize available space, make it easier to read, and to pique the interest of residents who claim to be "too young" to come to the Center. 3,450 copies of the newsletter are distributed monthly to residents of Hingham. *The Central Times* can be picked up at the Senior Center or found online at <https://ourseniorcenter.com/find/hingham-council-on-aging>.

In July, the Senior Center introduced *"My Senior Center"* information management system to the general public. The staff and volunteers

worked very hard to consolidate several databases into one web based application which provides a more complete story of individuals served by the department. Attendance records, consultation services, medical and non-medical transportation, program registration, volunteer hours and demographic information are easily accessible and analyzed by the system for simpler data interpretation. The system also allows for "all calls" to be made when information needs to be sent out immediately across the Senior Center's membership base.

The Department wishes to acknowledge the staff and volunteers for the many hours spent consolidating information for My Senior Center, issuing over 1,000 new scan cards, updating participant information, and orienting volunteers and participants to the system.

Due to the late implementation of the program in July, the following data presented represents the second half of calendar year 2019, July 1 through December 31.

Senior Center Membership

Number of total members:	10,851 people have profiles in the system
Number of active members:	980
Registered email addresses:	1,042
Demographics:	74.4% Female, 24.7% Male

Volunteers

114 Active Volunteers logged 3,805 hours between July 2019 and December 31, 2019. According to the website, www.independantsector.org, the value of a volunteer in 2018 in Massachusetts was \$32.15 per hour. Volunteers saved the Town \$122,333 during those 6 months, or 4.2 FTEs. The Senior Center would not function without the efforts of our tremendous volunteers. Volunteers provide transportation services, reception, facilitate programs and support groups, coordinate Life Long Learning, serve meals, perform data entry, program registration, graphic design, gardening, technology assistance, and much more.



Volunteers Caroline Pettiti and Carol Buccella

In September, the COA Board and Senior Center staff held the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Black Rock Country Club. Nearly 100 volunteers attended the event.

In November, the Volunteer of the Month Program was implemented. The Senior Center formally recognizes one volunteer each month that has gone above and beyond in their role during their tenure. The volunteer is featured in the monthly newsletter, *The Central Times*, with a photo and a brief description of what they do for the Senior Center.

Transportation

The Senior Center had 14 part-time volunteer shuttle drivers that provided 68 individuals 1,153 non-medical rides. The shuttle operates four days a week taking seniors to grocery stores, the pharmacy, the senior center, the library, the hair salon, etc. The Department of Elder Services employs two part-time grant funded transportation coordinator/ dispatch positions, and three part-time municipal funded medical drivers. From July-December, the department provided 74 individuals with 653 rides to and from medical appointments. These critical services support the independence of home bound seniors, allowing them to age in place in their own home.

Programs

From July through December of 2019, 980 active individuals participated in 11,008 programs. The most popular programs are fitness classes and games followed by Pat LaLiberte's art classes and "What's Cooking with Joyce". The Discovery Committee attracted 58 individuals to 9 Life Long Learning Courses. The Senior Center hosted two high dose flu shot clinics which brought in 34 seniors during the daytime and evening hours. The Senior Center serves as home base for the O.P.A.L.S chorus and the Grand Uke's ukulele players. AARP offers a free simple tax preparation service within the center annually. Staffed entirely by five volunteers, they complete 600 tax filings annually.



Outreach

The Department's Outreach Coordinator provided services to 117 individuals 251 times. SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) and information and referral questions are the most prevalent reasons for seeking outreach assistance followed by subsidized housing requests and general inquiries. Four volunteer SHINE Counselors assist 125 individuals annually. Open enrollment takes place from October to December annually. Our dedicated volunteers work overtime to help

individuals select the health care coverage that best meets their unique medical and financial needs.

Outreach provides assistance with completing applications for a variety of subsidized assistance programs including SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Fuel Assistance.

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

Accreditation

Before her retirement, Barbara Farnsworth submitted the Senior Center's application for Accreditation through the National Institute of Senior Centers. This achievement recognizes that the Hingham Senior Center performs within the top 2% of all senior centers across the country. The Hingham Senior Center has been accredited since 1977.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is an 11 seat advisory board, which meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm at the Senior Center. The COA members also serve on various committees to assist in achieving the mission and vision for the Senior Center and the Department of Elder Services. Committees are comprised of COA Board Members, staff, volunteers, and senior center patrons. 2019 committees included; Accreditation, Volunteer Program, 50th Anniversary, Annual Appeal, and Facilities.

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

The Council on Aging thanks outgoing COA Board Members Linda Hurley and Peter Nevins for their service to the seniors of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Young, Director
Dawn Sibor, Chair
Chrissy Roberts, Vice Chair
Gail K. Faring, Secretary
Debra Hoffman
David Alschuler

Kristen Arute
Eleanor Letterie
Linda Powers
Deborah Sullivan
Joe Millburg
Karen Johnson



Volunteers enjoying the Appreciation Luncheon (above) and residents donned their favorite hat for Mother's Day High Tea



Energy Action Committee

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

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

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

For the year 2019, the Committee had set as its goals the following:

- Assist Town Administration in designating projects and a grant application for making use of the \$142,232 Green Communities grant;
- Identify further projects and opportunities for, and assist the Town in preparing, competitive grant applications under the Green Communities program;
- Assist Town Administration in meeting the five-year goals set forth in the Energy Reduction Plan adopted by the Town; and
- Continue to identify and advocate for renewable energy use in the Town, such as additional solar arrays akin to those installed at the West Hingham MBTA train station.

The Committee is pleased to report that in 2019 it successfully made progress toward these goals. Following Hingham's designation as a Green Community in December of 2018, the Committee worked with Town Administration to identify and propose projects for the grant monies. Those projects were submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and accepted. Submissions for additional grant funding cannot be made until after 2020.

The Committee also proposed the creation of a climate action planning body to address achieving carbon reduction through the Town, including residences and the business community. The Committee met with the Board of Selectmen, engaged citizens groups, hosted a public forum, and

proposed a goal-setting body to evaluate achieving carbon neutrality for Hingham. That work continues into 2020.

Goals for 2020:

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

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy related matters are encouraged to contact us through energy@hingham-ma.com

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Cyr
Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Light Plant
Mikhail (Mike) Kacherovich
Ben Kerman
Brad E. Moyer, Chair
Beth Porter
Michael Reive
School Business Director ex-officio
Town Administrator ex-officio



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 work of the Committee is currently on hold while the Board of Selectmen identifies and evaluates potential sites for a new North Fire Station, which includes consideration of the development currently underway and anticipated in that part of the town. Once a site has been selected, our architects will finalize the design of the new station and the construction bidding process will begin, with the goal of presenting the design and a construction budget to Town Meeting at the earliest opportunity.

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 \$120,000 to date.

The Committee appreciates the support of the Town and thanks the many Town employees and elected and appointed officials who have worked with and supported us over the past few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg MacCune, Chair
Steve Murphy, Fire Chief
Tom Carey
Karen Griswold
Al Kearney
Mark Wilkin

Fourth of July Parade Committee

The Hingham 4th of July Parade Committee is pleased to report on its highly successful activities in 2019 resulting in another vibrant and patriotic parade enjoyed by everyone. This year's theme "Celebrate Hingham's Natural Beauty" highlighted Hingham's many wonderful natural resources.

The parade is entirely self-funded through numerous fundraising activities. The parade "day of" cost is approximately \$40,000 which pays for the bands, special acts, and banners; while the "all in" budget averages about \$55,000. The annual success of the parade is due to the year-long efforts of the Hingham 4th of July Parade Committee and the many generous supporters.

Jim Murphy completed his decade-long stewardship of the Parade Committee and was strongly supported by this year's committee, including Monica Conyngham, Gabby Roegner, Tom Hoffman, Dewitt DeLawter, Lynn Barclay, Jack Dean, George Ford (Uncle Sam), Mary Ellen Lahiff, Jeff Lally, Cassie McDermott, Mark Everett, and, Louis O'Dea. Parade day help included Carrie Murphy, Dan Lahiff, Jack Murphy, and Jamie Roegner.

As done in years' past, Hingham's 5th grade students were invited to participate in creating a design for the parade button, based on the selected theme. The Committee received hundreds of submissions from East School, Foster School, Plymouth River School, South School, and St.



Paul's School. The 2019 Hingham July 4th Parade Button winner was Sophia Kondracki (St. Paul School), who created an amazing sunset image of Hingham Harbor, featuring World's End, as seen from Hull. The drawing truly captured the theme! Sophia received a beautiful framed plaque, donated by Aisling Gallery of Hingham, with both her drawing and this year's button. Sophia, along with many of her friends, marched in the parade carrying the winning button design banner.

Sales of the buttons are just one of the fundraising items for the parade that date back to 1992, when the Parade Committee was officially created, with the charge to raise the appropriate funds to pay for the 4th of July Parade. Parade buttons are sold at a

variety of locations for a donation and sell quickly, requiring constant supply chain management by committee member Dewitt DeLawter. They are also sold on the day of the parade by the Hingham Rotary Club along the parade route and this year raised more than \$8,000.

The newly introduced 16-ounce reusable parade tumbler, designed with the July 4th parade logo, was available to purchase at Christmas in the Square, Taste of Hingham, and other events, as well as Acquired Goods. More than 200 tumblers have been sold and the Parade Committee will continue to sell them in 2020.

Another successful fundraiser is the Selectmen's Cup at South Shore Country Club. This year, more than 60 golfers participated and then enjoyed dinner provided by Rafael's under the tent. A live auction followed dinner and for those that couldn't attend the Selectmen's Cup or parade auction, they were able to get in on the auction action using a new on-line tool. Auction items included a Chef Wahlberg Experience at Alma Nove, lessons and a membership at South Shore Country Club, a family ride in the 4th of July Parade on a horse drawn carriage, a ride for kids with police and fire to school, The Greenside Grille Chef Experience in your own home, a Freedom Boat Cruise in Hingham Harbor, local jewelry, and gift certificates. This year, the golf tournament netted more than \$10,000 while the combined successes of the two auctions raised nearly \$7,500.

The 50 Flags Campaign for the Parade continues to grow every year as seen by the number of flags displayed between Memorial Day weekend and the week of July 4th. In eight years, the 50 Flags Campaign has grown from an inventory of 300 flags to more than 12,000 flags generating \$20,000 this year. Various high school athletic teams participated in the labor intensive flag installations and retrieval as a community service activity and received \$4,000 for their teams. Thank you to all who participated in this event that provided wonderful reminders of patriotism across all corners of Hingham.



After 28 years at the helm as editor of the Hingham Journal, now-retired Mary Ford was the Grand Marshal for the parade. The Parade also honored Hingham Citizen of the Year, retiring Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dot Gallo, and the Hingham Veteran of the Year, Jim Claypoole. Automobiles were provided by South Shore BMW and South Shore Mini, to help us showcase our special guests in style.



