

Annual Report



Town of Hingham
2021

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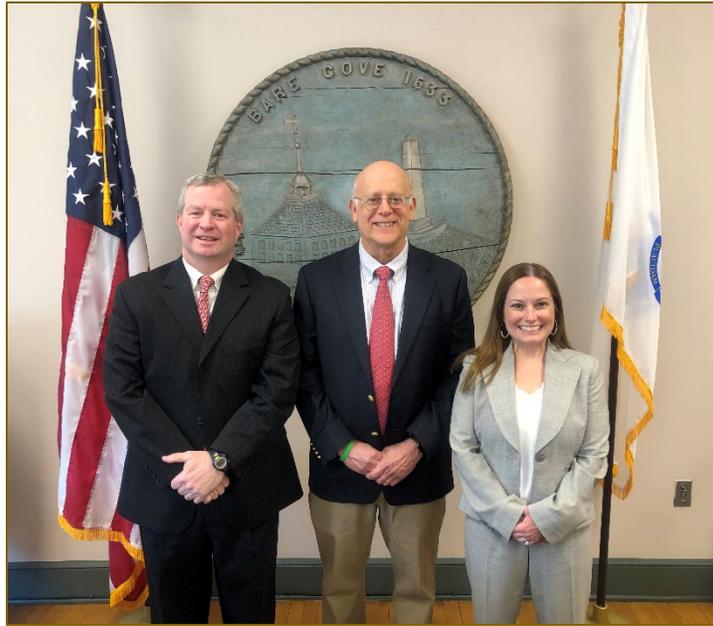
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The "Iron" Horse, named Victory, was dedicated in 1929 at the harbor

Area	22.59 Square Miles	
Shore Line	21 Miles	
Population	24,384	
Registered Voters	18,861	
Dem. 4,512; Rep. 2,721; Un-enrolled, 11,451; Other, 177		
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,586	
Assessed Value		
Real Property	\$ 7,182,410,232	
Personal Property	122,575,490	
Tax Rate	\$11.56	
Schools	6	
Public School Children, K-12	3,865	
Professional Staff	409	
Support Staff	306	
Total FY2022 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$133,736,565	
Total FY2022 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$62,810,611	
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. 419	State House, Rm. 34	State House, Rm. 254
Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1646	617-722-2320	617-722-2220



William Ramsey, Chair Joseph Fisher, Elizabeth Klein

Select Board

The Select Board posted agendas for 70 public meetings during calendar year 2021, while individual members of the Select Board attended innumerable meetings of other boards and committees, as we worked literally around the clock to assure that Town finances, operations and personnel were up to the high standards that our residents expect and deserve.

The Ongoing Pandemic

We achieved many great accomplishments for the Town thanks to the hard work, devotion, and commitment of our municipal leaders, committees, employees, volunteers, and residents. The year began under the shadow of a raging pandemic that threatened to cripple Town functions and to inhibit our work and social interactions. The Town responded by establishing a COVID-19 testing center with priority access for Town residents and employees, developing and implementing health and safety protocols, distributing nearly 1,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines and over 16,000 home tests, reaching out to residents in need of transportation assistance, enabling Town business to be conducted

remotely as needed, adopting new policies that allowed for restaurant outdoor table service, and securing over \$4.7 million in federal funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and FEMA reimbursements. The Police Department, Fire Department, officials from the Health, Zoning, Planning, and IT Departments, along with numerous other municipal groups and School officials, were all responsible for the Town's success in navigating through the pandemic challenges. And let's not forget the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, where over 500 residents participated in a successful outdoor meeting led by our Moderator on the athletic field at Hingham High School.

The Town ended the year with a sharp increase in new COVID-19 cases as reported by the Department of Public Health. We asked residents and businesses to continue taking precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

Capital Projects

Undeterred by the pandemic, the Town proceeded with design and development work on two major capital projects that have the potential to substantially improve the quality of the Hingham experience. First, a new school building is planned to replace the William L. Foster Elementary School that first opened 71 years ago. Thanks to the leadership of the School Building Committee, the project has been progressing through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process as the Town seeks to recoup a significant portion of its construction costs through MSBA reimbursements. Second, a public safety facility is envisioned at 335 Lincoln Street to become the new headquarters for the Hingham Police Department, which is currently based in a portion of Town Hall, and to become the new home for our firefighters who are currently based at Hingham Fire Station 2/North Fire Station, which was built 81 years ago. The Public Safety Facility Building Committee is responsible for designing a facility that will serve the Town well for decades to come.

Construction of a public safety facility is the precursor to the Town's planned expansion of the Senior Center at Town Hall. The Department of Elder Services currently operates a 5,500 square foot senior center located next to the Hingham Police Department, where the offerings include fitness classes, educational programs, art and music classes, writing classes, social opportunities and recreational games. With approximately twenty percent of the Town's adult population being 60 and older, we are committed to supporting the independence and ongoing personal development of these valued residents.

Environment

This year we focused on environmental concerns, recognizing that climate action is an imperative for all of us as we must act now to safeguard the welfare of future generations. The Town converted one-third of the Police Department's emergency response fleet to hybrid vehicles, saving an estimated 252,000 pounds of CO₂ by avoiding use of over 14,000 gallons of gasoline per year. We completed our first three Green Communities projects with \$142,000 in State funds, increasing energy efficiency at two schools and our largest sewer pumping station and saving an estimated 815 MMBtus annually. The Town received an additional \$185,000 in Green Communities grant funds for LED lighting projects at Hingham High School and Town Hall. The Town's newly created Climate Action Planning Committee has begun its work of evaluating a wide range of carbon emission reduction strategies.

Hingham Harbor is one of the gems of our Town. Thanks to the leadership of the Harbor Development Committee and the Trustees of the Bathing Beach, and the technical support of the Town Engineer, we continued design and development work for the Inner Harbor Coastal Resiliency Improvement Project, encompassing Town Pier, Barnes Wharf and Veteran's Park. We are engaged in a multi-year effort to fortify the harbor against the increasing effects of climate change.

Finances

Sustainability is a goal that applies both to our physical environment and to the Town's economic health. In recent years it has been an ongoing challenge for the Town to fully fund its annual budget. To address this challenge, the Town Administrator established a six-member Sustainable Budget Task Force to develop options to facilitate a sustainable five-year Financial Forecast for the Town. "Sustainable" means a financial forecast that uses realistic assumptions for revenue and expenditure growth that allow the Town to (1) provide services that meet residents' expectations, and (2) meet ongoing expenditure obligations through regularly occurring revenues.

The Task Force, including three Advisory Committee liaisons, held 26 meetings and made several presentations to the Select Board in public sessions. The Task Force is evaluating numerous revenue-enhancement options for the Town to consider, including a Proposition 2½ operating override, targeting governmental and private grant opportunities, utilizing the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance to invest in capital projects when the Balance is above the 20% threshold set by the Town's Financial Policy, enhancing economic development efforts, considering the creation of a

real estate transfer fee, re-evaluating whether to permit marijuana establishments in Hingham and analyzing Transfer Station fees.

On the expenditure side of the ledger, the Task Force is looking to propose budget guidelines in order to better align expenses with available revenue. The Task Force has been considering proposals to align collective bargaining and employee compensation strategies, to revamp the process for School contract negotiations, to establish a formal revenue-sharing agreement between Municipal and School Departments, to enhance preventative facilities maintenance and long-term capital planning, and to develop cost-saving solar energy measures in partnership with HMLP to help stabilize utility costs for the Town.

In recognition of our prudent financial management, the Town has continued to maintain its Aaa/AAA rating, the highest rating of credit worthiness from all three major credit rating agencies, which helps assure that Hingham has access to capital markets at the lowest possible rates, resulting in lower debt costs paid by taxpayers.

Future Challenges

Our immediate challenge is to reconcile expenditures with revenue. More specifically, we must structure a budget where recurring expenditures such as wages and salaries are supported by recurring sources of matching revenue.

Hingham residents have strong beliefs and bold plans. We are committed to excellent education for our children, to ongoing support for the independence and personal development of our senior population, to maintaining robust Police and Fire Departments, to achieving a zero sum of carbon emissions produced and taken out of the atmosphere, to assuring that Town services and businesses are accessible to persons with disabilities, to maintaining and growing our stock of affordable housing, to preserving the historic features of our Town, to supporting a public library that contributes to and enhances the personal enrichment of our residents, and to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Town.

We can achieve all of this and more thanks to the dedication and unwavering support of our residents and Town employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Fisher, Chair
William C. Ramsey
Elizabeth F. Klein

Town Administrator

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

2021, like 2020 before it, was dominated by our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. However difficult it was to continue to operate under pandemic protocols, it was with great pride that I witnessed, once again, our Town come together with understanding and patience. Remote meetings, cautious personal interactions (i.e. Town employees working as separate cohorts to avoid serious illness and devastating loss of service capacity), and more business done by phone than we would ever consider optimal, became our new normal. While this "safety first" approach allowed us to continue to provide municipal services, I feared losing so much of what makes Hingham so special—personal relationships. Yet, despite these stressors, our volunteers and staff continued to work tirelessly while trying to make the most of a difficult and stressful situation by building "zoom friendships" and giving each other the benefit of the doubt when something goes awry.

Annual Town Meeting in April (held outdoors at the High School) unanimously adopted a balanced budget as presented by the Advisory Committee. This budget contained significant growth in personnel (adding 32 new positions to the School budget and four new positions to the municipal budgets), thereby allowing the Town to address many areas of need, including providing social and emotional supports for many of our school age children suffering during the pandemic. It is important to note that the 2021 budget continued to see the concerning trend of expenses outpacing revenue projections, as revenues continue to be largely limited by the 2.5% annual property tax cap allowed by Proposition 2 ½ without a tax override. However, due to the significant amount of federal funding still available for pandemic-related expenses, we chose to balance the FY22 budget with federal CARES Act, ARPA, ESSER, and FEMA funds while applying Fund Balance as needed (for appropriate expenses). This approach allowed us to maximize the use of federal money while giving us the time we need to evaluate our long-term needs and goals. To address the need for this evaluative effort, I formed a Sustainable Budgeting Task Force to help research potential mitigation measures and provide guidance the Town can use in determining the appropriate next steps as we tackle this trend.

While our operations looked different than usual, our response to the needs of the community were second to none. We administered nearly 1,000 COVID-19 vaccinations through multiple clinics and facilitated over

19,000 COVID-19 tests at our testing site on Cushing Street. Along that vein, the Town also coordinated nearly \$4,700,000 in CARES and FEMA reimbursements for pandemic-related expenses. Other responses during 2021, while epic in hindsight, were not a surprise as our dedicated front line agencies continued their work. In 2021, the Police Department fielded nearly 28,000 calls and the Fire Department responded to over 4,500 calls. Additionally, the Building Department issued nearly 3,600 permits while conducting over 4,700 inspections and the Library safely distributed 161,000 physical items and 85,000 non-physical/digital items including books, magazines, movies, and music. All of was done while navigating continually changing COVID-19 protocols.

Many long-term initiatives that began in prior years were adopted and in some cases implemented in 2021, including the Master Plan, Housing Plan, athletic fields maintenance plan, Wetland Resource Area protection policy, a new senior means-tested tax exemption program, and a new wage and classification study. While these programs progress, we continue to work through others such as the Climate Action Planning effort, Harbor planning, ADA self-evaluations, and affordable housing initiatives such as a window and door replacement project at Lincoln School Apartments.

While we have been able to maintain progress on the many initiatives outlined above, we have also been able to move several large capital initiatives forward. The need for a new Foster Elementary School and Public Safety Facility (and an expanded Senior Center) has been well documented and prioritized by Town Meeting, the Select Board, the School Committee, and the Advisory Committee. Both the 2017 School Building Committee and the Public Safety Facility Building Committee have made substantial progress towards bringing final designs to Town Meeting soon.

Another large capital initiative that has made significant progress in the design phase is the proposed new public pool complex at the South Shore Country Club. This project has also received broad support from Town Meeting, the Select Board, the Advisory Committee, the Community Preservation Committee, and the Country Club Management Committee and would replace the old pool that was closed for safety reasons back in 2019. This project could be ready for Town Meeting approval as early as ATM 2022.

Throughout this report, I reference many Boards and Committees. It is so important to remember that all of those bodies are populated by volunteers, giving their time to make the Town a better place to live and work. Hingham enjoys such a robust tradition of civic engagement that it is worth taking note. This year, approximately 350 people volunteered

across over 70 Boards and Committees and were responsible for setting policy for all aspects of public life. Without these volunteers, the Town simply could not function. We are so thankful to all those who give their time and talents to the Town. I say it every year, but Hingham's level of volunteer commitment is what sets us apart from our peers.

Facilitation of the Select Board's policy agenda continues to be the focus for our office. This includes the daily activities of meeting agendas, addressing citizen concerns, personnel management, and budget and Town Meeting Warrant preparation..

As I continue in my role as your Town Administrator, I do so as part of a team. I want to thank the Select Board for their support and welcome Liz Klein to the Board. 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 Select Board's office, which this year has been redesigned and now includes the new positions of Assistant Town Administrator of Finance and an Assistant Town Administrator of Operations. The team now consists of Michelle Monsegur, Arthur Robert, Sharon Perfetti, Heidi Gaul, and Kathy Reilly. I want to thank each of them for their ongoing commitment to the success of the entire organization. We have a great team in the Select Board's office and with this new capacity I am greatly looking forward to the many impactful things we will be able to achieve together on behalf of the taxpayers of Hingham in 2022.

Tom Mayo
Town Administrator

Town Clerk

Let me introduce myself as your Town Clerk. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Hingham and appreciate all of the training and support extended to me by Eileen McCracken and all my new Town Hall colleagues.

People frequently ask what this Office does- we perform many functions. We administer elections and town meeting, certify nomination and petition papers, process and distribute vital records such as Birth, Marriage and Death certificates, post meeting agendas in compliance with Open Meeting Law, serve as the Public Record Access Office, perform historical research, issue business licenses, distribute and tally the annual street listing census, and process dog licenses and Bare Cove Park permits - to name a few!

I am joined in the Office this year by a new team: Angela Kelly, the Assistant Town Clerk and Jennifer Donnelly, Senior Clerk. Together, we hope to answer your questions and help with your requests. Stop by to say hello!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Falvey
Town Clerk



The Town Clerk Team: Angela Kelly, Carol Falvey, & Jennifer Donnelly

2021 Elected Town Officers

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Michael J. Puzo	2022
SELECT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
Elizabeth F. Klein	2024
William C. Ramsey	2023
Joseph M. Fisher	2022
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Carol M. Falvey	2024
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Joshua M. Ross	2024
Stuart Gregory Hall	2023
Christine M. Roberts	2022
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Peter B. Bickford	2024
Elizabeth Eldredge	2023
Kirk J. Shilts	2022
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
Laura M. Burns	2024
John Ryan	2023
Roger M. Freeman	2022
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Megan M. Buhr	2025
Janine Suchecki	2024
James Watson	2023
Greg O'Meara (Select Board Appointment)	2022
Irma Lauter (Appointed by State)	2021
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)	
Kerry J. Ni	2024
Timothy Miller Dempsey	2024
Michelle Ayer	2023
Jennifer Benham	2023
Elizabeth O'Reilly	2022
Carlos A. F. Da Silva	2022
Nancy Correnti	2022

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2026
Rita Dasilva	2025
Kevin M. Ellis	2024
Judith Sneath	2023
Gordon M. Carr	2022

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Clark Frazier	2024
Stephen Harold	2023
Kirk J. Shilts	2022

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Dwight M. Hartman	2026
Adrienne S. Ramsey	2025
Ryan J. Lynch	2024
Vicki Donlan	2023
Nandita S. Scott	2022

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

Laurel H. Cosman	2024
Karen Sadlon	2023
Laura Boyle	2022

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

Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault
Adrienne S. Ramsey

2021 Appointees

Term Expires

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT STUDY COMMITTEE

Gerry Allen (Moderator Appointment)
Matt Curran (Select Board Appointment)
Jennifer Gay Smith (Member of Planning Board)
Beth Rouleau (Member of Council on Aging)
(Member of Commission on Disabilities)
Robyn Maguire (Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals)
Tracy Shriver (Member of Historic Districts Commission)

ADA COORDINATOR

(Appt. by Select Board)

Art Roberts

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)

Kristin Dziergowski	2024
Tina Sherwood	2024
Nancy MacDonald	2024
Davalene Cooper	2024
Sarah Melia	2024
Andrew McElaney	2023
Elizabeth Claypoole	2023
George Danis	2023
Evan Sheehan	2023
Alan MacDonald	2023
David Anderson	2022
Brenda Black	2022
Robert Curley	2022
Eryn Kelley	2022
Julie Strehle	2022

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

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

Randy Winters	2023
John Falvey	2023
Brigid Ryan	2023
Amy Farrell	2023
Nancy Kerber	2022
Gregory Waxman	2022
Timothy White	2022
Liz Klein (Select Board Rep)	

**APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF
(Appt. By Select Board)**

Robyn Maguire	2024
(Vacant)	2023
Paul Healey	2022

Associate Members (one year term)

Lauren Galvin	2022
Michael Mercurio	2022
Michelle Paterniti	2022
Mario Romania, Jr.	2022
Andy Touchette	2022
David Ullrich	2022

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

Kathryn Gosselin (Moderator Appt.)	2024
Leonette Scappini (Moderator Appt.)	2023
Doug Farrington (Select Board Appt.)	2022
Rob Shickel (Moderator Appt.)	2022
Thomas Mayo, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Select Board)**

Edward Matthews, Chair	2024
Karen Trask	2023
Michael Cioffi	2023
Rikard Johnson	2023
Claudia Eaton, Chair	2023
DeWitt DeLawter	2022
Leah Godfrey	2022
Lauren Murphy	2022
Ray O'Neill	2022

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

Susan Kiley	2024
Carolyn Aliski	2023
Diane Morrison	2023
Patricia Bray	2022
Margaret Coleman	2022
Patricia Collins	2022
Laura Spaziani, Chair	2022

BOARD OF HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Eldredge, MD

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Appt. By Select Board)

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

Jerry O'Neill, Local Building Inspector

Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector

Tom McGrath, Local Building Inspector

David Comoletti, Inspector of Wires

David Bennett, Ass't. Inspector of Wires

Anthony Stamatorous, Ass't. Inspector of Wires

Jay Yetman, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Todd Amelang, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Scott Wilson, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Select Board)

James Byrne 2024

Nathanial Stillman 2024

John Rice 2023

Christopher Baron 2022

David Jones, Chair 2022

Michael Leary 2022

Michelle Balconi (Harbor Media)

Gary Maestas (School Rep.)

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

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

Michael Donovan 2024

Eric Valentine, Chair 2023

Kevin Flaherty 2022

Davalene Cooper 2022

Matthew Goulet 2022

CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Shannon Kacherovich (Appointed by Moderator)
Beth Porter (Appointed by Moderator)
Katharine Reardon (Appointed by Select Board)
Elliot Place (Appointed by Select Board)
Brad Moyer (Member of Energy Action Committee)
Maria Zade (Member of Cleaner Greener Hingham)
Carlos DaSilva (Member of School Committee)
Thomas Morahan (Member of Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant)
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Member of Planning Board)
Nancy Freeman (Member of Conservation Commission)
Nancy Wiley (Member of Development & Industrial Commission)

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

Sharon Allen	2024
Stephanie Gertz	2023
Keith Jermyn	2023
Diane DeNapoli	2023
Megan Baker	2022
Michael Clancy	2022

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

David Gossage (Select Board Appt.)	2023
Larry Lindner (Select Board Appt.)	2022
Charles Byrne (Moderator Appt.)	2023
Kirsten Moore (Moderator Appt.)	2022
Thomas Roby (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2022
Kevin Burke (Historical Comm. Rep.)	2022
Meghan Burr (Housing Authority Rep.)	2022
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2022

**COMPRESSOR STATION TASK FORCE
(Appt. by Select Board)**

Turner Bledsoe
Kristin Casey
Mary Farrington
Richard Norman
Joshua Ross

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

Caroline Neilsen	2024
Nina Villanova	2024
Thomas Roby	2023
Henry Hidell	2023
Robert Mosher	2023
Crystal Kelly	2022
(Vacant)	2022

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

Horatio Hemmings	2024
Kathleen Peloquin	2024

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

David Jones (Elected)	2024
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected)	2022
Charlie Cristello (Retirement Board Appt.)	2024
Eileen A. McCracken (Select Board Appt.)	2024
Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant), Ex-officio	

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

Karen Johnson	2024
Eleanor Letterie	2024
Joseph Nevins	2024
Lucinda King-Frode	2023
Sara Smithson	2023
Ethel Franks	2023
Jean Silverio	2023
Debra Sullivan	2023
(Vacant)	2023
David Alschuler	2022
Warren Millburg	2022

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

John J. Bailey	2024
Christine Smith	2024
George Kay	2023
Susan Sullivan	2023
Stephan White	2022

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. William Pasteris
Rockland Police Dept. - Officer Sean Brundige, Officer Jeff DiRenzo,
Officer Joseph Zielinski
Scituate Police Dept. - Det. Owen Kirkbride, Sgt. Kenneth Bates,
Sgt. James Bulman,

CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Appt. By Select Board, MGL C10 S35C)

Megan Ward	2024
Ellen Stone	2023
Patti Coyle	2023
Patricia Byrnes	2023
Jonathan Kirk	2022

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

(Appt. By Select Board, 7 members, 5 Year Term)

Nancy Wiley	2026
Brian Stack	2026
Brian Tomasello	2025
Jill Nilsen	2025
Kevin O'Brien	2025
Daniel McGonagle	2025
Michael Kranzley	2022

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

Stephanie Gertz	2023
Keith Jeermyn	2023
Diane DeNapoli	2023
Megan Baker	2022
Marie OLaughlin	2021
Michael Clancy, Elected/Appointed Town Official	2023
Sharon Allen, At-large	2024

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Dr. Gary Maestas
Jennifer Henriksen
Patricia Tomecek

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF

Chief Stephen Murphy

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

Abi Sood, Moderator Appt.	2024
Mikhail Kacherovich, Moderator Appt.	2023
Michael Reive, Moderator Appt.	2022
Mark Lebel, Select Board Appt.	2022
Brad Moyer, Select Board Appt., Chair	2022
Kenneth Carr, Select Board Appt.	2022
Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.	
Town Accountant, Sue Nickerson, Ex-officio	
School Business Manager, John Ferris, Ex-officio	

FIRE CHIEF

Stephen Murphy

**FOSTER SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
ART 19 ATM 2017**

(Appt. by Select Board)

Linda Hill

Jennifer Murphy

(Appt. by Moderator)

Raymond Estes	2023
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Kevin Lynch	2023
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(Appt. by School Committee)

Michelle Ayer	2023
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Timothy O'Neill	2023
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Chris Mercer	2023
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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Select Board Annually)

Jason Caine

Leon Merian

Mary Ellen Carlisle

Jim Murphy, Chair

Al Chambers

Carrie Murphy

Monica Conyngham

Cassie McDermott

Dewitt DeLawter

Erin McGourty

George Ford

Gabrielle Roegner

Tom Hoffman

Louis O'Dea

Jeff Lally

Police Chief David Jones

Dep. Chief Louis Lachance

GAR HALL TRUSTEES

(Appt. By Select Board, ART 40 ATM 1944)

Robert Beal, Jr.	2023
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Scott McMillan	2022
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Frank Sheelen	2022
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**HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 30 ATM 1971)**

Katie Doran Cutler	2024
Nick Amdur	2024
Paul Branagan	2023
Marco Boer, Chair	2023
Paul Gannon	2023
William S. Reardon	2022
Amy Cowan	2022

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

Kenneth R. Corson, III

Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)

Joseph P. Driscoll, Head Assistant	2022
Michael McCue	2022
Danny Souza	2022
Jake Handrahan	2022
Connor Kennedy	2022
Raymond Abreu, Jr.	2022
Daniel Goldstein	2022
Max Goldstein	2022

HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

(Appt. By Select Board)

Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer

HISTORIAN, TOWN

(Appt. By Select Board, ART 2 ATM 1943)

Alexander Macmillan

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

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

Tracy Shriver (Architect)	2024
Carol Pyles, At-large	2023
Justin Aborn (Planning Board Designee)	2022
Daniel Clark (Resident in HD)	2022

Alternate Members

Mary Anne Donaldson (Planning Board Rep.)	2023
Michael Collard (Architect)	2023

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

Steven Jiranek	2024
Robert Stansell	2023
Stephen Dempsey	2023

Elizabeth Dings	2023
Kevin Burke	2022
Sarah Carolan	2022

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

Lucy Hancock, Chair	David Mehegan
Charles B. Abbott, Esq.	JoAnn Mitchell
Jeremy Parker	Edward Siegfried
Aylene Calnan	Elizabeth Eldredge
Arthur Garrity	Mirela Izmeric

Appt. By Select Board

Alysson Hussey	2024
Tom Carey	2023

Appt. By Moderator

Meredith Hollander	2024
Eric Haskell	2022

Gary Maestas, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Ex-officio
 Joseph Fisher, Select Board Rep., Ex-officio
 Jean Montgomery, Treasurer/Collector, Ex-officio

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

Amy Farrell (Afford. Housing Appt.)	2024
Kathleen Amonte (Afford. Housing Appt.)	2024
Steve Spall (Select Board Appt.)	2024
Greg Doble (Select Board Appt.)	2023
Gretchen Condon (Moderator Appt.)	2022

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

(Appt. By Select Board)

Tom Mayo, Select Board Designee
 Michelle Monsegur, Broadcast & Print Media
 David Jones, 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
 Jennifer Young, Community Groups
 Paul Heanue, Owners and Operators of Facilities
 Randy Sylvester, Department of Public Works
 Ken Corson, Other

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE
(CLEANER GREENER HINGHAM)**

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

Maria Zade	2023
Mark Engel	2023
Katie Gallacher	2023
(Vacant)	2023
(Vacant)	2023
Janice McPhillips	2022
Andrew Ayer	2022
Alyson Anderson	2022
Superintendent of Public Works, Ex-officio	

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 Select Board, 11/30/2000)**

Brendan Concannon, Hingham Representative

**MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
(Article 36 ATM 2019)**

Gordon Carr	Michael Kranzley
Adrienne Ramsey	Hans Von der Luft
Liza O'Reilly	Bryce Blair
Paul Healey	Bob Hidell
Nancy Kerber	Liz Klein
Susan Sarni	Jerry Seelen
Donna Smallwood	Vcevy Strekalovsky
Deidre Anderson	

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

Kenneth Drescher, Chair	
Jason Ryan	2022
Sarah Carolan	2022
Martha Ryan	2022
Michael Shilhan	2022
Shawn Wegener	2022

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL
(Appt. By Select Board, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)
David Alschuler 2024

MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER
(Appt. By Select Board)
Carol Falvey

NAMING BY-LAW COMMITTEE
Phil Edmundson
Wendy Ellison
Lissa Tully
Sarah Melia
Victor Baltera

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
(MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)
Charles Berry (Planning Board Appt.)
Gerald Allen (Conservation Appt.), Chair
Carolyn Nieslen (Select Board Appt.)

PARKING CLERK
(Appt. By Select Board, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)
Carol Falvey

PERSONNEL BOARD
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)
Courtney Orwig 2024
David Pace 2024
Russell Conn 2023
Jack Manning 2023
Karen Johnson 2022

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.
William Ramsey

POLICE CHIEF
(Appt. By Select Board)
David Jones

PRESERVATION AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Select Board)
Benjamin Burnham 2023
Vcevoid Strekalovsky 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator) Paul Healey

Joseph Kelly

Talbert Lauter

Bruce MacAloney

(Appt. by Select Board)

Robert Garrity

Donna Smallwood

Andy Touchette

David Jones, Ex-Officio

Steve Murphy, Ex-Officio

PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF

(Appt. By Select Board, MGL C41 S66)

Randy Sylvester

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

(Appt. by Select Board, MGL C51 S15, 18)

Laura Marwill

2024

Judith Nims

2023

Donna Marchand

2022

Carol Falvey, Town Clerk

ROUTE 3A TASK FORCE

(Appt. by Select Board)

Deirdre Anderson

Bryce Blair

Alan Perrault

Judith Sneath

Paul Healey

J.R. Frey, Town Engineer

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Select Board, ART 26 ATM 1975)

John Fitzsimmons

2024

Adam White

2023

Roger Nastou

2022

Matthew McGonagle

2022

Francis Gaul, Jr.

2022

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

Statutory

SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator)

Vicki Donlan

Clement McCarey

Jean Silverio
Stephen Young
(Appt. by Select Board)
Beth Rouleau
Sally O'Hare
Tom Carey
Jennifer Young, Ex-Officio

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Select Board)**

James R. Huse, Chair	2024
Barbara Kardok	2024
Dorothy Manganaro	2024
Michael Studley	2023
Philip Shute	2023

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE
(Appt. By Select Board)**

Stephen Messinger
Randy Sylvester

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER
(Appt. by Select Board)**

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

Thomas Mayo

**2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE
(Ad Hoc Appt. by Select Board, 12/20/12)**

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

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Select Board)

Jeff Kilroy (Police Rep.)
William Powers (Fire Rep.)
William Ramsey (Planning Board Rep.)
Randy Sylvester (DPW Rep.)
Daniel Miller Dempsey 2024
David Person 2022

TREE PRESERVATION STUDY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Select Board)

Becky Mullaley
Isabel Robinson
Katie McBrine
Priya Howell
Heather Kaas

TREE WARDEN

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

VETERANS COUNCIL

(MGL Ch. 115, Sec. 12, Appt. by Select Board)

Mary Ann Blackmur 2024
James Ippolito, Chaplain 2024
Thomas Burbank 2022
Benjamin Dulieu 2022
Joseph Gragg 2022

Ex Officio:

Keith Jermyn, Veteran's Service Officer

WATER TRANSITION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

(ART 11 ATM 2019)

(Appt. by Moderator)

David von Loeseck 2022
Jon Asher 2024
Joe Welch 2021

(Appt. by Select Board)

Scott Cyr 2023
Jim Taylor 2022

WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR

(Appt. By Select Board, MGL C98 S34)

Robert Egan

**WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
(Appt. by Select Board ART. 11 ATM 2019, ART. 21, ATM2020)**

Chrissy Roberts	2024
Stephen Weiss	2022
Sam Mullin	2023

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

Sharon Burbank Allen, Hingham Representative
Patricia Coyle, Hingham Representative
Mark Buonagurio, Hingham Representative

WHISTLEBLOWER COMMITTEE

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

Annual Town Meeting

May 8, 2021

Registered Voters: 18,850
Attendance: 506

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held outdoors at the Hingham High School Multi-Purpose Athletic Field, 17 Union Street, on May 8, 2021. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m., a quorum being present. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Keith Jermyn, Director of Veteran Services. 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.
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7. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
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10. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
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15. Community Preservation Committee
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17. Amend General By-law: Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Reporting Requirements
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19. Route 3A/Rotary/Summer Street Corridor Roadway Improvements
20. Reconstruction of Town Pier
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22. Citizen Petition: Amend General By-law: Articles 2 and 3
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25. 2017 School Building Committee Additional Charge

26. Amend Zoning By-law: Update to Floodplain Protection Overlay District
27. Citizen Petition: Amend Zoning By-law: Accessory Dwelling Units
28. Acceptance of Easements

ARTICLE 1

VOTED: That Laurel Cosman, 16 Queen Anne Lane, be re-elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 2

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with, and only to the extent 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 such indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 3

VOTED: That the reports, if any, of the existing Town Committees and Commissions and the Town Historian be received; and that all of said bodies and posts of government be continued, except that the Water Supply Committee be discharged with thanks.

