

Memorial Bell Tower

With the support of Community Preservation Act and Greenbush Grant funds, the Town completed important restoration work in the Memorial Bell Tower in 2022. The project included replacing the 1912 bearings with modern ball bearings on new wheels, headstocks, and new clappers for all 10 bells and making adjustments to the ropes to allow for smoother ringing. The Town extends its gratitude to the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower Committee for their commitment to sustaining the sound and the spirit of the Bell Tower through so many years.



Bell #9 inscription reads: "I Charge You: Remember your Heritage"

2022 Hingham Town Report



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Front and back cover photos courtesy of Jason and Martha Ryan,
Memorial Bell Tower Committee members

Annual Report



Town of Hingham
2022

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This is Your Town



Veterans Memorial in front of Hingham Town Hall

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Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Population	24, 903
Registered Voters	19,642
Dem. 4,564; Rep. 2,669; Un-enrolled, 12,242; Other, 167	
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,572
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$ 8,544,117,822
Personal Property	128,069,600
Tax Rate	\$10.00
Schools	6
Public School Children, K-12	3,811
Professional Staff	421
Support Staff	341
Total FY2023 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$138,403,775
Total FY2023 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$62,710,374
State Senator	State Representative
Norfolk-Plymouth	Third Plymouth District
Patrick O'Connor	Joan Meschino
State House, Room 419	State House, Room 34
Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1646	617-722-2320



Joseph Fisher; William Ramsey; Chair, Elizabeth Klein

Select Board

The Select Board ("Board") held 68 meetings in calendar year 2022, focusing on capital investments, sustainability, services for seniors, and expanding tax relief programs.

Capital Investments

The Town of Hingham either began, completed or secured funding for a variety of key infrastructure projects in 2022. These projects included repairs and restoration work on the Memorial Bell Tower, a \$1.4 million window replacement project at Lincoln School Apartments, installation of advanced fiber optic cable connecting all Town facilities, and major upgrades to the town's IT data center. Most notably, the Board was instrumental in gaining Town Meeting and voter approval for a new Foster Elementary School and a new Public Safety Facility. It also invested over \$3.1 million in capital improvements for the Weir River Water System, including over 8,000 linear feet of water main replacement in Hingham and Hull, reducing unaccounted-for water by 2.7 percent. Construction also began for a new maintenance building at the South Shore Country Club, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022. The Board also implemented new on-street accessible parking space downtown at 6-8

Main St. and launched a draft Americans with Disabilities Act self-evaluation and transition plan to guide future accessibility improvements.

Sustainability

The Board had several sustainability successes in 2022, which included contracting for sustainability coordinator services with funding provided through a state budget earmark. The Board also completed LED lighting retrofits at Hingham Town Hall and the High School, utilizing a \$185,000 Green Communities Grant, and worked with the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant to deploy five electric vehicle charging stations in three municipal lots. The Hingham Police Department established a front-line cruiser fleet that is now 100% hybrid, having added seven hybrid cruisers since July 1, 2022.

Services for Seniors

After delays due to COVID-19, the Hingham Senior Center finally celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2022 and began a new tradition of hosting quarterly community blood drives. In addition, the Town completed an Elder Services Community Needs Assessment that will guide its work with senior residents for years to come. As part of its wide-ranging work with seniors, the Town quadrupled participation in its Senior Means-Tested Property Tax Exemption Program.

Tax Relief Programs

The Board expanded existing tax relief programs and offered residents the maximum amounts possible under state law. The Board also worked with the Board of Assessors to increase publicity of existing programs and saw applications grow significantly as a result of this awareness campaign. Current programs include a Senior Means-Tested Tax Exemption, exemptions for residents who experience financial hardship who are over 65-years-old, surviving spouses or persons over 70, an Elderly and Disabled Taxation Aid Fund, as well as programs for disabled veterans and Gold Star Families. The Board reaffirms its commitment to ensuring residents are able to benefit from all existing tax relief programs available to Massachusetts residents.

Future Goals

The Board now turns its focus to the development of a new Senior Center. As the Senior Center Building Committee continues its efforts to develop a new center, the Board unanimously voted in 2023 to ask the Committee

to look at additional locations while also exploring the potential to expand the existing center at Town Hall. As we look to 2023 and beyond, the Board remains committed to developing a state-of-the art Senior Center.

The Board is committed to achieving a sustainable budget and holding growth at 3.5%. We will continue to work to structure a budget where recurring expenditures such as wages and salaries are supported by recurring sources of matching revenue. Equally as important, we must continue to strive to keep Hingham affordable for all residents and grow our stock of affordable housing. Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Town remains a major priority.

The Select Board wishes to thank all the tremendous residents who assist us in carrying out our mission. We also want to acknowledge and thank all the members of our volunteer boards and committees, and Town employees. We are honored to serve with you.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Town Administrator

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

For a third year, we saw COVID-19 effect our organization in multiple ways. While we were back in the offices at full capacity, we were still operating with restrictions as appropriate. To no one's surprise, this continued the negative effects of added stress, challenging personal interactions, less than optimal availability and so on. Our professional staff continued their exemplary work within these ongoing difficult conditions and for that I am extremely grateful and proud. Intended as an interim solution to the in-person vs. fully remote meeting dilemma, we implemented new technology in our public meeting rooms across Town that allows for a hybrid approach where board and committee members as well as the public can join meetings either in person or remotely. This solution has worked well, allowing record levels of public participation in the public process while also allowing people to attend public meetings in person for the first time since March of 2020. As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we are finding new ways to do the people's work that is, in some ways, perhaps better than pre-pandemic solutions. As they say, necessity is the mother of invention.

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 growth in personnel costs mostly attributable to the completion of four union contracts as well as a reclassification of non-union personnel. Once again, expenses outpaced revenue projections and in an attempt to maximize available federal funds, we, again, filled our operations gap with one-time federal money as well as available reserves. The Sustainable Budget Task Force noted, in their report, that an operational override at Town Meeting in April of 2023 should be considered to cure this operational funding gap going forward and the Advisory Committee Chair noted the same.

As noted above, the Sustainable Budget Task Force, formed in 2021, completed and presented their report in January, 2022. This report outlines a comprehensive review of the Town's financial situation as well as significant research into best practices and approaches used in other communities to address the problem of costs outpacing revenue. It is important to note that this is a State-wide problem and not specific to Hingham. The report recommends many possible approaches and solutions to this problem, including the two main categories of controlling costs and raising new revenue. These recommendations include

strategies for labor negotiations and process efficiencies as well as revenue generators such as evaluating fee structures, property disposition, zoning amendments, new revenue generating legislation among others. This effort will play an important role in the Town's decision making going forward as we endeavor to manage to a budget and maintain services relied on by the public.

Our response to pandemic related needs continued in 2022 with a COVID-19 testing facility at 335 Lincoln Street held during the winter months. As we slowly and carefully emerged from the pandemic protocols we had in place since March of 2020, we published our last COVID-19 data to the dashboard on the Town website in July. Some lasting public health effects of the COVID crisis include wide availability and use of hand sanitizer in all municipal offices, leaving any clear plastic barriers up at public counters and continuing to use remote meetings as an alternative to in-person discussions when appropriate.

As we slowly surface from COVID-19, we are getting back to business as usual. Some of the most notable initiatives in 2022 include the completion of many planning projects, including the Town's Master Plan, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance self-evaluation, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Elder Services Community Needs Assessment and a new plan of use for funds from the state-wide opioid settlement. Other initiatives include construction efforts in many areas of Town including restoration of the Memorial Bell Tower, window replacement at the Lincoln School Apartments, rebuilding of many athletic fields as we implement the Field Maintenance Plan, and we began construction on the new maintenance facility at the South Shore Country Club.