*Citizen of the Year, Dot Gallo;
Grand Marshal, Mary Ford;
Town Clerk, Eileen McCracken
get together before the parade.*

*Veteran of the Year,
Jim Claypoole*



The Parade Committee and Police Chief Olsson recognize safety as the most important part of the Fourth of July Parade. The mandatory safety meeting allows the Parade Committee and safety officials to explain the issues and safety concerns that are inherent when mixing large trucks and flatbeds with hundreds of children – both on the vehicles and those lining the parade route eager for candy! Months of planning and logistics are needed to orchestrate the parade, culminating with the float and group staging along Pleasant Street and extending onto Arnold Road; while the bands generally line up along the high school and into the Union Street parking lot. Housing for our largest band, the ever-growing 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps from Connecticut, was made available at Hingham High School.

The 2019 parade had a wide variety of participants from floats, bands, classic and antique cars, clowns, Scouts, sports teams, and elected officials. There were 29 registered floats and 14 bands spread out for the 1 and ½ hour parade. We welcomed three new bands this year: the New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, Kevin Barry Pipes & Drums, and the Mariachi

Emperadores. We hope to have them back in 2020! Thank you to the police, medical and safety staff, and DPW personnel who keep our day safe and clean, starting with the road race and culminating with the parade, and tens of thousands of spectators.

- Most Beautiful: Company Theater
- Most Patriotic: Hingham Youth Hockey – Pee Wee B2
- Best of Parade: South Shore Baptist Church “Into the Wild” Bible School
- Most Unique: Kids Cabaret ‘James and the Giant Peach’



The Parade Committee extends their appreciation and thanks to made the 2019 parade a success such as our many generous sponsors including are longest and strongest supporter AW Perry, the Hingham Rotary Club, local businesses, South Shore Country Club, Parade Auction donors and participants, Selectmen's Cup participants, our many volunteers, and the fantastic crowd of spectators!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Murphy, Chair



Selectman Joe Fisher riding in style



*State Representative Joan Meschino
and Uncle Sam*

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

2019 was another successful year for the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall. The G.A.R. Memorial Hall was built in 1888 as a meeting hall for veterans of the Civil War. G.A.R. Memorial Hall continues that tradition by hosting the monthly meetings of The American Legion Post 120, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6053, and The Hingham Militia. It is with delight and pleasure that we continue to see men and women Veterans join in these active groups and continue to utilize the hall as originally intended.

On Tuesday, April 30, the Hingham High School Class of 2021 visited G.A.R. Memorial Hall for the 10th Annual Sophomore Class American History Field Day. This is one of the most exciting events of the year at G.A.R. Hall! Special speakers included WWII veteran Hank Maude, Korean War veteran Herm Messmer, Vietnam War veteran Jack Darrow, Desert Storm veteran Joachim Borowski, Operation Iraqi Freedom mother-daughter veteran duo Marilyn Gonzales and Jessica Pedrazza of the Massachusetts Army National Guard 1058th Transportation Company, and Global War on Terrorism veteran and Senior Chief Petty Officer Keith Jermyn. The students and guests also viewed the historical uniforms, rifles, and military memorabilia that is on display around the hall, courtesy of Marine Corps veteran Scott McMillan and Navy veteran Don Lincoln. They had the opportunity to try on a standard 30 pound field pack and the 65 pounds of additional body armor worn by servicemen in the desert where temperatures soar to over 120 degrees.



Another annual event was the lunch offered to all Veterans and their families following the Memorial Day Celebration at Town Hall.

The Trustees continued their efforts in promoting G.A.R. Memorial Hall with such events as filming a video segment with Harbor Media as well as participating in Hingham's Museum Day.

The regularly scheduled Open House events at G.A.R. Memorial Hall, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 10am to 2pm, have seen many visitors stop by and view the Hall and its artifacts. The Open House presents an unguided tour of the hall open to the general public. The G.A.R. Hall Trustees continue to work with the Hingham Veterans' Council to identify local Veterans that staff the hall to welcome visitors.

Several Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies were held over the course of the year where the young men achieved the highest rank within the Boy Scouts organization. The boys represented Hingham Troops 1, 4, and 52. The Cub Scouts also held some 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.

This year, the G.A.R. Hall Trustees oversaw some general maintenance tasks such as knotweed removal issues on property and reworking heat condensate pump drainage. 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,

Scott McMillan, Chair
Robert Beal, Jr, Treasurer
Frank Sheelen, Secretary
Veterans Service Officer Keith Jermyn, Advisor

Harbor Development Committee

Continued attention to infrastructure, access, physical improvements along the waterfront and promoting Hingham harbor related issues remained the focus of the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) in 2019.

The HDC met monthly through 2019 and particularly targeted moving forward several town projects approved and funded by Hingham's 2015 and 2017 Annual Town Meetings (ATM). Selectman Joe Fisher served as the Committee's Selectmen liaison and Bathing Beach Trustees Alan Perrault, Ed Johnson and Chris Daly joined us in several meetings to advance harbor matters of mutual interest, including the Bath House/Snack Shop Project and further extension of the brick harbor walkway across the 'bandstand parcel' at the south end of the Bathing Beach parcel. The Committee acknowledges with appreciation the many years of service to our mission of retiring members Eric Kachel and Tom Coveney.

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

With those voter-approved funds in 2018, we proceeded with preparation of detailed engineering drawings and permitting work and reached conclusions on designs for each of the renovated wharves, including height, structural features and choice of materials. After informational hearings before the Conservation Commission and the Historic Districts Commission, both of whom approved HDC's recommendations, that conclusion was also ratified by the Board of Selectmen.

During 2019, design and permitting work continued with the initial emphasis on proceeding first with Town Pier. That work will continue in 2020 with the assistance of the new Town Engineer. State legislators and the Governor have been considering supplemental funding for municipal sea level rise initiatives and sources for that funding. The Seaport Economic Council is one source of potential grant opportunities for future

funding of actual construction. The Town is also eligible under the state Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) to apply for MVP Action Grants to improve climate change resiliency.

Dredging the Inner Harbor Basin – Hingham’s inner harbor basin area accumulates sand and silt over time, sand migrating from the bathing beach and silt flowing from Town Brook and alluvial tidal flows from the Home Meadows. Due to this recurring pattern, the Town has typically arranged to have the inner harbor basin dredged approximately every ten years. Town Meeting in April 2019 approved warrant articles for dredging the inner harbor and that work was completed in the fall of 2019, funded in part by accumulated reserves designated for dredging and a generous grant from the Mass. Department of Economic Development.

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

New Initiatives – In June 2018, the Greenbush Historic Preservation granted an award of approximately \$5,000 jointly to HDC and the Bathing Beach Trustees for the design, fabrication and installation of historical interpretive signage along the harbor front. Since then, a joint sub-committee has met numerous times to identify a clear topic-driven mission for the signage project and begin to develop a staged approach to align with further extensions of the Harbor Walkway already underway. Initial plans within the allowed funding resulted in installation of new signs at the first three locations, depicting three different periods of early commercial activity at the harbor. A second grant of \$5200 in 2019 from the same source has allowed the design of a second set of three signs capturing: 1) Hingham’s Evolving Waterfront, 2) The Shipbuilding Industry and 3) Looking Back at Downtown Hingham, which will be installed during 2020.

In April 2019, the harbor again benefitted from the third annual Harbormen Helping Hingham Day performed by HHS students as a public service. Under the direction of HDC and Bathing Beach Trustees, and with the help of the DPW, approximately 25 high school students effected a “coast sweep” collecting many bags of trash and litter over large sections of the inner harbor. HDC is most appreciative of this community effort by our young citizens and looks forward to future projects with this HHS program.

Revising the Harbor Master Plan Vision – With abiding ATM votes of confidence and financial support, HDC is proceeding with a number of diverse harbor improvement initiatives as outlined above, including the new bath house/snack stand under construction by the Bathing Beach Trustees scheduled to open in the spring of 2020. The Committee tries to balance opportunistically moving forward with individual projects as funding sources are available with the need to place such projects into the context of an overall vision for the future of Hingham’s harbor. While some progress was made in 2019 on the vision picture (including a Community Preservation Act grant request at 2018’s ATM for the next section of the brick harbor walkway across the front of the Bandstand Parcel), HDC is very mindful of the need to update particularly the programmatic and landscape plans of the now outdated 2007 Harbor Master Plan. In that regard we have also been active participants in the development of the Town-wide design. Hingham Master Plan and have applied for a grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for assistance in tying downtown Hingham center to the harbor front. We are also closely monitoring the Route 3A/Summer Street Transportation Task Force as they develop final engineering plans for the corridor since those plans will significantly impact the Harbor area. We will continue to prioritize that effort in 2020 to create the vision for the kind of harborscape and amenities that the townspeople told us they desire in a 2014 town-wide survey.

Respectfully submitted,

William Reardon, Chair
Bruce MacAloney, Vice Chair
Kathleen Doran Cutler, Secretary

Deirdre Anderson
Marco Boer
Rosamund Conroy

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 six employees, including a licensed social worker.

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities include adult immunization clinics for homebound residents, 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, 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 past year, the Board held numerous public meetings on updating the Town's local supplementary septic regulations, which had not been changed since 1998. The main areas of concern include a focus on: (1) a financial assurance mechanism for septic treatment plants – to assure that the owners of these innovative and advanced treatment systems have a minimal financial reserves to repair or replace a failed system, (2) a re-focus on protecting our town's drinking water aquifer for the harmful effects of excessive nitrogen loading from lawn fertilizing and excessive impervious areas, and (3) a new lot division process that informs lot owner and abutters to the potential of making the lot's existing septic system non-compliant to existing septic regulatory standards. The Board hopes to have these new regulations ready sometime in early 2020.

The Board also permitted a couple of Flexible Residential Developments (FRD) in 2019. FRDs allow developers to install a shared common septic system for the development's residential homes that greatly reduces the removal of trees and disruption of the existing natural landscape.

Health Department Permits

Farmers Market	33	Food Establishment.	163
Animal Permits	10	Store Milk	103
Catering	11	Frozen Desserts	4
Residential F.S.	4	Mobile Food Service	11
Fat Oil & Grease	50	Septage Haulers	25
Rubbish Haulers	22	Septic Installers	48
Tanning Salons	1	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	12	Pool Constr. Permits	21
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps	18
Septic Permits	114	Variance Appl.	49
Building Permits	1185	Treatment Plant	305
Soil Evaluations.	60	Tobacco Sales	15
Private Well Permits	8		

Public Health Nurse

The Public Health Nurse is responsible for monitoring all communicable diseases through a secure web-based disease surveillance system. The system enables state and local health departments to access laboratory and clinical data efficiently and securely. We are ready and able to respond to cases in real time and conduct an appropriate response 24/7. The Health Department worked with the Massachusetts Department of Health, CDC and our local emergency management team to ensure the safety of our residents and to implement public health actions based on a person's risk level and clinical presentation.

Communicable Diseases Investigated

Babesiosis	3	Hepatitis B	1
Campylobacter	6	Hepatitis C	6
Cryptosporidiosis	3	Influenza	32
Cyclospora	3	Pertussis	3
Group A Strep	1	Salmonella	2
Group B Strep	1	Varicella	1
Hepatitis A	1		

Town Social Worker

Our Social Worker supports residents and/or family members with mental health challenges, hoarding or clutter reduction, and family issues, and provides resource information for housing, food, mental health, and other resources. The position also includes facilitating presentations and conversations about various topics of interest and sometimes just listening when someone needs an ear. The Town's Social Worker works primarily at her office in Town Hall, but she also holds office hours at the library on Tuesday mornings and conducts home visits. In 2019, she continued to

work with Boston University School of Social Work to explore ways to assist residents with hoarding issues.