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 June 1, 2021, or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$705,306 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, 2021, through June 30, 2022, 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. (Grade 10 under the proposed new Classification and Salary Plan for adoption June 1, 2021).

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, appropriate and/or transfer for each of the following purposes, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 (FY 2022), the sum of money stated therefor, provided that, a one-time appropriation and transfer of Fund Balance in the amount of \$4,959,009.00 is hereby made to balance the FY 2022 budget, and 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.

ARTICLE 7

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$178,836 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2022 tax rate.

**Two-thirds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

ARTICLE 8

VOTED: That, with the exception of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant's ("HMLP") payment in lieu of taxes, which is hereby transferred to the Town's General Fund, all funds received by the HMLP during the 12-month period commencing July 1, 2021, be appropriated to said HMLP, the same to be expended by the Manager of said HMLP under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board, for the expenses of the Plant during said period, as defined in sections 57 and 57A of chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and, if there should be any surplus receipts at the end of said period, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Plant's net investment in capital assets and appropriated and used for such additions to the Plant as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during said period.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 9

VOTED: That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Building Department Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to \$350,000.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 10

VOTED: That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Elder Services Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to \$80,000.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 11

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$588,884 from available funds to the Town Reserve Fund for use during Fiscal Year 2021.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 12

VOTED: That the Town vote to transfer the following sums generated from fees paid to the Town of Hingham through June 30, 2021: 50% of boat excise taxes (approximately \$35,000) from Local Receipts, any parking license fee for the purpose of accessing slips or moorings (approximately \$40,000), if and when received, and all revenues generated by the Harbormaster's Office including mooring/docking permit late fees and boating fines (approximately \$10,000) for deposit into the Town's Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund, to be used in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, s 5G.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 13:

VOTED: That No Action be taken on this Article.

ARTICLE 14

VOTED: That the Town vote to establish a Climate Action Planning Committee charged with establishing a Climate Action Plan, which will evaluate a wide range of carbon emission reduction strategies and

propose measures within the Town of Hingham to achieve a zero sum of carbon emissions produced and taken out of the atmosphere ("net zero") by the year 2040 or another target deemed feasible. Said committee shall consist of 11 members determined as follows: one member of the Energy Action Committee, who shall serve as Chair of the Climate Action Planning Committee; one member of Cleaner Greener Hingham, one member of the School Committee or its designee; one member representing the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant as designated by the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Board; one member of the Planning Board or its designee; one member of the Conservation Commission; one member of the Development & Industrial Commission, each of the above to be selected by their respective committee, and four residents, two selected by the Board of Selectmen and two selected by the Moderator.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 15

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

- 1) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$155,100 from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve and \$544,900 from the Community Preservation General Fund, for a total of \$700,000 to be used by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust;
- 2) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$60,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Harbor Development Committee and the Bathing Beach Trustees to create a new master plan for the Inner Harbor, for the area located between 0 Otis Street to 30 Summer Street;
- 3) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Historical Commission to clean and repair the following monuments and veterans' memorials:
 - a) Lt. Curtis Chase memorial located at Plymouth River School, 200 High Street, Map 124/Lot 32;
 - b) "In Memory of All Who Served" memorial plaque located at 114 Hull Street, Map 43/Lot114;
 - c) William H. Newey memorial located at 114 Hull Street, Map 43/Lot114;

- d) Master Sergeants Bismark and Butch memorial gravesite located on the grounds of the Public Works facility located at 25 Bare Cove Park Drive, Map 69/Lot 44;
- e) Glacial Boulder and bronze plaque located at 59 Rockland Street, Map 41/Lot 25;

4) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative purposes.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 16

VOTED: That the town vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, as follows:

To delete Section 2 of Part 1 of Article 14 of the Town of Hingham General By-laws and insert in its place the following new Section 2:

Section 2 - Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year or as soon thereafter as reasonable review of prospective appointees permits, the Moderator shall appoint five members of said Committee, each to serve a term of three (3) years, commencing on the first day of the fiscal year for which the appointment is made or the date of the actual appointment if made after the commencement of the fiscal year. Each member of the Committee shall serve through June 30th of the year in which such member's term expires. The Committee shall choose its own officers who shall serve without pay. The Committee shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

To delete Section 3 of Part 1 of Article 14 of the Town of Hingham General By-laws and insert in its place the following new Section 3:

Section 3 - All Articles in any Town Meeting Warrant shall be referred to and considered by the Advisory Committee. A public meeting may be held upon any article, and a notice of such meeting shall be given in accordance with the Open Meeting Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 18-25 as then in effect. The Committee shall report to the Town Meeting, in print or otherwise, such recommendations on each article as it deems best for the interests of the Town.

To delete Section 5 of Part 1 of Article 14 of the Town of Hingham General By-laws and insert in its place the following new Section 5:

Section 5 - Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the Committee it shall be filled by the Moderator. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of the Committee, for other cause than illness, said member's position shall be deemed vacant and the Committee shall report such vacancy to the Moderator, who shall proceed to fill the same. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the Committee shall hold office for the unexpired term of the person whom such appointee succeeds.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 17

VOTED: That the Town vote to amend the Affordable Housing Authority By-law of the Town, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by amending Article 39, Section 2(a)(16), by replacing the reference to "Annual Town Meeting" with "the Board of Selectmen."

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 18

VOTED: That the Town authorize the use of \$1,250,000 of restricted fund balance from the proceeds of the sale of the Hersey House and up to \$350,000 from unrestricted fund balance to pay the expenses for design, architectural, engineering, Owner's Project Manager, and other professional services to complete the schematic design and design development documents for a new Public Safety Facility to be located at 335 Lincoln Street, Hingham, Massachusetts.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 19

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$200,000 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 20

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount of up to \$5,650,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the repair/reconstruction of the Town Pier Wharf, to address safety issues and sea level rise. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Law 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 Law chapter 44, section 20 thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Two-thirds Vote Required A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 21

VOTED: That the Town vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, as follows:

To delete the words "board of selectmen" and "selectmen" wherever they appear in the Town of Hingham General By-laws and insert in their place the words "select board", "members of the select board" or "select board members" and "member of the select board" or "select board member", respectively.

To delete the word "chairman" wherever it appears in the Town of Hingham General By-laws and insert in its place the word "chair".

To delete the words "he", "she" and "his", "hers" and "him", "her" wherever they appear in the Town of Hingham General By-laws and replace with a gender-neutral reference, if necessary.

To delete the word "He" where it appears in Section 2 and 3 of Article 6 (Town Clerk) of the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham and insert in its place the words "The Town Clerk".

To insert the following new provision as Section 4 of Article I of the Town of Hingham General By-laws:

Under the Town of Hingham General By-laws, the Select Board shall be the entity historically known as the Board of Selectmen. The Select Board shall have and exercise all legal rights, authority, duties and responsibilities vested in a board of selectmen by the Constitution and General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by vote of the Town of Hingham Town Meeting and by the Town of Hingham General By-laws.

To insert the following new provision as Section 5 of Article I of the Town of Hingham General By-laws:

In all currently active Town of Hingham communications and documents, such as policies, rules and regulations, where reasonably practical, and in all future Town of Hingham communications and documents, the words "board of selectmen", "selectmen" and "chairman" shall be deleted and replaced with words "select board", "members of the select board" or "select board members" and "member of the select board" or "select board member" and "chair", respectively.

It is the intent of this provision that gender-neutral terminology shall be used in all current and future Town of Hingham communications and documents, and that with respect to currently active Town communications and documents where it is not reasonably practical to change terminology that is not gender-neutral, such documents shall be interpreted to impute gender-neutral terminology. This provision does not prohibit the use of a personal pronoun or title with respect to a specific individual whose gender is known.

To insert the following new provision as Section 6 of Article I of the Town of Hingham General By-laws:

Wherever words of one gender appear in the Town of Hingham General By-laws such words shall be construed to include all genders.

And further,

To ensure that the above revisions to the By-laws are correct grammatically, the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to review the revised By-laws once they are completed and to make any additional grammatical changes and to file a completed version of the revised By-laws with the Town Clerk.

And further,

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court 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, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law of the Town of Hingham to the contrary, the Town Administrator Special Act, Chapter 263 of the Acts of 2016, is hereby amended to delete the words "board of selectmen" wherever they appear in said act and insert in their place the words "select board".

Section 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law of the Town of Hingham to the contrary, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hingham shall be referred to as the Select Board of the Town of Hingham and individual members of said Select Board shall be referred to as a member of the Select Board of the Town of Hingham,

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 22

VOTED: That No Action be taken on this Article.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 23

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$3,993,600.00 for the purpose of paying costs of a windows replacement project at Plymouth River Elementary School located at 200 High Street, Hingham, MA 02043. The project would replace necessary doors and windows and make other repairs or replacements as necessary to meet Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") requirements, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto. This proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town has applied for a grant from the MSBA, said amount to be expended under the direction of the 2017 School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a

non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

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.

**Two-thirds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

ARTICLE 24

VOTED: That the Town authorize the School Department to enter into a lease for the purpose of leasing new school buses used for regular transportation.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 25

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the expansion of the role of the 2017 School Building Committee to pursue, oversee, and execute the replacement of windows, doors, and related infrastructure with respect to Plymouth River Elementary School pursuant to and in conjunction with Hingham's invitation into the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Accelerated Repair Grant Program.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 26

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 replacing Section III-C, 1 in its entirety with the following:

"1. The Floodplain Protection Overlay District shall be shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map Part B Floodplain Protection Overlay District." The district includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Hingham at or below 10 feet above Mean Sea Level (MSL) as well as all special flood hazard areas designated as Zone A, AE, or VE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The exact boundaries of the District shall be defined by the 1%-chance base flood elevations (BFE) shown on the Plymouth County FIRM and further defined by Flood Insurance Studies. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Hingham are panel numbers 25023C0016J, 25023C0017J, 25023C0018J, 25023C0019J, 25023C0038J, 25023C0081J, 25023C0082J, 25023C0083J, 25023C0084J, and 25023C0102J, dated July 17, 2012, and 25023C0091K, 25023C0092K, 25023C0101K, 25023C0103K, 25023C0104K, and 25023C0111K, dated July 6, 2021. The applicable FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Building Department, and Conservation Commission. The Letters of Map Revision are on file with the Conservation Commission.

The Floodplain Protection Overlay District is established as an overlay district to all other districts for the following purposes:

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

f. to avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding; and

g. to eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions.

All regulations in the Hingham Zoning By-Law applicable to such underlying districts shall remain in effect; except that, where the provisions of this Section III-C impose additional regulations, those additional regulations shall govern. The floodplain management regulations found in this By-Law shall take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local bylaws or regulations. The degree of flood protection required by this By-law is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.”

Item 2: By amending Section III-C to insert the following at the end thereof:

“11. General Provisions Governing Floodplain Protection Overlay District

a. Designation of Floodplain Administrator. The Town of Hingham hereby designates the position of Building Commissioner to **be** the official floodplain administrator for the Town.

b. Requirement to Submit New Technical Data. If the Town of Hingham acquires data that changes the base flood elevation in the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Town will, within 6 months, notify FEMA of these changes by submitting the technical or scientific data that supports the change(s). Notification shall be submitted to:
FEMA Region I Risk Analysis Branch Chief
99 High St., 6th floor, Boston, MA 02110
or other current address

And copy of notification to:

Massachusetts NFIP State Coordinator
MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, 251 Causeway Street,
Boston, MA 02114
or other current address

c. Variances to Building Code Floodplain Standards. If the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issues variances to the flood-

resistant standards as found in the State Building Code, the Town of Hingham will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance, and will maintain this record on file with the Floodplain Administrator. The Town of Hingham shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering that property, in writing from the Floodplain Administrator that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions for the referenced development in the floodplain protection overlay district.

- d. Variances to Zoning By-Law Related to Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). A variance from this By-law must meet the requirements set out by State law, provided, however, that such variance may only be granted if the Board of Appeals also further finds: 1) good and sufficient cause and exceptional non-financial hardship exist; 2) the variance will not result in additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public; and 3) the variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief.
- e. Permits Required for All Proposed Development in the Floodplain Protection Overlay District. The Town of Hingham requires certain permits for all proposed construction or other development in the floodplain protection overlay district, including new construction or changes to existing buildings, placement of manufactured homes, placement of agricultural facilities, fences, sheds, storage facilities or drilling, mining, paving, and any other development that might increase flooding or adversely impact flood risks to other properties. Those permits may include the special permit required under this By-law, an order of conditions under the Hingham Wetland Regulations, and/or such other permits as may be required from time to time under any other local bylaw or regulation.
- f. Permit Checklist. The permit review process for work in the floodplain protection overlay district includes the use of a checklist of all local, state and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the floodplain protection

overlay district in the form maintained by the Floodplain Administrator. The applicant must acquire all necessary permits and, prior to start of construction on the property, must submit the completed checklist to the Floodplain Administrator demonstrating that all necessary permits have been acquired.

g. Unnumbered A Zones. In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA BFE data and floodway data, the Building Commissioner will obtain, review, and reasonably utilize base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A as the basis for elevating residential structures to or above base flood level, for floodproofing or elevating nonresidential structures to or above base flood level, and for prohibiting encroachments in floodways. The Building Commissioner can require that the applicant pay for resources (including a base flood elevation certificate) to determine the base flood elevation when a development is being proposed.

12. Definitions: In accordance with NFIP requirements, for the purposes of this Section III-C, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth herein.

DEVELOPMENT means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

FLOODWAY. The channel of the river, creek, or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height. [Massachusetts State Building Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59] Also [Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14]

HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

HISTORIC STRUCTURE means any structure that is:

- (a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- (b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- (c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- (d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
 - (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

[US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

NEW CONSTRUCTION. Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation, ordinance, or standard adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. *New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement.* [Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14]

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE means a vehicle which is:

- (a) Built on a single chassis;
- (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- (d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

[US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

REGULATORY FLOODWAY- see FLOODWAY.

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA. The land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, A1-30, A99, AR, AO, AH, V, VO, VE or V1-30. [Massachusetts State Building Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

START OF CONSTRUCTION. The date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a **manufactured home**) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings, or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading, or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. [Massachusetts State Building Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

STRUCTURE means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR OF A FOUNDATION. When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns, or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the

requirements of 780 CMR. [As amended by MA in 9th Edition State Building Code, and as it may be later amended]

VARIANCE means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

VIOLATION means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 60, §60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]"

Item 3: By replacing the current map "Zoning Part B: Floodplain Protection Overlay District" with an updated map with the same title that (1) shows the updated floodplain information on the following panels: 25023C0091K, 25023C0092K, 25023C0101K, 25023C0103K, 25023C0104K, and 25023C0111K, (2) replaces the date with May 2021, and (3) in the footnote, replaces the phrase "Flood zone designations are based on 2012 Flood Insurance Rate Maps", with the phrase "Flood zone designations are based on 2012 and 2021 Flood Insurance Rate Maps".

**Two-thirds Majority Required
A Unanimous Vote**

ARTICLE 27

VOTED: That the Town establish a committee, to be known as the ADU Study Committee, for the purpose of reviewing the merits of this Warrant Article and/or the merits of amending the provisions of the Hingham Zoning Bylaw, Section V-K, or other applicable provisions of the Zoning By-law, to allow detached accessory dwelling units and/or to amend any other provisions of the Zoning By-law reasonably related to the creation of accessory dwelling units (either attached or detached), and to submit a written report to the Planning Board setting forth whether the Committee recommends in favor of any such amendment(s) and the reasons for such recommendations. If any amendments are recommended, the Committee shall include in its report its proposed changes. The Committee shall consist of seven members as follows: one member of the Planning Board (or its designee) who shall be the Chair of the Committee, one member of the Council on Aging (or its designee), one member of the Commission on

Disabilities (or its designee), one member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (or its designee), one member of the Historic Districts Commission (or its designee), one resident of the Town appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and one resident of the Town appointed by the Moderator who shall not be members of the foregoing Boards. The Committee shall endeavor to issue its report to the Planning Board within one year of its formation, but in no event later than October 1, 2022. Upon receipt of such report, the Planning Board shall hold at least one public meeting in advance of the December 1 deadline for submission of zoning amendments as set forth in Article 2, Section 7 of the Hingham General By-laws, to determine if the Planning Board will elect to submit, or to support the submission of, one or more zoning amendments based on the report of the Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 28

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through the end of Fiscal Year 2022, 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.

A Unanimous Vote

Meeting Adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



2021 Cash Appropriations

Article 6	.
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	639,153
Expenses	118,590
131 HUMAN RESOURCE	
Payroll	147,624
Expenses	3,650
132 RESERVE FUND	664,578
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	292,016
Expenses	11,355
Audit	71,500
137 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
Payroll	295,439
Expenses	276,714
Capital Outlay	235,000
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	261,635
Expenses	14,513
Consulting	37,190
Map Maintenance	500
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	357,327
Expenses	49,820
Tax Titles	10,000
Capital Outlay	0
151 LEGAL SERVICES	395,372

159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	40,750
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	195,365
Expenses	5,616
162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	6,950
Expenses	16,370
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	200,877
Expenses	13,256
175 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	230,264
Expenses	24,205
176 LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT	
Payroll	151,283
Expenses	7,375
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	19,034
Expenses	9,390
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	257,966
Expenses	448,412
Capital Outlay	52,000
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	19,752
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,583,533

PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	5,927,898
Expenses	396,900
Capital Outlay (\$40,750 from Municipal Waterways Fund)	244,750
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	5,632,401
Expenses	510,273
Capital Outlay	174,000
240 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	941,182
241 BUILDING COMMISSIONER	
Payroll	238,750
Expenses	15,960
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	69,099
Expenses	6,200
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	208,151
Expenses	75,138
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	454,466
Street Lighting	105,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	15,000,168
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	51,905,346
Expenses	9,886,733
Capital Outlay	1,018,532

(The total appropriation for the School Department in the amount of \$62,810,611 includes any and all funds to be received from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ("ESSER") Grant Program estimated to be \$1,376,192 for FY 2022 the receipt of which will offset the use of Fund Balance in the FY 2022 budget)

TOTAL EDUCATION	62,810,611
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$65,300)	2,441,126
Expenses	801,923
Capital Outlay	443,289
Snow Removal	626,538
Road Maintenance	385,500
430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING	
Payroll (Overtime \$32,000)	673,515
Expenses	1,034,006
Capital Outlay	192,000
440 SEWER COMMISSION	
Payroll (Overtime \$28,358)	382,737
Expenses	300,785
Capital Outlay	337,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	2,280,148
Debt Service	72,720
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	445,869
\$3,829,259 shall be funded from Sewer Revenue	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	10,427,156
HUMAN SERVICES	
510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	343,542
Expenses	19,862
Capital Outlay	35,347

541 ELDER SERVICES	
Payroll	268,206
Expenses	24,889
Capital Outlay	0
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	109,522
Expenses	8,610
Benefits	171,796
545 HEALTH IMPERATIVES	2,700
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	3,700
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	988,174
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,559,866
Expenses	369,798
Capital Outlay	146,000
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	178,496
Expenses	170,780
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	26,832
Expenses	11,750
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Payroll	75,679
Expenses	7,363
692 CELEBRATIONS	17,107
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	2,563,671

ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	
Payroll	890,830
Expenses	908,350
Debt Service	92,000
730 WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM	
Payroll	257,434
Expenses	6,369,790
Debt Service	5,788,969
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	14,307,373
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	5,707,376
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	5,707,376
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 GROUP INSURANCE	7,146,355
903 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,267,567
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	5,443,559
912 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	330,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
914 MANDATORY MEDICARE	1,102,935
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	15,320,416
915 Property and Liability Insurance	1,028,087
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	1,028,087
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	1,333,736,565

Article 4	
Personnel Services And Expenses	\$705,306
Article 15	
Community Preservation Committee	
General Reserve and the Housing Reserve-	
• Hingham Affordable Housing Trust	700,000
• Harbor Dev & Bathing Beach Trustees for Inner Harbor Master Plan	60,000
• Historical Commission-Monument & Veteran Memorials Clean & Repair	15,000
• CP Committee for Administrative purposes	10,000
Article 18	
Public Safety Facility	
Design, architectural engineering plans to develop design documents	1,600,000
\$1,250,000 from restricted fund balance from the Hersey House sale proceeds and \$350,000 from unrestricted fund balance	
Article 19	
Finalize Plans & Specs for Rt. 3A/Rotary/Summer St. Improvements	200,000
Article 20	
Town Pier Wharf repair/reconstruction	5,650,000
Article 23	
Plymouth River School Windows	3,993,600

Annual Town Election, May 22, 2021

Registered Voters 17533

Moderator								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	119	100	131	134	83	70	165	802
Michael J. Puzo	457	519	541	564	366	263	531	3241
Write-Ins	5	11	13	8	5	1	13	56
Total	581	630	685	706	454	334	709	4099
Select Board								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	26	33	42	36	20	7	31	195
Joseph F. Kelly	163	151	156	131	108	106	177	992
Elizabeth Klein	308	347	396	453	269	201	441	2415
Michelle Larned	84	97	89	86	56	20	59	491
Write-Ins	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	6
Total	581	630	685	706	454	334	709	4099
Board of Assessors								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	80	103	134	114	70	50	103	654
Carleton Chambers	165	228	278	254	182	179	292	1578
Joshua M. Ross	335	299	272	337	201	105	312	1861
Write-Ins	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	6
Total	581	630	685	706	454	334	709	4099
Town Clerk								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	11	6	7	10	4	14	8	60
Carol M. Falvey	341	341	390	386	229	151	290	2128
Elizabeth Lewiecki	77	63	67	72	38	67	165	549
Laura English Marwill	142	204	188	224	171	80	240	1249
Thomas F. Patch	10	16	33	14	11	22	6	112
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	581	630	685	706	454	334	709	4099
Board of Health								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	79	87	111	107	70	45	100	599
Peter B. Bickford	322	347	380	384	262	153	365	2213
Johanna R. Burwell	179	195	192	213	119	136	242	1276
Write-Ins	1	1	2	2	3	0	2	11
Total	581	630	685	706	454	334	709	4099

Municipal Light Board								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	31	41	32	39	21	28	50	242
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	228	292	286	332	210	79	365	1792
Laura M. Burns	322	297	367	335	222	227	292	2062
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Total	581	630	685	706	454	334	709	4099

School Committee								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	455	456	556	504	318	244	562	3095
Kerry J. Ni	331	388	392	459	288	230	458	2546
Timothy Dempsey	373	396	408	428	282	194	378	2459
Write-Ins	3	20	14	21	20	0	20	98
Total	1162	1260	1370	1412	908	668	1418	8198

Planning Board - For 5 Years								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	155	163	221	193	115	88	189	1124
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	424	462	459	506	335	246	514	2946
Write-Ins	2	5	5	7	4	0	6	29
Total	581	630	685	706	454	334	709	4099

Sewer Commission								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	54	80	83	89	84	74	97	561
Stephen Harold	209	263	239	238	212	319	265	1745
Write-Ins	4	1	0	1	0	0	3	9
Total	267	344	322	328	296	393	365	2315

Recreation Commission								
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	37	50	55	63	63	68	73	409
Adrenne Ramsey	227	294	266	263	233	325	287	1895
Write-Ins	3	0	1	2	0	0	5	11
Total	267	344	322	328	296	393	365	2315

Vital Statistics

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Births	206	197	196	197	236
Marriages	74	67	71	82	92
Deaths	493	496	482	489	475

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

Building Department

The Building/Inspectional Services Department falls under the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. We enforce a series of 14 International Codes, including State Building Code Residential/Commercial, Fire Code, Existing Building Code, Mechanical Code, Swimming Pool and Spa Code, Energy Conservation Code, Architectural Access Board for Disabilities, Zoning Act Chapter 40A, Town of Hingham General and Zoning By-laws, Plumbing and Gas Code and Electrical Codes. The new 10th Edition of the Building Code is scheduled for release on January 1, 2023.

During 2021, several homes throughout the Town have been demolished and rebuilt. In addition, the Amazon Distribution Center is under construction at 100 Industrial Park Road. The Derby Street Shops continue with renovations including two new restaurants and a small addition. Planet Fitness is renovating their existing space. At the Hingham Shipyard, renovations continue in existing spaces as well as the renovation of the DCR Maintenance Facility Building. 109 North Street has demolished a building and started the foundation for a new residential/commercial building.

All permits are applied for online. Homeowners and contractors may apply for permits through the Town website at www.hingham-ma.gov.

The Building Department issued a total of 3,591 permits and conducted 5,802 inspections in 2021.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1,378	Building Permits	\$1,129,590
36	Final Cost Affidavits	52,427
609	Plumbing Permits	52,140
474	Gas Permits	25,035
1,018	Electrical Permits	114,770
63	Certificate of Inspection	6,580
84	Certificate of Use and Occupancy	2,940
11	Re-Inspection	825
112	Sheet Metal	23,635
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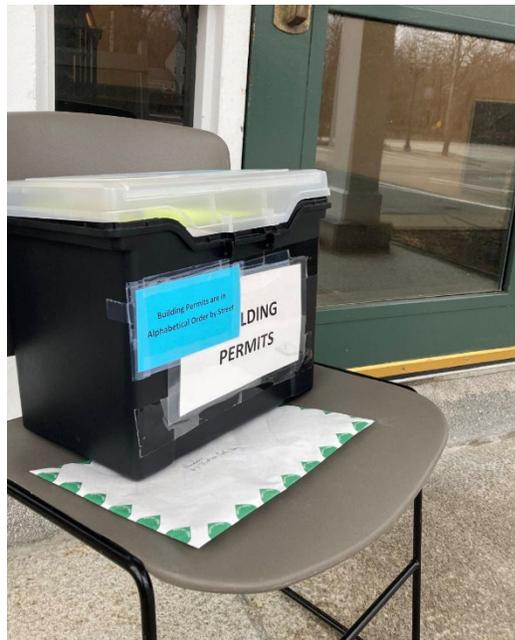
I would like to thank the Building Department staff for their continued professional manner in which they serve the various customers and inspections that we address each day.

We would like to thank all the applicants, residents, businesses, and Town departments for their patience and understanding this past year with all that everyone has been through.

We look forward to serving you in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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



While Town Hall was closed to the public, Building permits were issued and made available for outdoor pick-up

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is responsible for protecting wetlands, waterways, water supplies, fisheries, wildlife, and wildlife habitat as well as regulating floodplain activities through its administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Hingham Wetlands Protection By-law. The Conservation Commission is a seven-member volunteer board, appointed by the Select Board and supported by Conservation Department staff.

In 2021, the Commission held 22 public meetings and provided coordination, monitoring, permit review, and consultation on numerous residential, commercial, and municipal projects throughout the town. The Commission acted on 129 applications and projects, including:

- 39 Orders of Conditions
- 4 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 5 Permit Extensions
- 11 Certificates of Compliance
- 2 Orders of Resource Area Delineation
- 27 Determinations of Applicability
- 41 Administrative Review Decisions

The Commission also protects and manages the Town's conservation properties and natural resources, including turkey and deer hunting programs. The Commission and its staff facilitated the 2021 hunting program in accordance with all state and local regulations. A total of 44 bow hunting permits were issued; 9 for the spring turkey season and 35 for the fall deer season. The Commission received notification of 30 deer harvested during the 2021 season.

The Commission continued to see an increase in the use of conservation properties due to the pandemic and a renewed interest in local exploration. This increase in use highlights the value of local, accessible open space.

The Commission's dedicated volunteers continued to help maintain and improve Hingham's open space properties. Various groups and individual volunteers worked to pick up trash, clear brush and downed trees from trails, and perform other tasks that contributed to better, more accessible and enjoyable open spaces.

The following Eagle Scouts successfully completed projects on conservation property:

- Nolan Heggie, Troop #1, installed a boardwalk at Plymouth River Elementary School
- Ryan Sherwin, Troop #4, installed a bench and sign at Triphammer Pond



*New boardwalk at Plymouth River Elementary School (left)
and new bench and sign at Triphammer Pond (right).*

The Commission would like to thank Laurie Freeman, who served as the Conservation Commission Chair from 2017-2021, for her superb leadership and involvement in Hingham environmental and sustainability initiatives. The Commission would also like to thank Loni Fournier, who worked as the Conservation Officer from 2015-2021, for her tremendous commitment to Hingham's conservation efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Kelly, Chair
Carolyn Nielsen, Vice Chair
Henry Hidell
Robert Mosher
Thomas Roby
Nina Villanova

Planning Board

The establishment of municipal Planning Boards is authorized by Massachusetts General Law, chapter 41, section 81A. In Hingham, the Planning Board consists of five members elected to serve five-year terms. An appointed associate member may also act on special permit applications on an as-needed basis.

Planning Board responsibilities fall into diverse categories, including the following:

Permitting: Under the Zoning By-Law, the Planning Board acts as the site plan review authority for certain development projects. These tend to be commercial in nature, but may occasionally include residential projects that involve a minimum level of land disturbance. The Board also serves as the special permit granting authority for some uses or configurations of land, such as common driveways or parking determinations. The most notable zoning application reviewed by the Board in 2021 involved the redevelopment of a property in the South Shore Park for an Amazon "Last Mile Delivery Station."

