

Weekly Update 8/24/26

Tom Mayo here again with this week's update:

- 1) Town Clerk Carol Falvey wants to remind everyone that the State Primary is being held on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Regarding Vote by Mail:

- Applications for Vote by Mail have been sent out and must be RECEIVED no later than tomorrow, August 25 at 5:00 PM. At this point in time, it is best to drop off your application in either the Ballot Box located in front of Town Hall or directly to the Clerk's Office.
- Over 3300 early ballots have been sent out, but only 1500 have been returned. Please return the ballots this week in either the Town Clerk Ballot Box located in front of Town Hall or via mail. They **cannot** be delivered to polling locations on Election Day.

Regarding Early In-Person voting:

- Early voting is available this week at Hingham Town Hall on the following schedule:
 - Monday, August 24 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
 - Tuesday, August 25 8:00 AM – 6:30 PM
 - Wednesday, August 26 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
 - Thursday, August 27 8:00 AM -- 4:30 PM

In person voting on Election Day, September 1 will be held as follows:

- Precincts 1-4 will be held at the Hingham High School
- Precincts 5-7 will be held at the Hingham Middle School
- Precinct 7A will be held at Linden Ponds

*All election day in-person voting will be open from 7am – 8pm

- 2) The Center for Active Living is making progress on a couple of small space improvements to their space at Town Hall. We are actively remaking the former front desk space of the old Police Station to allow for some expanded general programming and the outside patio is getting a makeover to facilitate some outside programming. We hope this work will wrap over the next couple weeks.
- 3) Just a reminder that the first day of school is next Tuesday, Sept. 1st for grades 1-12 and Wednesday for Kindergarten. This mean that the kids will be out and about in the mornings and afternoons as many of them walk to and from school. Please drive slow and stay alert.
- 4) As the Hingham Rec Department wraps up summer programming, I just wanted to report out on another hugely successful summer season. This summer over 4,700 kids were enrolled in the programming while 150 high school and college age counselors gained wonderful work experience while helping give back to their community.

That's all I have for today, I'll turn it over to Bill Ramsey of the Select Board.

Good Morning. I am Select board member Bill Ramsey and this is your weekly update for the week of August 24th, 2026.

Tonight, Monday, August 24th, the following boards and committees will meet: the 2025 School Building Committee, the Library Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Committee, and the Planning Board.

Tomorrow night, August 25th, 2026, the following boards and committees will meet the Retirement Board, the Council on Aging Facilities Subcommittee, the Municipal Light Board, the Weir River Estuary Park Committee, the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and the Select Board will also meet tomorrow night and discuss the following items:

Potential vote to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local 25 – DPW Supervisors. Discussion and potential vote regarding opening the warrant and inserting additional articles into the warrant for the Fall 2026 Special Town Meeting. We'll also have a discussion and potential vote regarding submission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority of the Schematic Design and associated documents for the Plymouth River Elementary School Roof project and South Elementary School Roof project. We'll also consider the following recommendations from the traffic committee:

- 1) Reduce speed limits from 30 to 25 on certain sections of High Street
- 2) Implementation on a temporary basis of a 4 way stop at the intersection of North Street, Main Street and Fearing Road.
- 3) Potential discussion regarding a roundabout design for Cushing Street, Main Street and South Pleasant Street.

We'll also have a discussion and potential vote to approve an Eagle Scout project to improve the existing veteran's monument. Lastly we'll discuss the Select Board goals.

I hope you all have a great week and enjoy these last couple days of summer. Take care.