Food Inspector

We have 163 Food Establishment permits in Hingham which include restaurants, cafeterias, schools, nursing homes, daycares, grocery stores, and bakeries. At a minimum, each of these 163 establishments are inspected twice a year, then most establishments receive a re-inspection within 2 weeks. This year, 15 plan reviews were completed for new establishments or renovations. In terms of compliance, 8 food establishment complaints were investigated within 24-48 hours and 2 immediate inspections for foodborne illness were completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hingham Cultural Council

The Hingham Cultural Council was pleased to award grants totaling \$6,300 in FY20 to support arts and artists in our community. 21 grants ranging from \$100 to \$750 were awarded. Recipients and projects include:

- Charles Shaffer Summer Band Concerts
- Atlantic Symphony Orchestra Winter Chamber Concert and Special
- James Library & Center for the Arts Blue Heron Concert
- Old Ship Candlelight Concerts
- Steven Hurlbut Jumpin' Juba concert at Hingham Senior Center
- New Repertory Theatre Classic Repertory Company
- Yoron Israel Jazz in the Sanctuary South Shore
- Barrie Smith The When Did You Know Project
- Hingham Downtown Association Hingham Arts Walk
- Ingrid Gallagher SENSEation Days
- Ingrid Gallagher Another Crossing: Artists Revisit the Mayflower Vo
- James Library & Center for the Arts Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone
- Mass Audubon's Museum of American Bird Art: What it Means to be a Scientist
- North River Arts Society 44th Annual Festival of the Arts
- Second Parish in Hingham 64th Annual Arts Festival-Junior Exhibit
- Sonia Steele Saturday Science
- South Shore Art Center 65th Annual Arts Festival
- South Shore Natural Science Center Corn Festival Performers
- South Shore Natural Science Center Maple Day
- The Hingham Community Center 300 years of the History Hingham Community Center
- The Pilgrim Society/Pilgrim Hall Museum Treasure Hunts

The application process begins in September and all grants must be received by October 15 of the given year for consideration. All applications must be submitted online at www.mass-culture.org and local preference is given to projects that directly impact residents of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Suchecki, Chair
Leah Godfrey, Vice Chair
Patricia Coyle, Public Affairs Officer
Tricia Byrnes
Stephanie Gertz
Megan Ward

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 the very low to moderate income individuals and families, but also to deliver services to this population with integrity and mutual accountability. It is the goal of the Authority to foster trusting relationships with those we serve as the basis for economic self-sufficiency whenever possible.

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

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

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

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

Our management portfolio includes:

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

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

Leading the Housing Authority forward into the next year, the Board of Commissioners, after a lengthy and thorough review of all options, decided that the Housing Authority would be best served by a Management Team with more experience, skills, abilities, and staff, and in this regard, the Housing Authority entered into a five-year Management Contract with the Quincy Housing Authority. We look forward to the renovations, upgrades, programs, and leadership this team will provide.

To date, the Housing Authority, under the leadership of new Director James Marathas, has implemented a new work order system, performed inspections of all public housing units, and has brought a Farmer's Market to the community, which is open not only to the residents of the Hingham Housing Authority, but to the entire town. This Farmer's Market runs every Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Hingham Housing Authority Community Room. It is the goal of the Hingham Housing Authority to work with other Hingham agencies and Town boards to bridge services and capital to preserve the valuable asset of affordable housing in Hingham.

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

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

We look forward to the new year with anticipation and excitement.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marathas, Director
Greg O'Meara, Chair
Megan Buhr, Assistant Treasurer
Irma Lauter, State Appointee
James R. Watson, Treasurer
Janine Suchecki, Vice Chair

Massport Community Advisory Committee

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

The primary focus of the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study is to determine viable means to reduce noise from aircraft operations at, to and from Boston Logan International Airport without diminishing airport safety and efficiency. Currently, participation primarily consists of FAA, Massport and local government appointed members of CAC who strive to:

1. Keep you informed on current progress;
2. Provide you access to information used by the three parties for decision-making; and
3. Give you a means to contact a representative to share your concerns and seek answers to questions.

The FAA's RNAV Study Block 1 briefing presentation has been posted to the MassportCAC.org Library in the RNAV Study Documents section.

Update on FAA Report to Congress on the Aging of Sound Insulation. Key points to note are:

1. Congress directed FAA to review aging sound insulation including residences near Boston Logan International Airport;
2. Congress directed FAA to provide recommendations for sound insulation that has ceded its effective lifespan;
3. FAA concluded that there were very few homeowner complaints relative to sound insulation once installed;
4. FAA concluded that deterioration in performance was most often the result of homeowner modifications, poor maintenance, extreme weathering, and only in some cases poor installation, and not due to deterioration in the products themselves;
5. FAA reiterated its existing position that sound insulation is a one-time mitigation; and
6. FAA asserts that "recommendations for the replacement of sound insulation that has exceeded its effective lifespan" would require

modifications to the existing program criteria; moreover, they believe no further study was warranted.

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.” The noise report line number is 617-561-3333 or online at www.massportcac.org/noise. In 2019 (December 2019 data is missing at the time of this report), the Town of Hingham logged 15 complaints to the Massport Noise Abatement Office which is slightly less than the 17 complaints that were reported in 2018. A complete listing of the complaints placed by each town may be found at <http://www.massport/logan-airport/about-logan/noise-abatement/complaints-by-towns/>

It is important for the town of Hingham to continue to be vigilant in logging complaints in order to be heard and to stay aware of the progress of these studies and how they may affect our community.

There is also an Aviation Noise Ombudsman who serves as a public liaison for issues about aircraft noise questions or complaints. Contact information for the regional noise ombudsman can be found at http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/noise_emissions/airport_noise_issues/noise_ombudsman/

Respectfully submitted,

Katie McBrine, Hingham Representative to MassportCAC

Memorial Bell Tower Committee

The Hingham Memorial Bell Tower had an outstanding year in 2019. The year was marked with the training of five additional ringers, who have progressed to participate in the art of change ringing over the past six months of instruction, making a very strong band of bell ringers.

On August 22, the Bell Tower hosted 50 ringers from the North American Guild of Change Ringers who were in town for their annual convention. This group included ringers from Boston, New York City, Washington DC, Chicago, Georgia, Texas, Hawaii, Vancouver, Victoria, and England. In addition to the North American Guild, there were at least two visiting bands of ringers from England who visited and rang with us. Given our bells are in the only freestanding tower in North America, and that it is a very rare ring of ten bells, and given there are only 50 change ringing towers in the United States, Hingham is a landmark for change ringing, and it is highly sought after as a place to visit.

In addition to the regular Saturday ringing, the ringers rang the bells for Lincoln Day and the Fourth of July. This year, the tower was part of the Hingham Historic House Tour with guided tours of the tower for all visitors. The ringers celebrated the evening of Christmas in the Square adding to the festive spirit of the holiday season.

We are anxiously awaiting the renovations of our town treasure. The last Town meeting approved funds from CPC to fund restoration of the bells which are over 100 years old and in need of updating. This work will replace all wooden parts as well as install modern ball bearings on the headstocks and new clappers. Preliminary estimates are for this work to be done in the fall of 2020.



The bells are rung every Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 am. All are welcome to visit the tower and see how these unique bells are rung.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Shilhan, Chair

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 2019.

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. 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 2019 efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project treated over 15,000 acres for larval mosquitoes (larviciding). The pesticide used was B.t.i. (an environmentally selective bacterial agent). Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 3 and ended on September 17. The Project responded to 17,584 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) 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 initially at "Low Level Risk" for mammalian infection of West Nile (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). At the end of the season 6 towns (Bridgewater, Halifax, Plympton, Kingston, Middleboro and Carver) were at moderate risk for West Nile, all other towns remained at low risk. At the end of the season the towns of Carver, Lakeville, Middleboro, Marion, Rochester and Wareham were at critical risk for EEE. At high risk for EEE were Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Mattapoisett, Plympton, West Bridgewater and Whitman. The District's remaining towns were at moderate risk for EEE.

West Nile Virus activity in 2019 was significantly less than 2018. However, the district had two human cases of WNV. Mosquito surveillance is a coordinated effort between PCMCP and DPH. The District submitted 696 samples containing 23,300 mosquitoes to the MDPH for testing and four samples were positive for WNV. The positive samples were in Middleboro, Pembroke, and Whitman. The MDPH also detected WNV in their mosquito samples. They had a total of 16 WNV isolations from the towns of Carver, Halifax, Lakeville, and Kingston. As part of our West Nile Virus control

strategy a total of 53,248 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns.

The United States saw historic activity of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV). Nationwide there were 38 human cases of EEE in 10 states. Massachusetts had 12 human infections of EEEV, the most of any state. There was extensive EEEV activity within the district. One human case of EEE occurred within the district. PCMCP submitted 23,300 mosquitoes grouped into 696 mosquito samples for testing and 72 were positive for EEEV. The isolations were from Bridgewater, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanson, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Norwell, Pembroke, Rochester, and Scituate. Massachusetts DPH also detected EEEV in 92 of their 551 samples tested. Those detections were in the towns of Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, West Bridgewater, and Whitman.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts responded to the EEEV activity by conducting wide scale aerial adulticiding. In all, 6 applications occurred. Three of these applications were in the district. Applications of this kind are complex and involve a large number of state agencies including MDPH, the Department of Agriculture, and the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board. The Project assisted with these applications by supplying equipment and helping to document efficacy of the application.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project followed the "Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan" and responded to the EEEV by increasing our adulticiding and mosquito surveillance. The Project conducted wide area applications by truck in locations where EEE was detected. We also submitted for testing more than 247 extra mosquito samples.

The health threat of EEEV 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 have been monitoring *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. We conducted surveillance at 8 sites in Plymouth, Wareham, Brockton, Pembroke, Middleboro, Rockland, and Whitman. This year we did not detect the mosquito. The Project began

a tire recycling program in October 2017. During the 2019 season we recycled 2,494 tires bringing us to a total of 9,290 tires for the program.

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

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage; 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 175 larval sites were checked.

During the summer, 2,682 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 785 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: Crews removed blockages, brush, and other obstructions from 935 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 done in the fall and winter.

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

Education and Outreach: We continue to reach out to residents in a variety of ways. Our website has been recently updated and includes web pages for meetings, the annual budget, and educational handouts.

We encourage citizens 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gillett, Superintendent and Commissioners:

Cathleen Drinan, Chair

John Sharland –Vice Chair/Secretary

John Kenney

Michael F. Valenti

Hingham Public Library

The Hingham Public Library serves a wide and ever-expanding range of community needs and offers something for people of all ages. From storytimes for children, to book clubs for teens, to lectures and classes for adults and seniors, the Library has become a well-used community center that provides a diverse variety of educational, recreational, and informational resources, programs, and spaces for everyone of all ages and interests.