The Planning Board also reviews all subdivision plans under the Subdivision Control Law. These plans generally propose construction of new streets to support additional development. Certain divisions of land are exempt from Subdivision Control because the proposed lots have frontage on an existing street or proposed parcels do not represent building lots. These applications, which are also reviewed by the Board, are known as Approval Not Required (ANR) or Form A Plans.

Under the Scenic Roads Act, the Planning Board is empowered to review specified activities, such as removal of trees or stonewalls, within a scenic roadway layout.

Summary of 2021 Permit Applications	
Site Plan Reviews	71*
Special Permits	12
Subdivisions	7
ANRs (Form As)	5
Scenic Roads	0

* 32 applications for minor work were waived

Reviewing Zoning Amendments: The Planning Board is one of several agencies or individuals authorized to initiate a zoning amendment. When a zoning amendment has been put forward, the Planning Board holds the public hearing and reports its recommendation for action to Town Meeting. In recent months, the Board reviewed four zoning articles, voting to recommend that Town Meeting adopt three.

Adopting the Master Plan: The Planning Board is charged with creation of a comprehensive master plan to guide future development in the Town. Following review of a final draft prepared by the Master Plan Committee, the Board adopted the Master Plan in August 2021.

The Board conducted most of its work remotely last year. Beginning in March 2020, all public meetings were held by Zoom as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law during the Covid-19 state of emergency. Despite the pandemic, the Planning Board worked collaboratively with a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Select Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission. Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of or liaisons to several Town committees, including the Master Plan Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Development and Industrial Committee, Route 3A Task Force, and Traffic Committee.

The Board also welcomed three new staff members in 2021: Emily Wentworth, Community Planning Director; Michael Silveira, Senior Planner; and Tracy Altrich, Administrative Assistant. Department staff is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all planning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to visit its webpage (www.hingham-ma.gov/166), where all pending application materials are posted, and attend its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Ellis, Chair
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Clerk
Gordon Carr
Rita DaSilva
Judith Sneath

Emily Wentworth, Community Planning Director

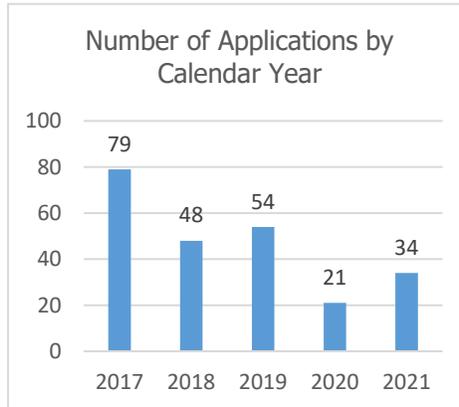
Zoning Board of Appeals

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. Six associate members, appointed to 1-year terms, presently serve on an as-needed basis. The Select Board makes all appointments. The Board of Appeals is responsible for appointments, subject to confirmation by the Select Board, 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 34 applications over the course of the year. The Board itself held 16 meetings in 2021, during which members conducted 39 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. This level of activity is rising from a low in 2020. A combination of factors, including COVID-19 and stricter application of local regulations by the Board, likely caused the fluctuation in permitting applications.



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. Most

requests for dimensional relief related primarily to setback requirements for residential accessory structures, both attached and detached, signage requirements, or modifications of previously approved plans. In 2021, only five new variances were conditionally granted, and the requests ranged from re-constructing a retaining wall and fence in the required setback to redeveloping a former gas station for retail use. All other variance applications were withdrawn without prejudice.

The Hingham Zoning By-Law also authorizes the Board to grant use variances; however, this form of relief is granted sparingly. The Board did not receive any of these applications in 2021.

Administrative Appeals: Aggrieved parties may appeal a decision or issuance of a permit by the Building Commissioner or the Zoning Administrator to the Board. The Board heard three administrative appeal applications in 2021 and upheld the Building Commissioner in all three cases.

Findings: Six 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. Applications in 2021 involved construction of conforming additions and maintenance of nonconforming setbacks for residential structures, including accessory structures. Three of the six applications were granted by the Board, while three applications were withdrawn without prejudice.

Special Permits: The Board heard applications on ten special permit requests in 2021, eight were granted and two were withdrawn without prejudice. 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 special permit applications received in 2021 each involved distinctly different requests ranging from locating a take-out restaurant in an existing tenant space in the Industrial District, to operating a farmers market in the Official and Open Space District.

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. In 2021, the Board approved one comprehensive permit application brought forward by South Shore Habitat for Humanity to modify the approved design for two dwellings. One application was withdrawn without prejudice.

Board members would like to express appreciation for the support, cooperation, and assistance we received from all Town departments during the past year. In particular, the Board would like to acknowledge its former staff, Emily Wentworth and Michael Silveira, who both transitioned to new positions in the Community Planning Department in 2021. Members also wish to welcome the new Zoning Administrator/Senior Planner, Jennifer Oram, and Land Use & Development Coordinator, Eleanor MacKay, who both joined the team in early 2022. 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 visit its webpage (www.hingham-ma.gov/351), where all application materials are now posted, and attend its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn S. Maguire, Chair
Paul K. Healey
Joseph Ruccio

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 2021, the Historic Districts Commission held over 75 hearings and made 22 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, and are a valuable resource for property owners to 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 by contacting the Administrator via email.

The Commission consists of five voting members and five alternates appointed by the Select Board 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 and an at-large member.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Commission has held remote meetings using Zoom and has made site visits using masks and maintaining social distancing. To its credit, the Commission conducted meetings and site visits as scheduled, and maintained its high level of service to applicants. Normally, the public is encouraged to attend

Commission hearings held at Town Hall, generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month; however, until further notice the public is welcome to attend the meetings via Zoom. The Commission regularly videotapes its meetings, all of which can be accessed via the Harbor Media website or YouTube.

The Commission wishes to thank Architect Michael Collard for his years of service on the Commission. During his considerable tenure both as a member and Chair, Mike was the backbone of the design review process. The experience and expertise he brought to the review process resulted in improvements to many projects. The Commission also wishes to express its appreciation to Benjamin Burnham. Ben brought his talent and experience as a General Contractor to the table for each project the Commission reviewed. Using his builder's insight, Ben provided solutions and alternatives to design issues as they arose, and identified potential design issues before they became a problem for the homeowner. The last thank you goes to Hans von der Luft, under whose leadership the Commission implemented a number of process improvements. Hans always sought to balance his dedication to historic preservation with a willingness to respect the needs of each applicant. He also served as the Commission's representative on the Master Plan Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young, Administrator

Members:

Tracy Shriver, Chair
Carol Pyles, Vice-Chair
Catherine Daley
Daniel Clark
Justin Aborn

Alternate Member:

Mary Anne Donaldson

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 <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

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.

The Commission's biggest challenge during 2020 was its efforts to save the historic Skate House on East Street from demolition. Negotiations with the Recreation Commission, which has responsibility for the care and custody of the building, began in early 2020 and continued into the early months of 2021. The Historical Commission presented a proposal to the Recreation Commission to save the front portion of the building and restore it for use as a storage facility. Renderings prepared by Architect and Commission member Robert Stansell showed the restored facility as well as a covered patio for public use. The proposal also included the Commission's commitment to fund the entire cost of the project. Unfortunately, despite the significant time, effort and resources the Commission devoted to saving this historically significant building, the Recreation Commission rejected the proposal and proceeded to demolish the building. This quote from the National Trust applies to the loss of the Skate House: "When we lose a historic place, we lose a part of who we are."

Harbor Media and Commission member Elizabeth Dings, produced a fifth video in 2021 to add to the Historical Commission's History Abode series. This most recent video was dedicated to the history of the Skate House, its importance to the Town and its residents. The other videos in the History Abode series focus on Major General Benjamin Lincoln; the Bethlehem/Hingham Shipyard; the area of Hingham known as Tuttleville, and the Memorial Bell Tower and the art of Change-Ringing.

Other notable events in 2021 include completing the treatment and conservation of grave stones in the Canterbury Street Cemetery and in the Liberty Plain Cemetery, filming a reenactment of the events surrounding the Battle of Grape Island, awarding first place in the third annual Essay Contest to William Buckley for his essay on Hingham's woodworking industry, and initiating a project to tell the story of the largest anti-slavery picnic in the U.S., held 1844 in Hingham's Tranquility Grove,

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 2021, the Commission awarded grants totaling \$100,000.

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, Victory (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 has also 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 Commission wishes to thank Signe McCullough for her dedication to historic preservation and the insight and thoughtful contributions that characterized her service on the Commission. The Commission cannot begin to adequately recognize James B. Conroy. Jim took on a variety of projects, all of which benefited greatly from his legal expertise and experience as an award-winning author. Jim's contribution during his tenure on the Commission is impossible to quantify, except to say it was enormous.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young, Administrator

Historical Commission Members:

Kevin M. Burke, Chair

Sarah Carolan, Vice-Chair

Stephen Dempsey

Elizabeth Dings

Robert Stansell

Andrea Young, Administrator

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 servicing both Town and School buildings 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 (CMS) administration.

Accomplishments over the past year

- Upgraded the server backup appliance as a planned FY21 upgrade. In working with the new unit and the vendor we were able to reduce our nightly backup window from ~12 hours to ~8 ensuring all backups completed overnight. This upgrade also eliminated some persistent issues with backing up a couple of servers which are now consistently backed up.
- Implemented comprehensive infrastructure monitoring of all switches, servers, UPS units. This system monitors numerous data points including device up/down and utilization and will alert via indicators on the screen and e-mail if any monitor exceeds established thresholds. This will also help us in capacity/replacement planning for our infrastructure.
- Replaced existing end of life WiFi hardware and increased coverage throughout the Town Hall complex ensuring sufficient coverage in all meeting rooms sufficient to hold online/hybrid meetings.
- Replaced our helpdesk ticket tracking system.
- Installed new network storage arrays, this was the Network Storage upgrade project approved at May 2021 Town Meeting. The new storage units are much more efficient than the former

arrays reducing nightly backup times to 4 hours and showing improvements in many server based tasks. There are two units, one at Town Hall and the other at Central Fire with the Town Hall unit being the primary and all data replicated to Central Fire real-time. We have also gained significant data protection from ransomware and other threats due to the active-active replication and snapshot functionality of the new arrays.

- Migrated Police MDTs and Cell phones from Verizon to AT&T FirstNet which provides much improved coverage throughout the community.
- Migrated our Anti-Virus software to the latest version and moved to cloud hosted. The new version affords improved endpoint protection over the prior version and allows for management of remote devices.
- Working with Windstream (our phone circuit provider) established automatic fail-over of both the Town Hall and Middle School circuits so if one fails all inbound calls will automatically re-route over the other circuit.
- Implemented a Desktop Management Appliance to inventory and manage all desktops, laptops, servers, and Town cellphones. This system also allows us to track software inventory, software versions, install new software and updates as well as proactively manage security patches for all devices.
- The long-awaited Town-owned redundant fiber loop project is finally underway. This will replace the existing Comcast managed fiber cabling that interconnects the Town and School buildings with new Town owned cable configured in a redundant loop to provide resiliency.

This past year, after many years of dedicated service to the Town of Hingham, Steve Becker retired. I would like to thank him for the groundwork he laid and the comprehensive technology environment he oversaw. These are big shoes to fill and I am thankful for the support and faith that has been placed in me to care for and continue to improve upon the technology services for the Town of Hingham. I am confident with the support I have received from both management and the community we are well positioned to meet future challenges whatever they may be.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hartigan, Director of Information Technology

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2021.

The Personnel Board addressed a multitude of issues in the 2021 calendar year. The Board approved five job descriptions for the newly created positions of: Assistant Town Accountant and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 8 (GovHR); Athletics Field Staff and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade X-28; Community Planning Director and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 12 (GovHR); Administrative Assistant of Veterans Services and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 3 (GovHR); and Senior Planner and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 9 (GovHR).

The Board approved the reclassification of the Second Assistant Golf Course Superintendent from seasonal to permanent and placed the position on Grade 3 in the Salary Schedule (GovHR). The Board also approved the reclassification of the Assistant Golf Professional/Director of Golf Instruction from seasonal to permanent and placed the position on Grade 5 in the Salary Schedule (GovHR). The Board approved three newly promoted Police Sergeants to be compensated at Grade PS3- B of the salary scale and a newly promoted Police Lieutenant to be compensated at Grade PS5-B.

Also, the Board approved the following requests to hire: The Deputy Building Inspector at Grade 11, Step 6 of the Salary Scale (Bennett); the Land Use and Development Coordinator at Grade 9, Step 3 of the Salary Scale (Bennett); Benefits Administrator at Grade 8, Step 2 of the Salary Scale (Bennett); the Conservation officer, at Grade 10, Step 2 of the Salary Scale (GovHR) and one extra week of vacation; the Assistant Town Clerk at Grade 6, Step 1 of the Salary Scale (GovHR) and one extra week of vacation; and the Zoning Administrator/Senior Planner at Grade 10, Step 5 of the Salary Scale (GovHR) and one extra week of vacation.

The Board approved the promotions of the Zoning Administrator/Senior Planner to the Community Development Director at Grade 12, Step 4 of the Salary Scale (GovHR) and the Harbormaster Office Clerk to Assistant Town Accountant at Grade 8, Step 2 of the Salary Scale (GovHR).

The Board approved the transfer of the Assistant Town Clerk to the Benefits Coordinator position at Grade 5, Step 2 of the Salary Scale (GovHR) and the transfer of the Conservation Officer to the GIS Coordinator at Grade 15, Step 6 of the Salary Scale (Bennett)

Nine vacation carry-over requests were approved by the Board.

The Board recommended to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2021, a 2% general wage increase for Hingham Town employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement be implemented. This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting.

The Board also concluded its review of the Wage and Classification Study for non-union and non-contract permanent personnel and recommended to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting that, effective June 1, 2021, the Town approve the implementation of this classification system. This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting.

During calendar year 2021, the Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Select Board signed two successive memorandums of agreement with the union representing the Hingham Permanent Firefighters Association. The first is a one-year contract, which provides that, for its term, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, there will be a general wage increase of 2%. The second contract provides for an equity adjustment and for its term, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 a general wage increase of 3% for each contract year. The Fire Prevention Officer's compensation was updated to be paid at the FS-5A or FS-5B rate in accordance with the member's EMT certification level. The annual education incentive was increased to the following amounts: Associates Degree \$3500; Bachelor's Degree \$5,000 and Master's Degree \$6,000. The longevity incentive has been modified as follows: 10 years- \$900; 15 years- \$1,000; 20 years- \$1,100; 25 years- \$1,300; 30 years or more-\$1,600. An annual cancer screening program was added. The position of Building Maintenance Coordinator was added with a \$100 weekly stipend. The Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Select Board signed a memorandum of agreement for a new three-year contract with the union that represents the Police Superiors Union. This agreement provides for an equity adjustment and for the term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 a general wage increase of 3% for each contract year. A new provision providing for an Advance Retirement Notice incentive was added to the contract pursuant to which any Union member who provides a minimum of one year's notice to the Town of their retirement from the Hingham Police Department shall be entitled to a one-time payment of \$2,000. The Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Select Board signed a memorandum of agreement for a three-year contract with the union that represents the Hingham Police Patrolman's Association. This agreement provides for an equity adjustment and for the term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 a general wage increase of 3% for each contract year. The Longevity Incentive was increased to the following amounts: 10 Years -

\$700; 15 Years - \$800; 20 Years - \$900; 25 Years or more - \$1,100. Additionally, both Police Superior Officers and Hingham Police Patrolman's Association unions agreed to the adoption by the Town of a Body Camera policy, which included a 1% wage adjustment effective on the date of ratification of the contracts. The Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Select Board signed a memorandum of agreement for a three-year contract with the union that represents the Hingham Library Staff. This agreement provides for an equity adjustment and for the term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 a general wage increase of 3% for each contract year.

The Board approved an adjustment to the FY2021 salary schedule for part-time and seasonal positions to align with Massachusetts Minimum Wage Standards.

Finally, the Board extends its gratitude to Joe Kelly who stepped down from the Personnel Board and welcomed new member, Karen Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pace, Chair
Russell Conn
Karen Johnson
Jack Manning
Courtney Orwig

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works (DPW) 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 assist with the upkeep of conservation areas, Bare Cove Park, and numerous other public properties throughout town. We also assist other Town departments building and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

The Department of Public Works is 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

Drainage: Replaced and/or repaired catch basins on newly paved roads.

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

Snow and Ice Control: In 2021, Hingham received 43.8" of snow. The DPW conducted six snowplow operations and 27 sanding operations.

Special Projects: Assisted in the construction of the Bath House at Bathing Beach.

Stormwater Management

Stormwater Regulation: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Phase II Final Stormwater Rule requires additional operators of 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 to preserve and protect local water resources. 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.

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP): The Stormwater Management Program details the activities and measures that Hingham will implement to meet the terms and conditions of the MS4 general permit, which became effective on July 1, 2018. The main elements of the SWMP are:

- (1) a public education program aimed at affecting public behavior causing stormwater pollution,
- (2) opportunities 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 minimize stormwater pollution sources on municipal properties and from municipal operations.

Vehicle Maintenance

The DPW facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station, and Sewer Department's equipment safely and efficiently. This equipment includes 11 dump trucks with sanders and plows, 11 ¾-ton pickup trucks with plows, four sidewalk plows, four front end loaders, two backhoes, two street sweepers, one bucket truck, one logging material handler, one chipper, 11 mowers, chainsaws, and two rollers. The DPW Shop has also maintained vehicles for the Health Department, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park, and Town Hall.

New Equipment: 2021 Elgin street sweeper (#22); 2022 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck with plow (#15) (*Ordered Not Received*); 2021 Chevrolet 1-ton truck with plow and sander (#28) (*Ordered Not Received*); Groundskeeper 4000D mower (#31) (*Ordered Not Received*).

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 18
Tree Removals: 167
Trees Pruned: 1,243

New Equipment: None

Special Projects/Maintenance: On October 26 and 27, 2021, the Town was hit with a major Nor'easter that caused tree damage and downed trees across Hingham. Over 200 trees were reported damaged or down. All divisions within the DPW were called in, along with several outside contracted tree crews and specialized equipment, to clean up the extensive damage from the storm. The damage included uprooted trees that picked up sidewalks and roads, took down wires, and damaged houses, cars, and private property. The specialized crews were in Hingham for three days and other contracted tree crews conducted cleanup until November 30.



DPW Tree and Park Division crews worked to clear trees that were knocked down by the October 2021 nor'easter.

DPW bought in a contractor to remove the stumps that remained in the public way and assist with sidewalk repair. The Tree and Park Division is still seeing the effects of the storm as trees are still being found with damage and need to be removed.

The Tree and 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 ongoing tree removal program is in

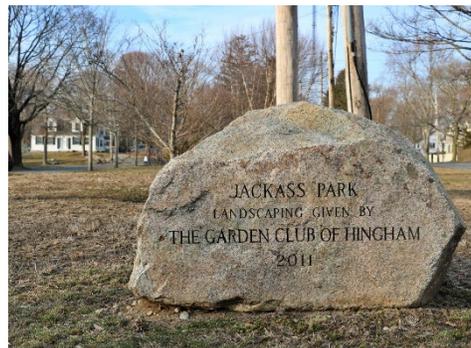
place to evaluate and remove any additional trees that are threats to the public. We would like to thank you for your patience while this process continues.

A forest management program has been initiated, and the DPW is working with the Conservation Department and a Certified Forester Consultant to implement the plan.

The Tree and Park Division maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and strives to constantly make improvements with the generous assistance of other Town committees. We maintain over 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. This year, Tree and Park teams planted 18 shade trees throughout the town.

The 2021 Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 30, 2021 with the planting of a Red Oak on Hingham Common. The Town of Hingham was also recognized as a "Tree City USA" for the 33rd 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 maintaining our many traffic island and downtown sidewalk plantings.



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.

Tree and Park is also responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds and other open spaces throughout the Town. The 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.

New Equipment: None

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year, we transferred 5,739 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash-to-energy facility in Rochester and 885 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 1,303 tons of mixed recyclables; 3,638.5 tons of brush, logs, and yard waste; 2.59 tons of tires; 1,350 gallons of motor oil; 47.38 tons of electronics; 157.91 tons of textiles; and 3.24 tons of batteries.

In 2021, Hingham's collection of household hazardous waste handled 263 cars. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 739,200 cans and 88,200 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$41,370. Twenty-one different Hingham youth organizations received \$22,455 and \$19,115 went to the recycling fund. The Transfer Station is now recycling mattresses with help from a grant from the MA 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 and residential bulky/construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Town. In 2021, the revenue from the scale was \$147,591. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Green (square) to Black (square). With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 9,175 cars per week, an increase of approximately 200 cars per week from 2020.

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. DPW staff are happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Transfer Station.

Special Projects: Installed a second used baler for recyclables and replaced a trash compactor.

New Equipment: New John Deere 310SL HL Backhoe Loader (#L21)

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works provides a wide variety of support services to Town departments, commissions, and boards.

Roadwork: The following roads were reconstructed and/or resurfaced in 2021 and enter their moratorium period.

Bulow Road	Bulow Place	Burtons Lane
Canterbury Street	Catha Lane	Churchill Road
Concord Circle	Friend Street	Grenadier Road
Heritage Road	Hillside Terrace	Main Street (High St. to Crooked Meadow Lane)
Monument Circle	North Street (Lincoln St. to Beal St.)	Old County Road
Paul Revere Road	Presidents Road	Sgt. William B. Terry Drive
South Street (Hersey St. to 99 South St.)	Triphammer Road	

Sidewalks: In addition to the road reconstruction outlined above, sidewalks were improved along the right-of-way in Friend Street, South Street and Main Street, Grenadier Road, Presidents Road, Heritage Road, Old County Road, Triphammer Road, and South Street

Projects: Engineering is actively involved in several projects throughout town which are being advanced through committees or through Town Administration. Engineering advanced a Complete Streets Policy which was adopted by the Select Board, and proposed pursuing acceptance of a state statute that would give authority to the Select Board to lower the statutory speed limit on certain streets in Hingham to 25 MPH. Working in close concert with the Building and Community Planning Departments, Engineering assisted with the opening of the Bathing Beach Snack Stand and Community Room. As an ancillary effort to that project, we were able to install a seasonal shower for Bathing Beach users along the Harbor Walk.

State projects to improve Derby Street and the Gardner Street intersection were also completed. Engineering provided support to the Town in opening Town facilities for COVID-19 testing on Cushing Street. Engineering installed six rectangular rapid flash beacon crosswalk indicators throughout Hingham, and worked with the Police Department to install speed signage. Engineering also worked cooperatively with MassDOT to realize safety improvements at the Kilby Street intersection with Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Engineering worked closely with the Conservation Commission and staff on a change to conservation regulations relating to inner harbor resiliency improvements.

The following projects will continue through the following year: Route 3A Design and Safety Improvements, Inner Harbor Walls Resiliency, Harbor Walkway Extension, Five-Year Road Reconstruction Plan, Public Safety Facility, Complete Streets Project Implementation, and Speed Limit Reduction on certain roads. Engineering continues to provide support as necessary to improvements at the Hingham Public Library, the replacement of headstocks and associated equipment in the Memorial Bell Tower, installing new drainage facilities in Village Lane, and investigating potential intersection improvements at West Corner.

Grants: Engineering remained diligent in applying for grants to reduce Town outlays on certain capital projects. Engineering was successful in securing approximately \$151,000 from a Shared Streets MassDOT grant to improve pedestrian safety by installing the aforementioned rectangular rapid flash beacon crosswalk indicators.

Engineering staff provide technical services to Town departments and boards and committees related to Town construction projects. We also assist local engineering firms and residents with research on recorded drawings of utilities, property lines, etc. that exist within the Town.

Sewer Department

The Sewer Department has been working out of the DPW building and falls under the direction of the DPW Superintendent. This arrangement has allowed both DPW and Sewer operations to realize savings from sharing manpower, equipment, and office staff. Please see the separate Sewer Commission report for 2021 sewer activities.

In conclusion, on behalf of the people of Hingham, I would like express my sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who worked many long hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions to deal with weather-related and other emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping our department operating in an efficient and professional manner.

We would also like to wish all the best to David Nardo (Tree & Park), who retired after 25 years of dedicated service, and Carl Olsen (Highway Division), who retired after 36 years of dedicated service. We are happy to welcome new employees Colleen Tivnan as Administrative Assistant, Trevor Sass as Tree & Park Skilled Laborer, James Arena III as Highway Skilled Laborer, and John Grant as Transfer Station Skilled 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.

2021 was an unusual year for the Sewer Department due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sewer Department performed routine maintenance, continued to upgrade its infrastructure with capital improvements to keep stride with our Asset Management Program, and responded to emergencies.

Infiltration/Inflow (I&I):

The I&I program was suspended due to COVID-19. 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 inspect sewer pipes to determine where unwanted flow is entering the system. After this investigation, a work plan is put together for the repair and rehabilitation of the sewer pipes and specialized contractors are brought in to perform the work. Once the repairs are made the I&I is reduced and the capacity of the sewer system increased.

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 has also upgraded equipment in the sewer pumping stations as part of the Asset Management Plan. These capital improvements include; Broad Cove Station: installation of a new grinder and sluice gate, Howe Street Station: discharge gate replacement, Mill Street Station: installation of a new transfer switch for the generator, Weir River Station: installation of a new station meter and meter vault, Town Brook Station (South St.): replacement of the pump room lighting, Walton Cove Station: installation of a new wetwell level control, replacement of pump #2 discharge gate, and installation of a new impeller for pump #1, Malcolm Street Station: installation of a new chopper pump.

Sewer main repairs included repairing the force main leaving Walton Cove Station was repaired. A sewer gravity main/lateral repair was performed at 299 North Street.

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,

Stephen Harold, Chair
Clark Frazier
Kirk Shilts
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Weir River Water System

On August 1, 2020, the Town of Hingham assumed ownership of the water system serving Hingham, Hull, and north Cohasset from Aquarion Water Company and renamed the system the Weir River Water System (WRWS). The WRWS entered into a five-year contract with SUEZ Water Environmental Services (SUEZ) to provide operation, maintenance, and billing services for the water system. The WRWS is responsible for the pumping, treatment, and distribution of over 1.2 billion gallons of drinking water per year to over 13,000 regional water customers.

The water system operates and maintains a 7.7 million gallon per day water treatment plant at 900 Main Street in Hingham, 13 ground water sources, three surface water sources including Accord Pond, 190 miles of water mains, two booster pump stations, two storage tanks, 3,100 gate valves, and over 900 municipally-owned fire hydrants.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP)

During the past year, the WRWS continued to make improvements and upgrades at the WTP. Both Filters #3 and #4 were drained, the media was removed, and thorough inspections were performed. After making some needed repairs, all new media was installed and the filters were tested and placed back into service. This significant investment by WRWS is key to ensure the highest quality of water for our customers.

A new gas service was installed by National Grid from Main Street to the WTP so we could replace the old fuel oil boiler. The boiler was replaced with a new energy efficient gas boiler system.

All WRWS wells were once again tested and rehabilitated as needed.

Distribution System

We continued with our annual distribution system maintenance of fire hydrants and gate valves. Our crews responded to over 30 main and service leaks, and made other improvements throughout the system. We continued our hydrant replacement program and to date have replaced over 50 fire hydrants throughout the system. Time was spent on cleaning up and reorganizing our distribution yard at Fulling Mill in preparation for our first MA Department of Environmental Protection sanitary survey.

Capital Improvement Projects

Capital improvement projects are key to the water system and the customers we serve. Over the past year, we replaced over 5,000 LF of

water main on Atlantic Avenue and Gunrock Avenue in Hull. Both streets are being reconstructed and paved as part of project with MassDOT and the Town of Hull. We installed new 12" ductile iron water main on Atlantic Avenue, installed all new services to the property line, and added several additional hydrants on the street. Gunrock Avenue has a new 8-inch ductile iron water main and two additional fire hydrants. We remain committed to consistently investing in our infrastructure going forward.

Interdepartmental

On behalf of the people of Hingham, Hull, and north Cohasset, we would like express our sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of SUEZ Water Environmental Services, Public Works and Engineering staff from all three Towns, and all those who provide support to the water system. These individuals work 24/7 to continuously treat and distribute clean and safe drinking water to support residents and businesses throughout our three communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Tierney, WRWS
Managing Director/Superintendent



Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

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

For the 2021 fiscal year, the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$474,613. In the 2007 timeframe, the Light Board voted to calculate the amount of the contribution to a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity sold. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

The Lighting Plant continued its work through the COVID Pandemic, keeping employee and customer safety at the forefront. The building at 31 Bare Cove Park Drive was re-opened to the public, with mask requirements for visitors. The Administrative group returned to the office in June after working from home for over a year, with the exception of several critical weather events that required their presence at 31 Bare Cove Park Drive. HMLP was able to maintain operations in 2021 with limited COVID exposure throughout the year.

Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) also saw the retirement of Paul Heanue. Paul had been General Manager of HMLP for 10 years and the Assistant General Manager for four years. Under Paul's leadership, HMLP built the new operations center at 31 Bare Cove Park Drive and brought the operations and administration of the Light Plant under one roof. Paul was also inspirational in starting the processes of building a new sub-station at Hobart Street and installing a new underground transmission line, both of which address reliability concerns and the position of HMLP. These projects also pave the way for the electrification of the Town of Hingham in years to come.

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 are currently working with the Town on two Green Communities Grants for LED retrofits at the Town Hall and the High School.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Energy Efficiency Program has been in existence for close to ten years. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs). The huge difference between our program and the IOUs is how it gets financed. The IOUs fund their programs by assessing their customers a per kWh fee. HMLP finances its energy efficiency program through our normal rate structure. In 2021, HMLP paid 230 rebates, worth \$50,468, through Energy New England (ENE). HMLP also issued rebates for solar installations totaling \$108,273.