Some new areas of focus this year include installing the Town's first three electric vehicle charging stations, completing the transition of all police vehicles to hybrid fuel vehicles, installed LED lighting throughout both Hingham High School and Town Hall using a state Green Communities grant, and we formed an interdepartmental mental health coalition to help residents address mental, behavioral, and substance abuse issues.

Of course, the biggest thing that happened in 2022 is the passage at both Town Meeting and the Election of construction projects for both a new Foster Elementary School and a new Public Safety Facility. These projects enjoyed overwhelming public support and are on schedule for completion in late 2024 / early 2025. These projects represent important investments in Hingham's infrastructure that will enable us to continue to deliver the educational and public safety services citizens expect well into the future.

Citizen participation in Hingham's local government has also survived the pandemic. The desire to give back to the community that has always set Hingham apart, continues to do so. In 2022, Hingham received volunteer help from over 350 residents across 58 boards and committees. Of course, this doesn't count all of the volunteer hours donated at the schools, athletic programs, civic functions, and other opportunities. Hingham has always prioritized civic pride and the importance of participating in the local government and for that I am extremely grateful. As I say every year, we simply couldn't do it without you.

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 continued support and guidance. 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 consisting 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 I look forward to the many important initiatives we will undertake on behalf of the Hingham taxpayers in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mayo
Town Administrator

Town Clerk

As a result of the 2020 Federal Census, a new Precinct 7 was added to Hingham to accommodate an increase in population. As part of that process, there was a redistribution among the prior six precincts in Town to equally populate the new precinct. Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 continued to vote at Hingham High School, while precincts 5, 6 and the new precinct 7 would vote at Hingham Middle School. The Linden Ponds precinct was renumbered 7A as part of this process. Post cards were sent out notifying residents of their new polling locations.

With the new precincts barely in place, our new team checked in voters for the Annual Town Meeting on April 30 and ran the annual town election on May 14, 2022. Over 3,600 residents came out to cast votes in several competitive races for Board of Assessors, Board of Health, School Committee, Sewer Commission and a ballot question as to whether funds should be exempt from Proposition two and one-half, to construct a new pool at the South Shore Country Club.

In June 2022, the Votes Act became law in MA and it provided for early, no-excuse voting by mail and early in-person voting for state and federal elections. Early vote options for local elections were also included. With little time for implementation before the September 6, 2022 state primary, it was all hands on deck in our office. In preparation, we attended numerous Zoom sessions sponsored by the Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. We sent out over 10,000 early vote-by mail ballots for the two elections. And worked more weekends than we ever envisioned at the beginning of the year!

We also participated in a Special Town Meeting on November 1 to consider votes to fund a new elementary school to replace the William L. Foster Elementary School and to fund a new Public Safety Facility on Lincoln Street.

And of course, the day-to-day operations which are ever present, despite Elections and Town Meetings, required our attention. In 2022, we:

- Distributed and tallied 10,678 annual street listing census forms;
- Issued 834 birth, marriage and death certificates;
- Posted 954 meeting agendas in compliance with OML;
- Registered over 400 new voters;
- Issued and renewed over 925 dog licenses;
- Received and managed 170 public record requests; and
- Issued 195 business licenses.

All of this was only possible with the support of our hard-working team. Many thanks to Jennifer Donnelly, Angela Kelly, Eileen McCracken and a cadre of devoted election workers.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Falvey
Town Clerk



2022 Elected Town Officers

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Michael J. Puzo	2023
SELECT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
William C. Ramsey	2023
Elizabeth F. Klein	2024
Joseph M. Fisher	2025
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Carol M. Falvey	2024
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Randall M. Winters	2023
Joshua M. Ross	2024
Christine M. Roberts	2025
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Elizabeth A. Eldredge	2023
Peter B. Bickford	2024
Rosemary D. Byrne	2025
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
Tyler R. Herrald (unexpired term)	2023
Laura M. Burns	2024
Michael D. Reive	2025
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Janine A. Suchecki	2024
Megan M. Buhr	2025
Michelle A. Larned	2027
Ruth T. Bennett (Tenant Appointment)	2023
Irma H. Lauter (State Appointment)	2025
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)	
Michelle Ayer	2023
Jennifer A. Benham	2023
Kerry J. Ni	2024
Timothy Miller Dempsey	2024
Alyson B. Anderson	2025
Matthew J. Cosman	2025
Nancy Nes Correnti	2025

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Judith S. Sneath	2023
Kevin M. Ellis	2024
Rita S. DaSilva	2025
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2026
Gordon M. Carr	2027

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Stephen G. Harold	2023
Clark Frazier	2024
Kirk J. Shilts	2025

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Vicki Donlan	2023
Matthew LeBretton (unexpired term)	2023
Ryan J. Lynch	2024
Adrienne S. Ramsey	2025
Stephen P. Buckley	2027

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

Karen Sadlon	2023
Laurel H. Cosman	2024
Laura Boyle	2025

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

Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault
Adrienne Ramsey

2022 Appointees

Term Expires

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT STUDY COMMITTEE

Gerry Allen	Diane DiNapoli
Matt Curran	Robyn Maguire
Jenifer Gay Smith, Chair	Tracy Shriver
Beth Roleau	

ADA COORDINATOR

(Appt. by Select Board)

Arthur Robert

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)

Andrew McElaney	2023
George Danis, Chair	2023
Carol Tully	2023
Alan MacDonald	2023
Caitlyn Kirk	2023
Brian Stack	2024
Tina Sherwood	2024
Nancy MacDonald	2024
Davalene Cooper	2024
Sarah Melia	2024
Jason Price	2025
Brenda Black	2025
Kathleen Curley	2025
Joseph Griffin	2025
Lyndsey Kruzer	2025

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

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

Randy Winters	2023
John Falvey, Chair	2023
Brigid Ryan	2023
Pam Bates	2023
Gregory Waxman	2024
Liz Cullen	2024
Liz Klein (Select Board Rep)	

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

Joseph Ruccio	2023
Robyn S. Maguire, Chair	2024
Paul Healey	2025

Associate Members (one year term)

Lauren Galvin	2023
Michael Mercurio	2023
Mario Romania, Jr.	2023
David Ullrich	2023

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

Leonette Scappini (Moderator Appt.)	2023
Kathryn Gosselin (Moderator Appt.)	2024
Judd Caplain (Select Board Appt.)	2024
Doug Farrington (Select Board Appt.), Chair	2025
Andrew Sanders (Moderator Appt.)	2025
Thomas Mayo, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

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

Karen Trask	2023
Michael Cioffi	2023
Rikard Johnson	2023
Claudia Eaton	2023
Katie Puzo	2023
Edward Matthews	2024
Lauren Murphy	2025
Ray O'Neill, Chair	2025

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

Carolyn Aliski	2023
Henry Buckley	2023
Carol Waite	2023
Patricia Bray	2025
Margaret Coleman	2025
Patricia Collins	2025
Laura Spaziani, Chair	2025

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)

John Rice 2023

James Byrne 2024

John Lawler 2025

David Jones, Chair 2025

Michael Leary 2025

Michelle Balconi (Harbor Media)

Margaret Adams (School Rep)