People often are surprised when they learn about the many things we have and do here beyond loaning books. Some of our offerings include live musical performances and concerts, art galleries, technology classes and one-on-one technology help, craft nights, monthly movies, author talks, book clubs, sessions for children reading to dogs, a Saturday science program for children, wireless access, video and audio conversion equipment for old film, records, and VHS tapes, private study rooms, an outdoor courtyard, a bookstore, home delivery service, prints and original artwork for loan, puzzles and games for loan, free online downloads of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies and music, discounted museum passes, technology devices for loan such as Kindles, robots, Bluetooth speakers, telescopes, laptops, sewing machines, projectors, cameras, and mobile hotspots, a Historical Room with books, papers, and other historical resources that all relate to Hingham's local history, a social worker on site one morning each week who provides free assistance, online access to a great number of digital resources including newspapers such as the Boston Globe, New York Times, and Patriot Ledger, consumer resources such as Consumer Reports, genealogical resources such as Ancestry.com, business resources such as Morningstar and Valueline, a language learning program Mango, and many other informational databases that are easily accessible on the Library's website www.hinghamlibrary.org.

With so much going on, and so much to offer, it is no wonder we continue to be so incredibly busy with increasing demand for resources and services across the board. In FY2019:

- Patrons borrowed over 327,000 items, including books, movies and music, up from 322,000 in FY18;
- Over 79,000 items were sent and received through inter-library loans with other libraries in the Old Colony Library Network and throughout the state, up from 77,000 in FY18;
- Over 20,000 children, teens, and adults attended over 800 library sponsored lectures and programs, up from 19,000 people attending over 800 programs in FY18;

- More than 252,000 people walked through our doors, averaging nearly 1,000 people per day, up from 246,000 in FY18;
- Over 4,000 research, local history, and genealogy questions were answered, similar to FY18;
- Patrons used their wireless devices to connect to the internet over 190,000 times, up from 155,000 times in FY18;
- Over 12,700 people had actively used their Hingham library cards, up from over 12,600 registered patrons in FY18.

And at only 1.7% of the total Town Budget, the Library is truly the best bargain in Town (in FY19 the total appropriation for the Library was just \$1,857,023 compared to the total town budget appropriation of \$108,426,617).

In addition to some of our regular offerings, additional highlights for 2019 include the third annual Harold and Avis Goldstein Lecture Series “Jill Lepore: American History from Beginning to End” featuring speaker Jill Lepore, the David Woods Kemper '41 Professor of American History at Harvard University, staff writer at The New Yorker, and finalist for the National Book Award, the National Magazine Award, and twice, for the Pulitzer Prize. The event was generously sponsored by the Harold and Avis Goldstein Charitable Trust, and was held at Derby Academy, which generously donated the venue for this event. The new “Artist-in-Residence” pilot program was also offered this year and sponsored by the Harold and Avis Goldstein Charitable Trust in honor of the memory of Dr. Jane Murphy Gaughan. This program was designed to connect the arts with literature for children ages 5-10 through a unique and interactive dance series with our inaugural artists-in-residence Nikki Hu and Guy Van Duser.

Also significant for 2019, the Library has lost someone near and dear to all our hearts, Joan Newell, former Library Trustee for 34 years and Library Volunteer for 13 years, who passed away on December 30, 2019 at the age of 95. She will be sorely missed.



Technical Services Jill Blair for ensuring new materials get to patrons without delay, to Library Technicians Carol Lipsett and Jenn Kyle for their creative craft programs and displays, to Library Technicians Deb Vitagliano and Elizabeth Fetsko for organizing a puzzle and game collection, to Circulation Supervisor Mary Beth Keif for expertly running the very busy Circulation Department, to Head Custodian Kevin Jenkins, Custodian Rob Barretto and the entire custodial staff for being so flexible and helpful in keeping the building clean and safe, to Assistant Director Anna Byrne for her exceptional organizational skills that help keep the day-to-day operations working smoothly, and to Business Administrator Joan Allen for efficiently managing the supply ordering and budgets, among many other things she does on a daily basis. Thanks also to the members of the Board of Trustees who give their time and talents to ensuring that the Library continues to be such a valuable and valued community resource.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hingham Public Schools

The Hingham Public Schools enjoyed a year of change, accomplishments, exciting innovations and planning for the future. In June, the District celebrated retiring Superintendent Dr. Dorothy Galo for her 56 years of service and leadership to the Hingham Public Schools and then ushered in a new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Dorothy Galo retired in July 2019. Dr. Galo's tenure spanned 56 years, the last 19 of which were as Superintendent. The New England School Development Council (NESDEC) assisted in the search for a successor Superintendent. Three finalists were selected for site visits in early January 2019. Site visit teams included School Committee members, school leadership and teachers. Later that month the School Committee selected Paul W. Austin, Jr., Ph.D., former Superintendent of Schools for Regional School Unit #3 in Waldo County, Maine. Dr. Austin assumed the Superintendent duties on July 1, 2019.

The Commonwealth recognized Foster Elementary School for exemplary student growth and achievement in 2019. Computer science and digital literacy programs continue to provide outstanding and innovative opportunities for our students. Hingham High School students excel inside and outside the classroom by besting state averages on all metrics, showcasing outstanding drama, art and music performances, engaging in many civic activities, being recognized for excellence in athletic competition, and for graduating with high achievements and varied accomplishments. The School Committee is working collaboratively with the administration to prepare for the future through thoughtful review of the strengths and challenges of the District in meeting the needs of all students. Together, we look to develop strategies that address the needs of all students and provide each individual with the skills necessary for a happy and successful future.

The 2019 Town election added one new member to the School Committee when Nes Correnti was elected to replace single term member Kay Praschma. Liza O'Reilly was re-elected to her third term and Carlos AF Da Silva was re-elected to his second term. In May 2019, Michelle Ayer, Carlos AF Da Silva, and Kerry Ni were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively.

The Annual School Department Operating Budget for fiscal year 2020 (school year 2019-2020) was approved at the April 2019 Town Meeting at \$54,319,826; an additional \$975,751 was appropriated for Capital Projects.

As of October 1, 2019, there were 4,194 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) in the Hingham Public Schools, about 25 more than on

October 1, 2018. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 70 pre-school students in the Integrated Preschool program, 51 out-of-district special education students and 8 vocational students.

Academically, Hingham students demonstrated strong performance with scores above the state average at every grade and subject on the 2019 Next-Generation and Legacy MCAS. The percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations in both ELA and mathematics was strong across grades 3-8. In grade 10, 90% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in English Language Arts (ELA), 82% in math, and 94% in science. All members of the class of 2019 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math, and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. The Massachusetts Accountability system has rated each school relative to other schools with a similar grade-span. Based on 2019 performance, Hingham High School (HHS) performed as well, or better than, 98% of high schools across the Commonwealth. Accountability percentile scores were as follows for all other schools: Hingham Middle School (85th), East Elementary (95th), Plymouth River Elementary (93rd), South Elementary (99th), and Foster Elementary (99th).

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, 277 students graduated from Hingham High School. In addition to a diploma, 30 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. 91.2% of graduates planned to attend four-year colleges in 22 different states and five foreign countries (Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, Scotland, UK), 2.6% planned to attend specialized or two-year institutions; 1.5% planned to attend post-graduate programs or take a gap year; and 2.9% planned to begin full-time employment. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2019 include 11 National Merit commended students, 1 National Merit Scholarship semifinalist, 99 Advanced Placement Scholars (29 scholars, 29 scholars with honor, 34 scholars with distinction, 3 national scholars, and 4 AP Seminar Research Certificate), and 65 members inducted into the National Honor Society.

HHS students continued to have the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive program of extracurricular activities including a new Climate Committee, a student group dedicated to strengthening a positive school culture. In April 2019, the Climate Committee held its third annual "Harbormen Helping Hingham Day," which inspired more than 95% of HHS seniors to spend a full day engaged in community service projects

around town. Competitive extracurricular activities include Mock Trial, Debate, Quiz Bowl, Math Team and Robotics. The Quiz Bowl team participated for the tenth straight year in WGBH's High School Quiz Show and advanced into the quarter finals. They won the Rhode Island State Championships for the National History Bowl and Bee which qualified them to attend the nationals. The team placed 98 out of 149 at that competition. 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.

Hingham High School Athletics enjoyed continued success in 2019. 993 student-athletes participated in at least one sport equaling 79% of the overall student population. HHS teams won eleven Patriot League Championships (Boys' Track, Girls' Track, Boys' Tennis, Girls' Tennis, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Golf, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Indoor Track, Girls' Indoor Track and Wrestling). For the first time in school history, Hingham High School was named the Bob Holmes Award winner by *The Boston Globe*. This prestigious award honors a school for the overall excellence of its athletic programs.

Hingham students again excelled with strong performances in the visual and performing arts as demonstrated in school and district-wide concerts and in local and regional music and art competitions. The annual all-town art show was located in the cafeteria of HHS in Spring 2019; the multi-day event featured the work of students from all six schools. HHS drama students continued to captivate audiences with their productions of *Midsummer/ Jersey* in the spring; *Life, Off Book* during festival and the musical *Mamma Mia* in the fall. Middle school students performed the musical *Secret Garden*. The instrumental music and choral programs continued to thrive and provided engaging opportunities for HPS students to apply their talents across a multitude of settings.

The four elementary schools continued to enhance curriculum and instruction in literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives. In English Language Arts (ELA), the four-year implementation of the new literacy program, Journeys, progressed across all grades and schools. In mathematics, HPS specialists and teachers continued to incorporate Number Talks and a Math Workshop model across all classrooms. In both ELA and mathematics, work continues to fine-tune our instruction to meet the 2017 MA Curriculum Frameworks guidelines. The work to bring Computer Science (CS) to all students has materialized with the introduction of Elementary CS Immersion classrooms across all elementary schools, expanded STEM opportunities in grades 7 and 8, and an expansion of CS lessons into all areas of our curriculum.

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Department of Student Services launched a new strengths and challenges model for IEP meetings and faculty participated in two days of professional development along with monthly staff meetings. Quarterly newsletters were released to the community in order to provide department updates, spotlight faculty, highlight exciting school activities, and to keep the community abreast of the work being done by the Special Education Continuous Improvement Task Force (SECITF). During the 2018-2019 school year, SECITF saw the completion of the evaluation of special education programming at Hingham Middle School, influencing initiatives to expand programs offered at HMS. The department continues to find ways to fully engage families in the IEP development process, as well as to offer a renewed focus on instructional practices. The district continues to revise and refine new procedures to align with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The district has continued our concerted effort to ensure a multi-tiered approach to supporting the social and emotional needs of students across the district. The ToolBox program was implemented in grades K-5, with our grade 6 teachers trained in this program in the fall of 2019. Further, the district has implemented an effort to overhaul our academic intervention model at grades K-5, with the introduction of a comprehensive academic intervention system in grades 6-8. Ultimately, this multi-tiered model (referred to as HTSS: Hingham Tiered Systems of Support) will ensure appropriate interventions and support in both the academic and social-emotional domains.

In September 2019, the School Committee met in a Planning Session to establish goals and priorities for the upcoming FY '21 budget season. The School Committee reviewed the five-year vision and discussed budget priorities for FY '21 including a Human Resource Director for the District as well as needs for website redevelopment and enhanced district communications. Publicly funding Full Day Kindergarten was discussed but no changes to the tuition were recommended for FY '21. Subsequent to discussion of district needs and priorities at that meeting, Guiding Principles were developed by the School Committee. In December 2019, school administration developed a "status quo budget" that addressed structural deficits, mandates, and level services of the District. At the time of this writing, the administration is in the process of refining a FY '21 Operating Budget for consideration by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory Committee's recommendation of an Operating Budget figure to the 2020 Annual Town Meeting for its action.