Over the past year, HMLP has taken proactive steps to incentivize electrification, efficiency, and sustainability in the Town of Hingham by expanding its rebate offerings and community outreach. In January of 2021, HMLP partnered with Abode Energy to offer Hingham residents a resource to help them transition from fossil fuels to heat pump technologies. Abode provides guidance to customers and offers their expertise with heating pumps to ensure Hingham residents have properly sized and efficient systems installed. HMLP also funded a consulting position to help the Town develop a Climate Action Plan which will guide the town in meeting their goal of being Net Zero by 2040. In September of 2021, a new position, Sustainability Coordinator, was created and filled to help with HMLP's public outreach related to energy efficiency, electrification and social media. HMLP also applied for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations last year and in December of 2021 received notice that we were awarded six (6) level-2 EV charging stations to be installed in Hingham. The EV charging stations are going to be publicly accessible 24/7 and pave the way for more drivers in and around Hingham to go electric. The Hingham Drives Electric and Smart-Charge EV programs that HMLP offers had engaged almost 50 EV drivers in 2021. (We should probably include the DCFC station classification – they are level 3)

The Lighting Board has directed HMLP to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable and environmentally friendly energy sources that make sense from an electrical and financial point of view. All the projects listed below (wind/hydro/solar projects) would not have come to fruition without our, and other municipal light plants, infusion of capital/cash. We're investing responsibly and making real, fiscal contributions to a greener world. We're "putting steel in the ground" and building clean-energy plants. At the end of 2021, 55% 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 them to have 34.2% of their supply be carbon free. The state's renewable portfolio standard requires investor-owned

electric utilities to provide 15 percent of electricity sales from renewables by December 31, 2020. By comparison, HMLP provides 25.7% from renewables, 10% above the state's standard. HMLP continues to buy Renewable Energy Credits to off-set our carbon emitting energy supply that enables Hingham to be a Carbon Free Energy Supply to the residents of Hingham.

To that end, we and several other municipal lighting plants have bought the entire output of a four wind farms in Maine. They are Spruce Mountain, Saddleback Ridge, Canton Mountain Wind and Granite 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. In 2021, Hingham's share of Spruce Mountain was 5.4 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 897 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by 1917 tons 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. In 2021, Hingham's share of Saddleback Ridge was 5.7 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 941 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by 2010 tons 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. In 2021, Hingham's share of Canton Mountain was 4.2 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 704 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by 1505 tons per year. In 2018, we signed a contract with Granite Wind and they started generating in 2019. There are 33 – 3MW turbines each capable of generation 236 million kilowatt-hours (kWh). In 2021, Hingham's share of Granite Wind was 2.5 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) which is enough to power 422 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by 903 tons per year.

In 2021 we received 10 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from the New York Power Authority. 10,090 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 1,681 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by approximately 3593 tons per year. In 2021 HMLP received 4 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from Brown Bear formerly known as Miller Hydro. 4 million kilowatt-hours kWh of electricity is enough to power about 670 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by 1432 tons. In 2021 we bought electricity generated by the NuGen Solar array located in Central Massachusetts. This project generated 2.8 million kWh of electricity which is enough to power about 459 homes and is

capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by 981 tons. In 2020 we signed on to buy power from 2 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 14.2 million kWh which is roughly capable of powering 2375 houses and reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by 5074 tons per year. In November of 2021, HMLP began receiving energy from Rox Wind, a wind farm located in Roxbury, Maine. In 2 months, we received 514 thousand kWh of energy from this facility.

HMLP is proud to provide reliable electric services to the Town of Hingham while keeping rates reasonable, service quality high, and operations environmentally sustainable, including a commitment to 100% carbon free energy.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Morahan, General Manager
Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

Fire Department / Emergency Management



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

2021 was a busy year for the fire department. We were still affected by COVID, but our call volume and other activity returned at the same growth rate as before COVID. We had our busiest year to date and almost rounded 5,000 incidents. We also spent a significant amount of time trying to accomplish things that we missed in 2020, specifically purchasing equipment and training.

In 2021, the Hingham Fire Department responded to 4,993 emergency calls. Of those 4,993 responses, 2,852 were medically related calls, and the ambulance transported 2,248 patients, which generated net revenue of \$1,492,276.79 in ambulance receipts.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES - 2021

Fire	68		
Overpressure/Explosion/Over Heat	1		
Emergency Medical Services	2,852		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	361	2021	4,993
Rescue	24	2020	4,268
Hazardous Conditions	282	2019	4,616
Service Calls	372	2018	4,487
Good Intent Calls	391	2017	4,389
False Alarm and False Calls	528		
Severe Weather	97		
Special Incident	17		
Total Response	4,993		

Response Totals 2017 - 2021

In June of 2021, Deputy Chief Dave Levenson was promoted to lead our Operations and Training Division. Deputy Levenson quickly began implementing many changes and successfully provided training the Department hadn't done in years. Here are some of the highlights.

The Department started electronically recording firefighter training through a program we have used for other things. The software will help us track individual training classes, determine focus areas, and comply with national standards. We also purchased pre-fire planning software that allows us to pre-plan certain commercial buildings and pertinent items such as the location of fire alarm panels, sprinkler systems, hazardous materials, or other hazards. The information can be accessed while en route to a call and provide valuable information before a significant incident.

The Fire Department, collaborating with the building department and the owners of the properties, was able to secure training in houses slated for demolition. We used six places to practice our skills breaching walls, venting roofs, and forcing open doors and windows. We also used the properties to perform searches in unfamiliar areas for victims and missing Firefighters by utilizing the Department fogging machine to create blackout conditions. We are always appreciative of training in different properties when we can simulate fire conditions without some of the risks of an actual fire. This type of training is valuable because we usually can't use our tools for fear of damaging our stations, but in these cases, the properties are vacant and slated for demolition – making for a perfect opportunity.

After 15 years, the Department was able to train in a live burn building. Boston Fire Department allowed us to train at their burn building on Moon Island for six training days. The Firefighters practiced their skills in fire pump operations, forcing doors, deploying hose lines, fire extinguishment, and ventilation. The firefighters could do the evolutions on multiple floors throughout the drills and completed twelve evolutions each day. We want to thank the Boston Fire Training Division members for providing us with this opportunity.



Through our affiliation with the Commonwealth of Mass Harbormasters and Maritime Professionals Association (CHAMP), we trained eight more Firefighters in fireboat operations with a 40-hour Boat Crew Member (BCM) class. The training is very in-depth on maritime rules, navigation, and boat handling and allows the Fire Department to assist the Harbormaster with emergencies on the water.



Along with Cohasset, Hull, Norwell, and Scituate Fire Departments, the Department obtained a pump trailer training prop, provided through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

The training prop can be filled with water then connected to a fire engine



and can simulate the operation of the fire engine at a fire. The equipment allows our pump operators to act in different scenarios while operating the pump utilizing only 1,500 gallons instead of 150,000 gallons if we were discharging the water for a 4-5 hour training evolution. Every Firefighter went through the training over four days.

The Fire Prevention Division has continued its involvement with inspections, permitting, and participation in different Town committees. In addition, the Fire Marshal performed 148 site visit inspections to ensure the work performed adheres to fire safety standards. Last year the division issued 785 permits and conducted 1,624 inspections. The combined total from all permits, fees, and reports generated \$42,802 in revenue.

Fire Inspections – 2021

Smoke Detector and CO Detector	517
Plan Reviews	347
Certification of Occupancy	129
Misc. Inspections	130
Chapter 304 Alcohol License Inspections	35
FP6 Permits (General, propane storage, cutting/welding.)	139
Nursery School Inspection	8
Elderly Boarding Care Inspection	16
School Fire Drills	16
Total Inspections	1624

Deputy Lachance has worked to ensure that we take advantage of any grants or other financial opportunities. We received two grants from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Safety. The first was \$14,762 to purchase fitness equipment for all three fire stations. The second grant was \$18,830 and will buy new ice rescue suits and incident command accountability boards. We also received \$5,100 from a FEMA Emergency Preparedness Grant to buy six new multi-gas meters for our engines. The meters will detect combustible gases.

Again this year, the Department was pleased to offer the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) and Senior SAFE programs. The State awarded us \$7,960 to provide both programs. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions impacted our ability to host the SAFE program in the schools. As a result, during the fall of 2021, we could only bring one school's kindergarten classes to fire headquarters. Our goal is to restart some of the programs in the spring of 2022 then get back to complete programming in the fall of 2022.



The SAFE educators were still busy and assisted with multiple foam days for the recreation camps. We also worked with the senior center to provide a hybrid course on fire safety, including fire extinguishers and smoke alarms. We are also hopeful that we can restart the Town-wide home safety visit program in 2022.

Sadly, the Department had one retiree pass away. Lieutenant Ronald Thompson died in December 2021. Ron began his career in August of 1969 and retired in June 2000.

Last year the Department had one member retire. Deputy Chief William Powers retired in February after more than 35 years of serving the Town. Deputy Powers was a well-respected officer who rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief. The Department will miss him, and we wish him the best in his long-deserved retirement. Last year, one new firefighter/paramedic Anthony Russello was hired in July and has since graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy (MFA) recruit program.

I want to thank and give credit to all of our department members 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 Select, Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrators, all Town Departments, and Committees for their help and guidance throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Murphy, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director.



Public Education Division hosting Foam Day

Hingham Police Department



The Hingham Police Department continued to meet the challenges of delivering public safety services during the pandemic throughout 2021. Day-to-day operations normalized and we began planning the reintroduction of community events such as our Citizen’s Police Academies and Family Fun Day.

Our total calls for service continue to rise, with officers responding to over 30,000 calls this year. We continued officer trainings and completed administrative tasks related to the police reform legislation.

Hingham Police Statistics – 2021

Court Statistics	
Arrests	83
Court orders	52
Criminal Complaint Applications	164
Motor Vehicle Citations	3,202
Parking Tickets	222

Officers Griffin Moriarty, Kevin Nguyen, and Daniel Goldstein graduated from the Police Academy and have completed their field training. Sergeants Steven Dearth and John Marquardt were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Detective Philip Tracey, along with Officers Brian Fernandes and James Brady were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In November, the Hingham Select Board appointed Ryan Achille, Ashely Duff, Ryan Finney, Hugh Healey, and Tim Moriarty as police officers; they all began their academy training at the MBTA/Transit Police Academy in Quincy and are expected to graduate in July 2022.

For the first time, the Police Department is introducing hybrid police cruisers into our fleet. With an initial investment of seven hybrid vehicles in 2021, we have already realized a significant fuel savings of over 6,000 gallons in their first six months of service. More impressively, this has led to a reduction of 55.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide (epa.gov) being released into our environment. We look forward to continuing to replace our existing fleet with hybrid cruisers as we trade vehicles in.



*Left to right: Chief David Jones, Officer Benjamin Carr, Officer Kevin Nguyen, Officer Michael Dunlea, Deputy Chief Ryon O'Shea
(Photo courtesy of Hingham Anchor)*

I want to thank the men and women of the Hingham Police Department for their unwavering commitment and dedication to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Jones, Chief of Police

Traffic Committee

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

The Traffic Committee was instrumental in facilitating improvements to pedestrian safety through grants awarded to Town of Hingham for Complete Streets and Shared Streets programs. These included the installation of crosswalks, pedestrian signage and rapid flash beacons in the vicinity of East School, Plymouth River School, East School and Hingham High School as well as Wompatuck State Park.

Modifications were made to the intersection of Kilby Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway to improve safety and reduce accidents at this location which has been problematic over the years.

The establishment of a Downtown Safety Zone was discussed along with safety improvements to the North Street corridor.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street. In 2021 based on available data, there were four accidents at this location.

Based on available data, there have been four accidents at the intersection of High, French and Ward Street this year.

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 town's streets and sidewalks.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, please send a written request to the attention of Sergeant Jeffrey Kilroy and the Traffic Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief David P. Jones, Chair (Represented by Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy)
Chief Steven Murphy, (Represented by Deputy Chief David Levenson)
Randy Sylvester, Department of Public Works
JR Frey, Town Engineer
Rita DaSilva, Representative for Planning Board
Matthew Person
Daniel Miller-Dempsey

Harbormaster

As soon as the spring weather arrived, people again took to the waterways in record numbers. This activity signified the start of a return to normalcy on the waterways during the ongoing Covid-19 situation. People continued to see the waterways as a safe escape from quarantining and social restrictions.



The previously adopted temporary regulations associated with the goal of limiting the spread of Covid-19 were enforced until their expiration on July 2, 2021. Following this, Hingham adopted Mooring Regulations that allow for the continued efficient and effective management of the harbor and all town waterways. Included in these regulations, was the rafting of no more than five vessels per mooring in the World's End Mooring Area. This, along with anchoring no longer limited to vessels with a valid Hingham mooring permit, was well received by the boating community. At the outset of the boating season we received an increase in noise complaints from Hull residents as noise generated from late night boat festivities, in World's End, traveled across the waterways.

Transient mooring revenues were at an all-time high as we experienced many long-term rentals in the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin. World's End Mooring Area remained popular and the rafting of five boats had no adverse effect on transient mooring rentals. There were approximately

368 transient mooring reservations yielding revenues approximately \$4,000 higher than the previous year.

Shellfish were plentiful again this year. A small number of commercial shellfish diggers dug regularly in the Inner Harbor and World's End. Digging took place for approximately six months and yielded an improved harvest from prior years some 1,146 racks of soft shelled clams. Turning over the mud flats is believed to stimulate shellfish propagation. This, along with a healthier shellfish population, may assist continued routine annual shellfish harvesting in Hingham Harbor.

Pumpout services returned to normal. Over 10,230-gallons of waste was removed from approximately 455 boats requiring a total of 487 man hours. Over 600 calls for service were responded to of which 89 are categorized below. Approximately 97 violations were issued. On average a call for service runs one hour from time of dispatch to conclusion.

CALLS FOR SERVICE 2021
2 Accidents
12 Groundings
12 Disabled/Adrift Boats
14 Mutual Aid calls
1 Stolen Boat
4 Medical Emergencies
13 Sinking/Capsized Boats
7 Suspicious Activities
11 Investigations
9 Paddle Craft Issues/Distress
4 Animal Call
47 Violations Issued
50+ No Wake Violations Issued

Several search and rescue (SAR) operation occurred in Hingham waterways. Most notable was the reported missing swimmer at the Inner Harbor beach near the boat ramp. The reporting party saw the swimmer enter the water but never saw her exit. This SAR operation included a roughly four hour multi-agency search of the area by water, land, and air. In addition to our maritime officers, other local agencies, including Hull, Weymouth, the State Police Dive Team, and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter responded. Thankfully, as a result of our department's investigative work conducted primarily by the Head Assistant Harbormaster, Joseph Driscoll with the use of social media during the pendency of the call, the missing swimmer was located safe at home.

In September of this year, members of the Harbormaster's office participated in an "Active Threat" scenario in Boston Harbor. This was a multi-agency training simulation, led by the Coast Guard, which involved a possible threat onboard a commuter ferry. Actors and bystanders were placed onboard the ferry to simulate realistic situations. Underway boardings were conducted by law enforcement to encounter and apprehend the threat. Additional law enforcement vessels were designated as search and rescue vessels and their responsibilities were to locate any individuals who had jumped overboard.

The ongoing COVID-19 challenges made our duties challenging at times. We consistently served our community, enforcing the rules and regulations fairly and constantly, to ensure a safe and enjoyable harbor.

Your Harbormaster's Office is honored to be the waterfront representative of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at harbormaster@hpd.org. If you have an emergency, dial 911. Otherwise, call our business line at 781-741-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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



Animal Control

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

In 2021, the Hingham Animal Control Officer continued to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic protocols while responding to calls for service. Animal Control continues to patrol Bare Cove Park and monitor the off-leash dog program as well as coyote, fox, and fisher cat activity. Animal Control worked with local veterans (Vets with Pets) and seniors to help them ensure their pets were well cared for. Staff performed barn, kennel, doggie daycare, and veterinarian office inspections to ensure they meet safety protocols. Hingham Animal Control also assisted neighboring towns, handled calls on state property, and answered incidents involving marine mammals.

Animal Control Statistics – 2021

Licensed Dogs	1,800
Calls to duty	253
Barn Inspections	16
Citations	2
Kennel Inspections	5
Loose dogs	103
Quarantines	35

The Hingham Animal Control Officer would like to acknowledge and thank the Police Chief, Town Administrators, and Hingham residents for their continued support.

I look forward to continuing to serve the residents and animals of our community as we face new challenges in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie A. Badger,
Animal Control Officer



Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by Town Meeting in 2007. The Trust is one of more than 100 state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with state and local agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many constituencies, including Town employees who currently lack the resources to live in the Town they serve and older Hingham residents on fixed incomes.

To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 article that authorized the Town's purchase of the Lincoln School Apartments. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints two members to the LSA Board of Managers.

Trustees are appointed by the Select Board and include one member of the Select Board. The Trust's powers include the authority to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. Our 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.

Despite the challenges created by the continuing impact of the pandemic, the Trust was able to advance several initiatives in 2021, including the transfer of a 0.95-acre parcel on Whiting Street to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat will use this land to create two new three-bedroom homes. Construction is expected to start in late spring 2022 and result in completion of new homes in early 2023.

The Trust is actively working to rehabilitate four homes purchased within the last few years on Rhodes Circle, Central Street, Cushing Street, and Ridgewood Crossing. Each home has a specific rehabilitation plan under way and the Trust expects to create six units of housing for qualified residents on these four parcels. The first two units should be delivered by December 2022.

In 2021, the Trust obtained a \$700,000 award from the Community Perseveration Committee to purchase a two-bedroom unit at Ridgewood Crossing, contribute to the development costs of Habitat's Whiting Street units, and support the rehabilitation costs at Rhodes Circle and Central Street. The Trust continues to look for additional opportunities to obtain property and to rehabilitate and sell homes to income-qualified residents.



The Trust will support rehabilitation at this home on Rhodes Circle

In 2021, the Trust presented the 2020 Housing Plan to the Select Board and Advisory Committee. The Plan acknowledged that there are still unmet and pressing housing needs in Hingham despite the Town's current compliance with the 10% state affordability goal. Implementation of the Housing Plan's recommendations will be a key priority for the Housing Trust in 2022 and beyond.

As the Managing Member of the Lincoln School Apartments LLC, a 60-unit senior affordable rental property, the Trust is pleased to report the start of a major capital project to replace the unit windows and entrance doors, which were original to the 1980's conversion of Lincoln School to housing. The LSA Board of Managers has engaged an updated capital needs assessment that will inform the next series of capital improvements to the apartments.

This year, we would like to recognize the long-serving Chair (now Emeritus) of the Affordable Housing Trust, Tim White, who has advocated for the Trust and the creation of affordable housing for over the last 10 years. We are grateful for Tim's leadership and continued role on the Trust.

The support of dedicated professional staff is key to our success. The Trust expresses its gratitude to Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations; Emily Wentworth, Community Planning Director; and Michael Silveira, Senior Planner, for their support this year. We welcome Jennifer Oram, Zoning Administrator, and Eleanor MacKay, Land Use and Development Coordinator, and look forward to working closely with them in the coming year.

The Trust thanks the Select Board for its ongoing support of the Trust's initiatives as well as the Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee, and other Town boards and officials for their ongoing commitment to the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Hingham. We welcome continued public participation and input from residents and encourage interested individuals to attend our monthly meetings to learn more about ways to support housing opportunity in Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Farrell, Chair
Jack Falvey, Vice Chair
Brigid Ryan, Treasurer
Tim White
Nancy Kerber
Greg Waxman
Randy Winters
Liz Klein, Select Board liaison

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):

1. Town of Hingham "Annual Comprehensive Financial Report" for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
2. Town of Hingham "GAO and Uniform Guidance Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021"
3. Town of Hingham "Contributory Retirement System Pension Plan Schedules for the Year Ended December 31, 2020"

Key findings from the auditors in the reports:

1. Had no material disagreements with management.
2. 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 respects.
3. Although a management letter was issued, no material weaknesses were identified in internal controls over financial reporting.

This is the first full audit cycle to include the Weir River Water System.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Shickel, Chair
Leonetta Scappini, Secretary
Douglas Farrington
Katie Gosselin

Bare Cove Park Committee

The 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 beautiful, safe, fun, and full of life. 2021 was the 47th year of operation as a Town of Hingham municipal park. The Town's website contains information about the Park, including park history, Park Regulations, a printable map, dog permit application, and a contact email to reach the Bare Cove Park Committee.

The Bare Cove Park Committee manages the day-to-day operations of the park. Ranger Scott McMillan continues to keep the park in excellent condition for year-round use. He mows the roadsides and fields seasonally and plows the snow to keep the roads clear in the winter. Ranger McMillan also completes a variety of tasks to make



the park an enjoyable place to visit year-round, including removing refuse, coordinating volunteer service activities, trimming back branches from roads and trails, and maintaining the vistas of the river for all to enjoy, among many other things. The severe windstorm in October 2021 resulted in several downed trees along roadways and trails in the park, which Ranger McMillan and Public Works teams worked to clear in the weeks after the storm.

This past fall, the Hingham High School girls' hockey team cleared the exterior of the Triangle Pollinator Garden, which is an ongoing initiative in conjunction with the Hingham Land Conservation Trust. Brigid Nugent also completed her Girl Scout Gold Award Bee Pollination project this summer. She created an approximately 12x20 foot pollinator garden in the park. The Committee has decided to provide a thank you for those who donate to the park in a substantial way (ex. Girl Scout Projects, Eagle Scout Projects, help with park preservation, etc.). Volunteers will be given a Bare Cove Park hat and a certificate as a symbol of the Committee's appreciation for their effort to enhance the park.

The park became a much more popular place for outdoor recreation from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and we continue to see higher usage from diverse groups. The Hingham High School Rowing team is a vibrant user of the waterfront by the Green Dock House. The team has had such a positive experience using the park as their home base that they would like it to become the rowing team headquarters. In May 2021, they hosted a very successful regatta in the park. The Committee hopes to continue to improve the area for waterfront recreation for the rowing team as well as other park users. Numerous fitness programs and school groups have also requested to use the park. Yoga and meditation instructors have requested permits to hold classes within the park. Several school cross country teams have also used the park as their home base.

The Recreation Department hosted a summer "Parkland" program for four weeks during the 2021 summer, utilizing three of the Town's parks including Bare Cove Park. The program incorporated outdoor wilderness activities as well as a tour of the Dock House Museum by Ranger McMillan. The program was a great success and they plan to offer it again next summer.

We were excited to welcome road races back to Bare Cove Park after a hiatus due to COVID-19. The Beantown Marathon was held on September 12, 2021. For the first time, the South School Fun Run was held within the Park on November 20, 2021, moving from its original location in Liberty Pole. The Committee has also received two requests to shoot movies within the park.

The Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia (Museum) Display at the Green Dock House continues to be a popular attraction. It is open during two Sundays each month from March through November and is staffed by Ranger McMillan and volunteers. Ranger McMillan is always willing to open the Museum for groups or special events. The museum often has between 30 to 100+ visitors each day it is open.

In June 2021, the Army Corps of Engineers completed a final review of the park for any residual hazards left from when it was an Ammunition Depot.

There is a new memorial bench in the park in memory of Rick Shea. The Committee entertains requests for memorial benches in the park. This program is currently under review as the requests have become more frequent. Replacement parts for existing benches that have cracked and are under warranty have been ordered and will be in this spring.

The Committee's working group that focused on improved signage has ordered several new signs that will be installed in the near future. The main entrance "Park Rules" signs have been updated. New signs will be placed along Sheltry Path regarding rules/regulations for the off-leash dog program to assist in maintaining a positive relationship with park neighbors.

The structural needs to maintain Building 80 have been assessed and a plan is being formulated to maintain the aging structure. Funding will need to be secured in order to preserve this building. The Committee is considering ways to increase the value of this building to the Town.

The Bare Cove Almshouse Burial Tombs Preservation Initiative was brought to the Committee's attention. A joint meeting was held with the Historical Commission to discuss Building 151 - a historical vault located in the Park and labeled as Building 151. Documents indicate it is a vault/tomb where deceased were temporarily stored prior to burial. It dates back to 1838 and certificates of death state Beals St. Almshouse. The area is secluded with no trails leading to it. Currently the vault is open to the elements and can be entered. A plan to work on a proposal to present to the Select Board to preserve this historical area, including adding it to the historical register, remains in progress.

The Committee supported the Climate Action Planning Committee's recommendation for a full-time position Sustainability Director within the Town Administration.

Upcoming plans include the installation of an ADA compliant porta-potty in the park with the plan to evaluate public comments and usage regarding the porta-potty to assist in long-term visions and planning for the park.

We want to thank the park patrons and the residents of Hingham for their support and patience during this COVID-19 period.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Eaton, Chair
Ted Matthews, Vice Chair
Lauren Murphy, Secretary
Rik Johnson, Treasurer
Ray O'Neill

Michael Cioffi
DeWitt DeLawter
Katie Puzo
Karen Trask

Trustees of the Bathing Beach

Like all Town boards and committees, 2020 was a much different year for meetings of the Trustees of the Bathing Beach due to COVID-19. Nevertheless, The Trustees had numerous meetings throughout the year through the Town's virtual Zoom meeting format. We thank everyone associated with managing this format and for facilitating this process so that business could proceed as close to normal as possible.



The new bath house/snack stand building which had a brief soft opening in September 2020, was able to have a more "normal" season from May through September under the oversight of snack stand operator Greg Acerra. We were not able to utilize the community room portion of the building again in 2021 due to the ongoing concerns of Covid and indoor gatherings. We hope to be able to rectify this in 2022.

Working with the Harbor Development Committee, we were able to secure a \$60,000 commitment of CPC funds to pay for an updated master plan for the Inner Harbor area that will identify capital improvements, further programs and operational objectives to maximize the waterfront for the community. This plan will complement the Town Master Plan, recognize climate change concerns and dovetail with the improvements and changes identified by the Route 3A re-design project for vehicular safety as well as improved pedestrian and biking access through the corridor.

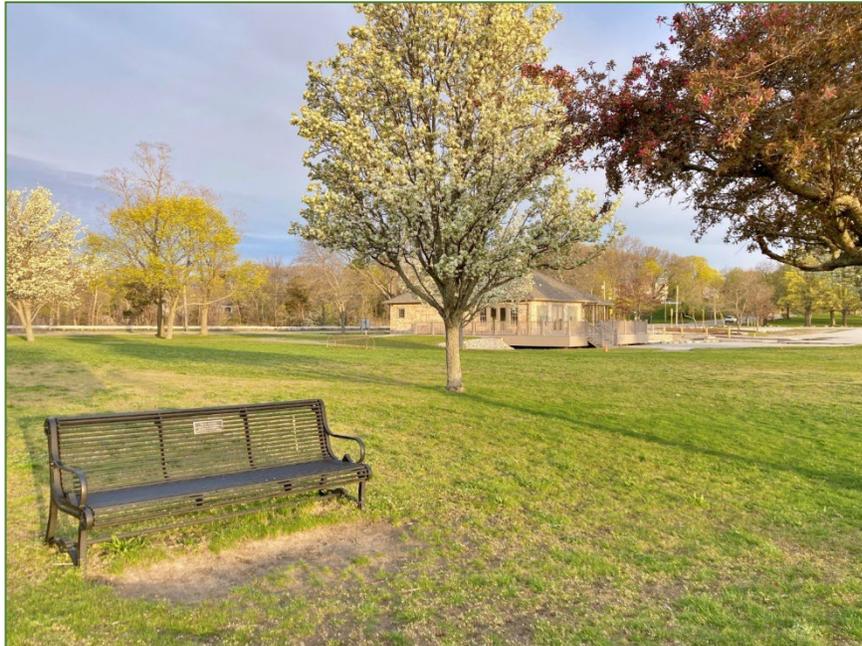
We would like to thank Town Engineer J.R. Frey for his assistance in completing site work associated with the occupancy of the new bath house/snack stand including the layout and installation of a new outdoor shower and foot-wash station close to the beach. We would also like to thank the Hingham DPW 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. We thank the Hingham Recreation Department and particularly Director Mark Thorell for overseeing the lifeguards and personnel this past year, despite the pandemic, as the beach saw more activity than ever

before and for helping our residents enjoy everything the beach has to offer

Lastly, we thank Chris Daly for his invaluable work as a Trustee these past few years during a period where the bathing beach and the waterfront witnessed significant improvements in facilities, programming, and public access. We welcomed Adrienne Ramsey, who has experience in planning, management, and recreation, as his replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault, Chair
Adrienne Ramsey



Hingham Beautification Commission

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

During 2021, the commission held informal, outdoor meetings at the garden islands that we maintain. There are eleven garden sites throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC. There are also several container "gardens" designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons. About 200 hours were spent this year by the commission in planning, decorating, and mostly in maintaining these sites.

The commission receives much needed assistance from the Department of Public Works. They remove the debris that we clear out of the islands, help mulch before the season gets under way, and at the end of the season, they help us clear out the island beds before winter.

We are fortunate to have a small group of extra volunteers, who are not members of the commission, but are willing to lend a helping hand. We have a new member who joined the commission in the fall. Henry Buckley will make his debut this spring!

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spaziani, Chair
Carolyn Aliski
Patricia Bray
Henry Buckley
Margaret Coleman
Patricia Collins
Susan Kiley

Cable TV Advisory Committee

In 2021, the Committee continued to focus on advising the Select Board on the content and quality of programming on our Public, Educational, and Government channels, in partnership with Hingham Harbor Media, formerly known as, Hingham Cable Access and Media (HCAM), our non-profit organization.

The committee is pleased to announce that the Town has completed rolling out an additional High Definition (HD) channel on Comcast 1072, in addition to our existing HD channel on Verizon 2131.

Harbor Media oversaw the implementation of the Comcast HD channel and launched a robust programming schedule and marketing campaign - branded fliers sent to every household via a Hingham Municipal Light partnership, news and radio coverage, cross-channel promotional videos and branded window stickers and pens distributed throughout the town. Additionally, we are now among the very first community media stations in MA to offer closed caption services for added accessibility.

Our current channels:

Public: Comcast Channel HD 1072 | Verizon HD Channel 2131

Educational: Comcast Channel 22 | Verizon Channel 29

Government: Comcast Channel 09 | Verizon Channel 30

The Committee has completed a formal review of Harbor Media in preparation of the upcoming renewal of the Town's agreement with Harbor Media. We are also reviewing the financial arrangements with Harbor Media as we now have signed renewals with Comcast and Verizon. We are currently working on the upcoming renewal of the Verizon contract.

The Committee has worked with Harbor Media to increase financial oversight of operations by improving both the frequency and quality of reporting. This initiative resulted in identifying excess reserves, which are now being spent down over the next several years. In addition, the Committee has improved communication and coordination surrounding Cable TV related Town of Hingham accounts.

Harbor Media continued to grow its support of Public, Education and Government programming this year. The team was flexible in how they collaborated safely with the community during the intermittent reprieves

from and continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many local groups and organizations - faith-based communities, Hingham Unity Council, Senior Center and others - continued their efforts to produce and contribute their own programming, benefiting Harbor Media viewers.