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

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

Eric Valentine, Chair 2023

Michael Donovan 2024

Kevin Flaherty 2025

Appt. By Advisory Committee Chair

Davalene Cooper 2025

Jason Price 2025

CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Carlos DaSilva (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)**

Stephanie Gertz, Chair	2023
Keith Jermyn	2023
Diane DeNapoli	2023
Michael Clancy (appointed Town Official)	2023
Sharon Allen	2024
Megan Baker	2025
Jane McGrath	2025

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

David Gossage (Select Board Appt.)	2023
Laurie Freeman (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2023
Elizabeth Dings (Historical Comm. Rep.)	2023
Rita DaSilva (Planning Brd. Rep.)	2023
Meghan Burr (Housing Authority Rep.)	2023
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2023
Kristen Moore (Moderator Appt.)	2023
Eryn Kelley (Select Board Appt.)	2025
Julie Strehle (Moderator Appt.), Chair	2025

**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)**

Thomas Roby	2023
Henry Hidell	2023
Robert Mosher	2023
Caroline Neilsen	2024
Nina Villanova	2024
Crystal Kelly, Chair	2025
Laurie Freeman	2025

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

Horatio Hemmings	2024
Kathleen Peloquin	2024

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

David Jones	2024
Charlie Cristello (Appointed by Retirement Board)	2024
Eileen A. McCracken (Appointed by Select Board)	2024
Jean Montgomery	2025
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

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

Lucinda King-Frode	2023
Sara Smithson	2023
Christine Conley	2023
Ethel Franks	2023
Jean Silverio	2023
Karen Johnson	2024
Joshua Ross	2024
Joseph Nevins	2024
David Alschuler, Chair	2025
Warren Millburg	2025

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

George Kay	2023
Susan Sullivan	2023
John J. Bailey	2024
Christine Smith, Chair	2024
Stephan White	2025

COURT PROSECUTORS HINGHAM DISTRICT COURT

Hanover Police Dept. - Sgt. Daniel Salvucci, Sgt. Timothy Kane
Hull Police Dept. - Officer Michael Flaherty, Det. Andrew Reilly
Norwell Police Dept. - Sgt. William Pasteris
Rockland Police Dept. - Officer Sean Brundige, Officer Jeff DiRenzo,
Officer Joseph Zielinski
Scituate Police Dept. - Sgt. Kenneth Bates, Sgt. James Bulman,
Det. Owen Kirkbride

CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Appt. By Select Board, MGL C10 S35C)

Ellen Stone	2023
Patti Coyle, Chair	2023
Patricia Byrnes	2023
Megan Ward	2024
Jonathan Kirk	2025

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

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

Nancy Wiley	2026
Brian Stack	2026
Michael Tesler	2025
Jill Nilsen	2025
Kevin O'Brien	2025
Daniel McGonagle	2025
Michael Kranzley, Chair	2027

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Margaret Adams, Superintendent
Jennifer Henriksen
Patricia Tomecek

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF

Fire Chief Stephen Murphy

ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE

(ART 41 ATM 2008)

Mikhail Kacherovich, Moderator Appt.	2023
Abi Sood, Moderator Appt.	2024
Paul Sprecher, Moderator Appt.	2025
James Byrne, Select Board Appt.	2025
Brad Moyer, Select Board Appt., Chair	2025
Kenneth Carr, Select Board Appt.	2025

Tom Morahan, Light Plant Manager
Town Accountant, Sue Nickerson, ex-officio
School Business Manager, Aisha Oppong, ex-officio

FIRE CHIEF

Stephen Murphy

FOSTER SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

ART 19 ATM 2017

(Appt. by Select Board)

Linda Hill 2023

Jennifer Murphy 2023

(Appt. by Moderator)

Raymond Estes 2023

Kevin Lynch 2023

(Appt. by School Committee)

Michelle Ayer 2023

Timothy O'Neill 2023

Chris Mercer 2023

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Select Board Annually)

Jim Murphy, Chair

Jeff Lally

Jason Caine

Leon Merian

Monica Conyngham

Cassie McDermott

Dewitt DeLawter

Gabrielle Roegner

George Ford

Louis O'Dea

Tom Hoffman

Police Chief David Jones

Mary Ellen Lahiff

Dep. Chief Louis Lachance

GAR HALL TRUSTEES

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

Robert Beal, Jr. 2023

Scott McMillan 2025

Janine Suchecki 2025

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Select Board, ART 30 ATM 1971)

Katie Doran Cutler 2024

Nick Amdur 2024

Paul Branagan 2023

Marco Boer 2023

Paul Gannon 2023

Brian Tomasello 2025

Amy Cowan 2025

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

Kenneth R. Corson, III

ASSISTANT HARBORMASTERS

(Appt. By Select Board)

Joseph P. Driscoll, Head Assistant

Ray Abreu

Bradford Betzner

Michael Nash

Danny Sousa

Robert Sullivan

Drew Galinauskas

Ryan Baring

Daniel Martini

John Algird, Shellfish Constable and Harbormaster

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) 2025

Catherine Daly (Historical Society Rep) 2025

Alternate Members

Mary Anne Donaldson (Planning Board Rep.) 2023

Michael Collard (Architect) 2023

Eric Smoczynski (At-large) 2024

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 2023

Brendan Concannon 2025

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Ava Lydotes	2023
Ardith Wieworka	2023
John Bradley	2024
Reena Patel	2024
John Marquardt	2025
Tim Miller-Dempsey	2025
Sara Smithson	2025
Stephanie Gertz	2025
Kelly Peguero Alessi	2025
Ruth Bennett	2025
Stephen Leary, Chair	2025
Tien Do-Suarez	2025
Christine Griffin	2025

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

David Mehegan, Chair	Edward Siegfried
Charles B. Abbott, Esq.	Elizabeth A. Eldredge
Jeremy Parker	Mirela Izmerlic
Aylene Calnan	Mona Pohl
Arthur Garrity	David Janey
JoAnn Mitchell	

Appt. By Select Board

Alysson Hussey
Tom Carey

Appt. By Moderator

Meredith Hollander
Eric Haskell
Margaret Adams, Superintendent of Schools, ex-officio
William Ramsey, Select Board Rep., ex-officio
Lori-Ann Magner, Treasurer/Collector, ex-officio

**LINCOLN SCHOOL APTS., BOARD OF MANAGERS
(ART 1 STM 2008)**

Liz Cullen (Afford. Housing Appt.)	2024
Matthew Dillis (Afford. Housing Appt.)	2024
Steve Spall (Select Board Appt.)	2024
Sheila O'Neil (Moderator Appt.)	2025

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

(Appt. By Select Board)

Tom Mayo, Select Board Designee
JGPR Communications Consultant, Broadcast & Print Media
Police Chief David Jones, Law Enforcement

Fire Chief Stephen Murphy, Director of Emergency Management
Lou LaChance, Firefighting
Jim Sheard, Emergency Medical Services
Susan Sarni, Health
Loni Fournier, Local Environmental
Joan Cooper-Zach, Hospital
John Ferris, Transportation Personnel
Jennifer Young, Director of Elder Services
Tom Morahan, Owners and Operators of Facilities
Randy Sylvester, Department of Public Works
Ken Corson, Harbormaster

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

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

Janice McPhillips	2023
Andrew Ayer	2023
Alyson Anderson	2023
Maria Zade, Chair	2024
Mark Engel	2024
Katie Gallacher	2024
Anthony George	2024
Randy Sylvester, Superintendent Public Works, ex-officio	

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

Vacant, Hingham Representative

MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative
Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Select Board, 11/30/2000)**