On December 11, 2019, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) invited Hingham into its eligibility period for the renovation or replacement of Foster School. In January and early February 2020, the School Committee and Board of Selectmen voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI) with the MSBA for an Accelerated Repair Project to replace the Plymouth River Elementary School windows. The School Department submitted the Statement of Interest on February 14, 2020. The department expects to hear from the MSBA concerning this application during the summer of 2020. If Hingham is selected for the repair project, the base percentage of reimbursement from the MSBA is 31%.

Hingham Public Schools continued to benefit from strong and long-standing community partnerships. The cooperative efforts, volunteerism and generosity of parents, PTOs, boosters, community groups, civic organizations, SEPAC, the Hingham Education Foundation and the Hingham Sports Partnership have again supported the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving both short and long-term goals. Myriad graduation scholarships and awards were presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that enhance the valued facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

The School Committee and HPS staff appreciate the citizens and voters of the Town for their ongoing support and financing of annual education budgets and facilities enhancement projects. Equally important to students of all ages is the support for school activities, student performances and other achievements that Hingham residents provide. Thank you, Hingham!

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Austin, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Michelle Ayer, Chair
Carlos AF Da Silva, Vice Chair
Kerry Ni, Secretary
Edward Schreier, D.D.S.

Liza O'Reilly
Libby Lewiecki
Nes Correnti

Recreation Commission

The Hingham Recreation Commission oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. It is a five member elected board committed to providing high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintaining safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. It is the mission of the Recreation Department to offer programs, activities, and opportunities which assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Hingham community has always and will continue to be the primary focus of the Hingham Recreation Department attracting residents of all ages, abilities, and interests. An important part of determining which programs to make available each year is to make certain there is a "something for everyone" attitude included in the development process. Every year the Rec attempts to maximize the use of its multiple locations and amenities. The Recreation Center, located in Town Hall, comprises a gymnasium, game room, two studios and the Fitness Center. The outdoor facilities include playgrounds, a street hockey rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and soccer and baseball fields. Additionally, the Recreation Department oversees program space located at 341 Main Street in the renovated Cordage House that we have named the "Rec Barn" as well as making use of facilities at the South Shore Country Club.

In programming terms, 2019 was a hugely successful year for the Hingham Recreation Department. During this year, the Rec continued its push for more adult-focused "Lifelong Programs" including Pickleball, Knitting, a Walking Club, Harbor Hoops Basketball and special trips including a Casablanca by the Sea trip to Portland, Maine. The Rec also continued to promote its Adult Fitness programs including Indoor Cycling, Yoga, Boot Camp, Dance Fitness, and HIIT classes.

School-aged students and preschool students were able to take part in a wide array of offerings including Archery, Cake Decorating, a Babysitting Training Course, Tennis, Street Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Golf, Skateboarding, Arts & Crafts Programs, Skateboarding and Dance. The Rec also continued its Puppy Kindergarten Training as well as its Basic Manners for Dogs.

The Commission provided residents with seasonal events including the Halloween costume party, the Fourth of July Road Race, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Recreation Sports Program Participation grew significantly in 2019. Hingham Youth Middle School Field Hockey ran at maximum capacity with more than 40 athletes registered. While its Field Hockey Clinics for students Kindergarten through eighth grade saw more than 240 enroll in 2019. Hingham Youth Tennis, through the Recreation Department, saw more than 400 registered participants. The Youth Track and Field program overseen by the Recreation Department had 50 registered in 2019.

Additionally, periodic Friday Night Events provided a fun active night-out for students as well as a much needed break for parents on a Friday night with themes like "North Pole Night" and "Back to School Fiesta" to help add some creative fun.

The Recreation Departments devotion to providing opportunities to parents of infants and toddlers continued to grow with Winter Indoor Playground, Rec Child Care, and Mommy's Morning Out offering much-needed relief and support for parents looking for help and activities for children five and under.

The summer of 2019 saw another season of excellent, high-quality, affordable Rec programming for town residents. Our summer staff worked diligently to design new and exciting line-ups of shows, trips and activities for a variety of summer clinics and courses including sports, dance, physical fitness, dance workshops and trips to the Zoo, Battleship Cove, United Skates of America, Altitude Jump Park, The South Shore Children's Museum and Jungle Jakes. For the older "Teen Xtreme" crowd, trips to Water Country, Six Flags Amusement Park, Lake Compounce, Boda Borg, P&L Paintball, and Saco River Tubing were big hits with the Middle School-aged students.

Once again, the Rec utilized its studio space located in the Rec Barn to house its "Gamin'" programming so the Playground and Preschool camps can run through a variety of fun cooperative games and activities. Combining the Preschool, Playground, and Teen Xtreme programs, the Rec Department enrolled over 2200 participants.

In 2019, the Rec continued its partnership with the SSCC to continue its tennis and golf programs as well as running its third year of the South Shore Country Club Sports Experience Summer Camp which enrolled more than 500 children. The summer of 2019 also saw the third successful year of Hingham Rec's management of the Town pool located at the SSCC. Under Rec directorship, Open Swim, swimming lessons, and swim team continued to flourish.

2019 marked the fifth year of the “Funky Feet” dance program partnership with the Hingham Rec. In May, the program held its fifth recital at the middle school auditorium. Over 600 dancers, ages 3-18 and older than 18 (Adult Dance Class) participated, and more than 2,000 Hingham residents were in attendance to watch the performances over one weekend! The growing year-long dance program utilized studio space both at the Town Hall location as well as in the Rec Barn. During the Holiday Season the Funky Feet School of Dance offered two Holiday Recitals bringing in more than 1,000 spectators. Additionally, also in December, the Funky Feet School of Dance held its 7th “Funky Nutcracker” dance performance at the Middle School.

“Hingham Rec Paddle Sport” had its fifth full summer season in 2019. 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. We incorporated our kayaks and boards with our Teen Xtreme program giving them a local destination for weekly outings.

July 4th marked the 61st 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’s 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 Rec. The Recreation Department would like to thank all those who make this annual race possible.

2019 marked the continuation of Hingham Rec organizing and managing the “East Explorers” afterschool program for students enrolled at East School. This afterschool program offered a range of courses for students in kindergarten through 5th grade from acting, basketball, gym hockey, skateboarding, crafts, cake decorating, and gardening to new offerings like Wicked Cool Science, and Generation Pound.

Two very special events took place in 2019 to improve the Recreation Department's Community involvement. The first event was the ground-breaking and construction of a new neighborhood playground located on Hull Street at its intersection with Canterbury Street.



The second event was the approval for funding for a town-wide Field and Facilities study to maximize use and recommend improvements for the Town's Outdoor open field-space as well as the tennis and basketball courts.

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 2019 a year to remember.

Respectfully submitted,

Recreation Commissioners:

Vicki Donlan, Chair
Bruce Thompson, Vice Chair
Adrienne Ramsey, Secretary
Ryan Lynch
Nandita Scott

Recreation Department Staff:

Mark Thorell, Recreation Director
Kathy Walsh, Administrative Secretary
Mike Bernard, Program Administrator
Jacquelyn Muh, Program Administrator

School Building Committee

After two unsuccessful Statement of Interest (SOI) submissions to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in 2017 and 2018, the School Department submitted a third SOI in April 2019, again with the full support of the Selectmen. An October 2019 visit by the MSBA capital planning team provided renewed optimism in connection with Hingham's pursuit of a permanent solution to the numerous and ongoing facility deficiencies impacting William L. Foster Elementary School.

An early holiday gift arrived in December in the form of an invitation into the MSBA's core building grant program for 2020. The third time indeed proved the charm and a welcome reward for Hingham's perseverance. The 2017 School Building Committee (SBC) is now poised to begin work with the MSBA with its entrance into the Eligibility Period as of April 1, 2020. During this initial phase or "module" of the building process, the SBC will assist the School Administration in the preparation and submission of various certifications relative to Hingham's educational program, enrollment projections and other requirements. The preliminary work performed by the SBC in 2017-2018 in anticipation of the MSBA's invitation is certain to be useful in this endeavor. An outline of the steps the SBC will follow working with the MSBA on this project is set forth below. Once the project team consisting of an Owner's Project Manager (OPM)

MSBA Building Process

Steps primarily for:



and an architect (Designer) is selected and Hingham receives the green light from the MSBA Board, the SBC will move into the Feasibility module during which project options will be explored and schematic designs will be developed. Cost estimates for the selected and MSBA-approved option will follow resulting in the execution of a project funding agreement (PFA) with the MSBA, which will establish the MSBA grant award Hingham may

expect to receive. The value of the PFA will then be the basis for a request for Town Meeting approval, likely in 2022, to fund Hingham's share of the overall project costs. Following the MSBA's module progression suggests that a finished project may be ready for students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Built in 1951 with various renovations and additions in the decades that followed, Foster benefitted from a 2008 Town Meeting-authorized capital investment of approximately \$3.5 million in its physical plant as part of a School Facilities Master Plan executed by the 2006 School Building Committee. This investment was made in an effort to enhance learning environment parity among Hingham's elementary schools and breathe an additional 10 to 15 years of life into a tired and poorly designed, albeit a clean, safe, and well-maintained structure, that continues to serve as a welcoming haven for nearly 500 students residing in north Hingham. Although the 2006 Master Plan recommended that either a comprehensive renovation or replacement of Foster should be pursued, the East Elementary and Middle School projects were prioritized and completed first. The most recent renovations to Foster have improved the educational experience but many facility issues were too costly to address adequately, many classroom layouts remain problematic, and more recent and serious concerns arose relative to some of the building's aging mechanical systems, which at times have displaced students and staff requiring temporary relocation. As a result, the School Committee sought Town-wide support for a long-term solution to these growing challenges.

Eager to begin its work in earnest, the SBC looks forward to continuing the long tradition of collaboration that resulted in prior successful school building projects. Members of the SBC are committed to following the example set by its predecessor committees to provide vigilant project management and oversight, cost control, and attention to detail in the execution of its mandate on behalf of Hingham taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hill, Chair
Raymond Estes, Vice-Chair
Christopher Mercer, Secretary
Kevin Lynch

Jennifer Murphy
Timothy O'Neill
Edward Schreier, DDS

Scholarship 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 2019 totaled \$5,815,275, compared to \$4,923,697 at the end of 2018. These figures include an investment gain of \$1,081,731, donations of \$60,447, scholarships disbursements of \$250,000, and administrative fees of \$600.

2019 was a positive year across all major asset classes. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate, a broad domestic investment grade bond index returned 8.72%. The S&P 500, an index of the 500 largest US public companies by market capitalization, returned 31.49%. The Russell 2500 Index, an equity index that tracks an array of small and midcap sized US companies, returned 27.77%. The MSCI EAFE Index, measuring large company equity performance in developed markets within Europe, Australasia and the Far East, returned 22.66%.

The Fund's asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds and money market equivalents, has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for several years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests, the committee continues to feel this mix to be most prudent. For 2019, the Scholarship Fund returned 21.96%, net of investment returns, income, donations, and withdrawals. Its benchmark, which utilizes a combination of the above mentioned indices, had a return of 23.25%. The underperformance was attributed in large part to the Fund's active large cap exposure.