I wish to thank all the committee members for the giving of their time and expertise in providing the best cable access we can to the citizens of the Town of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Jones, Chair

John Rice, Vice Chair

Michael Leary, Recording Secretary

Nathaniel Stillman

Chris Baron

Gary Maestas, Superintendent of Schools (Interim)

Michelle Balconi, Harbor Media Representative

Climate Action Planning Committee

Throughout 2020 and 2021, Town Administration, the Select Board, the Energy Action Committee, and concerned citizens groups have deliberated on the need for Hingham to engage in a climate action planning process. In recognition of this effort and in acknowledging the need, the Town voted at Town Meeting April 2021 to create a Climate Action Planning Committee (CAPC) to fulfill two charges:

- 1) Evaluate a wide range of carbon emission reduction strategies, and
- 2) Propose measures to achieve a zero sum of carbon emissions produced and taken out of the atmosphere (i.e., “net zero” carbon emissions) by the year 2040 or another target date deemed feasible.

Work Product: In order to fulfill these charges, the CAPC will oversee the development of a climate action plan (CAP) for all of Hingham.

2021 Activities: The CAPC was constituted in August 2021 after each Town committee represented on the CAPC selected its representative and both the Select Board and Moderator selected their appointed volunteers to join the CAPC. The CAPC held its first meeting on September 22, 2021.

Last fall, the CAPC focused on selecting a consultant to assist the town in developing a Climate Action Plan, which is generously being funded by the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant. The Committee looks forward to working with the selected consultant, Energyzt Advisors, LLC in the coming year.

Other activities and accomplishments include:

- Approval of a CAPC charter;
- Forming the following Working Groups targeting specific areas the CAPC deemed supportive of its mission:

Name	Purpose
Hingham Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiatives Working Group	To investigate and compile actions taken by Town Administration and Town committees focused on sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction efforts
Energy Infrastructure Working Group	To research demand and capacity issues related to Hingham’s energy

	infrastructure and transitioning to an all-electrical power source
Hingham Community Engagement Working Group	To engage with concerned citizens groups, both for informing the CAPC as to desires of the Town's citizens and to help report out the CAPC's activities and recommendations
Regional Engagement Working Group	To engage with regional municipal and citizen groups to share ideas and opportunities for pursuing net zero GHG emissions, including the hiring of a sustainability director
Residential Net Zero Working Group	To investigate how to improve energy efficiency and transition residential fossil fuel reliance onto electrical and/or renewable energy sources
Grant Research Opportunities & Incentives Working Group	To research and recommend pursuit of grant and incentive opportunities available for the Town and its residents

- Reviewing, endorsing, and advocating before the Select Board and the Advisory Committee for the creation of a Sustainability Director or Sustainability Coordinator position in Hingham for the next budget year; and
- Reviewing, endorsing, and advocating for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations within Hingham.

CAPC members look forward to engaging in the following initiatives in 2022.

- Sufficiently develop the contours of the CAP by September 30, 2022 so as to determine whether any plan elements require action by Town Meeting, and if so, prepare such actions for a vote by Town Meeting in 2023;
- Complete a draft of the CAP for discussion with and review by various Hingham constituencies (such as the Select Board, Town Administrator, etc.) by December 31, 2022;
- Complete a final draft of the CAP for adoption by the Town by March 31, 2023;
- Review and determine whether to endorse and advocate for greenhouse gas reduction initiatives or initiatives that may have

as a primary or ancillary benefit the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, which may include but is not limited to initiatives such as the adoption of a tree preservation bylaw and an additional transmission station by HMLP; and

- Continually engage the Hingham community throughout the process in an open, transparent, and inviting manner and to represent Hingham at regional events, such as Cohasset's "Eco Fest" in April 2022.

The CAPC conducts its meetings in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and encourages all interested citizens to attend and have their voices heard. Materials related to the working of the CAPC can be found on the Town of Hingham website at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/917/Climate-Action-Planning-Committee>. The CAPC is grateful for the participation, insight, and support it has already received at many of its meetings, and looks forward to continued engagement in 2022.

The CAPC would like to express its thanks to the Select Board, Town Administration, the Advisory Committee, and the Departments with whom the CAPC has worked over the past year, as nothing could have been accomplished without their support. The CAPC would like to express its thanks to, and acknowledge the strong support of, HMLP, for its generous assistance in funding the climate planning consultant.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad E. Moyer, Chair, Energy Action Committee Representative
Maria Zade, Cleaner Greener Hingham Representative
Carlos DaSilva, School Committee Representative
Thomas Morahan, HMLP Representative
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Planning Board Representative
Laurie Freeman, Conservation Commission Representative*
Nancy Wiley, Development & Industrial Commission Representative
Kathy Reardon, Select Board Appointee
Elliott Place, Select Board Appointee
Beth Porter, Moderator Appointee
Shannon Kacherovich, Moderator Appointee

** Laurie Freeman resigned from the CAPC in 2021 due to an address change. Tom Roby will represent the Conservation Commission on the CAPC in 2022.*

Commission on Disabilities

The Commission on Disabilities was reactivated by the Hingham Select Board in 2020. The mission of the Commission is to improve the lives of people with disabilities in Hingham. The Commission is responsible for promoting integration of persons with disabilities in the community, providing information and referrals to individuals, businesses and organizations with respect to matters that pertain to disabilities, participate in a variety of forums to develop awareness of persons with disabilities and encourage compliance with the ADA (American Disabilities Act)

The Commission worked in collaboration with the Select Board to fully staff the Commission, draft and ratify rules and regulations and to begin exploring options in respect to funding the work of the Commission. The Commission was very pleased to add Ms. Sharon Allen, a long-term Hingham resident and staff person at East School, and Mr. Mike Clancy Hingham's Building Inspector to the commission. Both Ms. Allen and Mr. Clancy bring a great deal of knowledge and understanding to the team.

The Commission on Disabilities participated in several local events including the Hingham July 4th Parade, Hingham Unity Council "Let's Talk" series, and organized a team that took part in the annual DAV walk (Disabled American Veterans).



Left to right: Diane DeNapoli, Maria O'Laughlin & David O'Laughlin, Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, at the DAV 5K

Commission Chair Mrs. Diane DeNapoli and Vice- Chair Dr. Stephanie Gertz were both presenters at the "Let's Talk" series co-hosted by the Hingham Unity Council and the Commission on Disabilities in October. The goal of the presentation was to show a day in the life of someone with a disability in Hingham. Other panel participants included Mr. Glenn Mengurian, a Hingham resident and retired business leader, and Mr. Ryan Kenney a

former Hingham Public School student and athlete. The event was very well attended on Zoom and led to a meaningful and unique opportunity to explore a wide variety of disabilities through a deeply personal lens. The Commission on Disabilities would like to thank the Hingham Unity Council for co-hosting this very successful event.

The Commission has also been engaging with a wide variety of stakeholders to address operational issues such as enhancing Handicap Parking access in downtown Hingham, participating in the Accessory Dwelling Unit Study Committee, securing a mini grant for the Senior Center, and working with the Hingham Police Department to create and implement the "Exceptional Needs Registry".

Ideally, residents who have an active file in the "Exceptional Needs Registry" can share information with First Responders that maybe critical in case of an emergency. This is a secure, and voluntary, way to partner with First Responders to enhance resident's experience. The Commission would like to thank the Hingham Police Department, Hingham Fire Department, and the South Shore Regional Emergency Communication Center for their guidance and continued efforts to support this initiative. To learn more about the "Exceptional Needs Registry", or to apply, please go to <http://www.hpd.org/235/Exceptional-Needs-Registry>

Lastly, the Commission on Disabilities will be aiding in holding public meetings as part of an ADA (American Disabilities Act) Survey and Transition Plan being conducted by the Town of Hingham. All residents are welcome to participate, and it is anticipated that these meetings will occur in the late spring or summer of 2022.

The Commission on Disabilities would like to thank all those who have supported our mission over the last year. A heartfelt thank you goes to the Select Board, especially, Ms. Liz Klein for her interest and tireless support of the Commission. The Commission is also grateful to Mr. Art Roberts, Assistant Town Administrator, for his time and talent. Lastly, the Commission would like to acknowledge the support of the Town Clerk's Office and the IT Department for keeping things running smoothly despite the many obstacles of the last two years.

The Commission would like to acknowledge, and thank, Mrs. Maria O'Laughlin for her contributions to the commission. Ms. O'Laughlin will not be returning after her two-year term which will conclude in June 2022.

If you would like to learn more, or make a tax deductible donation to the Commission on Disabilities, please email cod@hingham-ma.gov.

New leaders and always welcome and we encourage those who are interested in enhancing the lives of those with disabilities to PLEASE apply using the Talent Bank form found at the end of the Warrant Booklet.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DeNapoli- Chair
Dr. Stephanie Gertz- Vice-Chair
Megan Baker- Secretary
Sharon Allen- Member
Mike Clancy- Member
Keith Jermyn- Member
Mrs. Maria O'Laughlin



Hingham Fourth of July Parade participants

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, historic preservation initiatives, affordable housing, 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, 2021 was approximately \$1,162,259 from local taxes and \$321,379 from the State grant. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) also had \$98,210 of unused funds rescinded from the CPA Administrative Fund and \$106,965 in State match funds that came in too late the previous year to be used. Total money available came to \$1,649,213.

CPC is comprised of nine people, five of whom are appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, the Historical Commission, Housing Authority, and the Recreation Commission and four of whom are citizens-at-large - two appointed by the Select Board and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies, citizens, and other town entities such as nonprofits to fund projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low- and moderate-income housing, acquisition of open space, and recreation (which falls under the Open Space heading). The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes.

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/Recreation. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of these categories, or for saving for a subsequent year.

Last year, after reviewing several applications, CPC's recommendations

included a total of three projects: one historic preservation project, one housing project, one open space/recreation allocations. A total of \$775,000 was recommended and approved by the 2021 Annual Town Meeting for the following projects.

Affordable Housing project:

- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust (\$700,000)

Historic Preservation project:

- Clean and repair of the following monuments and veterans' memorials by the Hingham Historical Commission: Lt. Curtis Chase memorial at 200 High Street; "In Memory of All Who Served" memorial plaque at 114 Hull Street; William H. Newey Memorial at 114 Hull Street; Master Sergeants Bismark and Butch memorial gravesite on the grounds of the Public Works Facility at 25 Bare Cove Park Drive; and Glacial Boulder and bronze plaque at 59 Rockland Street (\$15,000)

Open Space/Recreation project:

- Strategic Master Plan for Inner Harbor (\$60,000)

Additionally, \$796,413 was set aside for debt service: \$656,313 for the Lehner Conservation Land and \$140,100 for the Benjamin Lincoln House. In addition, the Town voted \$10,000 for CPC Administrative Funds.



Bismark and Butch were Marine mascots who accompanied the Marine guards through several wars. Because of their loyalty and service, Bismark and Butch were buried with full military honors.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lindner, Chair (Moderator's Appt.)
Charlie Byrne, Vice Chair (Moderator's Appt.)
Megan Buhr (Housing Authority)
Kevin Burke (Historical Rep.)
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Rep.)
Bill Harrington (Select Board Appt.)
Kirsten Moore (Select Board Appt.)
Thomas Roby (Conservation Commission)
Judy Sneath (Planning Board)

Country Club Management Committee

The South Shore Country Club (SSCC) lost one of its biggest supporters this year - Bill Friend, a long time Country Club Management Committee (CCMC) member and Chair, passed away while enjoying his final round of golf on his beloved course this past summer. George Kay, an original member of the committee that purchased the Club in 1988, graciously filled his spot via the appointment process by the Select Board. These individuals represent true lifelong commitment to volunteerism in an effort to support the Town, its citizens, and community spirit.

The challenges presented by the Covid-19 global pandemic continued to benefit the golf industry and the South Shore Country Club. Strong revenues and stable expenses resulted in another cash positive year, resulting in a fund balance available for reinvestment in the facility.

Our staff continues to provide the public with a friendly, safe environment in which to gather. Executive Director Kevin Whalen, Golf Pro Chris Riley, Assistant Club Pro Mike Libby, Golf Course Superintendent Jake Silva, Cate Cannon in the office, and the SSCC staff are to be commended for their commitment to making the SSCC a successful and safe operation.

As part of their mission to protect and enhance the capital assets of the SSCC, the five member CCMC board continues to focus on facility improvements as the Club prepares for its 100th Anniversary in 2022. Construction of the new Maintenance Facility commenced this year, with completion expected by the end of 2022. Design of a new Town Pool Facility also began this year with the assistance of \$500,000 of Community Preservation funding approved in 2020. Pomroy Associates (Operating Project Manager) and Chris Rotti, Architect from RMD Collaborative continue to provide strong professional leadership and counsel as these projects are developed and Master Planning continues.



As a town-owned and operated facility for over 30 years, the SSCC continues to partner with our local schools, Recreation Department and renowned Special Needs Athletic Program (SNAP) for numerous services and programming activities throughout a normal year. Our three golf simulators, 10 lane bowling alley, and active restaurant help to balance out the seasonal nature of the golf course. With 85% of revenues generated from golf operations, we are honored to be recognized as a premier public course in the Commonwealth. We are most thankful for continued Town support and look forward to the scheduled improvements to help us proudly celebrate the Club's 100th Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smith, Chair
John Bailey
George Kay
Sue Sullivan
Stephan White

Cultural Council

The Massachusetts Cultural Council funds and manages a network of 329 local cultural councils across the state, representing every city and town in the Commonwealth. This Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. Each year, LCCs award more than \$4M in grants to over 6,000 cultural programs statewide, based on each community's cultural needs as assessed and set by its council members. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts resident. To learn more, see https://www.mass-culture.org/grant_cycle.aspx.

The Hingham Cultural Council approved \$8,850 to support the arts, humanities and sciences in our community for FY22. Thirteen grants ranging from \$200 to \$1545 were awarded to:

- **Motoko Dworkin** – *Fun Folktales from Japan* at Foster, South and Plymouth River elementary schools
- **Easton Children's Museum** – *Science Fun at the Campsite* held at Hingham Public Library
- **Friends of Holly Hill Farm** – *STEM Education Tastes Delicious! A Salad Party for Hingham Elementary Schools*
- **Hingham Cemetery** – *Dead of Winter Arts Series* at Ames Chapel
- **Hingham Downtown Association** – *Hingham Arts Walk*
- **James Library & Center for Arts (3)** – *Will's World: All About the Bard*; Spring Juried Art Show; concert by *Mile Twelve* band
- **Old Ship Church** – *Candlelight Concert* series
- **Satuit Concert Band** – Summer performances at Glastonbury Abbey and Hingham July 4th Parade
- **South Shore Art Center** – *The Inspired I*, an invitational arts apprenticeship program engaging up to thirty area teens
- **Talking Information Center** – *Live Radio Theater* for the blind and low vision community
- **William L. Foster Elementary School** – the *Discovery Museum* hands-on in-school science workshops for grades K and 3rd - 5th

In 2021, COVID-19 and its safety guidelines continued to limit cultural events. Governor Baker and our Mass Legislature approved \$21.4M in funding for the Mass Cultural Council, and later a record level of investment for COVID relief grants to help with the recovery of the Cultural Sector in Massachusetts.

The Mass Culture Council also rolled-out a new Grants Management System; all grant applications to local councils must be submitted online at <https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/>. The grant cycle normally begins September 1st, with all proposals received by October 15th of the given year.

We currently have six residents appointed by the Select Board to the seven available seats on the Hingham Cultural Council. In 2021, Leah Godfrey completed the limit of six consecutive years on the Council. Our thanks to Leah for her thoroughness and enthusiasm. Megan Ward stepped-up for three more years on July 1st, and new member Mary Bell joined us just in time for our voting meeting on November 17th. Many thanks to our members who volunteered their time to our Town. You make a difference!

Our local guidelines include the following:

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

Our Cultural Council's primary purpose is to ensure that Hingham's share of funds from Mass Cultural Council are administered fairly and equitably in the best interests of our community. Find us on the Town Website at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/716/Cultural-Council> and on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bell (2024)
Tricia Byrnes (2023)
Patricia Coyle, Chair (2023)

Jonathan Kirk (2022)
Ellen Stone, Sec'y (2023)
Megan Ward (2024)

Development and Industrial Commission

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

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

During the past year, the HDIC has spent significant time studying the post-pandemic economic landscape of Hingham and the South Shore. We added a liaison from the Hingham Downtown Association, had speakers from the South Shore Chamber, Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Mass Econ and met with various stakeholders. Our goal is to provide our Town leaders with a comprehensive view of what we have learned and how we might best help our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kranzley, Chair

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 in person, remote and hybrid 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, 8:30am-4:00pm, Tuesdays, 8:30am- 6:30pm, and Fridays, 8:30am-1:00pm. The department employs one full-time Director, one full-time Administrative Assistant, one full-time Outreach Coordinator, one part-time Office Assistant and two part-time medical drivers. The department also employs one part-time grant funded Transportation Coordinator.

The Department of Elder Services maintains its status of National 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.

Impacts of Covid-19

Out of an abundance of caution of the Coronavirus, the Hingham Senior Center closed its doors to the public and cancelled all in person programming effective March 13th, 2020. The impacts of social distancing and implementation of precautions impacted Elder Services across every domain.

Senior Center staff assisted the Town of Hingham in vaccination efforts; setting up a Covid hotline to help seniors secure over 200 initial dose vaccine appointments as they came available in the community or through the Town of Hingham's vaccination clinics. As the year progressed efforts shifted to booking over 200 second dose and more than 60 booster appointments. The department communicated Town related vaccination efforts, Covid related information and resources out to Hingham's senior population electronically, through print media, social media, local cable and by phone call.

Between January and June of 2021, the department prepared for the return of patrons into the facility. Minor modifications were made in the multipurpose room to increase functionality and use of space. A consultation office was created out of a closet and all of the fitness equipment was either replaced or cleaned. Remote control blinds were installed to eliminate solar glare enabling the use of technology in the room. Large screen TV's were installed and fitted with CPU's, webcams and microphones to begin offering hybrid programming from within the center. New patio furniture was purchased with a seating capacity of 16 for outdoor programming options.



Students of "Drawing with Color" with Pat Laliberte enjoy instruction outdoors on a beautiful summer day.

With the help of many dedicated volunteers, Elder Services offered monthly "grab and go" style meals to seniors beginning in July of 2021 and the Senior Center re-opened its doors to in- person programming on July 12, 2021. Elder Services welcomed back fitness programs in September of 2021 after the launch of MyActiveCenter and online registration and payment options, allowing seniors to access our programs remotely and to pay for them with no physical contact.

From January through December of 2021, the Senior Center hosted 67 individual programs of which 26 included a remote or hybrid format. These programs repeated 1,247 times. 482 individuals participated in Senior Center programs. Between January and June, transportation to medical appointments was offered on a limited, case by case basis. The program resumed services in July of 2021, along with non-medical shuttle rides. 61 seniors received rides to 687 medical appointments and 58 seniors were provided 695 non- medical rides; to the grocery store, pharmacy, library, senior center or other essential services. 175 new seniors joined the center in 2021.

The Senior Center distributed 3,450 printed copies monthly of its newsletter, "The Central Times". The Central Times can be found online at <https://mycommunityonline.com/find/hingham-senior-center>.

In partnership with Harbor Media, the Senior Center supported the filming and airing of fitness videos and several Discovery Life Long Learning educational programs on local cable to provide access to programming for seniors who are not tech savvy nor comfortable with in person gatherings.

Volunteers

While some of our instructors volunteered their time through the pandemic teaching classes via Zoom, the department saw a drop in volunteer hours and roles over pre-pandemic years as to be expected. Volunteer drivers and reception returned to their roles in July of 2021.

43 Volunteers logged 1,406 hours in 2021 (as compared to 114 Active Volunteers giving 3,805 hours between July 2019 and December 31, 2019). The Senior Center would not function without the efforts of our tremendous volunteers. As was the experience for many, our seniors and volunteers were thrust into a world whereby the only safe social connections took place virtually. We want to thank all of our volunteers



Volunteers Joe Millburg, Ethel Franks, Karen Johnson and Jean Silverio set up for the first outdoor gathering, an ice cream social, in July of 2021.

for their continued efforts to create, facilitate and participate in remote program opportunities.

Outreach

Traditionally, the Department's Outreach Coordinator provides help with completing applications for a variety of subsidized assistance programs

including SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Fuel Assistance. The Outreach Coordinator provides information and referral services related to available programs and aging services.

The Outreach Coordinator also oversees the Town Tax Work-Off Program placement. In a customary year, 60 tax work off slots are 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>

The Department of Elder Services conducted 17 prerecorded informational phone calls to seniors registered in the MySeniorCenter database. Calls included resource and referral information, available remote program opportunities and important public health advisories. Calls went out to as many as 8,197 residents.

The department partnered with Harbor Media to create and air multiple public service announcements providing important resources and public health information to senior viewers.

SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) Counselors assist individuals choose the health care coverage that best meets their unique medical and financial needs. Open enrollment takes place from October to December annually. SHINE Counselors shifted to remote appointments and provided assistance to seniors from the safety of their own home.

Hingham senior residents benefited from a grant partnership between Hingham Elder Services and South Shore Elder Services through the American Recovery Plan Act to reduce food insecurity amongst Hingham seniors. This grant funded a Stop & Shop gift card distribution to eligible seniors and funded the "grab and go" meal programs.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is an 11 seat advisory board. 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. The COA Board shifted to remote meetings monthly on the second Tuesday at 11:30AM via Zoom. Advisory Board members facilitate the development of the department's long term strategic plan, assist with the NISC Accreditation process, the annual appeal for donations and so much more.

Facility discussions continue to be at the forefront of COA Board meetings and amongst center participants. According to the UMass Donahue Institute, by 2025 Hingham is projected to have 8,924 residents over the age of 60 (37% of the total population) and 12,087 residents over the age of 50 (50.6% 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. The Department of Elder Services gives serious consideration to the impact this growth will have on Elder Services, staff, programs, transportation and facility limitations.

In October 2021, the Town of Hingham entered into contract with the University of Massachusetts Boston Gerontology Institute and the John McCormack Graduate School of Public Policy and Global Studies to conduct a study focusing on the needs and interests of Hingham's adult population, as they shape the planning and development of Hingham's Council on Aging and Senior Center. This study will be used by the Town as part of the site design for the construction of renovations of the Senior Center at Town Hall. The study is expected to begin in January, 2022 and will take approximately 10 months to complete.

2021 Senior Center Membership

Number of total members:	11,024 people have profiles in the system
Number of active members:	482
Registered email addresses:	1,475
Demographics:	77.3% Female, 22.7% Male

The Council on Aging thanks outgoing COA Board Members Dawn Sibor, Linda Powers, and Scott Stevenson—for their service to the seniors of Hingham. The Council on Aging and Department of Elder Services thanks former staff members Ed Rinella (Transportation Coordinator), Tom Lydon (Medical Driver) and Kathy Glenzel (Outreach Coordinator) for their service to the department and to the seniors of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Young, Director

David Alschuler, Chair	Eleanor Letterie
Deb Sullivan, Secretary	Joe Millburg
Ethel Franks	Joe Nevins
Karen Johnson	Jean Silverio
Cindy King	Deborah Sullivan

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 Lighting Plant on implementing energy efficiency measures; and representing the Town on energy policy issues in the broader Massachusetts community.

For the year 2021, the Committee had set as its goals the following:

- Advocate for the development of a climate action plan;
- Participate in and support any climate action planning effort approved by the Town;
- 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;
- Support sustainable, resilient, and energy efficient design in any new and planned-for municipal buildings; and
- Continue to identify and advocate for renewable energy use in the Town.

With the Town's commitment to the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2040, the Climate Action Taskforce soon completed its work and the Climate Action Planning Committee formed, both were represented and chaired by one volunteered member from the Energy Action Committee. The Committee supported the Town's hiring a full-time Sustainability Coordinator.

The Committee participated in numerous town committee meetings with respect to new municipal buildings in the planning phase specifically, the Public Safety Facility Building, Foster School, and the South Shore Country Club (Maintenance Facility), and fully supported the proposed HVAC and

Energy Efficiency measures being recommended by their respective committees.

With regard to the Green Communities program, Hingham Town Administration completed its second annual report in the fall of 2021 in accordance with the Green Communities program requirements. While Hingham has expended all of the funds received through its initial grant and made progress on its goals, more work remains to be done. The Committee has engaged with Town Administration and identified additional competitive grant opportunities to make progress on the energy efficiency and carbon reduction projects identified in the Green Communities designation grant application. Grants have been applied for by Town Administration and we are waiting for the announcement of this year's Green Communities competitive grant awardees.

Other activities of the Committee consisted of investigating increased solar adoption in Town; the use of electric vehicles (EVs) by Town departments (particularly the police department), which recently integrated several hybrid cruisers into their vehicle fleet with much success. Several EV Charging Stations are slated to be installed around town before July 4, 2022 with grant funding secured by Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant; researched opportunities for grant funding for Electric School Buses; and provided feedback on the DOER proposed Stretch Codes for new and existing buildings.

The Committee would like to express its appreciation to the Town Administration and, most of all, the active and engaged citizens of Hingham. While the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact the Committee's functioning with in-person meetings, remote meeting format continued via Zoom, and the Committee members were able to meet and conduct business, and the Town citizens were as engaged and watchful as ever. In fact, the Committee again noted greater citizen participation in its remote meetings during the pandemic than with physical meetings at Town Hall as in past years. While we, like everyone, await the pandemic's end and the ability to reconnect in person, we are encouraged by the Town's resilience and our ability to continue to drive our work forward.

Goals for 2022:

- Assist in review and finalization of the climate action plan;
- Participate in and support any climate action planning effort approved by the Town;
- Assist Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant in their Electrify Hingham program;

- Participate in the committee meetings with regards to new municipal buildings in the planning phase, specifically the Public Safety Facility Building, Foster School, and the South Shore Country Club;
- Support electric vehicle (EV) adoption and charging infrastructure deployment across town and the procurement of hybrid and EVs for municipal departments;
- 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;
- Support sustainable, resilient, and energy efficient design in any new and planned-for municipal buildings; 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.gov.

The Committee would like to express its thanks to the Select Board, Town Administration, the Advisory Committee, the School Committee, the School Building Committee, the Climate Action Planning Committee, the Public Safety Building Committee, the South Shore Country Club Management Committee, Hingham Net Zero and the Departments with whom the Committee has worked over the past year, as nothing could have been accomplished without their support. The Committee would like to express its thanks to, and acknowledge the strong support of, the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, which has advocated for and provided assistance to the Committee for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Carr
 Mark LeBel
 Thomas Morahan, HMLP
 Brad E. Moyer
 Michael D. Reive, Chair
 Abi Sood
 School Business Director ex-officio
 Town Administrator ex-officio



Fourth of July Parade Committee

After the Virtual Parade in 2020, the Hingham 4th of July Committee moved forward with optimism to create the best parade possible in 2021! Spectators lined the streets to watch the hometown event and the Committee considers the Hingham 4th of July Parade of 2021 to have been exceptionally successful!

The January, February, and March 2021 meetings lay the foundation for the coming July 4th Parade. The January meeting focused on the selection of a 2021 Parade theme. The Committee selected "Heroes Among Us" in honor of the many frontline workers who helped carry out essential services during the pandemic.

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 night of judging was the Committee's first in-person meeting in over a year so it was celebratory for many reasons. There were approximately 135 designs submitted and 10 masked committee members judging in a large banquet room at Raffael's at the South Shore Country Club. Thank you to Elio Ricci, Frank Ricci, and Terese Panetta for creating a wide open, safe space for us to spread out the designs for our judging.

The Committee received many talented submissions and chose Brooke Cashman (pictured below) from Foster Elementary School as the 2021 July



4th Parade Button winner. The design, on a light blue background, shows icons and symbols of the multiple professional groups that carried us through the pandemic from the fields of healthcare, teaching, first responders, food and janitorial services, postal workers, supermarkets and stores, and restaurants and food service. The Parade Committee thought this design was eye-catching, had artistic merit and clearly captured the "Heroes Among Us" within our great country. Ms. Cynthia McKeon is the art teacher at Foster.

The next major task of the Committee was the selection of the Parade Grand Marshal and the unanimous selection was Ms. Jeanne Murphy, a Hingham resident for over 62 years. She enthusiastically engaged in a variety of civic, educational and community endeavors, which have greatly enhanced Hingham and improved the quality of life for its citizens. In

keeping with the 2021 "Heroes Among Us" theme, frontline workers were invited to register to walk in the parade as grand marshals as a tribute to their tireless efforts during this challenging time. Frontline workers included doctors, nurses, bank tellers, take-out window staff, grocery workers, letter carriers, and others. The Grand Marshal banner was carried by retiring HMLP General Manager Paul Heanue and retiring Hingham Town Clerk Eileen McCracken. The banner included an appropriate phrase of thanks, "You were there for us!"



The Annual Select Board's Cup at South Shore Country Club could not be held due to the pandemic. However, the Button Sales and 50 Flags Campaign began with Memorial Day and kept the spirit and promise of the Parade visible and alive.

Sales of the 2021 Parade Buttons were produced and launched under the leadership of Committee member and Rotarian, Dewitt DeLawter. Approximately 5,500 parade buttons were available at a variety of locations for a donation and sell quickly. Donations raised by Button Sales totaled approximately \$8,500!

Under Parade Committee members Tom Hoffman's and Erin McGourty's indefatigable enthusiasm, the 50 Flags Campaign remained a core element of 2021 Hingham July 4th Parade Committee fundraising efforts-achieving a record \$28,000! This year, the 50 Flags Campaign focused on only two weeks, before and after the 4th of July, and nearly utilized the Committee's complete inventory of 18,500 flags! Over a number of years, the co-chairs and their volunteers have built the 50 Flags Campaign from a struggling idea, into a July 4th institution! As before, Tom was successful in recruiting various high school organizations and athletic teams to assist in the labor-intensive tasks of installing and retrieving the flags. Twenty per cent of the funds raised, or \$5,600, were returned to the groups represented by the volunteers, which included South Shore SNAP, HHS

Football (Gridiron Club), Track & Cross Country, Field Hockey, Rowing, as well as Hingham Youth Football (8th grade)!

As the Committee's preparatory activities entered the months of April and May, uncertainty continued as to the feasibility of holding the Parade given the CDC recommendations on limited gatherings. Town Administrator, Tom Mayo, met with the Parade Committee to present the perspectives of the Command Group, who were charged with managing public health and safety through the pandemic. The Parade Committee continued its preparations and in late May, Governor Baker lifted all COVID-19 restrictions which meant the traditional parade would go on!