Vacant, Hingham Representative

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

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

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

Kenneth Drescher, Member Emeritus	
Jason Ryan	2023
Sarah Carolan	2023
Martha Ryan	2023
Michael Shilhan, Chair	2023
Shawn Wegener	2023

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

Ed Johnson	2024
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MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER
(Appt. By Select Board)

Carol M. Falvey

NAMING BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Victor Baltera
Phil Edmundson, Chair
Wendy Ellison
Christine Falvey
Thomas O'Reilly

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 M. Falvey

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

Bob Curley	2023
Jack Manning	2023
Courtney Orwig	2024
David Pace, Chair	2024
Karen Johnson	2025

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

William C. Ramsey

POLICE CHIEF
(Appt. By Select Board)
David Jones

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

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Moderator)
Paul Healey
Joseph Kelly
Talbert Lauter
Bruce MacAloney
(Appt. by Select Board)
Robert Garrity, Chair
Donna Smallwood
Andy Touchette
Police Chief David Jones, ex-officio
Fire Chief, 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)
Judith Nims 2023
Laura Marwill 2024
Lucinda King-Frode 2025
Carol M. Falvey, Town Clerk 2024

ROUTE 3A TASK FORCE
(Appt. by Select Board)
Deirdre Anderson
Bryce Blair
Alan Perrault
Judith Sneath, Chair
Paul Healey
J.R. Frey, Town Engineer

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

Adam White	2023
John Fitzsimmons	2024
Roger Nastou	2022
Matthew McGonagle, Chair	2022
Francis Gaul, Jr.	2022
Lori-Ann Magner, 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, Chair
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 Abreu	Dillon Leary	Matthew Puleo
Leslie Badger	Robert Mansfield	Michael Riley
Kenneth Corson	Michael McCue	James Tian
Joseph Driscoll	Michael Murray	Darius Varmahmoodi
Michael Fahie	John Norkaitis	James Wells
David Horte	John Norris	Steven Wohlgemuth
George Kelley	Mitchell Powers	

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

Chandrasen Gajria
Christine Roberts
Lori-Ann Magner, Treasurer/Collector

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Susan Nickerson

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Thomas Mayo

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)

David Jones, Chair
Jeff Kilroy (Police Rep.)
David Levanson (Fire Rep.)
Rita DaSilva (Planning Board Rep.)
Randy Sylvester (DPW Rep.)
JR Frey (Engineering Rep.)
Daniel Miller Dempsey

2024

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Lori-Ann Magner, Treasurer/Collector

TREE PRESERVATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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 Hoffman	2025
Matthew Sexton	2025:
Keith Jermyn, Veteran's Service Officer, Chair, ex-officio	

WATER TRANSITION & EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Scott Cyr	2023
Jon Asher	2024
Joe Welch	2024
David von Loesecke	2025
Jim Taylor, Chair	2025

WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR

(Appt. By Select Board, MGL C98 S34)

Robert Egan

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

Mark Buonagurio, Hingham Representative	2024
Sharon Burbank Allen, Hingham Representative	2025
Vacant, Hingham Representative	2022

WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

Sam Mullin	2023
Charles Culpin	2024
Steven Weiss	2025
Donna Pursel (Hull)	2023
Stephen Girardi (Cohasset)	2024
John Struzziery (Hull)	2024

WHISTLEBLOWER COMMITTEE

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

Annual Town Meeting, April 30, 2022

Registered Voters: 19,314

Attendance: 472

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham was held outdoors at the Hingham High School Multi-Purpose Athletic Field, 17 Union Street, on April 30, 2022. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., a quorum being present. The invocation was given by Father Thomas Nestor, pastor of the collaborative parishes of St. Paul and Resurrection Churches. The Pledge of Allegiance was 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/Trustees of the Bathing Beach
2. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, Etc.
3. Reports of Various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
8. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
11. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
12. Transfer Harbor Revenues to Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund
13. Rescind Authorized but Unissued Debt
14. Plymouth River School Windows Project
15. Transfer Borrowed but Unspent Funds from Completed Capital Projects
16. Fire Department Large Capital Needs
17. Community Preservation Committee Recommendations
18. Town Pool at the South Shore Country Club Authorization to Borrow
19. South Shore Country Club Maintenance Facility: Authorization to Borrow Additional Funds
20. Modify Size of Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee
21. Weir River Water System: Appropriation of Bond Premium and Excess Bond Proceeds

22. Weir River Water System: Authorization to Borrow for Water Capital Improvements
23. Foster School: Funds for Pre-Construction Costs
24. Public Safety Facility: Funds for Pre-Construction Costs
25. Reduction of Speed Limits
26. Transfer Care, Custody, and Control of a Portion of Transfer Station Site to Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant
27. High School Tennis Court Rehabilitation
28. Five-Year Lease for Special Educational School Transportation Vehicles
29. Amend Zoning By-law: Gender Neutral and other Term Revisions
30. Amend Zoning By-law: Residential Accessory Uses
31. Amend Zoning By-law: Special Permits and Site Plan Review Procedures
32. Acceptance of Easement

ARTICLE 1

- VOTED:** 1. That Laura Boyle, 22 Westmoreland Road, 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; and
2. That Adrienne Ramsey, 55 North Street, be elected as Trustee of the Bathing Beach in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1934.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 2

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with, and 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 Select Board 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.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 4

VOTED: That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any Cost Item agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2022, or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,854 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 Select Board on behalf of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 5

VOTED: That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Select Board: 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.

Board of 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 10 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-law.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department). Provided: that the salary of the Town Clerk shall be reduced by all retirement allowances

and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

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

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 6

VOTED: That the Town raise, appropriate and/or transfer for each of the following purposes, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 (FY23), the sum of money stated therefor, provided that, a one-time appropriation and transfer of Fund Balance in the amount of up to \$3,785,882 is hereby made to balance the FY23 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 at 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 Select Board and the Advisory Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 7

Voted: That the Town transfer the sum of \$178,836 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of paying interest on outstanding excluded debt bonds in order to reduce the need to raise these funds through the FY23 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, 2022, 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 2023 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 2023 to \$80,000.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 11

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$950,820 from available funds to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during Fiscal Year 2022.

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, 2022: the remaining 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 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5G.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 13

VOTED: That the Town rescind the net amount of \$6,409,671 representing the authorized but unissued debt for certain Town capital projects.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 14

VOTED: That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,993,600 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee and/or the 2017 Hingham School Building Committee for a windows replacement project at Plymouth River School located at 200 High Street, Hingham, MA 02043, which would replace necessary doors, windows and make other repairs or replacements as necessary to meet Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) requirements, which 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 school construction grant from the (MSBA). 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.