The committee voted to provide \$250,000 in scholarship awards in 2019. This amount is consistent with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement, which is to distribute ~5% of the average assets over the prior 3 years, and compares to \$223,000 in 2017 and \$234,000 in 2018. 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.

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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS
IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER

Scholarship	12/31/18	12/31/19
Rizzotto Memorial	26,588	31,020
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon	31,700	37,238
Orvis K. & May B. Collins	65,443	77,226
Amasa J. Whiting	31,854	37,653
Second World War Memorial	79,863	94,492
Margaret McElroy	16,661	19,490
Stuart Macmillan Memorial.....	75,839	90,098
Ann Mulholland	7,564	8,804
John Lewis Russell	19,869	23,437
Caroline Murdock	14,931	17,649
Charles (Chuck) Martell	37,750	47,559
Francis James Thompson.....	2,626,887	3,066,509
Patricia Lynne Schneider.....	5,618	6,647
Harold L. Downing	23,870	28,263
Hingham Theater for Children.....	6,933	8,262
1 st Lieutenant Curtis E. Chase	16,217	19,569
The Wallis Lee Chipman Music Award.....	8,943	10,565
Russell Arkell Scholarship	12,552	14,695
Hingham High Basketball Boosters	16,503	19,397
Charles Berry	6,875	8,110
Edward O. Hornstra	20,932	24,512
William J. Laubenstein Jr	6,229	7,292
Mary Sheldon.....	8,656	10,102
Robin Karen Kurciviez.....	6,719	7,842
Mary J. Fee for the Arts	5,946	6,997
Jacobs Scholarship	37,877	44,336
John Higgins Scholarship	5,584	6,575
Burditt W. Collins Memorial.....	8,834	10,163
Savini Music.....	7,590	8,888
The Luce Scholarships.....	254,786	303,232
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	22,891	26,799
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial	7,202	8,451
The Bryant Scholarship.....	145,458	169,445
Hingham Taxpayers	70,147	80,832
Hingham Band Parents.....	7,281	8,599
Susan/George Burton Music Scholarship	25,566	29,948
Leroy L. Eldredge	23,373	25,990
John Barba	25,955	30,177
M. Tilghman Earle	29,072	32,513
Supt. Lewis J. Ernst.....	15,490	18,345
Joan E. Pyne Memorial	9,359	10,924
John Peter Nionakis.....	15,126	17,679

Kids Cabaret	4,025	4,696
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy	17,292	20,132
Field Hockey Team.....	11,233	13,676
Charles L. Vickery	40,084	46,821
Jamin Guarino	42,561	50,579
Clifford Family Memorial	13,296	15,447
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace	115,205	131,650
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.	3,635	4,238
Hingham Scholarship Memorial	8,473	10,283
Crofoot Trust	24,589	28,138
Sam Butterfield Scholarship	11,606	13,437
Gloria O. Lofgren	15,481	18,210
Robin Helene Ruben	21,149	24,226
Robert L. Goodrich	38,560	45,194
Helen S. Wollan	7,878	9,538
Former Students of HHS.....	15,462	18,014
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	24,038	27,748
Hingham Women's Club	18,460	21,694
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial	12,767	15,105
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial	29,296	34,312
Samantha Hooper Memorial.....	7,502	8,773
Cynthia Steven Scholarship.....	6,160	7,144
Marie Meallo Scholarship	12,912	15,306
Keith Ryan Memorial	4,098	4,855
Sean Ryan Memorial	76,964	89,688
Colarullo Family Scholarship.....	10,321	12,001
Neal Tompkins Memorial	84,402	99,166
Corporal Christopher J. Orlando USMC Memorial	61,531	71,803
Elizabeth Nally Memorial.....	6,805	8,603
Class of 1976 Fritz Hansel Memorial	4,034	4,784
Herbert T. McMeekin, Jr.	141,347	163,365
Dr. Andrew V. & Edith B. Mason.....	135,526	159,567
Haskell N. & Elinor F. Maude.....	2,394	2,735
Supt. Dorothy H. Galo Scholarship	0	27,079
Pamela Noble-Hill Memorial		28,155
General Fund	<u>2,077</u>	<u>2,793</u>
Total Rounded	4,923,697	5,815,275

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.

Many of the trees planted in 2019 were replacements for trees lost due to winter storms, drought, and other stress-related factors such as salt and leaking street gas. We continue to look at the factors that affect tree health and carefully select appropriate species for specific planting locations according to their tolerance of these and other adverse factors. In some instances, replanting has been deferred owing to unrepaired gas line leaks.

The Earth Day 2019 Ceremony was held on Monday April 22 at the Hingham Common. In attendance were Selectman Karen Johnson, who read the Earth Day Proclamation, along with members of the Hingham DPW, and the Shade Tree Committee. An October Glory Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*, was dedicated.

The Arbor Day 2019 Ceremony was held on Friday April 26 at the East Elementary School. Children along with their teachers and led by their principal Tony Keady came together with Hingham town officials, the Shade Tree Committee, members of the Garden Club, and members of the Tree and Park Department. With great enthusiasm the fifth grade sang "50 Nifty States". An October Glory Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*, was planted and dedicated as part of the Arbor Day celebration. Thanks to Bartlett Tree Experts, trees were available for every student to take home and plant. The Garden Club of Hingham donated the ceremonial tree which they have done for over fifty years.

Hingham has been recognized for the thirty-first year by the Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City USA". This honors Hingham's commitment to effective management, growth and development of its public trees.

Kids of all ages attended the Touch-A-Truck Program held at the Hingham Public Library. This fun family event featured a number of trucks and other equipment for exploring and honking. Thank you once again Jeff Handrahan and "Tree Department Staff" for all your support.

Respectfully submitted,

James Huse

Barbara Kardok

Phillip Shute

Michael Studley

Dorothy Manganaro

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.

The Memorial Day observance was held on the front lawn of Hingham Town Hall – a first, for this event. The ceremony opened with the National Anthem, sung by Hingham High School student Nick Capodilupo, as members of the Hingham Police, Fire, and Militia paraded the colors. The principal speaker was SFC Roger Knight, a Hingham resident and US Army Ranger who served in the 7th Special Forces Group during the Global War on Terrorism. Following the officials' remarks, Town Clerk Eileen McCracken read the names of those 79 Hingham veterans who have passed since Memorial Day 2018, followed by the sounding of Taps. The ceremony concluded with Veterans' Appreciation Club President, Claire Cassell, and VP Elise Birkhaeuser, reading the official proclamation by the Governor of the Commonwealth, Honorable Governor Charles D. Baker.



The Departments of Veterans' Services, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, proudly and officially dedicated a new display of WWII artifacts associated with the Hingham Shipyard. A beautiful display case was constructed on the second floor of Town Hall by Master Builder Peter Bickford. Many items of great significance were graciously put on loan by the Collins family of Hingham, and the ship models were all built by DCR Master Marine Fisheries Boat Operator, Al Houghton. Historical Administrator, Andrea

Young, Community Planning Administrative Assistant, Sherry Robertson, worked tirelessly and with great precision to systematically arrange and install all of these valuable items prior to the dedication ceremony held on June 4th – just two days short of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Many of the actual ships designed and built by the Hingham Yard were thrust into service that fateful day and helped to change the tide of the war. The event was attended by many dignitaries, including Royal British Navy Officer, Ian Mendes, and several of the actual yard workers. The Hingham Shipyard was truly famous for its production of naval ships, a reputation that earned a National Award of Production Excellence: the Army-Navy “E” Pennant. Former Board of Selectmen Chair, Paul Healey, was given a plaque in recognition of his vision and devotion to keeping this part of Hingham’s history alive.



In October, as has been the custom for many years, the Town remembered the 148th birthday of Seaman Herbert L. Foss, USN with a wreath-laying ceremony at the new Hingham Intermodal Ferry Terminal named in his honor. SCPO Keith Jermyn, USN acted as Moderator for the event attended by elected officials, direct descendants, veterans and citizens. Several members of the Freemason’s Old Colony Lodge paid their respects to their brother and Spanish-American War Medal of Honor recipient.

The Massachusetts Department of Veterans’ Services conducted its annual Compliance, Certification and Training event in Leominster, MA, where our Department’s Benefits Administrator, Mrs. Lisa Potts, was recognized as

the 2019 Administrator of the Year by the Commonwealth of MA Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, the Honorable Francisco Urena.

The Veterans' Day observance at Town Hall began with the CPL Lawrence St. Laurent, USMC breakfast sponsored by the Hingham Veterans' Council and attended by over 75 veterans and their families. A capacity crowd was treated to patriotic music performed by the HHS Band, who graciously volunteer their time each year. Congressman Stephen Lynch of the Eighth District was a welcomed guest at our event, sharing some personal stories and bestowing several awards to local veterans. Our principal speaker was Colonel Wayne Libbey, US Army and Regimental Commander of the 101st Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) at Joint Base Cape Cod. During the awards portion of the ceremony, former U.S. Army Lieutenant, David T. Sargent, was named Veteran of the Year for his many years of service to disabled veterans. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, he was awarded the Air Medal with 3-Oak Leaf Clusters and Valor Device along with a Bronze Star, for Meritorious Achievements on the ground. Dave formerly chaired the Hingham Veterans Council, commanded the local VFW Post, and annually participates in the HHS Sophomore History Day at GAR Memorial Hall.

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 2019 with slightly more than \$31,000 on hand. Over the Fund's nine-year history, upwards of \$40,000 has been expended to provide emergency shelter, heating, medical, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans and their dependents as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and in accordance with MGL, Chapter 141, HOME Act.

We wish to thank the other Town Departments that help to fulfill our mission, specifically, Administration, Accounting, ACO, Assessors, Building, Clerk, DPW, Elder Services, Fire, Harbormaster, Health, Historical, HMLP, IT, Library, Maintenance, Planning, Police, Public Works, Recreation, Schools, Selectmen, SSCC, and Treasurer. We also rely heavily on the strong support provided by a network of hard working volunteers throughout the year: the Veterans' Council, HHS Veterans' Appreciation Club, Valor Act Veterans, and all of the Town's citizens and youth groups.

Respectfully submitted,

SCPO Keith A. Jermyn, USN
Director of Veterans' Services

Water Company Acquisition Study Committee

In December 2018, the Board of Selectmen tasked the five-member Water Company Acquisition Study Committee (the "WCASC") with reviewing available information and returning with a recommendation to the Board regarding potential Town acquisition of its water system pursuant to Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1879 as amended.

On January 15, 2019, the WCASC conducted the first of three televised public meetings to evaluate, respectively, the financial, engineering, and governance analyses that had been performed to determine the feasibility and advisability of the Town exercising its statutory right to purchase. The WCASC's financial-analysis deliberation incorporated the results of two third-party expert reviews that had been presented during the preceding week in a well-attended televised joint public meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, and the WCASC. Those expert reviews had affirmed the reasonableness of the assumptions in the Town's financial analysis and projected ratepayer savings should the Town purchase the water system. The WCASC concluded that it still had not identified any 'showstoppers' in its financial analysis.