Despite receiving the "go ahead" only weeks before the parade, there were eleven bands in the parade, including: four bagpipe bands; some regular groups like Crusaders Senior Corps, Roma Band, Northeast Italian Band, and Dixieland Band; recent newcomers Mariachi band, and the Kickin' Brass Band. The National Lancers (pictured below) were first time participants, and their beautiful horses were a big hit! The Clydesdales from HKS in Duxbury were giant and majestic at the same time. Meanwhile, the Shriners Aleppo Clown Unit never disappoint.



Local groups, teams, and organizers were represented by many floats, and among them, there were four winners, for the following regular categories:

- Best in Parade - HHS Boys Hockey
- Most Unique - CMG Designs (Kate Johnson Compass R/E & Notre Dame Academy)
- Most Patriotic - Hingham Historical Society
- Most Beautiful - Maddie's Promise - Cancer Research

In 2021, the Hingham Veterans Council voted Tom Burbank, SP4 (T), US Army, as recipient of the Annual Hank Maude – “Service Above Self” - Veteran of the Year! David T. Sargent, LT, US Army was given a banner prepared by the Parade Committee for his 2020 honor.



The Hingham July 4th Parade Committee continues to be ably led by Jim Murphy, now completing his 12th year as chair and few are probably aware of the hours and effort Jim puts into this role! The 2021 Parade Committee was made up of many long-term members, including George Ford (Uncle Sam), Police Chief Dave Jones, Mary Ellen Lahiff, Dewitt DeLawter, Monica Conyngham, Cassie McDermott, Gabby Roegner, Erin McGourty, Tom Hoffman, Jeff Lally, Carrie Murphy, Heather Johnson, Jason Caine, Deputy Fire Chief Louis Lachance and Louis O’Dea.

As always, the Committee is grateful to the many volunteers who support the work of the Committee on an ad hoc basis and stand ready to give time and support on Parade Day. And, of course, since the Parade is entirely self-funded and a major part of the Committee’s mandate is to ensure adequate funding to continue this proud Hingham tradition, fundraising efforts will continue to ensure the needed funds (\$55,000 - \$60,000) to meet the annual Parade budget are available.

Finally, the Committee greatly appreciated the support and advice from the Town’s Public Safety services, from Police Chief David Jones, Fire Chief Steve Murphy, Randy Sylvester and the DPW, and this year also from the pandemic Command Group. Safety is the major focus of the Parade Committee and, after all the preparation for each parade, the Committee’s major reward is the knowledge the Parade was both joyful and safe!

Respectfully submitted,

The Fourth of July Parade Committee

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

In 1869, the Edwin Humphrey Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Hingham was organized, named after a Hingham man who died on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Col. Hawkes Fearing was the post's first commander. In 1888, Hingham's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall was dedicated as a meeting place for veterans and became a major postwar social organization.

The building was designed by 22 year-old architect Henry Merritt, the son of a Hingham blacksmith, in a Neo-Gothic style. In addition to being a meeting place for veterans, the hall has served many functions. In 1912, before Loring Hall began showing movies, the G.A.R. showed silent films. In the 1930's the G.A.R. Hall was dissolved by its last two surviving members. Years later the building was known as the Maj. Edward B. Cole American Legion Post 120, named for a Hingham resident who served during WWI.

2021 was another difficult year for the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We were not able to host our scheduled "Open House Days," which are normally held monthly on the first and third Saturday, due to staffing issues. Thus, our doors have remained shuttered to the public.



Only a fraction of our local Congressionally Chartered Veterans Organizations: American Legion, DAV, & VFW have been able to hold meetings, as their population also remains vulnerable at this time.

The Trustees continue their efforts in promoting G.A.R. Memorial Hall with such events as filming the Veterans Day Observance with H-CAM, as well as participating in Museum Day, in collaboration with the Historical Society.

The general repair and maintenance of this 135 year-old building keeps the Trustee's busy. During the winter, a massive storm caused damage to the electrical service. This unforeseen expenditure may result in the Trustees applying for a Reserve Fund Transfer to cover their FY22 Budget, a first in over a quarter century of financial stewardship. Looking ahead, we have identified repairs that could be made using the Town's Capital Funds, such as exterior woodwork, painting, and windows.

The GAR Trustee's extend our sincere appreciation for the continued budgeting support and awareness of our Select Board in perpetuating the mission of the GAR Memorial Hall. This historic structure is a true "hidden treasure" and a real "time capsule", housing war-related memorabilia from the Revolution to today.

Respectfully submitted,

G.A.R. Hall Trustees: Scott McMillan, Chair; Robert Beal, Jr, Treasurer;
Frank Sheelen, Secretary; Veterans Service Officer Keith Jermyn, Advisor

Harbor Development Committee

It has been an exciting year for Hingham Harbor. The use of the Hingham Harbor and waterfront during the 2020-2021 COVID-19 pandemic has been at an all-time high as residents stayed local. Investment in walkways, historic signage, and the Beach House snack stand have started to pay off, enabling a “re-discovery” of the waterfront assets. The increased usage has exposed several challenges and opportunities to allow safe, equal access for all Hingham residents to the waterfront. Most urgent is the need to re-build the Town Pier wharf, for both safety and resiliency purposes.

Town-owned Wharf Repair, Restoration, and Reconstruction

After years of discussion, wave action studies specific to Hingham Harbor, and debate, the Town settled on raising Town Pier to 11 feet above sea level (with the ability to increase the height an additional 1.5 feet in the future if needed), matching Whitney Wharf’s height and bringing the wall up to a 50-year flood level. To rebuild it at the existing height of 7 feet would have made the Town ineligible for any grants since it would not have met current resiliency standards. To bring the wall height up to 14 feet would have significantly increased the cost to build the foundation to support the height of the wall, and at existing sea levels would have made the wall look a fortress requiring very long ramps to access the water.

With consensus among all the stakeholders on the desired height of a re-built Town Pier, the Town has gone through a year-long effort of permitting, including extensive discussions with the Conservation Commission, to allow the Town to raise the height of the wall to accommodate future sea level rise. The Town is now working with the State’s Coastal Zone Management Division to alter two aspects of the design relating to a revetment wall and storm water drainage and will have to re-file with the State, delaying construction pending State approval to the fall of 2023.

The delay has provided an opportunity to expand the permitting scope to include the re-building of Veteran’s and Barnes Wharves, with discussions of stakeholders starting in the spring of 2022. The common goal is to build a united defense against sea level rise, protect Hingham’s downtown infrastructure, and ensure a sustainable use of Route 3A. Privately-owned Bare Cove Marina has indicated interest in raising its sea wall to ensure complete protection.

Hingham Boat Ramp

Construction of a new and improved boat ramp/launch/parking area for the inner harbor to replace its deteriorating predecessor started in late 2021, with anticipated completion by Memorial Day 2022. The ramp will feature a floating dock to allow boaters to walk their boats safely down the ramp upon launching.

Bath House/Snack Shack

The rainy summer of 2021 limited demand for food and ice cream at the Beach House snack stand, but provided an opportunity to find the right rhythm for operations. The Beach House has invested significant capital in building out the structure, and is committed to long-term operations. The Bathing Beach Trustees are discussing with Town officials how to best manage the schedule and operations for the community room adjacent to the Beach House snack stand, and hope to have the room available for occasional rental by summer of 2022.

Master Plan for Hingham Harbor

The Town's 2020 Master Plan identified Hingham Harbor as one of the Town's key treasures. It did not identify, however, how to develop the harbor area for even greater utilization by citizens. Town Meeting 2021 approved a \$60,000 Community Preservation Act grant to update the 2007 Master Plan for Hingham Harbor to address this issue and complement the Town's Master Plan, the Hingham Harbor and Downtown Sustainable Vision Plan, the Route 3A re-design, and the Rapid Economic Recovery Plan focused on wayfinding signage.



The Harbor Development Committee and Bathing Beach Trustees will be working closely with the Community Planning Director and 35 other

stakeholders to create specific options, cost, grant opportunities, and implementation prioritization to address the following:

How do we most appropriately utilize space between Route 3A and the water?

- Playground
- Recreation (e.g., kayak storage, lessons, etc.)
- Event space/shade structures
- Hardscaping/Landscaping
- Improve disability access

Who coordinates/manages ongoing maintenance?

- What is the upkeep cost once more features/activities are added, how is it funded?

What is realistic in terms of big infrastructure investments to get even greater use for the Town's citizens out of the harbor?

What grant money is available to implement the vision created by this plan?

Public meetings will be held between April and August 2022 to ensure all stakeholders can share ideas and participate in the creation of this vision for Hingham Harbor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Boer, Chair
William Reardon, Vice Chair
Kathleen Doran Cutler, Secretary
Nick Amdur
Peter Branagan
Paul Gannon
Amy Cowan
Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

Board of Health

The Hingham Board of Health consists of three elected members from the community who serve three-year terms. The Board oversees a staff of six employees including Susan Sarni, MPH, Executive Health Officer; Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse; Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent; Andrea Benedetto, Administrative Assistant; Robin Magner, Food Inspector; and our newest team member Jill Sullivan, LCSW, Town Social Worker.

Throughout all of 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic and stopping the spread of this disease in Hingham to save lives was the main focus of the Health Department. We had 2,270 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Hingham in 2021.

One primary task was to obtain and provide vaccines to residents and promote vaccination in our community. We started vaccinating our Town's First Responders in early January 2021 with the novel Moderna mRNA vaccine. We then conducted our first clinic for Hingham seniors at the end of January at the South Shore Baptist Church. Throughout the year, we transitioned to other groups as the vaccine, and then a booster, became available.

We stressed the importance of properly fitted face coverings to help stop the spread of the virus and protect people from becoming sick or hospitalized, especially the unvaccinated population. Community infections were most prevalent during the winter with our student-athletes playing ice hockey. The Health Department worked seven days a week contract tracing to slow down the exponential spread of the virus. The MA Department of Public Health (DPH) also provided grants to help our contract tracing efforts.

Acting on the Board's behalf, the Executive Health Officer coordinated with Town Administrators and the Fire and Police Chiefs, providing essential public health data and information to coordinate a town-wide response.

By March, indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas, and ballparks were permitted to open at 12% capacity; exhibition and convention halls began to operate soon after. In May, we were allowed to host road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group events. During the fall with the opening of schools, contract tracing was a big part of the Health Department's daily responsibilities. We worked with all public and private schools in town to ensure that state DPH and federal CDC protocols were being met. The fall and early winter brought a surge of

new infections due a new viral variant that increased transmissibility rates to the highest level seen during the pandemic.

The Board of Health began a review of a proposed Flexible Residential Development (FRD) located in South Hingham. The Board encourages friendly FRDs with their public health protections still intact over state 40Bs which often seek to bypass our local safety regulations. It's protecting our environment and local resources that make Hingham such a safe and special place to live.

The Board of Health also began its review of our current Well Regulations to make timely and necessary upgrades. There are roughly 370 residences in Hingham served by a potable well that do not have access to our municipal Weir River Water System. We also have about 300 irrigation wells and three geothermal wells that also utilize our Town's valued watersheds.

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and broad responsibilities include such activities as adult immunization clinics for homebound residents, Title 5 septic system permitting and inspection, food establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality testing and enforcement, recycling and dumpster regulations administration, fats, oil and grease (FOG) regulation administration, tobacco sales and smoking control program, rabies, West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, right-to-know enforcement, body art and bodywork 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.

Health Department Permits

Farmers Market	22	Food Establishments	157
Animal Permits	8	Store Milk	100
Catering	8	Frozen Desserts	4
Residential Food Serv.	2	Mobile Food Service	2
Fat Oil & Grease	50	Septage Haulers	29
Rubbish Haulers	20	Septic Installers	40
Tanning Salons	1	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	10	Pool Construct. Permits	35
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps	13
Septic Permits	89	Variance Applications	55
Building Permits	1,193	Treatment Plant	310
Soil Evaluations	51	Tobacco Sales	15
Private Well Permits	6		

Public Health Nurse

The Public Health Nurse's (PHN) lead role in contact tracing continued throughout this second year of the pandemic. As the advisories and guidance from the state DPH evolved, our PHN worked to educate and guide our residents testing positive for COVID-19. The PHN also assisted our public and private schools as well as child daycares and long-term care facilities to nimbly navigate and adjust to changes in self-isolation and quarantine guidance.

Communicable Disease Investigation

Campylobacter 5; Giardiasis 1; Influenza 28; Norovirus 1; Novel Coronavirus 2,270.

Town Social Worker

The Town Social Worker (TSW) was hired in November. Our TSW provides broad support for our residents and family members with mental health challenges, hoarding or clutter reduction, family issues, and resource information for housing and food adequacy concerns. Our TSW also helped those reporting mental health concerns during the pandemic.

Food Inspector

Food establishment permits are for our Town's restaurants, cafeterias, schools, nursing homes, daycares, grocery stores, and bakeries. Our Food Inspector inspected each of these 157 establishments twice a year; and most establishments received an additional re-inspection within two-weeks of their unannounced inspection. COVID-19 compliance safeguards became paramount during the pandemic as most people continued to visit grocery stores each week. Many food establishments enhanced their outdoor seating which helped with the pandemic but nevertheless brought additional food safety challenges. During 2021, food establishments continued to have any employee testing positive for coronavirus stay home and then temporarily close for deep cleaning.

We wish to thank the residents of Hingham for putting up with the pandemic's numerous unpleasantries as we navigated together through these trying times.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hingham Housing Authority

The Hingham Housing Authority's mission is to provide and preserve affordable, safe and sanitary low- and moderate-income housing options for individuals and families, as well as needed services to the residents with integrity and respect. Our main office is located at 30 Thaxter Street.

The Authority owns and manages numerous properties throughout Hingham, offering Hingham residents various affordable housing options. These options include:

- 78 elderly/disabled housing at Thaxter Street.
- 6 units of congregate housing at Thaxter Street.
- 8 units of family housing at Thaxter Street.
- 1 single family home on Beal Street which houses up to 16 individuals, with supportive services.
- 20 Housing Choice Vouchers.

The Authority partners with local agencies and Father Bill's to administer five project-based Section 8 vouchers to homeless veterans. The five vouchers are attached a property located on Fort Hill Street under a contract for a minimum of 20 years whereby the Housing Authority will subsidize rental payments for the residents of the house.

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

The Housing Authority utilizes the statewide Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public-Housing (CHAMP) Waiting List System. CHAMP 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.

During 2021 under the leadership of the Director James Marathas, residents were encouraged to organize a tenant organization which would represent current residents and provide a link between management and the residents. The tenant organization is encouraged to meet regularly with residents and attend Housing Authority board meetings to present noteworthy items and recommendations directly to the board of commissioners. This vital link provides ongoing communication between the QHA board, staff and residents.

In late 2020 early 2021 the Hingham Housing Authority, under the leadership of the Director James Marathas, revised and updated all policies of the Hingham Housing Authority. These policies included a balcony and patio policy, common areas policy, community room rules of use policy, congregate house rules, dress code, exterior grounds policy, firearms policy, fire doors/storage closets policy, fire prevention policy, grievance policy, housing guidelines, lock out policy, maintenance charges, non-smoking policy, pet policy, rent collection policy, trash policy, and visitor policy. The implementation of these policies provides clear and concise guidelines and expectations that provides consistency throughout the development and ensured residents fair and equal implementation of same.

In addition, in late 2020 the Housing Authority was awarded a Creative Placemaking Grant from the state which provided \$100,000 in capital funding to link capital improvements with creative place-making strategies to encourage intentional integration of the arts, culture, and creativity. Throughout 2021 the Housing Authority met with residents to develop design and concept. The Housing Authority then worked to renovating the community spaces at Thaxter Park, creating an outdoor cooking area, a common garden area, outdoor patio areas, stone wall and gazebo, along with community room updates, solar blinds, and a resident computer workstation.

During the course of FY2022, the Modernization department successfully managed and completed or will complete over \$400,000.00 of Capital Improvement projects by the end of FY2022 including the following:

Window replacement - Phase 2	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Sustainability - Energy, Lighting	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Walkway repairs - Phase 3	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Concrete Dumpster Pad 667-1	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Exterior Door Replacement (3) 667-2	THAXTER PARK 667-02
Rear Entry Door Replacement	THAXTER PARK 667-02
Concrete Dumpster Pad - 667-2	THAXTER PARK 667-02
Window Replacement 667-2 & 705-1	THAXTER PARK 667-2 & 705-1
SUS ENERGY Boilers & DHW	THAXTER PARK 705-01

Getting ready for FY2023 the Modernization department has approximately \$250,000.00 of additional improvement planned and consisting of the following:

Furnace Replacements (2) - Beal St	BEAL STREET 689-01
Parking Area & Entry Paving - 100 Beal	BEAL STREET 689-01
Signage - Unit and Site - Force Account	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Expand Parking / Retaining Wall - 667-1	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Crack Fill and Seal Coat Roads & Walks	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Landscape (loam and seed)	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Bench Replacements - Force Account	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Walkway Repair - Congregate Units	THAXTER PARK 667-01
Railing Replacement - Force Account 667-2	THAXTER PARK 667-02
Shutter Replacement - Force Account	THAXTER PARK 667-02 & 705-01

The year was also marked by COVID-19 and the Housing Authority Administration and Staff worked diligently and successfully to keep residents and staff safe and healthy. The Housing Authority provided the residents with test kits and masks, ran vaccine clinics and booster clinics as well as sanitizing all common areas daily.

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, Executive Director

Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee (Cleaner Greener Hingham)

The Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee was informally renamed "Cleaner Greener Hingham" (CGH) in 2018 to highlight our commitment to helping the Town become greener in our waste and recycling practices through education and outreach activities. The Committee has been supporting waste and recycling issues for the Town of Hingham since being formed by Town Meeting in 1974.

Over the past year, members of CGH have organized or participated in the following events:

- **Household Hazardous Waste Day:**
CGH members volunteered to help direct traffic and sort household waste deemed hazardous, including oil-based paints, insecticides/pesticides, and household chemicals. This event is organized each spring by the Hingham DPW and the South Shore Recycling Collaborative. Anyone with proof of Hingham residency may attend this event at no charge.
- **Composting Outreach:**
CGH member Janice McPhillips conducted a home composting workshop via Zoom in late April 2021. Following this workshop, she helped Hingham residents set up their own home composting systems. CGH members also used the community table at the Hingham Farmers' Market to educate residents about the DPW's program offering home composters at the significantly discounted price of \$25. If you are interested in taking advantage of this program, call the DPW at (781) 741 -1430 to place your order or email cleanergreener@hingham-ma.gov for more information.
- **Town-wide Cleanup:**
CGH organized a town-wide cleanup in April 2021 to mark Earth Day. Citizens signed up to pick up litter at several designated public spots around town as well as in their own neighborhoods. This is an event that we plan to continue in 2022.
- **Collaboration with Other Town Entities:**
Members Alyson Anderson and Janice McPhillips researched and wrote a report on Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) at the request of the Sustainable Budget Task Force. This report highlighted PAYT

trends in Hingham's benchmark towns and analyzed the costs and benefits associated with such programs.

CGH chair Maria Zade served as the Committee's representative to the Climate Action Planning Committee (CAPC) and reported back to CGH on the CAPC's activities. As a result, CGH endorsed CAPC's recommendation that Hingham include a sustainability director position in its FY23 budget.

CGH members look forward to engaging in the following initiatives in 2022:

- Composting Public Services Announcements (with Harbor Media):
CGH members are working with Harbor Media on a series of fun and informative composting PSAs to encourage and educate Hingham residents about home composting.
- Reuse Guide for Residents and Businesses:
We all learned the expression "reduce, reuse, recycle," but this mantra only works if buying gently-used items becomes just as natural as donating the things we no longer need. Choosing "used" reduces your carbon footprint since the raw materials and energy used to produce and package these items is significantly reduced. It also supports small businesses and the "reuse economy," which accounts for 2% of all statewide businesses and 1% of employment. Finally, it helps to move Massachusetts toward its goal of a zero waste future. To help residents in their efforts of "choose used," CGH will soon be distributing a guide to sources of gently-used goods in and around Hingham.
- Waste reduction research:
CGH is currently researching by-laws and programs aimed at reducing waste (including single-use plastics, food scraps, and textiles) in other MA communities with the intention of learning how these programs could be implemented in Hingham.

We currently have open positions on the Committee. If you are interested in making Hingham cleaner and greener, please submit a Talent Bank application.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Zade, Chair
Katie Gallacher, Secretary
Janice McPhillips

Alyson Anderson
Mark Engel



MBTA Advisory Board

The MBTA Advisory Board provides policy guidance to the MBTA with the goal to provide effective and efficient transportation services in the metropolitan Boston area on behalf of its member communities and the transit riding public. The Board also plays a key role in the allocation of federal funds for MBTA capital projects. Membership of the Board is composed of the chief elected official of each of the 176 cities and towns in the MBTA district, or their designee.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 161A, Section 20, the MBTA Advisory Board has the authority to review and comment on the MBTA's annual budget. That budget, which is approximately \$2.35 billion (FY2021), touches every aspect of the MBTA's operations, capital plan, and long-term plan.

Committees of interest to the Town of Hingham include the Ferry Committee, formed in 2021, the Commuter Rail Committee, as well as those dealing with matters arising in areas such as clean energy, bus transit and heavy rail (the Red Line).

The Town is grateful to David Alschuler for representing its interests so well in his tenure as the MBTA Advisory Board designee. He was a significant participant with the Select Board and other South Shore state and town officials at a key moment in challenging the MBTA proposal to cut all South Shore ferry routes and shrink commuter rail routes during the pandemic. Fortunately an extraordinary campaign, where Hingham and South Shore towns joined with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, citizen groups, PR organizers, and hundreds of citizens who spoke up at hearings convinced the MBTA to keep ferry service from Hingham and Hull to Long Wharf. Although the MBTA reported the greatest percentage loss of ridership during the pandemic was experienced by the ferries, this was due in some measure to the removal of two significant ferry routes entirely, including the route with the highest ridership, Hingham - Rowes Wharf.

Research into the recent major investments in the vicinity of the Hingham Shipyard also helped make the case that this successful MBTA Transit Oriented Development (TOD) was created by those who had invested more than \$600 million in residential apartments, condominiums and commercial space because of the existence of ferry service between the Hingham Shipyard and Boston. These residential buildings have attracted a new community of an estimated 1500 people, including those who live in more than 150 affordable units.

The MBTA's cost recovery ratio from fares which cover operating costs dropped from an average of 40% to about 10% during the pandemic. To mitigate lost fare revenue in FY21, and expected losses in FY22, the MBTA received over \$842 million in federal funding between the CARES Act and CRRSAA in FY21. The MBTA also receives revenue from its member communities. Hingham's FY21 MBTA assessment was \$535,836.00. At the same time, however, the MBTA spent more than \$1.9 billion on capital improvement projects in FY21, a record for the agency.

The MBTA anticipates continued declines in ridership from pre-pandemic levels, and associated revenue losses that will continue to challenge the agency. In spite of the revenue losses, and thanks to the federal support, there are no projected fare increases. In the area of clean energy, new MBTA electricity procurement contract supplied by 100% renewable energy went into effect on January 1, 2021. There is significant interest in clean energy initiatives at the MBTA, including the proposed electric bus maintenance facility in Quincy, and electric propulsion for short inner-harbor ferry routes.

Hingham is fortunate to have access to a number of MBTA transit modes: commuter rail, ferry, and bus links to Hull and Nantasket Beach, and to Quincy Center, and the Red Line, as well as the RIDE. The ferries and the commuter rail also offer high reliability, with the ferry service offering service reliability of 99.6%. Commuter rail is next, at 94%.

Those who use MBTA for commuting, for school, for access to Boston or to Logan Airport or to the Boston Harbor Islands, or for whatever reason, are encouraged to send suggestions for improvements or issues of concern about MBTA service to Martha Reardon Bewick, Hingham's newly appointed designee to the MBTA Advisory Board, at marthabewick@icloud.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Reardon Bewick
Designee for the Town of Hingham
MBTA Advisory Board

Naming By-Law Committee

Article 40 of Hingham's General By-Laws establishes the Town's process for the naming of public buildings and public lands. The Naming By-Law Committee should review Article 40, assess whether the Article, in its present form, serves the best interests of the Town, and make recommendations with respect to possible changes to Article 40 to better promote the interests of the Town. The Committee's review of Article 40 should include, but need not be limited to, the following considerations:

1. Whether and when to name public buildings or lands for a living people or families
2. Whether and when to name public buildings or lands for a commercial enterprise
3. Whether and when to name public buildings or lands for civic organizations
4. Naming rights and public/private partnerships
5. Reputational risk clauses
6. Funding levels associated with naming
7. Approval processes to name public buildings or lands
8. Name-removal processes for public buildings or lands

The committee has held three public meetings to seek input from stakeholders in Town government, local sports organizations, and other parties interested to stimulate private philanthropy for the purpose of building and improving Town facilities, fields, and other assets.

Issues discussed included the types of donors, the types of assets, possible endowment, time limitations, and other related incentives and rules around the naming of assets.

In addition, the tradition of honoring local, national, and international citizens with naming of assets was also discussed. Discussion points included the service of the individual(s) and the reasons for the honor. The committee also reviewed naming materials from benchmark communities. We look forward to making a recommendation at a future town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Edmundson, Chair
Wendy Ellison
Sarah Melia
Melissa Tully

Plymouth County Mosquito Control

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2021.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is 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 2021 efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 11,045 acres and this was accomplished using Bti, an environmentally selective bacterial agent. An additional 600 acres were treated as part of a trial studying the effectiveness of *Bacillus sphaericus* on mosquitoes in cattail swamps. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 1st, 2021 and ended on September 24th, 2021. The Project responded to 16,852 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) 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 Virus using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project started the season at "Low Level Risk" for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and remained at low risk for the entire summer. There was no Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus detected in Massachusetts this year.

West Nile Virus activity occurred predominately in Middlesex and Suffolk counties. Statewide there were 9 human cases, none of them were in the district. The risk level for Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, East Bridgewater and Plympton was raised to moderate. For the rest of the district the risk level was low for the entire season. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 53,924 catch basins were treated with larvicide in member towns to prevent WNV.

The Project participates in DPH's mosquito surveillance program. As part of that program we collected over 109,929 mosquitoes and submitted 19,322 mosquitoes for testing. The mosquitoes were combined into 503

groups. DPH also tested 13,439 mosquitoes from the district. In all there were 0 isolations of EEEV from mosquito samples. There was a total of 6 WNV isolations from Halifax, Hanson, East Bridgewater, Kingston and Marion.

The health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on the Department of Public Health website.

The introduced mosquito *Aedes albopictus* has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in Massachusetts since 2009. In conjunction with DPH we have been monitoring *Aedes albopictus* expansion in the state. We conducted surveillance for *Ae. albopictus* at 7 locations. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. This year we did not detect the mosquito. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. During the 2021 season we recycled 562 tires bringing us to a total of 12,082 tires for the program. The figures specific to the town of Hingham are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Hingham residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Field Technicians continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Hingham 250 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 2912 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 2,193 acres using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2021 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 4,105 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work,

together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Ae. vexans* and *Cx. salinarius*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Ae. vexans*, *Cx. species* and *Ae. Cinereus*

Education and Outreach: Through the Projects Community Liaison, many educational presentations took place throughout the year at summer camps, schools, fairs, libraries, and councils on aging. All of the schools in the county were contacted to insure compliance with the Children and Families Protection Act. The Projects website is continually updated with information about meetings, the annual budget, educational information, and Project services.



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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross Rossetti, Superintendent and Commissioners:

John Sharland, Chair
Ann Motyka, Vice-Chair/Secretary
John Kenney
Michael Valenti
Thomas Reynolds

Hingham Public Library

The year 2021 was a time of many changes for the Hingham Public Library. Although the building was closed to the public from January through May due to the Coronavirus pandemic, staff worked diligently behind the scenes during this time to provide contactless holds pick-up of library materials, and to offer online virtual programs, reference, research and local history assistance, technology classes and tutorials, and one-on-one help with technology training. We reopened the building in June 2021 with a number of new self-checkout kiosks, new mobile printing options, and, as a fine-free library, the elimination of overdue fees for materials returned late.

We also made welcome changes to the layout of the physical collection, creating a new and inviting New Books and Bestsellers browsing section. We reorganized the adult collection and consolidated the nonfiction books to the second floor instead of keeping them divided between the first and second floors. Additionally, we have initiated timely and accurate cataloging and customized processing which has resulted in our patrons having quicker access to new adult and children's books, movies and audiobooks, so that books and other materials get on our shelves faster and with improved visual appeal.



Outside, along the Leavitt Street side of the Library, overgrown shrubs were removed and landscaping was cleaned up and mulched to create additional outdoor seating spaces with access to Wi-Fi and electrical outlets available for use even when the building is closed. Changes to staffing included the retirement of Library Technician Janice MacDonald after 15 years of excellent, helpful, and welcoming service, and the hiring of Reference Librarian Lou Johnson who comes to us with a background in Reference and User Services and a talent for helping patrons, planning programs, and using technology.

Despite our partial-year in-person closure, our virtual and physical collections and programming were well-used throughout the year. In

FY21, patrons borrowed a total of 160,508 physical items, in addition to 85,378 non-physical or digital items, including:

- 72,510 physical books
- 51,315 e-books
- 18,651 downloadable e-audiobooks, movies, and music
- 13,708 physical movies and music
- 8,425 online magazines
- 2,620 physical magazines

Online programs were also well attended, and we offered 587 virtual programs with 6,243 attendees or viewers. Programs for adults included book clubs, author talks, and educational lectures that covered a wide variety of topics ranging from Native Plant Gardening to Internet Safety, a three-part history of cinema and film series, virtual live guitar concerns from the Boston Classical Guitar Society, and adult craft programs along with step-by-step tutorials. A total of 42 classes were offered on technology topics alone to help give the community the up-to-date skills they needed to navigate new technology and online demands created by the pandemic, including Zoom tutorials, how to download free e-books using the Library's Libby app, and learning how to use Microsoft Office programs and various social media platforms. In an effort to engage and reach out to the community and promote our offerings, we actively utilized various social media and online platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Constant Contact, resulting in over 4300 Facebook engagements and 226 emails being sent out to a distribution list of 3501 people during the year.