To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44, Section 7(1); M.G.L. Chapter 70B; or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Two-Thirds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 15

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$1,101,791.28 of unspent funds of certain capital projects which funds were previously appropriated and raised by borrowing by the Town:

- Article 2- Special Town Meeting, March 3, 2008: Foster School
- Article 2- Special Town Meeting, March 3, 2008: Middle School Addition

- Article 5- Special Town Meeting, October 24, 2011: Middle School MSBA Project
- Article 25- Annual Town Meeting, April 22, 2019: High School Windows

as such remaining unspent funds are no longer needed to complete the capital projects for which they were originally borrowed and shall now be transferred hereunder to help pay the costs a new capital project approved under Article 23 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (Plymouth River School Window Project), all as authorized under Massachusetts General Laws. Chapter. 44, Section 20.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 16

VOTED: That the Town vote to appropriate from available funds up to \$2,230,000 to be expended by the Select Board to pay for a new replacement Fire Engine Pumper, the replacement of roofs at Fire Stations One and Three, the replacement of the HVAC system at Station One, and replacement of the gutters, trim, and portico at Station One.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 17

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 \$20,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative purposes;
- 2) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$166,728 from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve and \$112 from the Community Preservation General Fund, for a total of \$166,840 to be used by the South Shore Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization, to construct two units of affordable housing at 302 and 304 Whiting Street, Hingham, MA;
- 3) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$289,815 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Recreation Commission to reconstruct the hockey court at Cronin Field;

- 4) Appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$550,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Country Club Management Committee for construction of a new pool complex at the South Shore Country Club.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 18

VOTED: That the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for the design and construction of a new pool at the South Shore Country Club. To meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and further provided that the 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 Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½).

A Two-Thirds Vote Required

Standing Vote:

Yes: 317

No: 95

Motion Passed

ARTICLE 19

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount of up to \$815,000 in additional funds for the design and construction of a new maintenance facility for the South Shore Country Club. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

A Two-Thirds Vote Required

A More than Two-Thirds Vote Received

ARTICLE 20

VOTED: That the Town decrease the total number of members of the Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee from nine to seven and increase the term length of each member from two to three years.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 21

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the \$7,000,000 bond premium and \$112,074 excess bond proceeds from the 2020 borrowing to finance the acquisition of Weir River Water System, to be used for (i) design and construction of a new water tank, (ii) rehabilitation of the Turkey Hill water tank, and (iii) various other capital improvements throughout the Weir River Water System.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 22

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$5,400,000 to pay costs of designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, repairing, and improving the Weir River Water System. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 8, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required
A More than Two-Thirds Vote Received**

ARTICLE 23

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the amount of \$3,128,912 for the purpose of paying costs associated with design, architectural, engineering, owner's project manager, and other professional services to complete design development, and construction document preparation, and to obtain site development and construction bids necessary to prepare the building site for construction of a new elementary school to replace the existing William L. Foster Elementary School located at 55 Downer Avenue, Hingham, Massachusetts (Lot 1 on Assessors' Map 38), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (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 Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44, and M.G.L. Chapter 70B, 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 any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; and that 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.

A Two-Thirds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 24

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount of up to \$1,585,380 to be expended by the Select Board to be used to pay the expenses for design, architectural, engineering, owner’s project manager and other professional services to complete the pre-construction bid documents in order to obtain construction bids for a new Public Safety Facility to be located at 335 Lincoln Street, Hingham, Massachusetts. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

A Two-Thirds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 25

VOTED: That the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 17C, which would authorize the Select Board, upon receiving a recommendation from the Traffic Committee, to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway in thickly settled or business districts within the Town that is not a state highway in the interests of public safety.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 26

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15A and all other applicable laws, the Select Board to transfer the care, custody, management, and control, from the Select Board to the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a portion of the property located at the Transfer

Station at 0 Hobart Street, Hingham MA (Assessor's Map 106-0-4), and to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and execute any and all documents as may be necessary to effect said transfer for the construction and operation by the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant of a new electrical substation and appurtenances on said property, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town.

A Two-Thirds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 27

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds, a sum of money not to exceed \$864,000 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee for the purpose of funding a project that would construct six new post tension concrete tennis courts at Hingham High School.

A Majority Vote

ARTICLE 28

VOTED: That the Town authorize the School Department to enter into a municipal lease of up to five years for the purpose of leasing new 7D transportation vans used for Special Education transportation.

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 29

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: To insert the following new provision as Section I-A, 4 of the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham:

“4. Wherever words of one gender appear in the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham such words shall be construed to include all genders.”

Item 2: To delete the words “Board of Selectmen” and “Selectmen” wherever they appear in the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham and insert in their place the words “Select Board.”

Item 3: To delete the word "Chairman" wherever it appears in the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham and insert in its place the word "Chair."

Item 4: To delete the words "he", "she" and "his", "hers" and "him", "her" wherever they appear in the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham and insert in their place the words "they", "their" or "them."

Item 5: To delete the term "Grandfathered Use" wherever it appears in Section III-G of the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham and insert in its place the term "Pre-Existing Use."

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required
A More than Two-Thirds Vote Received**

ARTICLE 30

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 inserting in the first sentence of Section III-J, 1. after "Accessory uses shall be those uses that are customarily incidental" the clause: "and clearly secondary".

Item 2: By replacing Section III-J, 2. in its entirety as follows:

- 2. Additional Requirements for all Accessory Uses: Accessory uses shall not alter the character of the premises on which they are located or impair the neighborhood. Factors to be considered potential impairment to the neighborhood may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (a) Noise
 - (b) Light and visual impacts
 - (c) Odor
 - (d) Sound
 - (e) Traffic congestion and pedestrian safety, frequency of deliveries.

**A Two-Thirds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

ARTICLE 31

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: To capitalize the following terms in all places they appear in the Zoning By-law whether in the singular or the plural: Building Permit; Finding; Site Plan; Site Plan Approval; Site Plan Review; Special Permit; and Variance.

Item 2: To amend Section I (Administration and Procedure) by deleting Section I-D through Section I-J, inclusive, in their entirety and replacing those Sections with the following new Sections I-D through Section I-I, inclusive:

I-D. Board of Appeals

1. Establishment

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, a Board of Appeals consisting of three (3) citizens of the Town who shall be qualified by education or experience to pass upon matters which may be brought before them shall be appointed by the Select Board for a term of three (3) years, the term of one (1) member expiring each year. At least two (2) associates shall be appointed in a like manner. No member of the Board of Appeals shall act on any matter in which the member may have a personal or financial interest, and in such event, an associate member shall be designated to serve on the Board and to act upon the matter.

2. Powers

The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers which shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this By-law.

- a. Appeals - To hear and decide an Appeal taken
 - (i) by any person aggrieved by reason of their inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from the Building Commissioner under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, or of this By-law,
 - (ii) by the regional planning agency in which area the Town is situated, or
 - (iii) by any person, including an officer or board of the Town of Hingham or of any abutting municipality, aggrieved by an order or decision of the Building

Commissioner, in violation of any Provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, or of this By-law.

- b. Special Permits - To hear and decide an application for a Special Permit A1 or Special Permit A2 as provided in this By-law, only for uses in specified districts which are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this By-law and which shall be subject to any general or specific rules prescribed herein and to any appropriate conditions, safeguards, and limitations on time and use. A Special Permit shall lapse within a three (3) year period or a shorter period if so specified by the Board, which shall not include any time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 17, and if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause, or in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun within the period except for good cause.

- c. Variances - To hear and decide a petition with respect to particular land or structures for a Variance from the terms of this By-law, including a Variance authorizing a use or activity not otherwise permitted in a particular zoning district, where the Board specifically finds that owing to circumstances relating to soil conditions, shape, or topography of such land or structures, and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of this provision of this By-law would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant, and that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good, and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this By-law. The Board of Appeals may impose conditions, safeguards, and limitations, both of time and of use, including the continued existence of any particular structure but excluding any condition, safeguard, or limitations based upon the continued ownership of the land or structure to which the Variance pertains by the applicant, petitioner, or any owner. If the rights authorized by a Variance are not exercised within the one (1) year of the date of the authorization, they

shall lapse and may be re-established only after a new notice and hearing.