The WCASC's two subsequent meetings regarding engineering and governance, likewise, identified no showstoppers. On January 23rd, the WCASC voted unanimously to recommend "*that the Town exercise its statutory rights to purchase the water system serving Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset.*"

Eight days later, on January 31st, the WCASC met in joint session with the Board of Selectmen to present its recommendation and to discuss Warrant Articles addressing aspects of the potential purchase for consideration by Annual Town Meeting 2019. The Board voted to present four Articles addressing water-system acquisition, Water Commissioner designation, enterprise fund establishment, and transition-cost funding. On February 7th, the Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on each of the four Articles.

Following a series of detailed, televised public meetings over the course of the next two months, on March 20th the Advisory Committee voted 11-3 in favor of the recommended motions for each of the four water-system-related Articles.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Asher, Chair

Water Supply Committee

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

In April 2019, as most readers of this report know well, Town Meeting decided that the Town should acquire the water company's assets and take over operation of the company. The Committee had not played any direct role in the separate acquisition study or the related legal proceedings, and as a practical matter the Committee's principal functions – monitoring operation of the water company by Aquarion Water Co. and serving as liaison between Aquarion and the Town – were largely obviated by the action of Town Meeting.

As of the writing of this report, the acquisition contemplated by Town Meeting has not been legally concluded, and the Water Supply Committee has not (yet) been officially disbanded. Nevertheless, for most practical purposes, the Committee's regular functions have been superseded by those of other Town committees or bodies engaged in various efforts related to the transition from private company operation to Town operation. The Committee has not met since last April and for the most part has suspended activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Doran
Kelly Huffman
Ron Kirven
Sam Mullin, Chair
Kirk Shilts, Secretary
Melissa Bower Smith
Adam White

Weir River Estuary Park Committee



Hingham shares the estuary of the Weir River with Hull and Cohasset – from Foundry Pond and World’s End to Sunset Point and Straits Pond. Since December 1986, this estuary has been a MA-designated ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern).

At roughly 950 acres, the area here is similar in size to the Weymouth Back River ACEC: Great Esker Park in Weymouth, Bare Cove Park – both of which were once part of the former Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot – and More-Brewer Park. While some parcels in the Weir River ACEC are town-owned or protected, most of the

land abutting the estuary is held privately.

Based on the idea that this estuary is defined more by ecology than town boundaries or land ownership – “a park where the trails are water” – the Boards of Selectmen in Hull, Hingham and Cohasset each agreed in 2002 to appoint up to three members, making this a tri-town committee. Our purpose is to support the towns’ Master and Open Space Plans in the Weir River estuary, as advocates for: 1) Land protection, 2) Conservation and restoration of wildlife habitat, 3) Stewardship education, and 4) Recreation which supports habitat protection.

The committee had lost energy by September 2017; we didn’t meet again until July 11, 2019. Hingham’s Patti Coyle stayed involved. Promoting the 2019 Spring Clean-up Day on our Facebook page helped coordinate this annual Earth Day event with the Straits Pond and Weir River non-profit watershed associations on April 27th. She also joined the fish count at Foundry Pond during the herring run in spring. Samantha Woods, estuary neighbor in Hull and Executive Director of North & South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA), initiated this effort. The Weir River Estuary Park Committee was also represented in Hingham’s July 4th Parade, celebrating our Town’s natural beauty – and our rivers, of course!

We had a lot to catch-up on at our first meeting in 21 months:

- Hingham: Patti reported that the Sewer Commission continued its moratorium in the Weir River Sewer District (WRSD). There are no new connections available here; the Patterson Pond Estates (former 29

Canterbury Street) took the last of the bedroom-inventory. More friends and neighbors turned out this year for Spring Clean-up Day than in the past; the Public Works Departments of both Hull and Cohasset disposed of the debris collected from the Rockland Street area and Straits Pond. Volunteers during the Herring Count from April 15th through May 31st were sparse, but plucky; no fish were spotted in the ladder this year. Representatives from Coastal Zone Management and MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, Cohasset-member Tom Bell, and Conservation Agent Loni Fournier all agree that the condition of the culvert at Kilby Street has no remarkable effect on local flooding or habitat, and that time and money should be spent elsewhere. In 2018, Loni arranged for the repair of the signs at Foundry Pond's Kilby and Weir Street entrances and for new signs at Sidney's Pond and 60 George Washington Boulevard. Patti also participated at the *Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness* meeting in December.



Estuary neighbors bagged cigarette butts, nips and plastic at Amonte Meadow and along Rockland Street at the Spring Clean-up on April 27th

- Cohasset: Dick Avery reported that the approximate \$3M Seawall Reconstruction Project at Crescent Beach in Hull was still hung up in court; the riprap had been torn up and replaced with some big boulders along the wall. Tom added that the Cohasset *Center for Student Coastal Research* (CSCR) had arranged for a summer intern to monitor the nitrogen and pH levels in the Pond and the status of the filamentous algae.
- Hull: the Conservation Restriction (CR) for an access path out to town-owned Straits Pond Island (SPI) was rescinded by the private owners in April 2019. Scott Plympton reported that a MA Department of

Conservation & Recreation (DCR) representative had reached out to the family about selling not just a portion of the property but the entire lot. An Eagle Scout from Cohasset started a project in Weir River Woods and \$13,900 for Weir River Entrance Parking here was appropriated in 2018 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve.

In September, we officially welcomed a new Hingham member, estuary neighbor Sharon Allen, for a three-year term. Trail-access to SPI was not progressing, in fact, just the opposite. The gist of Judeth Van Hamm and Scott's report was that the landowners decided to a) list this property with a local Realtor, and b) take a break from discussions with the Hull Land Conservation Trust. Patti had compiled digital photos into Facebook slideshows to promote the Weir River estuary, leading up to National Estuaries Week (NEW) September 14th through 21st.



Hingham's 2019 4th of July Parade: sporting our logo, Murphy the Golden marched with NSRWA's Subaru float

In November, Dick reported that the paddle tour on Straits Pond in July had more participants than last year, and access to the pond was easier than in the past. Tom noted that a) the timing was wrong for nuisance numbers of mosquitos or midges to appear at Straits Pond near Labor Day; b) these bugs weren't biting; and c) it's possible that run-off from a nearby business or Cohasset's landfill might be the cause of these unexpected insects. A Scout project placed benches on the shore at Windy Hill Road and toward West's Corner. Both Judeth and Scott commended Cohasset Eagle Scout Will Seavey's project – a boardwalk at the deep end of the vernal pools – in Weir River Woods. Patti increased our Facebook presence by over 50% between August 16th through November 6th, by

promoting NEW (with an aerial map and 5 slideshows) and sharing approximately 40 photos of the Monarch Butterfly metamorphosis. She also attended several core assessment meetings for the Hingham Master Plan in September and October, as did former Hingham Chair Faith Burbank. Judeth submitted an application to Hull's Community Preservation Committee for funds to help purchase an "End of Richards Road Conservation Area with Trail". The annual field trip to the Weir River Woods and the nearby wind turbine for sixty Hull 5th grade students was planned for later in November; Sharon immediately saw this as a great activity to put "on the map" for NEW in 2020.

Also in November, Judeth reported that Hull membership on the Weir River Estuary Park Committee required reinstatement by the Board of Selectmen. It wasn't clear exactly when Hull's support was suspended, but we hope to be a full tri-town group again before fiscal year-end 2020.

Members had voted back in 2017 to meet up to five times each year; one member from each town must be present for a quorum. This year, we held our meetings at 4pm and rotated among the three Town Halls; both ideas were nice changes. Agendas and minutes are posted per MA Open Meeting Law. WREPComm has been published in Hingham's Annual Report to the Town since 2003. You'll find a Paddle Guide, the proposed bicycle path map, Land Protection Plan (LPP), map of the ACEC and members on Hingham's website. We hope you'll 'Like' our Facebook page.

Special thanks to the Allens, Bibbys, Kwongs, and Sarnis for all their help.



Respectfully submitted by the Weir River Estuary Committee,

Co-chairs: Dick Avery, (Cohasset), Patti Coyle (Hingham), Judeth Van Hamm (Hull). Members: Sharon Allen (Hingham), Tom Bell (Cohasset), Scott Plympton (Hull)

Town Accountant

State law requires the Town of Hingham to publish at the close of each year a complete set of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2019 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Town. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Town has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to both protect the Town's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Town's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. As management, we assert that this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The CAFR is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Hingham in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors, and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Hingham to review and understand.

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because it does not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System being presented as a fiduciary fund within the statement of fiduciary net position.

The Town of Hingham's financial statements have been audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Hingham for the year ended June 30, 2019 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, 2019 and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of Federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of Federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Hingham's separately issued Single Audit Report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Town of Hingham's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition

The Town of Hingham continues to reflect a strong economic condition; per capita income is significantly higher than state averages and the unemployment rate has always been extremely low as compared to state and national averages. The Town remains a very desirable community given its close proximity to Boston and the level and quality of services provided. The residential sales market has been and continues to be very strong, reflecting the great interest in the community.

Over the past ten years the town's population has increased approximately 3% while school enrollment has increased 10%. Hingham is known throughout the state for its high quality school system; Hingham students consistently score in the top percentiles on national and state tests and an extremely high percentage of students graduating from the high school go on to pursue higher education.

Long-term Financial Planning

The Town Administrator along with the financial officers, which consist of the Town Accountant, the Treasurer/Collector, and the Director of Assessing work closely with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Capital Outlay Committee, and department heads to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

Major Initiatives

Since the mid 1990s, the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. In the early 2000s, due to economic conditions and budget restraints, the amount of capital spending was reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$2-\$2.3 million range for fiscal year 2020.

Financial Information

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Unassigned Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 16% and no more than 20% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or for tax reductions in accordance with the policy.

Internal Controls. Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that accurate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee assists in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee supervises and reviews the conduct of the audit and the auditor's relationship with the Town. The Chair of the Audit Committee is also a member of the Whistleblower Committee.

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

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Town Accountant sets the tax rate, while the Assessors commit the real estate taxes, personal property taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 99% of all real estate taxes are collected during the year of billing with the remaining 1% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

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

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator.

Also, the Town Accountant holds quarterly budget review meetings with departments to ensure they are within their approved budgeted appropriation.

The Town Administrator holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

Other Information

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2018. This was the twenty-third 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, 2019 were audited by the public accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The financial statements have received an "unmodified opinion" from the auditors. An "unmodified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as prescribed in the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the Uniform Guidance).

Acknowledgments

A special gratitude is owed to James Piotrowski and Christian Rogers, Manager and Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, whose attention to the 2019 financial statements was invaluable. We want to express our appreciation to the Accounting Department staff for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this CAFR and to the IT Department for their work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nickerson
Town Accountant

Treasurer/Collector

Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2018.....\$99,866,542
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2019.....177,611,084
-Total Paid on Selectmen warrants.....(171,847,216)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2019..... 105,630,410

Investment Return on Idle Cash FY 2018.....693,630
Investment Return on Idle Cash FY 2019.....1, 121,787
Investment Return on All Accounts FY 2019.....2,451,619

During Fiscal Year 2019 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2019 Real Estate Tax	82,596,848
2019 Community Preservation Surcharge	1,101,706
2019 Personal Property Tax	1,225,636
2019 Boat Excise Tax	75,830
2019 Motor Vehicle Tax	4,400,203
2018 Motor Vehicle Tax	486,046
2019 Sewer Use Charge.....	2,973,309
Betterments-Paid in Advance	4,277
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	152,425
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest	2,471
Sewer Use Liens	138,387
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	<u>638,085</u>
Total	93,795,223

Tax collections remain strong with 99% of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. Over 70,000 invoices were issued to collect real estate, personal property, excise tax and sewer use charges. Taxes accounted for 75.6% of general fund revenues in FY 19.