Our children's and teens programming has also been robust throughout the year despite the pandemic. Our regularly scheduled virtual programs for children included weekly story times, a weekly chess program, a series of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs titled Stories & Science, a weekly Read-to-a-Dog session, and monthly book groups. Additional live online programs included Hingham Animal Control Officer, Leslie Badger, the Mars Base Camp STEM Challenge, Pop Up Art School, a tour of the New England Wildlife Center, Wild About Turtles, Roger Williams Zoo: Animal Ambassador Program, Big Ryan's Tall Tales, Slice of Life: a 5-week writing program, and a 6 week STEM Playgroup for Preschoolers program. The Summer Reading Theme for 2021 was "Tails and Tales", and families came to the Library and picked up a colorful reading bag for their children that contained a variety of materials for summer as well as a calendar of events.

Programs for teens included the launch of an insightful "Career Series" in which Hingham community members from all different professions talk to local teens about their particular career field. A wide variety of additional

programming was offered throughout the year to help keep teens engaged, including book clubs, Anime Club, art classes with Pop Up Art School, gaming tournaments with One Up Games, and even virtual yoga with Sweet Pea Yoga. Over 100 welcome bags were given away to teens participating in the summer reading program in 2021. The Teen/Young Adult Department once again became a very busy place after school in the fall with teens returning to work on homework and school projects, and just to read and relax together with friends once again.

The hard work of the Library Trustees' Long Range Planning Committee resulted in the creation and approval of the Library's FY2022 – FY2026 Long Range Plan. This document serves to identify and guide the Library's mission, vision, priorities, and goals over the next five years, and was developed through data gathered from patron surveys, staff surveys, community forums, and census data. The Library's primary goals over the next five years as identified in the Long Range Plan are as follows:

- Improvement of Physical Spaces
- Expansion of Communication and Marketing
- Growth as a Community Resource
- Enhancement of Collections
- Development of Funding Sources

The year 2021 was full of unexpected and unprecedented challenges, which brought about a great transformation in how to provide library services amidst a swiftly changing landscape of public health and patron expectations. This required a tremendous amount of flexibility, creativity, innovation, thoughtfulness, hard work, patience, and understanding. Many thanks go to the amazing and dedicated library staff, who worked tirelessly to initiate needed changes and learn whatever skills were necessary to get the job done.

Thanks to Building Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Jenkins and his team for keeping us all safe through well-executed cleaning protocols, and for all the work done to improve the physical building and grounds. Thanks to Assistant Director Anna Byrne and Technology Librarian Robby St. John who not only got us all up and running online and via Zoom, but who then spent countless hours teaching patrons these new skills as well. Robby was instrumental in adapting the technology to a contactless environment with self-checkout and mobile printing, and her innovation and diligence is much appreciated. Additional thanks to Peter Thornell for reorganizing the adult collection for a much-needed improvement, to Michael Achille for his work preserving local history documents and creating a searchable inventory of local history subject files, to Jill Blair for her implementation

of improved cataloging services, to Mary Beth Keif for managing all aspects and logistical challenges of providing contactless circulation services, to Totsie McGonagle and Meghan McCusker for engaging and supporting children, teens, and their families through a difficult transition year, and to Jenn Kyle, Debbie Vassil, Mary Ellen Miller, and Joe Maynard who went above and beyond the call of duty to use their skills and talents to help provide additional online programming.

Special thanks to staff Volunteer Coordinator Ann Fickenwirth who oversaw the return of our dear Library volunteers in September 2021. We greatly rely on the help of our volunteers in many of our daily tasks, and in the fall of 2021 they worked 285 hours to assist in shelving, collecting holds, sorting donations for the bookstore, and other projects as needed. Many thanks to all those who volunteer at the Library, and especially to our Bookstore and Home Delivery volunteers, including Adrienne Richardson, Marcia Sinclair, and Jean McGeary who have so patiently waited to return.

Finally, a most sincere thanks to the hard work and dedication of the members of the Library Board of Trustees, including Chair Lucy Hancock, Vice Chair David Mehegan, and Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Parker, for their leadership and guidance throughout the year and for giving their time and talents to the various committees on which they serve that help to make the Library such a special place within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Hancock, Chair of the Board of Trustees
Linda Harper, Library Director



*Library staff celebrating
Janice MacDonald's
retirement*

Public Safety Facility Building Committee

The Public Safety Facility Building Committee (PSFBC) is continuing the year's long effort by the Town to develop a joint Police/Fire facility that will replace aging and obsolete facilities that our public safety agencies currently work in. The new Public Safety Building, when completed, will also allow the Police Department to move out of their current space in Town Hall, which in turn will permit the Senior Center to renovate and expand its facilities into the space vacated by the Police. The location of the proposed facility will be 335 Lincoln Street.



The view from Lincoln Street, showing the front of the facility

During 2021, the PSFBC negotiated a design contract with Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. (KBA), in order to complete the design and oversee the construction of the new Public Safety Building to be located at 335 Lincoln Street. The PSFBC also solicited proposals and awarded an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) services contract with Hill International, Inc. (Hill). The OPM will oversee the design and construction of the Project, on behalf of the Town of Hingham.

The 2021 Annual Town Meeting authorized funding for the design of the Project through the Schematic Design and the Design Development Phases of the Project. Those Design Phases have been completed.

The PSFBC has conducted regularly scheduled public meetings throughout 2021, as well as numerous working sessions with the design team, the OPM, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Town Administrator, Town agencies that will be involved in the review and permitting of the Project and various advocacy groups, in order to ensure

that the Project will meet the operational requirements of the Police and Fire Departments in an efficient, cost effective and environmentally sound manner.

The PSFBC has received detailed estimates of construction costs through the Design Development Phase and will continue to carefully monitor estimated construction costs as the design proceeds.

The PSFBC expects to request additional funding at the 2022 Annual Spring Town Meeting in order to allow the design to be completed and construction bids to be procured. Construction funding will not be requested at the 2022 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garrity, Chair
Bruce MacAloney
Paul K. Healey, Vice Chair
Andrew Touchette
Joseph Kelly
Steven Murphy, Fire Chief (ex-officio)
Talford Lauter
David Jones, Police Chief (ex-officio)
Donna Smallwood

Hingham Public Schools

During the 2021-2022 school year, Hingham Public Schools continued to adapt to and manage the significant effects of the ongoing global pandemic. Throughout this pandemic, our exceptional educators, support staff, administrators, parents, and community continue to work together to support our students academically and emotionally.

Hingham Public Schools continue to strive for educational excellence for all of our students. In the fall of 2021 all students returned to a somewhat "normal" school year. Students, staff, and families demonstrated remarkable resilience as everyone returned to full time, in person instruction after a nearly two year disruption. For reference, the last normal school year for our High School ninth graders was sixth grade. Academic and social/emotional challenges persist due to the prolonged disruption in education across all grades.

Hingham Public Schools has undergone leadership change over the past year. In June 2021 Dr. Paul Austin resigned for family reasons after joining the district in July of 2019. The district was fortunate to hire Dr. Gary Maestas, former Plymouth, MA Superintendent as Interim Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year, during which the School Committee conducted a thorough search for a permanent Superintendent. The Committee and school community are excited to welcome Dr. Margaret Adams, former Assistant Superintendent of Melrose, MA Public Schools, as our new Superintendent as of July 1, 2022.

The School Committee and administration's focus this year has been preparing for the future through a strategic planning process. Through this process, the School Department is working with all stakeholders to determine priorities, a vision for the future, and to ensure that the needs of all Hingham students and the community are met for many years to come.

In December 2020, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) invited Hingham Public Schools and the Town of Hingham into a feasibility study for Foster Elementary School and approved an Accelerated Repair Project for replacement windows at the fifty-year-old Plymouth River School. At the start of 2021, the School Building Committee actively worked to secure an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and Designer for the Foster Building Project and began working with the MSBA assigned OPM and Designer for the Plymouth River Windows project. The PRS windows project remains on budget and is on schedule to be substantially complete in the summer of 2022. In March 2022, the Foster project completed the MSBA Feasibility phase to evaluate options, and was invited into the Schematic Design phase for a new

building to be located on the existing site. The School Building Committee is targeting a September 2024 opening of a new school. In order to make that timeline, a warrant article to secure interim funding for the development of construction documents is being requested at Hingham's spring 2022 Town Meeting. An MSBA Project Scope and Budget approval vote is anticipated in August 2022, followed by a special Town Meeting in the fall to secure construction funding for the Foster project. Working with the MSBA on both of these projects results in significant savings for the Town of Hingham.

For FY '22 (school year 2021-2022), an annual school department operating budget was approved at Town Meeting. The FY'22 budget represented a significant increase from FY'21 to help the District begin to recover learning loss resulting from the pandemic. The School Committee is grateful to the citizens for approving the increase.

As of October 1, 2021, there were 3,792 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) in the Hingham Public Schools. This represents a decrease of 75 students from the October 1, 2020 enrollment. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 72 (up from 28 the previous year) pre-school students in the Integrated Preschool program, 41 out-of-district special education students and 9 vocational students. Enrollment declined by more than 300 students between FY'21 and FY'22, primarily due to COVID-19 pandemic conditions. For the 2021-22 school year, the district anticipated a healthy increase back to previous enrollment levels. Students began to return at the elementary level, but not at the middle and high school levels.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MCAS assessments administered differed significantly from previous years, relative to test structure, format, question type, session duration, and number of sessions. Due to these differences, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has not provided accountability data at the district and school levels. However, overall, Hingham Public Schools outperformed the state in all areas assessed. At the High School level 92% of students were rated Advanced or Proficient in English Language Arts, 82% in Mathematics, and 99% in Biology. Achievement gaps persist between the performance of "All Students" versus those identified as "High Needs" and "Students with Disabilities".

To address these gaps, and to address the learning loss observed as a result of COVID-19, the district, with support from the Hingham Education Foundation, implemented "Summer Learning Academies" to support student skill development, study skills and strategies, and social-emotional adjustment during the summer of 2021. Utilizing four locations across the community (two elementary locations, one middle school location, and one high school

locations) the district provided two weeks of academic and social-emotional programming to our most at-risk students. The goals of the program were successful in ensuring students had a smooth return to full in-person learning and did much to ensure students were ready to start a new school year with the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful.

With the significantly increased FY'22 budget, the district was able to launch a completely redesigned tiered system of academic support in grades kindergarten through eight to begin to help students recover from learning loss due to the pandemic. The district welcomed additional academic specialists in writing, literacy, and math in every grade to ensure students receive the support needed to access our rigorous academic program. All four elementary schools and Hingham Middle School now have full-time Reading, Literacy, and Math Specialists, as well as an elementary-wide writing specialist, to ensure targeted support to all students is provided and supervised by highly-qualified personnel. Beyond supporting students, these new roles also support and coach our classroom educators on effective instructional strategies and classroom methods to increase the success of each student. This new model, coupled with our existing social-emotional tiered system, is well positioned to ensure ongoing monitoring of student skills, student success, and access to our curriculum as we closely monitor student progress post-pandemic.

At the Hingham High School graduation ceremony, 309 students graduated from Hingham High School on June 5, 2021. In addition to a diploma, 16 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. A total of 90.3% of graduates planned to attend four-year colleges in 32 different states and 8 foreign countries (Canada, the UK, Spain and Ireland); 2.4% planned to attend specialized or two-year institutions; 1.2% planned to attend post-graduate programs or take a gap year; 0.3% entered military service; and 3.2% planned to begin full-time employment. Additionally, 308 Hingham High School students took a total of 595 Advanced Placement exams. Of those 308 students, 155 were seniors, who took 351 exams. Overall, 112 Hingham High School students were designated as AP Scholars, including 50 Scholars, 33 Scholars with Honor, and 29 Scholars with Distinction.

Hingham High School extracurricular clubs and teams enjoyed continued success in 2021. The Math Team had a successful season, placing 1st in their Division and 9th in the Southeastern Massachusetts Mathematics League after a competitive meet in the playoffs! The Reaching Out to Children Club made seasonal craft kits for patients at Boston Children's Hospital this year and is

currently developing new programming with the HPS Kids in Action wraparound child care program. The Books and Banter Club has its largest membership in recent years. The club has read and discussed 4 books together as a group since October and recently received a grant from the PTO to purchase additional titles and multiple copies for the rest of the school year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the mentor program activities were limited, but the group persevered and hosted some great virtual meetings with Freshman Advisory to help new students adapt to life at Hingham High School. The Financial Literacy Club raised money to support a lifelong Hingham resident who is battling leukemia. The club is also planning another tournament in a few weeks to benefit spina bifida research. Some Hingham High Oceanography Club highlights include critter collection and beach clean-up at Nantasket Beach, and shark dissection. The Spreading Acts of Kindness Club continues to spread kindness by collaborating with the Foster Elementary School Kindness Club, making posters for South Shore Hospital, and will host four language classes for senior citizens over the summer. Finally, the Hingham High School Mindfulness club continues to explore ways to find healthy outlets through mindfulness activities, including holding early morning yoga sessions for students, and exploring ways to organize mindful activities that include all students at Hingham High School.

Hingham High School Athletics enjoyed continued success in 2021. HHS athletes competed under limited conditions and opportunities due to pandemic restrictions, but our student-athletes enjoyed the competition, and the opportunity to be active and social with teammates. The Hingham Volleyball program raised \$3,459 for the Dig Pink Foundation (breast cancer research). The HHS Gymnastics Team was awarded 2nd place at the League Championship Meet and a number of our student athletes received individual awards. Our teams won 5 Patriot League Championships and 4 Patriot Cup Championships. For the third consecutive year, we won the prestigious Boston Globe Holmes Award for overall athletic excellence.

Hingham High School artists and musicians again excelled in school and district-wide concerts, art exhibitions, and in local and regional music and art competitions, despite pandemic restrictions. In the fall of 2021, the drama department staged a musical production of Neil Simon's *Sweet Charity*. The Spring Production is *Squirrel Girl Goes to College* (A Marvel Universe Play). Additionally, Mr. Eschauzier's Graphic Design and Photography program won 26 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards increasing the total awards over the past twelve years to 346.

In September of 2021 the district initiated the rollout of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative by inviting Dr. Darnisa Amante-Jackson, nationally renowned Equity Strategist and Educator, to deliver the keynote address to

staff at Convocation. The address, focused on the collective work needed to provide equitable educational access to all students, framed the presentation of the district's Equity and Inclusion Plan: Year I. This plan, formed as the result of the district's first year Equity Audit identified actionable goals to begin addressing the achievement and opportunity gaps that persist in the district. The four focus areas are centered around: data analysis to ensure universal access to upper level courses at the secondary level, implementation of our new academic multi-tiered model, materials and training to ensure an unbiased evaluation for special education and Section 504 eligibility, and the introduction of teacher professional development to begin open dialog about biased in our school community and leadership training on Restorative Practices to serve as a means to address issue of bias in our school community.

During the winter and spring of 2021 the Student Services Office continued the work of providing compensatory special education and related services to those students who experienced disruptions in their learning due to COVID-19. In the summer of 2021, the Extended School Year Program made a return to full in-person learning. The Student Services Department also welcomed two new administrative positions: the Elementary Administrator of Special Education (grades PK-5) and the Secondary Administrator of Special Education (grades 6-12). These two administrators were inducted during the summer and were fully in place to greet our faculty, students, and community in September 2021. These new roles have been invaluable in providing greater programmatic oversight for our Special Education programs, as well as support our Executive Director of Student Services to ensure that all students access a free and appropriate public education.

The Committee and District are sensitive to Hingham's fiscal challenges, so developed a FY'23 budget with the goal of balancing this understanding with the community expectation that we will provide all Hingham students with an education that meets our core values of fulfillment of individual potential, respect for self and others, civic responsibility, commitment to life-long learning, and service to others. In the Fall of 2021 the Finance/Capital & Facilities Sub Committee School Committee met in planning sessions to establish goals and priorities, and to develop appropriate guiding principles to craft a FY '23 budget that continues to fund all of the positions added for FY'22, along with proposals for positions that provide funding to close critical structural gaps, which will be necessary for the District to build new leadership and set direction in a post COVID environment. Recognizing that the School Department is currently developing a strategic plan, which was delayed due to leadership changes, to maintain and grow educational excellence in Hingham Public Schools while also examining the budget to ensure the best use of resources and areas of potential cost savings, the School Committee

provided the following guidance to the administration as they prepared the budget for Fiscal Year 2023:

- Any new budget proposals must be vital to running a school district and setting our new Superintendent up for success.
- Recognizing the many additional important needs in the district, as well as the Town's financial challenges, additional budget proposals must be held.
- Future budget requests will be driven by the strategic plan.
- The budget must:
 - Meet legal mandates
 - Support student achievement, including recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 and the resulting disruption to education
 - Offer appropriate general and special education programs and services
 - Support enrollment fluctuations by maintaining class size guidelines
 - Provide adequate supplies and equipment to support the educational programs
 - Thoroughly search for cost savings and revenue that can be obtained without adversely affecting the delivery of the educational program

The administration proposed a budget of \$62,677,112, which is a 1.43% increase over FY'22, which the School Committee unanimously voted to propose to the Select Board and Advisory Committee.

As always, 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 supporting its mission and achieving 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 2021 town election added one new member to the School Committee when Tim Miller-Dempsey was elected to replace one term member Libby Lewiecki. Additionally, Kerry Ni was re-elected to her second term. In May of 2021, Kerry Ni, Michelle Ayer, and Nes Correnti were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively.

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!

Dr. Gary E. Maestas
Interim Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kerry Ni, Chair
Michelle Ayer, Vice Chair
Nes Correnti, Secretary
Liza O'Reilly
Carlos Da Silva
Jen Benham
Tim Dempsey

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, 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 located at the South Shore Country Club.

2021 was a year that saw unprecedented changes in the Department. 2021 began as the Covid 19 pandemic continued to affect all aspects of the lives of the citizenry of Hingham. While the department adapted and pivoted to accommodate the needs and desires of the town residents, a new collaborative endeavor was beginning to take form. By late spring, the Recreation Department was working with the School Department, the Select Board and the DPW to oversee the care, maintenance and permitting of all town outdoor fields and courts. This pivotal change in collaborative oversight has resulted in an effective cohesive plan. This two-prong change established a town-wide efficient permitting process as well as a clear plan for improving and maintaining the quality of Town Fields and Courts. Following last year's Town Meeting vote, the Recreation Department became the managers of the athletic field and court permit process as well as the overseer, organizer, and coordinator of the Town-wide turf maintenance plan.

In 2021, the Hingham Recreation Department changed its programming software platform to MyRec.Com in order to provide a more user-friendly

experience with the community. This new platform helped the department to streamline the permitting and reservation processes.

While continuing to modify our program offerings to maximize the health and well-being of the community, the Recreation Department began to offer a blend of in-person and remote programming as 2021 moved from winter into spring. After so many closures and lack of opportunities, the Recreation Department wanted to offer the community a variety of programs that would utilize the open field space offering a safer option for gathering.

Six hundred dancers, enrolled in our year-long program, took a winter break during the months of January and February (with optional remote classes running during that time period). During this break, the department looked forward to March and the reopening of the outdoor classes while at the same time working to create an opportunity for the dancers to celebrate their successes with some form of recital. The Recreation Department partnered with the South Shore Conservatory to create an outdoor recital weekend in May where we were able to run 13 separate 30-45 minute "Recital Showcases" to accommodate all 600+ dancers and 4 spectators per family with appropriate social distancing.

In May, with the great success of the 2020-2021 dance season, more than 600 dancers returned to enroll for the 2021-2022 season. We were also able to offer these dancers a fall recital back at the South Shore Conservatory where the stage was opened after their season just to accommodate our six "Recital Showcases".

In the spring of 2021, the Recreation Department resumed its outdoor programming. We ran adult programming in tennis, pickleball, and golf (partnering with the SSCC). We were able to offer outdoor arts and crafts, chess, cake and cookie decorating, multisports, basketball, track and field, flag football, soccer and field hockey. All included, spring programming had more than 1400 registrations.

July 4, 2021 saw a return of the annual Hingham Fourth of July Road Race with more than 1500 participants. Summer programming returned to a somewhat more traditional style while still having an outside-if-possible emphasis. The summer of 2021 saw a return of Teen Xtreme, Sportscamp and both the full-day and half-day preschool camp programs. Additionally, the Rec Department decided to change the traditional "Playground" program splitting it into "Fun Time (Rising grades 1-3) and "Adventure Club (Rising Grades 4 and 5). "Fun Time" followed the traditional Playground camp format while "Adventure Club" adopted a field-trip

hybrid blend between Fun-Time and Teen Xtreme. In its first summer, "Adventure Club" had more than 350 registrations. Additionally, the Recreation Department offered four weeks of a new outdoor camp called "Parkland" which incorporated biking, hiking, fishing, and exploring three of Hingham's most beautiful outdoor spaces: Wompatuck State Park, World's End and Bare Cove Park. This new program maxed its reservation capacity all 4 weeks taking in more than 120 campers.

The summer of 2021 continued the partnership between the Recreation Department and the Hingham Bathing Beach Committee with the hiring, managing and oversight of lifeguards at the Bathing Beach from June until September while also having another summer of kayak and paddleboard rentals at the Town docks.

In-person fitness classes continued outdoors in the fall with the Recreation Department's "Yoga at the Harbor", "Cardio Hip Hop", and "Boot Camp". The fall also saw a return of Indoor Spinning. Fall programming for children offered the community a selection of all-outdoor activities including Hingham Youth Field Hockey, Super Soccer Stars, Hingham Youth Tennis, ASA Hoops, and Middle School Fitness.

As late Fall approached, indoor programming returned (with masks) for programs including cake and cookie decorating, arts and crafts, tennis, volleyball, basketball and dance.

The Recreation Department looks forward to its second (and first full) season for complete scheduling and maintenance of all outdoor fields and courts in the coming year.

Recreation Commissioners:

Vicki Donlan, Chair
Adrienne Ramsey, Vice Chair
Dwight Hartman
Ryan Lynch
Nandita Scott

Recreation Department Staff,

Mark Thorell, Recreation Director
Kathy Walsh, Administrative Secretary
Mike Benard, Program Supervisor
Jacquelyn Muh, Program Supervisor

Cronin Field



Haley Field



Lynch Field



Background

The Town started discussions about safety improvements along this corridor in 2009 with a focus on redesign of the Hingham rotary. Through the ensuing years, the Town has worked with contract engineers, the MA Department of Transportation (MassDOT), public safety officials in neighboring towns, and our elected state officials to understand key issues, design the project, secure a position on the State's budget, and move forward through the MassDOT design approval process towards construction.

In 2021, Town Meeting voted to approve additional funds to bring the design to completion in order for MassDOT to proceed with construction. The Town's total investment in engineering design plans currently represents less than 6% of the total cost, estimated at \$15.5 million, which will be funded by the state and federal governments.

The Hingham project is now funded on the Boston region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2025 budget. Construction is expected to take place over the course of two years.

Design Milestones

In January 2022, MassDOT District 5 held a 25% design public hearing to gather comments about the project. Over 100 members of the public attended and many weighed in with comments and questions during the lengthy comment period. A recording of the January 11, 2022 hearing is available at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

The Town's contract engineering firm is working to incorporate feedback into design updates and to coordinate details with MassDOT so that the project continues to progress according to plan. The 3A Task Force continues to represent the Town's interests in the process.

Community Engagement

Since 2015, the Town has hosted over a dozen public meetings and has worked collaboratively with administrators and public safety officials in the Towns of Hull and Cohasset to ensure access and public safety concerns are addressed.

We are excited by the prospect of a safer and more welcoming roadway for Hingham and for our region, and look forward to continued collaboration with our project team, residents, and state officials to see this project to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sneath, Chair, JR Frey, Town Engineer

Scholarship Fund Committee

The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2021 totaled \$7,361,009 compared to \$6,432,755 at the end of 2020. These figures include an investment gain of \$1,088,406, donations of \$46,748, scholarships disbursements of \$285,000, and administrative fees of \$500. Additionally, unclaimed awards from 2016-2019 were reclaimed as allowed under MGL Chapter 200A section 9A resulting in a return of \$78,600 to the scholarship fund.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, 2021 was a solid year in equity markets and finished slightly negative in fixed income markets. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate, a broad domestic investment grade bond index returned -1.54%. The S&P 500, an index of the 500 largest US public companies by market capitalization, returned 28.71%. The Russell 2500 Index, an equity index that tracks an array of small and midcap sized US companies, returned 18.18%. The MSCI EAFE Index, measuring large company equity performance in developed markets within Europe, Australasia and the Far East, returned 11.78%.

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 2021, the Scholarship Fund returned 16.9%, net of investment returns, income, donations, and withdrawals. Its' benchmark, which utilizes a combination of the above-mentioned indices, had a return of 16.46%.

The committee voted to provide \$285,000 in scholarship awards in 2021. 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 \$250,000 in 2019 and \$250,000 in 2021. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years well 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	12/31/20	12/31/21
Rizzotto Memorial	33,687	38,565
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon	40,954	47,081
Orvis K. & May B. Collins	85,132	99,779
Amasa J. Whiting	41,550	47,032
Second World War Memorial	104,220	118,081
Margaret McElroy	21,405	24,127
Stuart Macmillan Memorial	99,609	113,081
Ann Mulholland	9,633	11,138
John Lewis Russell.....	25,899	29,295
Caroline Murdock.....	19,475	22,063
Charles (Chuck) Martell	54,157	63,469
Francis James Thompson	3,359,697	3,827,074
Patricia Lynne Schneider	7,332	8,290
Harold L. Downing.....	31,202	35,382
Hingham Theater for Children.....	9,145	10,798
1 st Lieutenant Curtis E. Chase	21,636	25,080
The Wallis Lee Chipman Music Award.....	11,638	13,176
Russell Arkell Scholarship	16,115	18,165
Hingham High Basketball Boosters	21,343	24,079
Charles Berry	8,947	10,157
Edward O. Hornstra	26,982	32,439
William J. Laubenstein Jr	8,020	9,036
Mary Sheldon	11,090	12,882
Robin Karen Kurciviez	8,616	9,666
Mary J. Fee for the Arts.....	7,699	8,980
Jacobs Scholarship	48,671	54,800
John Higgins Scholarship.....	7,231	8,152
Burditt W. Collins Memorial	11,046	12,499
Savini Music.....	9,747	10,969
The Luce Scholarships	335,529	381,304
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	29,401	33,129
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial.....	9,280	10,478
The Bryant Scholarship	185,493	209,198
Hingham Taxpayers.....	89,536	104,668
Hingham Band Parents	9,473	10,715
Susan/George Burton Music Scholarship	32,861	39,605
Leroy L. Eldredge	27,930	29,832
John Barba	33,003	37,015
M. Tilghman Earle	35,064	38,452
Supt. Lewis J. Ernst	21,894	35,473
Joan E. Pyne Memorial.....	11,969	13,453
John Peter Nionakis	19,397	22,574

Kids Cabaret	5,143.....	5,951
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy	21,878.....	25,110
Field Hockey Team	15,319.....	17,638
Charles L. Vickery	52,000.....	59,331
Jamin Guarino.....	55,903.....	63,460
Clifford Family Memorial.....	16,874.....	18,933
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace	144,247.....	162,061
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.....	4,635.....	5,226
Hingham Scholarship Memorial	11,483.....	14,257
Crofoot Trust	30,547.....	33,875
Sam Butterfield Scholarship.....	14,652.....	16,395
Gloria O. Lofgren	20,027.....	22,601
Robin Helene Ruben	26,312.....	30,176
Robert L. Goodrich	49,646.....	57,897
Helen S. Wollan	10,693.....	12,331
Former Students of HHS	19,730.....	22,905
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial	30,233.....	34,743
Hingham Women's Club	23,863.....	27,031
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial	16,657.....	18,848
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial	37,908.....	43,980
Samantha Hooper Memorial	9,662.....	11,307
Cynthia Steven Scholarship	7,796.....	8,960
Marie Meallo Scholarship	16,790.....	18,874
Keith Ryan Memorial.....	5,334.....	5,983
Sean Ryan Memorial	98,079.....	111,751
Colarullo Family Scholarship	13,118.....	14,714
Neal Tompkins Memorial	109,013.....	122,930
Corporal Christopher J. Orlando USMC Memorial	96,644.....	116,370
Elizabeth Nally Memorial	9,334.....	11,848
Class of 1976 Fritz Hansel Memorial	5,282.....	5,992
Herbert T. McMeekin, Jr.	178,121.....	198,947
Dr. Andrew V. & Edith B. Mason.	173,719.....	193,736
Haskell N. & Elinor F. Maude.	9,268.....	11,044
Supt. Dorothy H. Galo Scholarship	56,237.....	86,449
Pamela Noble-Hill Memorial	30,710.....	34,230
General Fund	<u>3,195.....</u>	<u>3,892</u>
Total Rounded	6,432,755.....	7,361,009

School Building Committee

The School Building Committee (SBC) was pleased to welcome new members to its project team this past year. In March, the SBC selected PMA Consultants, LLC as its owner's project manager (OPM) from a pool of impressive applicants, and in August, following a designer selection process coordinated by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), Raymond Design Associates, Inc. emerged as the SBC's preferred choice and was selected to serve as project architect. Both firms are led by experienced professionals with strong Hingham ties and once on board, they immediately began work to facilitate the feasibility phase components necessary to advance the project. Geotechnical explorations, a traffic study, wetlands delineation, a site survey, and other investigations were completed in late summer and early fall providing the information required to confirm the site's redevelopment viability and to begin examination of potential options for a renovated or new elementary school. Visioning sessions with educators, parents and other community members helped to inform the development of a new education plan to serve as the basis for specific space design and the framework for curriculum implementation.



As 2021 came to a close, the SBC was submitting volumes of studies, plans and written narratives to the MSBA to fulfill the remaining requirements of the feasibility module of the school building process. This effort was the culmination of months of diligence that included consideration of ten distinct options to improve the existing William L. Foster Elementary School site to address the long-standing facility deficiencies that have impacted curriculum delivery and the overall educational experience for students and staff for many years.

To accomplish its goal of constructing and opening a new school building in September 2024, the SBC has pursued an aggressive schedule while adhering to the MSBA's submission and approval guidelines. To that end, a warrant article will be considered at the April Town Meeting that seeks interim funding to allow for detailed design development and preparation of an early bid package to allow for site preparation work to commence as early as December this year. Full funding for construction and associated project costs will be sought at a special Town Meeting in the fall following MSBA Board approval of the preferred schematic design submittal, anticipated on August 31, 2022. As the SBC and project team members work to advance this endeavor as prudently and expeditiously as possible, Foster administration and staff continue to provide a clean, safe, and positive learning environment for the students in their charge.