The Board of Appeals may, from time to time, establish and amend rules and regulations for the administration of its powers hereunder.

3. Procedure

In the case of every Appeal made to the Board of Appeals, every petition for a Variance, and every application for a Special Permit to said Board under the provisions of this By-law, the Board shall hold a public hearing thereon. Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town once in each of two (2) successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of the hearing, and by posting said notice in the Town Hall for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of the hearing. Notice shall be sent by mail, postage prepaid, to parties in interest including the petitioner, abutters, owners of land directly opposite on any public street or way, abutters of abutters within three hundred (300) feet of the property line of the petitioner, as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town, the Planning Board and the Planning Boards of every abutting municipality. The Assessors shall certify to the Board the name and addresses of the parties in interest. In the case of an Appeal from a decision of the Building Commissioner and in the case of a Variance, a petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk, who shall forthwith transmit it to the Board of Appeals. The Board shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days of the receipt of the petition from the Town Clerk and shall render a decision within one hundred (100) days from the date of filing. Failure by the Board to take final action upon a petition within the said one hundred (100) day period shall be deemed to be a grant of the Appeal or Variance applied for.

In the case of a Special Permit, an application shall be filed with the Town Clerk, who shall forthwith transmit it to the Board of Appeals. The Board shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days of the filing and shall render a decision within ninety (90) days from the close of the public hearing. Failure to take action within the said ninety (90) day period shall be deemed to be a grant of the permit applied for.

4. Repetitive Petitions
Board of Appeals Decisions - No appeal, application, or petition which has been unfavorably and finally acted upon by the Board of Appeals shall be acted favorably upon within two (2) years after the date of final unfavorable action unless (a) all but one (1) of the members of the Planning Board consent thereto after notice is given to parties in interest of the time and place of the proceedings to consider consent and (b) the Board of Appeals by unanimous vote finds specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action was based, describes such changes in its records, and similarly consents.

I-E. Zoning Administrator

In accordance with such qualifications as may be established by the Select Board, the Board of Appeals shall appoint, from time to time, a Zoning Administrator, to serve at its pleasure, which appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Select Board. Said Administrator shall be empowered to carry out such duties and powers as may be delegated by the Board of Appeals in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 13, which statute shall govern the rights of aggrieved persons.

I-F. Planning Board

1. Powers
The Planning Board shall have the following powers which shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this By-law.
 - a. Site Plan Review – To hear and decide an application for Site Plan Review in accordance with Section I-I of this By-law.
 - b. Special Permits – To hear and decide an application for a Special Permit A3 for uses in specified districts that are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this By-law. A Special Permit A3 shall be subject to any general or specific rules prescribed herein and to any appropriate conditions, safeguards, and limitations on time and use.
 - c. One (1) associate member of the Planning Board shall be appointed in the manner herein provided for a term of one (1) year to act on Special Permit A3 applications if

necessary. The associate member of the Planning Board shall be appointed by the following procedure: (a) the Planning Board shall appoint a then current associate member of the Board of Appeals; or (b) if no then current associate member of the Board of Appeals is appointed by the Planning Board, the Planning Board and the Select Board shall jointly appoint an associate member to the Planning Board, provided that preference shall be given to former Planning Board members and former regular or associate members of the Board of Appeals. No member of the Planning Board shall act on any matter in which the member may have a personal or financial interest, and in such event, the associate member shall be designated to serve on the Planning Board and to act upon the matter.

The Planning Board may, from time to time, establish and amend rules and regulations for the administration of Site Plan Review and Special Permits which it is empowered to grant.

2. Repetitive Petitions
No application which has been unfavorably and finally acted upon by the Planning Board shall be acted favorably upon within two (2) years after the date of final unfavorable action unless four (4) members of the Planning Board (a) consent to a re-petition after notice is given to parties in interest of the time and place of the proceedings to consider consent and (b) find specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action was based and describe such changes in its records.
3. Procedures for Special Permit Application, Hearing and Decision
Each application to the Planning Board for a Special Permit A3 shall be filed with the Town Clerk, with duplicate copies submitted in accordance with the regulations of the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on the application, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, within 65 days of the filing of a complete application.

The Planning Board may grant, grant with conditions, deny, or grant leave to withdraw, an application for a Special Permit A3. A copy of the decision may be filed with the Town Clerk and the Planning Board, and shall be furnished the applicant and property owner, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A.

The applicant shall be responsible for filing a certified copy of the decision in the Registry of Deeds or, where applicable, in the Land Court. Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the applicant shall present to the Building Commissioner evidence of such recording.

4. Lapse
Except for good cause, a Site Plan Review approval or Special Permit A3 shall lapse in three (3) years after the date of issue, or such shorter period as may be specified by the Planning Board, which shall not include any time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17.

I-G. Costs

The costs of professional consultants, experts or assistance incurred by the Board of Appeals or Planning Board shall be borne by the applicant. However, the costs to be paid by the applicant shall not exceed the reasonable and usual charges of said consultants or other experts for such services. The applicant shall deposit with their application an appropriate portion of the anticipated review costs as determined by the Boards' administrators as security for payment on such costs. No occupancy permit may be issued in accordance with Section I-C of this By-law until the applicant has paid or reimbursed the Town for all such costs.

I-H. Special Permits

1. Procedures for Application, Hearing and Decision. Each application for a Special Permit shall be filed with the Town Clerk, with duplicate copies submitted in accordance with the regulations of the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA). The SPGA shall hold a public hearing on the application, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, within 65 days of the filing of a complete application.

The SPGA may grant, grant with conditions, deny, or grant leave to withdraw an application for a Special Permit. A copy of the decision shall be filed with the Town Clerk, and shall be furnished to the applicant and property owner, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A.

The applicant shall be responsible for filing a certified copy of the decision in the Registry of Deeds or, where applicable, in the Land Court. Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the applicant shall present to the Building Commissioner evidence of such recording.

2. Approval Criteria

An applicant is not entitled to a Special Permit. Except where Findings specific to a particular use are otherwise expressly set forth in this By-law, the SPGA may approve such application for a Special Permit if it finds that, in its judgment:

- a. the proposed use of the site is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this By-law;
- b. the proposed use complies with the purposes and standards of the relevant specific sections of this By-law;
- c. the specific site is an appropriate location for such use, structure, or condition, compatible with the characteristics of the surrounding area;
- d. the use as developed and operated will create positive impacts or potential adverse impacts will be mitigated;
- e. there will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians;
- f. adequate and appropriate facilities exist or will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use; and
- g. the proposal meets accepted design standards and criteria for the functional design of facilities, structures, stormwater management, and site construction.

I-I. Site Plan Review

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to provide a comprehensive procedure for the review of land disturbance and site alterations in connection with certain uses and land development to ensure compliance with the provisions of this By-law, to minimize adverse impacts of such land disturbance and site alterations, and to

promote development which is harmonious with surrounding areas.

2. Applicability

Site Plan Review shall be conducted by the Planning Board or its designee and may be subject to professional consultant review consistent with Section I-G, for all projects which meet the following criteria. The words "development" or "project", as used in Section I-I, shall refer to any land disturbance, use of the land, or alteration of a site that is subject to Site Plan Review regardless of size or scope of such work.

a. Major Site Plan

- (i) All Special Permits A2 and Special Permits A3 or any modification of a Special Permit A2 or Special Permit A3.
- (ii) All projects which result in:
 - (A) land disturbance or an alteration of drainage patterns over a combined area equal to or greater than 20,000 square feet;
 - (B) land disturbance or an alteration of drainage patterns over a combined area equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet in areas with slopes greater than 10%; or
 - (C) a larger common plan of development that would disturb more than one acre in the aggregate.

b. Minor Site Plan

- (i) All projects which result in:
 - (A) a land disturbance or an alteration of drainage patterns over an area of 5,000 square feet or more (but less than 20,000 square feet); or

- (B) a land disturbance or an alteration of drainage patterns of 2,500 square feet or more (but less than 5,000 square feet) in areas with slopes greater than 10%.