There were eleven new tax liens secured in 2019. 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 \$246,098 in tax lien revenue of which \$60,489 was payment of interest accruing to the benefit of the general fund.

In addition, the Town has several foreclosure cases currently pending in Land Court.

The total outstanding long term debt as of December 31st was \$52,133,778. 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, 2019.

In May of 2019, a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$10.9m Note. The winning bid of 1.678% on the one year note was submitted by JP Morgan Securities. Proceeds from the sale of the Notes, together with \$961,921 in available funds, were used to redeem \$10,825,426 in outstanding notes and to provide original financing for seawall construction and an aerial apparatus fire truck.

I wish to thank Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Lori-Ann Magner, and our administrative support personnel Nancy Leahy, Marijane Deitsch, Linda Kelley, and Regina Ledwick for their continued exemplary service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Montgomery, Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS/GIFT ACCOUNTS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
As of December 31, 2019

Trust Fund	12/31/2018	12/31/2019
375th Anniversary	12,707	14,163
4 th of July Parade	120,026	56,736
Affordable Housing Trust	1,451,095	550,456
Aid to Elderly/Disabled (Tax Bill Checkoff)	22,710	28,458
Buttonwood Tree	797	888
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	67,395	73,004
Education Fund (Tax Bill Checkoff)	19,694	22,897
Foster School SAAA	107,018	141,719
Foundry Pond	7,609	8,480
Greenbush Historic Preservation Projects	1,256,640	1,308,938
Group Insurance Trust	942,807	837,971
Hannah Lincoln Whiting	15,661	17,456
Hingham Federal Withholding	6,548	7,298
Hingham High School Fields Projects	150,755	161,224
Hingham High School SAAA	346,343	319,657
Hingham Middle School SAAA	230,961	265,648
Hingham War Memorial	8,380	9,340
Light Customer Deposit	1,733,269	1,775,015
Light Depreciation	10,571,304	12,749,509
Light OPEB Trust	1,825,689	2,046,987
Light Reserve Stranded Cost	6,627,694	6,956,402
Meals Tax Stabilization	569,295	123,210
More-Brewer	92,008	102,552
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan	390,868	393,112
Open Space Conservation	114,808	116,593
Preservation Projects	129,231	114,923
Scholarship Fund*	4,923,697	5,815,275
Stabilization	2,792,449	2,677,154
Town OPEB Trust	11,903,262	14,406,262
USLST War Memorial	2,027	2,259
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account	9,729	14,091
Veterans in Need (Tax Bill Checkoff)	39,777	34,977
Total	46,492,251	51,152,653

*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. Every five years, the DOR audits the Board of Assessors records and procedures for certification. This includes an intense examination of all of Hingham's assessment policies and procedures.

In addition to the real property valuations, the Assessors' Office maintains records on taxable personal property, boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the Assessors' Office. The Assessor's Office updates all property ownerships according to the recorded deed transactions which are received from the Registry of Deeds. Hingham consists of approximately 8,700 parcels, so there are many transactions that take place. They also process plans and corrections to update the Assessor's maps as well as research property ownership and assist other town departments in the performance of their duties. The office works closely with the Veterans Department and Elder Services to ensure that we are providing the residents of Hingham as many possible services and exemptions that are offered.

The ratio of the assessment to the sales price is calculated and Hingham's ratio for 2019 is 95%. The fiscal 2020 tax rate is \$11.53, down \$0.28 from last year. The average assessment for single family homes is \$866,222, up from last year's average of \$826,744. The average assessment for condominiums is \$661,121, up from last year's average of \$642,772.

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 while they 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.

2019 was a year of positive changes and recognition for the Assessor's office. Director of Assessing Rick Nowlan was honored by the Plymouth County Assessors Association with the Richard Weaver Award. The Weaver Award is presented to an assessor in recognition of their contributions,

time, and energy to the Association. Rick has been an outstanding contributor to all members of the association and is well-respected for his knowledge and mentorship of many assessors.

Longtime Assistant Assessor Kathie Collins retired from her post but graciously continues to contribute her knowledge and expertise on a part time basis. She is a valuable asset to the office and we are grateful that she has stayed on as an integral part of the team.

Senior Assessing Technician Erin Walsh's hard work and dedication to her field has earned her the promotion to Assistant Assessor. A role in which she has immediately excelled and we look forward to her continued outstanding service to the Town.

The year also brought two new staff members. Kerri Coughlin joins us as Data Quality Inspector who works out in the field completing cyclical inspections and keeping building permits up to date. She took to the job quickly and efficiently and is a great asset to the office. Jacquie Berard joins us in the role of Assessing Technician, building on her 15-year experience in Tax Collector and Town Clerk offices. Her transition to the office was seamless and she has added great energy and enthusiasm to the office. Jacquie joins fellow Assessing Technician Maureen Carlson in keeping daily office operations running smoothly and efficiently. Maureen is an expert in all things in the office and she is an indispensable member of the office staff.

The Board of Assessors wishes to express our sincere thanks to Rick and his staff for a successful 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart G. Hall, Chair
Al Chambers
Chrissy Roberts

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 2019 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2019.

Susan M. Nickerson, Chair & ex-officio	(2/4/2011-)
Charles J. Cristello, Appointed Member	(6/23/2018-6/22/2021)
David P. Jones, Elected Member	(11/27/2017-6/30/2020)
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member	(7/30/2019-7/29/2022)
Eileen McCracken, Appointed Member	(7/1/2018-7/1/2021)

Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2019 (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash – Citizens Bank	\$937,017.41
Checking – Citizens Bank	-0.51
Cash Fund (PRIT)	492.66
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	131,184,608.48

Accounts Receivable	84,860.45
Sub Total	132,206,978.49

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	0.00
Sub Total	0.00

FUND BALANCES

Annuity Fund	-26,821,104.40
Annuity Reserve Fund	-9,312,381.81
Military Service Fund	-13,935.93
Pension Fund	-184,693.34
Pension Reserve Fund	-78,828,604.99
Sub Total	-115,160,720.47

REVENUES

Investment Income	-3,355,494.40
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Workers' Compensation Settlements	-6,000.00
Realized Gain	-6,157,843.70
Realized Loss	0.00
Unrealized Gain	-14,959,706.34
Unrealized Loss	5,403,473.86
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Member Deductions	-3,101,488.51
Transfers from other Systems	-298,041.73
Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits	-40,441.51
Pension Fund Appropriation	-5,397,253.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-16,693.65
3(8)(c) Reimb. from other Systems	-230,277.24
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-49,993.67
Member Payments from Rollovers	-73,097.94
Sub Total	-28,282,857.83

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	40,771.81
Management Fees	637,436.30
Consultant Fees	17,250.00
Legal Expenses	0.00
Fiduciary Insurance	6,131.00
Service Contracts	28,700.00
Professional Services	18,000.00
Actuarial Services	17,500.00
Education and Training	13,618.75
Administrative Expenses	5,373.73
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	500.70
Annuities Paid	1,736,691.00
Pensions Paid	6,616,995.21
COLA's Paid	1,097,263.85
3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	267,078.81
Transfers to other Systems	424,025.64
Refunds to Members	309,263.01
Option B Refunds	0.00
Sub Total	11,236,599.81

NEW MEMBERS 2019

Rachel Anderson
Alexander Bailey
Jeannine Banner
Alexandra Barber
Gabrielle Barnes
Laura Barry
Jennifer Bleakney
Kevin Brady
Peter Brown
Jacqueline Cahill
Cynthia Callahan
Lisa Campbell
Nicole Cannon
Edward Chiappini
Angela Clancy
Samuel Curatola
Laura Daly
Tina Davidson-Webb
Michael DeRienzo
Elizabeth Donohue
Kelly Donovan
Kevin Duff
Lisa Dynan
Daniel Farquharson
Diane Fee
Ulrike Fernald
Derline Fevrius
Alan Fielding
Sandra Fischer
Kathryn Foisy
Jerome Ford
Holly Gammon-Faulkner
Alison Gargano Daponte
Heidi Gaul

Stacy Lemieux
Eleanor Lundy
Susan MacKay
Michelle Magner
Peter Maloof
Karen Maravel
Diane McAllister
Nora McCormack
Brittany McCulloch
Carolyn McDonald
Theresa McDonald
Max Meallo
Christopher Meservey
Samuel Mildrum
Ashley Morrill
Kristen Moschella
Jacquelyn Muh
Kara Neterval
Lawrence Nkomo
Martin Noenickx
Julie O'Halloran
Ashley O'Regan
Gabrielle Parker
Nancy Patterson
Catherine Ponte
Leah Putnam
Colleen Quinn
Krystal Rich
Kellie Riley
Katherine Robinson
Nicole Roth
Mark Rulli
Steven Sadowski
Alyssa Salvucci

Max Goldstein
Marjory Graney
Elizabeth Gratta
Mary Gutowski
Tara Hancock
Jake Handrahan
Linda Harned
Laura Hewett
Meagan Hodges
Christian Houghton
David Howie
Brett Hoxie
Jennifer Iverson
Heather Ivil
Stacy Jackson
Jeffery Jones
Chris Klebacher
Emily Kuhn
Eric Langmeyer
Drew Larkin

Jaclyn Sanford
Jeffrey Southworth
Kristen Stenstrom
Melissa Takenoshita
Christopher Taylor
Kerry Thomson
Karen Toomey
Kathryn Trefry
Jessica Tucker
Sofia Verras
Jannell Webb
Cheryl West
Kaitlin White
Gregory Whitney
Kaylee Willard
Christine Winchester
Francis Yetman
James Young
Jennifer Young
Alisa Zimmerman

RETIRED MEMBERS 2019

Janet Barker
Francis Cooley
Mary Craine
Joan O'Brien
Ann Thompson
David Basler
Diane Buckley
Kathleen Collins

Barbara Farnsworth
Robert Ford
David Horte
Timothy Krall
Robert Mansfield
Joanna Sands
Harry Sylvester
Michael Vento

DECEASED MEMBERS 2019

Frank Argiro	Brian W. McPherson
Nazzareno DiVito Jr	Donald E. Milley
Carol Gratto	Dorothy J. Morin
Winifred Grotevant	John S. Orcutt
Robert B. Heaney	Patricia O. Ruddy
Kathleen M. Jordan,	Russell, William E.
Edward M. Lewiecki	John H. Travers Jr.
	Lucie A. Ward

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2019

Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	669
Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year	239
Enrolled during current year	109
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
SUBTOTAL	109
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	105
Retirements	20
SUBTOTAL	125
Active Membership Dec. 31, current year	679
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year	213
Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	332
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	17
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	4
Survivor benefits from active membership	3
SUBTOTAL	24
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	12
Termination of Survivors Benefits	0
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	12

Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	
Superannuation	286
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	12
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	5
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	22
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	16
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year	344
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1,236