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 to enhance learning environment parity among Hingham's elementary schools and breathe an additional 10-15 years of life into a tired and poorly designed, albeit a clean, safe, and well-maintained structure, which 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 and rendered the building temporarily unusable. As a result, the School Committee sought Town-wide support for a long-term solution to these growing challenges and submitted a Statement of Interest for MSBA consideration.

In addition to its oversight responsibilities for the Foster Elementary project, following Town Meeting in 2021, the SBC assumed formal oversight of the \$3,993,600 window and door replacement project at Plymouth River Elementary School (PRS) pursued pursuant to Hingham's Statement of Interest accepted by the MSBA in connection with its Accelerated Repair Program. The project seeks to address much needed window and door replacement together with associated infrastructure that could not be accomplished over a decade ago after Hingham voters

approved \$3.5 million in improvements at PRS as recommended by the 2006 School Facilities Master Plan. The result once the project is completed will provide a safer and more attractive appearance for staff and students as well as energy efficiency to help reduce utility costs, effectively extending the useful life of this 53-year-old elementary school. The MSBA assigned Architectural Consulting Group to serve as OPM and Turowski² Architecture is the project architect. Engineering evaluations, design development and value engineering exercises have progressed throughout the year culminating in MSBA Board approval of the schematic design submittal and a schedule that contemplates new installations to take place after school recesses for the summer this year.

As Foster design plans and cost estimates are refined over the coming months leading toward the commencement of site development work at the end of the year, and final preparations are made for new window and door installation work at PRS this summer, 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 for the benefit of a patient and supportive community.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hill, Chair
Raymond Estes, Vice-Chair
Christopher Mercer, Secretary
Michelle Ayer
Kevin Lynch
Jennifer Murphy
Timothy O'Neill

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.

With COVID restrictions in place, the Shade Tree Committee combined Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations on April 30, 2021 on the Hingham Common. In attendance were members of the Shade Tree Committee, Department of Public Works, and The Garden Club of Hingham, who donated the tree. The Select Board issued two proclamations declaring April 22 as Earth Day and April 30 as Arbor Day in the Town of Hingham. A representative of the Garden Club read the "Arbor Day Proclamation" signed by the Town of Hingham Select Board. The Select Board in the proclamation urge all citizens to support efforts "to protect our trees and woodlands, support our town's forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations." Those in attendance were reminded that while trees are beautiful and an enhancement to our community, they also help reduce topsoil erosion and provide oxygen, and a habitat for wildlife while enhancing property values.

The ceremonial tree was a red oak, *Quercus rubra* which is indigenous to Massachusetts. The red oak grows rapidly and is useful for planting in residential and park areas with its bristle-tipped leaves and brilliant red fall color, making it an excellent choice.

For the 33rd year, Hingham has been named a Tree City U.S.A. by the National Arbor Day foundation in recognition of the Town's commitment to effective management, growth, and development of its public trees.

Respectfully submitted,

James Huse, Chair
Barbara Kardok
Dorothy Manganaro
Phillip Shute
Michael Studley

Veterans' Services

The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) 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 COVID-19 public-health crisis remains in effect, and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (MDVS) continues to direct Veterans' Services Officers to lessen a veteran's administrative burden by simplifying the application process to expedite approval. This directive will continue until the conclusion of the public-health crisis.

The Department is proud to report that it continues to maintain state certification and compliance with both MGL Chapter 115 and 101/108 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR).

During 2021, benefits were paid on average to 19 Hingham veterans, and/or their dependents, totaling \$157,904. The state reimburses the Town at the 75% statutory maximum earned by the Department's timely processing and accurate accounting. Massachusetts is still the only state in the nation that provides this type of benefit to its veterans.

A total of 208 Federal Veterans Affairs cases and claims were managed by this Department in 2021, resulting in those individuals being awarded \$271,943 in total—an average monthly payout of approximately \$1,307 per case. The workload to support VA case submission is supplemental to the Department's primary mission under MGL Chapter 115.

The Town's Veterans In Need Fund—funded through *ad hoc* donations as well as from contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property-tax payments—finished calendar 2021 with slightly more than \$35,500 on hand. Over the Fund's eleven-year history, upwards of \$53,000 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, the HOME Act.

Both the Memorial and Veterans' Day observances resumed their normal cadence at the Town Hall, presided over by Town Moderator Michael Puzo. Attendees were treated to the music of the Hingham High School Band under the direction of Brian Cincotta. Members of the Hingham Police

Department Honor Guard and the Hingham Militia paraded the colors, and Select Board Chair, Joseph Fisher, honored those who have served.

On Memorial Day, the principal speaker was Colonel Philip Anderson, USMC (Ret.). Colonel Anderson served almost 25 years in the U.S. Marine Corps commanding at every level through battalion, with deployments worldwide including the Middle East, the western Pacific and Haiti. He provided insights from his expertise in international and homeland security, defense policy and counterterrorism.

In her final official act—having served as Town Clerk for 24 years—Eileen McCracken read aloud the Honor Roll, reciting the names of those 73 Hingham veterans who had passed away during the preceding year, followed by the sounding of Taps.

On Veteran's Day, members of the military, veterans, and their families attended the annual Cpl Lawrence St. Laurent, USMC breakfast followed by the main observance in Sanborn Auditorium. HHS Junior Jack Pilote began the event by playing our National Anthem on his electric guitar.

The principal Veterans' Day speaker was Hingham resident and Veterans' Council Chair, Captain Benjamin Dulieu, USMC. CPT Dulieu served in an infantry battalion stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he was assigned with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines. He had deployed to Afghanistan in 2011-2012, leading a platoon of 78 Marines in clear, hold, and build operations throughout Helmand Province during Operations Eastern Storm and Enduring Freedom, the final US offensives against Taliban in the region.

During the awards portion of the ceremony, Commander Henry "Jack" Rayburn, USCG (Ret.), was named Veteran of the Year for his deep, continuing involvement within the community and with the Veterans' Council. Always willing to assist those in need, Jack has consistently befriended veterans who live alone or are in hospice, keeping them company to let them know they are not forgotten.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was held again on Dec. 7th, when Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans, and visitors the world over make time to remember and honor the 2,403 service members and civilians killed during the Japanese attack which permanently sank 2 US Navy battleships and destroyed 188 aircraft.

This year we were honored to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the day that was said to "...live in infamy". We marked this significant milestone by having Edmund Demko assist with a wreath-laying tribute at the United States Navy Amphibious Veterans Memorial, located in the

Hingham Shipyard. Ed is a US Navy veteran of WWII and a Gold Star Family member.

For the second year in a row volunteers from the SNAP community, led by Tom Hoffman, and 70 additional volunteers laid wreaths at the grave sites of Hingham Veterans. This year, 1,350 wreaths were placed, up from 550 last year. Donations from various community members and organizations raised the \$13,500 to purchase the wreaths.



In partnership with SNAP, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution placed 280 wreaths at Fort Hill Cemetery on December 18.

Retired HPD Patrolman, Richard Amonte & his granddaughter, Avery)

As a lifelong resident of Hingham I have witnessed many changes in this town over the past fifty years. However, one constant throughout that time has been Hingham's willingness to honor its military veterans—those men and women, who without reservation raised their hands and swore an oath to serve and to sacrifice. Some have even made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives for the freedom we hold so dear. Remembering them is our sacred commitment. Keeping them in our hearts and minds every day in a fast-paced world is at times difficult but we must. "...for it's when we hear, we forget; when we see, we remember; and when we do, we understand."

In closing, I wish to thank all the other Town departments that help to fulfill our mission as well as the strong support provided by a network of hard-working volunteers, including the Veterans' Council, HHS Veterans' Appreciation Club, Valor Act veterans, as well as Tom Hoffman, SNAP, and our DAR.

Respectfully submitted,

SCPO Keith A. Jermyn, USNR-S1, Director of Veterans' Services

Water Transition and Evaluation Committee

The Water Transition and Evaluation Committee continued its work in 2021, continuing to oversee the transition of the Weir River Water System (WRWS) to municipal ownership in collaboration with the Water Commissioners, the Water Superintendent, and SUEZ, the Town's contracted system operator. While the transition to Town ownership had occurred in 2020, there were a number of key issues that the committee worked on in 2021:

- On April 1, 2021 the Weir River Water System, through SUEZ, took over complete customer service and billing from Aquarion. This included the opening of a customer service office located at 185 Lincoln Street in Hingham. This office is staffed by 3 full-time customer service representatives who assist all current customers of the WRWS.
- Members of the committee assisted in monitoring the system's collection of revenue, and helped build financial tools to measure the revenue vs. the projections used during the acquisition analysis.
- The committee provided input into the budgeting process, and validated the assumptions used for the 10% rate increase the Water Commissioners approved in July of 2021. This increase was consistent with the planned rate increases that had been communicated as part of the financial model during the acquisition process.
- The committee provided input and feedback on the Master Plan study being developed for the water system by Environmental Partners Group. The final plan, expected to be delivered in the first half of 2022, includes an analysis of the current system, a review of the condition of the water mains, current and future water capacity requirements, and water storage needs. This study will recommend and help to prioritize the capital investment upgrades that need to occur.
- The committee has given guidance and feedback to the Abrahams Group who is completing a Cost of Service and Revenue Study for the system. It is anticipated that a simplified rate and billing structure will be introduced to rate payers in January of 2023.

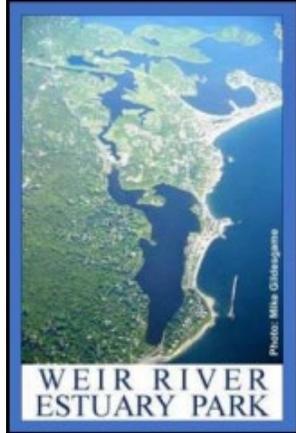
Additionally, the WTEC is charged with completing an analysis of the governance structure of the System. The committee plans to embark on this project in the fall of 2022, once one year of full Town ownership has been completed. It is our plan to examine the current governance structure, gather input from all constituencies, and recommend a course of action to the Town.

The Committee appreciates the interest and cooperation that it has received during this past year and looks forward to completing its responsibilities in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Asher
Scott Cyr
Jim Taylor, Chair
David von Loesecke
Joe Welch

Weir River Estuary Park Committee



The Weir River Estuary is shared by Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull from Foundry Pond and World's End to Sunset Point and Straits Pond—an area of roughly 950 acres.

Since December 1986, the Estuary has been a state-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). 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 Select Boards in Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull agreed in 2002 to appoint up to three members each, making this a tri-town committee.

The goals of the Weir River Estuary Park (WREP) Committee are to preserve the rare and idyllic setting, expand public access and low-impact recreational opportunities, protect the historical and geological integrity, protect and restore natural resources and biological diversity, conserve a contiguous corridor of open space and healthy habitats, develop educational opportunities and foster stewardship, establish community support for land and estuarine habitat protection, and maintain working relationships with Town officials and boards, local land trusts, land preservation organizations, and related regional, state, and federal agencies.

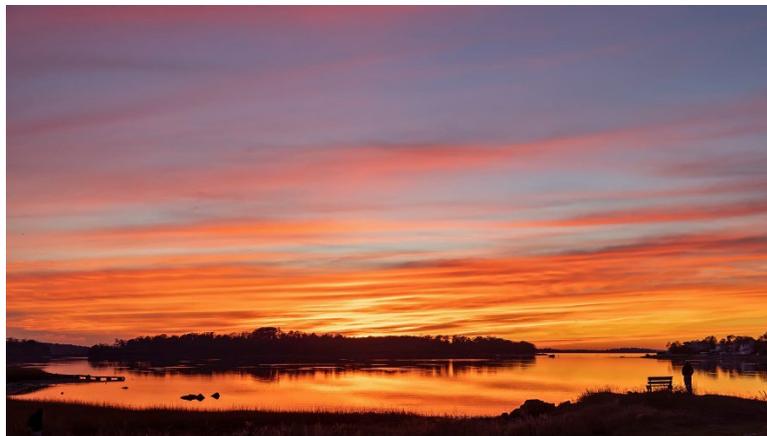
Committee member Tom Bell of Cohasset organized volunteers for a fish count at Foundry Pond during the herring run beginning on April 1. Mr. Bell designed a special application to help with the fish counting. This event was administered by the North and South River Watershed with volunteers from all three towns helping to count the herring at designated times.

Committee member Patti Coyle of Hingham promoted the WREP Committee Facebook page to highlight the major WREP events such as the Fish Count, Annual Earth Day Spring Clean-Up on May 1, and National Estuaries Week in September.

With help from the WREP Committee, the Hull Land Conservation Trust, Straits Pond Watershed Association, and Weir River Watershed Association organized a very successful Annual Earth Day Spring Clean-Up on May 1, 2021 at Straits Pond, Amonte Meadows, Foundry Pond, Lyfords Lyking Park, Rockland Street, Sanctuary Pond, the Estuary Center, and the conservation land across from the Hingham District Court House along George Washington Boulevard. Volunteers from all three towns worked together to clean out and bag up trash and debris for the local DPWs to collect. Thank you to all the volunteers from Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull who assisted in helping to keep the Weir River Estuary Parks clean. All volunteers were treated to ice cream donated and served by Nona's.

A major project for Hull is the Walking Path to Straits Pond Island. It proposes to construct a path via Eastman Road to the Island for the purpose of wildlife viewing. The project is being sponsored by Hull's Department of Conservation and submitted to the Hull Community Preservation Act Committee for funding approval. Letters of support were received from WREP, SPWA, and other supporting groups. The proposal seeks \$30,000 in funding for surveying and permitting and will be on the ballot for community approval this year.

National Estuaries Week, September 18 through 25, 2021, is an annual celebration and campaign to increase public awareness of estuaries and to encourage people to become involved in the protection of these important natural resources. WREP committee member Patti Coyle engaged three local artists who participated in our social media promotion for National Estuaries Week. Harbor Media filmed the two local well-respected photographers (Susan Hagstrom and Mike Sleeper) talking about their art and the importance of the estuary.



In October, Co-Chair Judeth Van Hamm led a successful tour of the Estuary and Weir River Woods for the Hull fifth graders. Over 50 students were able to learn more about the importance of the Estuary.

We look forward to the following activities in 2022: Herring Run and Fish Counting at Foundry Pond, Earth Day Spring Clean-Up on April 23, 2022, monitoring progress on the Eastman Road Walking Path to the Island in Straits Pond, promoting efforts to increase salinity and flows in Straits Pond, conducting educational walking tours in the Weir River Woods and Estuary, National Estuaries Week in September 2022, Weir River Woods Trail repairs, and the return of paddling trips of the Weir River Estuary Park.

We hope you will continue to explore and visit the Weir River Estuary Park by bike, boat, or on foot.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chairs:

Dick Avery (Cohasset)
Sharon Allen (Hingham)
Judeth Van Hamm (Hull)

Members:

Tom Bell (Cohasset)
Mark Buonagurio (Hingham)
Patti Coyle (Hingham)
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.

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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Hingham in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors, and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Hingham to review and understand.

The Town of Hingham's financial statements have been audited by 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, 2021 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, 2021 and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet

the special needs of Federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of Federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Hingham's separately issued Single Audit Report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Town of Hingham's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of the Town of Hingham

This Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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 is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of downtown Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has several historic village districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation, and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, and the Weir River Water System, a self-supporting enterprise, provides water services to the Town. The Town purchased the private water company (Aquarion) on July 31, 2020. The Hingham Housing Authority

maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, Wompatuck offers hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The Town is located in Plymouth County and the principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction, and registry of deeds and probate.

The three-member elected Select Board is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Select Board and is responsible for day to day administration.

Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition

During the third quarter of FY20, COVID-19 pandemic hit all facets of the country, the economy is no exception. 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 unemployment has decreased this year after spiking last year due to the pandemic, it was at a historic high throughout the country. Although we are not at pre-pandemic levels yet, it is going in the right direction. Town Management has developed a Financial Plan to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on the economy. The plan used excess fund balance to bridge any projected revenue shortfalls and strict expenditure controls for FY21 budget. As a result of this Financial Plan the town ended Fiscal Year 2021

with an increase to Fund Balance. 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 6.5% while school enrollment has decreased 8.33%. This decrease has been in the last two years due to the pandemic. Hingham Public Schools were totally virtual throughout the pandemic, while private schools were not. 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 Select Board, 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 2000's 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 2022.

Financial Information

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Select Board 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, which starts in October/November. The various department heads prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction and meets with the Town Administrator for approval. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Select Board. The Select Board conducts budget meetings with each department to review their requests. The Select Board then recommends to the Advisory Committee the budget. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Select Board; 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. The Annual Town Meeting (April) legally adopts the budgets for the General Fund and the Community Preservation Fund. 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 Select Board, 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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2020. This was the twenty-fifth 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 Annual Comprehensive 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 Annual Comprehensive 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, 2021 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 2021 financial statements was invaluable. We want to express our appreciation to the accounting personnel, Steve Becker, Huong Pham, Lynn Phillips, and Aksana Holmes for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; and to Kate Richardsson (IT Department) for her work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nickerson
Town Accountant

Treasurer/Collector

Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2020.....	113,583,475
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2021.....	331,586,582
-Total Paid on Select Board warrant	(297,347,259)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2021	147,822,798

Investment Return on General Fund cash FY 2021.....	122, 364
Investment Return on All Funds FY 2021.....	6,445,356

During Fiscal Year 2021 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2021 Real Estate Tax	88,856,049
2021 Community Preservation Surcharge	1,193,895
2021 Personal Property Tax	1,316,970
2021 Boat Excise Tax	78,571
2021 Motor Vehicle Tax	4,617,576
2020 Motor Vehicle Tax	461,983
2021 Sewer Use Charge.....	3,265,593
Betterments-Paid in Advance	5,643
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	91,144
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest	1,019
Sewer Use Liens.....	164,600
Payments in Lieu of Taxes.....	<u>693,715</u>
Total	100,746,758

Covid-19 did not slow down the Tax Collector's office. In FY21 collections remained strong with over ninety-eight percent of real estate and personal property revenue billed and collected by fiscal year end. Each year over 70,000 invoices are issued to property owners for assessments on real estate, personal property, motor vehicle, boat, and sewer use charges. Real estate taxes alone account for 75% of the Town's budgeted operating revenues.

In 2021 the Treasurer resumed the placement of tax liens on delinquent parcels having tabled this process when COVID-19 crippled much of the country in March of 2020. There were fourteen new tax liens secured in 2021. 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 focuses firstly on redemption and lastly on foreclosure. We currently have several foreclosure cases active in Land Court.

The total outstanding long term debt as of June 30th was \$153,182,433 of which \$139,989,467 is outside the Town's debt limit. 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, 2021.

In May of 2021, a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$22,043,652 one year Note. The winning Net Interest Cost (NIC) bid of 0.1590% was submitted by TD Securities and included a 2% coupon rate with a \$405,823.63 premium. Proceeds from the sale of the Notes, together with \$884,584 in available funds, were used to redeem \$11,433,581 in outstanding notes. The remaining \$11,494,655 will provide original financing for five additional projects: Foster School Feasibility Study, grant funds to support the purchase of the Benjamin Lincoln House, a land acquisition on Lincoln St, construction of a SSCC maintenance facility and Weir River Water System capital improvements.

I wish to recognize Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Lori-Ann Magner, and our administrative support personnel Nancy Leahy, Marijane Deitsch, Linda Kelley, and Jennifer Doan for their continued exemplary service to the Town. They are the best!

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Montgomery
Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS/GIFT ACCOUNTS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
As of June 30, 2021

Trust Fund	6/30/20	06/30/21
375th Anniversary	14,475	15,590
4 th of July Parade	69,105	64,200
Affordable Housing Trust.....	541,475	725,488
Aid to Elderly/Disabled (Tax Bill Checkoff)	31,238	37,679
Buttonwood Tree.....	908	978
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	74,608	80,359
Education Fund (Tax Bill Checkoff).....	28,856	26,769
Foster School SAAA	152,261	161,037
Foundry Pond	8,667	9,335
Greenbush Historic Preservation Projects.....	1,221,828	1,315,134
Hannah Lincoln Whiting	15,241	16,416
Hingham Federal Withholding	31,374	34,929
Hingham High School Fields Projects.....	164,766	177,465
Hingham High School SAAA.....	339,905	330,111
Hingham Middle School SAAA	258,171	248,631
Hingham War Memorial	401	432
Light Customer Deposit.....	1,785,281	1,726,629
Light Depreciation	13,792,987	17,374,524
Light OPEB Trust	3,045,437	3,037,980
Light Reserve Stranded Cost.....	7,252,290	8,800,505
More-Brewer	104,805	112,882
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan	72,093	71,808
Open Space Conservation	114,883	123,737
Preservation Projects	112,626	122,131
Scholarship Fund*	5,630,811	7,247,957
Stabilization	2,513,004	2,338,809
Town OPEB Trust	15,299,404	21,102,139
USLST War Memorial	2,308	2,486
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account	9,689	18,048
Veterans in Need (Tax Bill Checkoff)	33,866	48,151
Weir River Water System Capital Reserve	7,010,227	7,010,227
Total	52,717,762	72,382,566

*See Scholarship Committee Report for individual scholarship balances

Board of Assessors



As we look back on 2021, we must first and foremost pay tribute to our friend and Chair of the Board of the Assessors Mr. Stuart G. Hall, affectionately known by everyone as "Greg," who passed away in late September. Greg served the people of Hingham as one of the longest running board members, winning 12 consecutive elections over 35 years. He contributed his expertise as a real estate professional and served us all with an inspired commitment to give back to the community he so loved. He will be dearly missed.

We are proud to announce that veteran Board member Christine (Chrissy) Roberts fills the seat of Chair. Chrissy has been a dedicated member of our Board since 2018. Joshua (Josh) M. Ross was elected to the Board in May and brings experience from the world of finance. As sports editor for the Hingham Anchor and professional photographer, he has a keen eye for detail. Our third member Carlton A. (Al) Chambers, a former member of the Board of Assessors and real estate professional, was appointed for his knowledge and experience to fill the vacancy left by Greg. We are grateful to have these talented members on our Board.

It is the responsibility of the Assessing Department to establish current fair market value for all of the properties in the Town of Hingham. The MA Department of Revenue (DOR) 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 process includes an intense examination of all of Hingham's assessment policies and procedures.

In addition to real property valuations, the Assessing Department maintains records on taxable personal property and boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, and boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the Assessing Department.

The Department updates all property ownerships according to the recorded deed transactions which are received from the Registry of Deeds. Hingham consists of approximately 8,790 parcels, so there are many

transactions that take place. Staff also process plans and corrections to update the Assessors' maps as well as research property ownership and assist other Town departments with information and research. The Department works closely with the Veterans' Services and Elder Services Departments to ensure that we are providing Hingham taxpayers with as many possible services and exemptions that are offered.

Hingham's ratio of the assessment to the sales price for 2021 is 95%. The fiscal 2022 tax rate is \$11.56, down \$0.24 from the prior year. The average assessment for single family homes is \$927,623, up from the prior year's average of \$877,500. The average assessment for condominiums is \$726,791, up from the prior year's average of \$674,844.

We are delighted that during the COVID-19 protocols, we were able to continue our participation in the Senior Tax Work Off program. Our Department is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers to work with while they earn a real estate tax credit. We are grateful for their invaluable service and participation in such a worthwhile program.

As we turned the calendar to 2021 we were hard at work with the Select Board in the planning of the new Senior Means-Tested Real Estate Tax Exemption approved by Town Meeting in 2019 and by the MA Legislature in January 2021. We began our campaign to get the news to seniors across town last spring. This new exemption offers seniors who receive the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit on their Massachusetts state income tax return some local real estate tax relief. The Senior Means-Tested Real Estate Exemption is the only one that can be used in tandem with another exemption if the property owner so qualifies.

We began 2021 by welcoming Assessing Technician Cyrille Donlan to our Department. Cyrille has been a dynamic addition to the office and a quick study in her new role. She prioritizes a high level of customer service above all in our daily operations and we are very fortunate to have her complete our team.

The Board of Assessors wishes to acknowledge Assessing Director Erin Walsh, Assistant Assessor Jacquie Berard, Assessing Technicians Maureen Carlson and Cyrille Donlan, and Data Quality Inspector Kerri Coughlin for their diligence and commitment to the mission of Assessing Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrissy Roberts, Chair
Josh Ross
Al Chambers

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, of 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 2021 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2021.

Susan M. Nickerson, Chair & ex-officio	(02/04/2011-)
Eileen McCracken, Appointed Member	(07/01/2021-06/30/2024)
David P. Jones, Elected Member	(09/01/2021-08/31/2024)
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member	(07/30/2019-07/29/2022)
Charles J. Cristello, Appointed Member	(06/23/2021-06/22/2024)

Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2021 (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash – Citizens Bank (savings)	645,816.90
Cash – Citizens Bank (checking)	0.00
PRIT Cash Fund	19.49
PRIT General Allocation Account	173,762,268.45
	26,232.42
Accounts Receivable	
Sub Total	174,434,337.26

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	0.00
Sub Total	0.00

FUND BALANCES

Annuity Savings Fund	-28,620,322.86
Annuity Reserve Fund	-10,585,938.75
Military Service Fund	-13,963.82
Pension Fund	0.00
Pension Reserve Fund	-107,670,120.81
Sub Total	-146,890,346.24

REVENUES

Investment Income	-3,722,560.62
Interest not refunded	-104.03
Workers' Compensation Settlements	0.00
Realized Gain	-12,360,899.62
Realized Loss	0.00
Unrealized Gain	-17,288,628.17
Unrealized Loss	3,760,206.90
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Member Deductions	-3,376,867.51
Transfers from other Systems	-629,034.67
Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits	-13,812.64
Pension Fund Appropriation	-6,150,439.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-24,344.00
3(8)(c) Reimb. From other Systems	-267,150.98
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-35,780.13
Member Payments from Rollovers	-3,817.74
Sub Total	-40,113,232.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	54,221.09
Management Fees	792,248.83
Consultant Fees	17,250.00
Legal Expenses	2,805.00
Fiduciary Insurance	6,679.00
Service Contracts	31,200.00
Professional Services	0.00
Actuarial Services	19,000.00
Accounting Services	9,500.00
Education and Training	5,097.25
Administrative Expenses	5,337.54
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	0.00
Annuities Paid	2,091,323.71
Pensions Paid	7,439,222.99
COLA's Paid	1,192,059.78
3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	301,411.18
Transfers to other Systems	369,448.59
Refunds to Members	232,436.23
Option B Refunds	0.00
Sub Total	12,569,241.19

NEW MEMBERS 2021

Abigail Kenneally	Jennifer Van Gelder
Allison Burton	Jessica Dicesare
Amy Daly	Jill Sullivan
Angel Ricci	John Algird
Angela Kelly	John Goggin
Anne Shaw	John Grant
Anthony Russello	John Lebbossiere
Anthony Salvatore	Jonathan Prone
Arthur Robert	Joyce O'Callaghan
Ashley Gardner	Julie Psychos
Bonnie Gasdia	Karen Mariani
Brenna Gilmartin	Katelyn Bolgioni
Brianna Bennett	Katherine Harris
Carol Falvey	Kathleen Boluch
Casey Corr	Kathleen McLaughlin
Christen Chadwick	Kelly Achille
Christina Grande	Kendra Doty
Christine Burke	Kenneth Bambrick
Christine Spataro	Kevin Campbell
Colleen Connolly	Kevin Lambert
Colleen Tivnan	Kevin Nguyen
Courtney Whitman	Kimberly Warner
Cyrille Donlan	Kristine Hier-Ferreira
Denisa Hima	Lancing King
Eila McCulloch	Laurie Giza
Ellen Sheil	Louise Johnson
Emily Schmidt	Mackenzie Connolly
Emily Sullivan	Madeleine Nielsen
Emma Morrison	Marco Duquette
Emma Paven	Marcus Burden
Gerald O'Neill	Maressa Orellana
Heather Kashman	Marie Delprete
Holly Constant	Marissa Hennessey
Jaana Seppala	Marissa Votruba
Jacob Pickering	Mark Fahey
Jacqueline Nolan	Maureen Conner
Jalen Ware	Michael Silveira
James Arena III	Nicholas Levenson
James Lombardi	Nicolas Leslie
Jeffrey Shea	Nicole Anderson
Jennifer Bates	Nicole Fitzgibbon
Jennifer Donnelly	Nicole O'Brien

Olivia Vita
Patrick Murphy
Peter Graney
Rebecca Collins
Roula Rouhana
Ryan Kelleher
Serena Arienti
Shane Stewart
Shelby Wood
Stefanie Wegener
Stephanie Cruz
Stephanie Orlandi

Stephen McCoy
Stephen Salvatore
Stephenie O'Brien
Steven Griffin
Suzanne Price
Tracy Altrich
Trevor Sass
Victoria Fano
Victoria Wanty
Vijisha Mani
William Hartigan

RETIRED MEMBERS 2021

Steven Becker
Margaret Brennan
Laurie Croke
Eleanor Donovan
Doreen Field
Sharon Hall
Paul Heanue
Bonnie Jones
Robert Keyes
Annmarie Kracunas

Michael Lafavre
Elizabeth MacVarish
Eileen McCracken
Kathleen McDonald-Costa
David Nardo
Danny Nicolosi
Olson, Carl
William Powers
Kathleen Ruff

DECEASED MEMBERS 2021

Phyllis L. Anderson
Rosemary Eunice Cronin
Patricia A Douglas
Walter T.Dziura
Ann Dorothy Gamache
Stuart G. Hall Jr.
Donald G Jacobson
Arnold C. Lee

John J. Lynch
Kate Mahony
William J. O'Brien
Lauralee B. Pecce
Ronald E. Thompson
Pasquale Truglia
John Wilson Sr.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2021

Active Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year	660
Inactive Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year	245
Enrolled During Current Year	115
Transfers Between Groups	0
Reinstatements of Disabled Members	0
SUBTOTAL	115

Deduct:	
Death	2
Withdrawals	35
Retirements	19
SUBTOTAL	56
Active Membership, Current Year	679
Inactive Membership, Current Year	285
Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year	357
Retirements During the Year	
Superannuation	19
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	3
Survivor Benefits from Active Membership	0
SUBTOTAL	22
Deduct:	
Deaths of Retired Members	13
Termination of Survivor Benefits	0
Reinstatements of Disabled Pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	13
Retired Membership, Current Year	
Superannuation	308
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	11
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from Accidental Deaths	5
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option C	24
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	15
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Current Year	366
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31st, Current Year	1,330