

Hingham Weekly Update

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Hello everyone, Tom Mayo here for the Weekly Update.

It is a relatively slow summer week here in Hingham as we continue with our summer programming ensuring beaches are clean, boating is safe and our summer camps are safe, happy places for the nearly 4,500 kids engaged with our Recreation Dept.

The summer is often a good time to catch up on research and reporting projects. To that end, several Task Forces are actively engaged in work that will be needed to inform decisions at the Spring Town Meeting. These include the Electronic Voting Task Force that is working to identify if/how Hingham could begin using Electronic Voting devices at Town Meeting. That work is anticipated to wrap up in October, allowing for time to procure a system for Town Meeting if that is the path the Task Force recommends. Also, the Personnel Board's Health Care Task Force has engaged a consultant to assist with their review of options for the town to sustainably improve health care coverage for our employees. This work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Our Building Department reports steady activity with new applications for building permits, an indicator of good economic growth.

Our Health Department continues to monitor Air quality. This became a news item in recent weeks, due to wildfires in Canada. As of Friday, Hingham's Air Quality Index for current conditions was below 50, described as "good" with no recommended changes to activities. You can track Hingham's Air Quality Index at www.airnow.gov.

Now I'd like to turn it over to the Chair of our Select Board, Liz Klein.

Thank you, Tom.

Hello, thanks for joining this week's update.

We have an important Select Board meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, July 28, at 5:00 p.m.** Please note that the meeting begins one hour earlier than usual and will be held remotely via Zoom.

A major focus of Tuesday's meeting will be planning for a possible **Special Town Meeting on October 29**. The Board will discuss opening and closing the warrant and potentially placing several important capital projects before voters, including roof projects at Plymouth River and South Elementary Schools, updating authorizations for the High School roof and HVAC design project, and capital improvements for Hingham Municipal Light Plant.

We will also discuss whether to include related ballot questions in the November 3 election and will sign the warrant for the State Primary scheduled for Tuesday, September 1.

Additionally, we have re-engaged the Sustainable Budget Task Force as we enter the planning stages for the FY28 budget. This will help us understand our long-term financial picture and inform decisions needed in the budget preparation process.

The Community Preservation Committee, or CPC, is inviting Town departments, nonprofit organizations, and residents to submit proposals for this year's funding cycle.

Community Preservation funds may be used for projects involving the preservation of open space and historic resources, land for recreational use, and community housing.

The application and additional details are available on the Town website under [CPA Applications and Instructions](#). Questions may be emailed to CPC@hingham-ma.gov.

This past Thursday, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the new community pool at South Shore Country Club. Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to the many volunteers who brought this important project to fruition.

We also had a terrible road rage incident on Thursday. Luckily no one was injured. Thank you to the Hingham Police Department for their professionalism and quick response.

Several other Town boards and committees are meeting this week. Residents can find agendas, meeting times, and access information on the [Town calendar](#).

There are also a number of summer activities taking place around town, including programs for children and families at the Hingham Public Library and outdoor opportunities at World's End. Please check the Library, Town, and Trustees calendars for the latest schedules and registration information.

Thank you for staying involved and informed. We hope everyone continues to enjoy a safe and healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing you around town.