3. Exemptions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following types of projects shall be exempt from Site Plan Review:

- a. normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Regulation 310 CMR 10.04;
- b. routine maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas;
- c. the construction of fencing that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns;
- d. installation of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, electric, telephone, etc.) which will not alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns; or
- e. road widening or improvement projects; provided that road projects that (i) increase the amount of impervious area by greater than or equal to a single lane width, (ii) disturb more than one acre, and (iii) discharge to the Town's municipal stormwater system, shall meet the applicable requirements of the Town of Hingham MS4 Permit.

4. Procedures

- a. Pre-Application Submittal. Applicants are invited to submit a pre-application sketch of the proposed project to the Planning Board and to schedule a comment period at a regular meeting of the Planning Board.
- b. Each application to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review shall be filed with the Town Clerk, with duplicate copies submitted in accordance with the regulations of the Planning Board.

- c. Notice of a Site Plan Review hearing shall be given in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 11.
- d. The Planning Board shall review and act upon the Site Plan, with such conditions as may be deemed appropriate, and notify the applicant of its decision. The decision of the Planning Board shall require an affirmative vote of three (3) members and shall be in writing. The Planning Board shall act within seventy-five (75) days of its receipt of the Site Plan Review application, provided that, if the Planning Board or its designee, which may include its review consultants, have requested (no later than forty (40) days after receipt of the application) additional information or submittals from the applicant, such supplemental information shall be delivered no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the application. If such additional information is not received by such sixtieth day, the Planning Board may extend its period of review until the date that is fifteen (15) days after receipt of all such supplemental information from the applicant. The foregoing timeframes do not preclude the Planning Board from requiring (after such fortieth day) submission of supplemental information not previously requested.
- e. The applicant may request, and the Planning Board may grant by majority vote, an extension of the time limits set forth herein.
- f. Where the Planning Board serves as the Special Permit Granting Authority ("SPGA"), it may consolidate its Site Plan Review and Special Permit procedures. Where the Board of Appeals serves as the SPGA, joint hearings of the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board may be held at the discretion of the Boards.
- g. An application for a Building Permit to perform work subject to Site Plan Review shall be accompanied by an approved Site Plan and evidence of recording of the Site Plan Review decision unless the Planning Board's review (including any extensions thereto) has expired without any action by the Planning Board.

- h. A final Certificate of Occupancy shall not be issued until the applicant has complied with or satisfied all conditions to the Site Plan Review decision, except for those conditions, which by their terms are intended to be satisfied after occupancy of the structures for which the Certificate of Occupancy is sought.

5. Submittal Requirements

All applications for Site Plan Review shall include the following information prepared by qualified registered professionals, either shown on wet-stamped and signed plans or other supporting documentation to demonstrate compliance with the Design and Performance Standards in Section I-I,6:

- a. Existing conditions and locus plan; diagram and statement of the ownership, area, dimensions, boundaries and principal elevations of the subject property; location of structures, other site improvements and conditions, and wetland resources within 100 feet of property line;
- b. Site layout plan showing the scaled and dimensioned location and footprint of existing and proposed buildings and structures, traffic circulation, access and egress drives, parking, fences, walls, walks, outdoor lighting, loading facilities, refuse facilities, and areas for snow storage, and applicable zoning setback lines;
- c. Architectural plans, if applicable, including building elevations and floor layouts;
- d. Detail sheets if applicable, including profile and representative cross sections of proposed driveways and parking areas;
- e. Zoning analysis of compliance with all relevant dimensional provisions of this By-law, including parking requirements;
- f. Utility plan, which shall include all facilities for wastewater disposal and location of fire hydrants;
- g. Landscape plan, which shall include the following:

- (i) the location, general type and quality of existing vegetation, wooded areas, and other landscape features such as earth berms, walls, fences, and other hardscape, and
 - (ii) the location of proposed plantings, including schedule with botanical and common name, quantity, and size of all proposed landscape material, and proposed earth berms, walls, fences, and other hardscape.
- h. Tree Protection and Mitigation Plan for Protected Trees, which shall include:
 - (i) A tree protection plan which shall include the following information; provided, that the tree protection plan may be combined with the landscape plan (in subsection g) provided that all Protected Trees can be clearly identified; otherwise, a separate tree protection plan shall be required at such scale as is necessary to identify all Protected Trees.
 - (A) The location, height, species, and Critical Root Zone of all existing Protected Trees, including Significant Trees, and all Protected Trees, including Significant Trees, that were removed within twelve (12) months prior to application for any Demolition Permit, Building Permit or other Application for Zoning approval or Relief, with an indication of those Protected Trees to be removed and those to be retained, as applicable;
 - (B) The location, caliper, species, and planting schedule of trees to be replanted to mitigate the removal of any Protected Tree(s), if applicable; and
 - (C) For any single-family dwelling lots or two-family dwelling lots, the tree protection plan shall also show the Tree Yard.

- (ii) A narrative maintenance plan for the protection of the Critical Root Zone for all Protected Trees that are within an area of the site to be disturbed during construction.
- i. A grading and drainage plan, which shall include existing and proposed topography at 1-foot intervals, spot grades where applicable, drainage analysis, stormwater improvements, calculated area of disturbance, cut and fill analysis, and erosion controls;
- j. A construction schedule and construction traffic management plan that shall include the proposed travel route for construction vehicles and material deliveries, the location of parking for construction workers, and measures that will be undertaken to reduce construction related traffic; and
- k. Such other materials necessary to enable the Planning Board to make a positive determination on the proposed project, including, without limitation, any information required under subsection j below if necessary; and
- l. Major Site Plans shall require the following additional submissions:
 - (i) Analysis of compliance of the construction activities and the proposed project with the most current versions of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Management Standards, the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook, the Massachusetts Erosion Sediment and Control Guidelines, and, if applicable, additional requirements under the Town of Hingham MS4 Permit for projects that disturb more than one (1) acre and discharge to the Town's municipal stormwater system, and an Operations and Management Plan for both the construction activities and ongoing post-construction maintenance and reporting requirements;
 - (ii) Site Lighting Plan showing the location, height, photometric, orientation, and specifications for all

outdoor site lighting, including information on the intensity and range of illumination for each source of light proposed with low cutoff dark sky compliant lighting fixtures and no overspill onto adjoining properties greater than 0.25 foot candle; and

- (iii) Transportation Impact Assessment (TIA) detailing the expected impact of the development on transportation infrastructure. For proposed development and/or redevelopment in excess of 25,000 gross square feet or generating more than 100 vehicle trips in any one hour as determined using the latest edition of Trip Generation published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers for the appropriate land use(s), the required TIA shall substantially conform to the Institute of Transportation Engineers' "Traffic Access and Impact Studies for Site Development: A Recommended Practice," latest edition and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT's) Transportation Impact Assessment (TIA) Guidelines. In addition, the applicant shall submit a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan as part of the TIA.

6. Design and Performance Standards

To the extent practicable, the proposed project shall be located to preserve and enhance the natural features of the site, to avoid disturbances of environmentally sensitive areas, to minimize adverse impacts of development on adjoining properties, to minimize the alteration of the natural features of the site and to preserve and enhance scenic points, historic buildings and places and similar community assets which add value and attractiveness to the Town. In conducting a Site Plan Review, the Planning Board shall review the Site Plan for consistency with the following design and performance standards.

a. Land Disturbance

Site/building design shall minimize land disturbance to natural topography to preserve natural drainage patterns on the site.

- b. **Site Design**
Placement of buildings, structures, or parking facilities shall not detract from the site's scenic qualities and shall blend with the natural landscape.
- c. **Character and Scale of Buildings**
The design of the project shall minimize unreasonable departure from the character and scale of buildings in the vicinity or as previously existing on, or approved for, the site.
- d. **Preservation of Existing Vegetation, including Protected Trees, and mitigation priority shall be given to the preservation of existing stands of trees, trees at site perimeter, and contiguous vegetation with adjacent sites, as follows:**
 - (i) The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state insofar as practical by minimizing removal of Significant Trees. Every effort shall be made through the design, layout, and construction of any project to save as many Significant Trees as possible.
 - (ii) For each inch of Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of the Protected Tree(s) removed no less than one-half (0.5) inch of caliper of new, non-invasive species of tree(s) shall be replanted. Each new tree must have a minimum caliper of three (3) inches. If the Protected Tree to be removed is an overstory tree species (being a tree with a typical mature height of over forty (40) feet), the replacement tree(s) shall be an overstory tree species.
 - (iii) Clearing of other vegetation and alteration of topography shall be replicated with native vegetation planted in disturbed areas as needed to enhance or restore wildlife habitat, if any.
- e. **Limit of Clearing**
Development envelopes for structures, driveways, wastewater disposal, lawn and landscape areas, and

utility work shall be designated to limit clearing and grading.

f. Finished Grade

Finished grades should be limited to no greater than a 3:1 slope wherever possible, while preserving, matching, or blending with the natural contours of the land to the greatest extent possible. Where the finished grade will be greater than 3:1, the slope shall be protected with erosion control blankets or comparable slope stabilization practices to protect the slope from erosion until it is stabilized. Finished grade shall be no higher than the trunk flare(s) of Protected Trees to be retained.

g. Stormwater Management

The proposed project shall include adequate provisions or measures to prevent pollution of surface or groundwater, minimize erosion and sedimentation, prevent changes in groundwater levels, increased run-off, and potential for flooding, and minimize adverse impacts to neighboring properties by flooding from excessive run-off.

(i) The applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards, the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook, the Massachusetts Erosion Sediment and Control Guidelines, and, if applicable, additional requirements under the Town of Hingham MS4 Permit for projects that disturb more than one (1) acre and discharge to the Town's municipal stormwater system to ensure that the peak rate and total volume of surface water run-off from the site shall not be increased nor degraded in quality after construction.

(ii) Sustainable low impact design and environmentally responsible green infrastructure improvements shall be incorporated wherever feasible.

h. Utilities

The proposed development shall be adequately served by public or private wastewater collection and treatment systems; public water system or private well; electrical

distribution, telephone, cable, and fire alarm systems and may be served by a natural gas distribution system. All electrical distribution, telephone, cable, and fire alarm systems shall be installed underground.

- i. **Pedestrian and Vehicular Access; Traffic Management**
The proposed development and/or redevelopment shall be designed with a forecast for the next seven (7) years from the time of application to (i) minimize hazards to public health and safety as a result of traffic; (ii) provide safe access and circulation to and within the site for expected vehicles, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles; (iii) provide off-site improvements, where required, to offset the predicted impact of the development on the transportation infrastructure; (iv) reduce the impact of the proposed development on the transportation infrastructure serving the area and the Town by incorporating transportation demand management strategies; and (v) minimize the impact on scenic roads, historic districts, natural resources, and community character. The development shall not degrade safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motor vehicle occupants, or property.
 - (i) **Driveways.** Each development shall be served by an adequate driveway.
 - (A) The Board may, in certain circumstances, allow additional driveways where the access is shared or the project has frontage on two (2) separate streets. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the Planning Board finds that it is required for public safety, at least two (2) means of access to public ways and/or adequate private ways, shall be required, one (1) of which, upon approval of the Planning Board, maybe restricted to emergency vehicle use.
 - (B) All driveways shall be designed to afford adequate sight distance to pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists exiting to public ways. Improvements may be required on

the public way to facilitate vehicular turning movements in or out of the site and allow for safe pedestrian access to adjoining sidewalks, paths, walking trails or bikeways.

- (C) Driveways shall be limited to the minimum width for safe entering and exiting, and shall in no case exceed 24 feet in width unless waived by the Planning Board to accommodate truck traffic or additional travel lanes where required to facilitate safe and efficient circulation within the development. The location of driveway openings in relation to adjacent streets and driveways shall provide for the convenience and safety of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle movement within the site, and shall comply with the driveway spacing guidelines as identified in MassDOT's *Project Development and Design Guidelines*. The number of curb cuts on state and local roads shall be minimized.
- (ii) Interior Circulation. The proposed development shall assure safe interior circulation within its site by providing separate accommodations for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicular traffic.
- (iii) Sight Distance. Acceptable sight distance shall be provided and maintained at all driveways and intersections affected by the Development. At a minimum, these site distances shall meet the stricter of the MassDOT or the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards for safe-stopping sight distance (SSD) and for intersection sight distance (ISD) where exiting traffic may degrade the performance of the intersecting roadway. Determination of required sight distance shall be based on the higher of: a) the measured 85th percentile vehicle travel speed along the intersecting roadway approaching the driveway

or intersection; or b) the regulatory (posted) or statutory speed limit. Where necessary, the required sight distance shall be adjusted to account for the grade of the intersecting roadway, the number of travel lanes to be crossed or design vehicle, following AASHTO guidelines.

- (iv) Traffic Calming Features. Traffic calming measures such as raised crosswalks, raised intersections, curb line extensions, speed humps, rumble strips, sign/pavement marking treatments and/or landscaped islands may be required.

j. Lighting

The proposed development shall not produce lighting so as to unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of property within the Town. Lighting practices and systems shall: reduce light pollution, light trespass and glare in order to preserve and enhance the natural, scenic, and aesthetic qualities of the Town; conserve energy and decrease lighting cost without decreasing night-time safety, security, and productivity; and preserve the night sky as a natural resource to enhance nighttime enjoyment of property within the Town.

- (i) Shielding. All outdoor light fixtures shall be shielded so as to meet the goals of this section.
- (ii) Light Trespass. Direct light from the light source is to be confined within the property boundaries and shall not cause overspill on adjacent property or into the night sky. Light trespass shall be limited to 0.25 foot-candles at the property line.
- (iii) Height of Fixtures. Luminaires attached to a building for area lighting shall be mounted no higher than fifteen (15) feet above grade. Pole mounted exterior lighting fixture types shall be mounted no higher than twenty (20) feet above grade.

7. **Approval Criteria**
The Planning Board shall grant, or grant with conditions, Site Plan Approval if it finds in its judgment that:
- a. The proposed development will not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the prospective occupants, the occupants of neighboring properties, and users of the adjoining streets or highways, and the welfare of the Town generally.
 - b. The proposed development meets all applicable Design and Performance Standards, or it is impractical to meet one or more of such Standards and a waiver of such Standard(s) will not adversely impact the interests set forth in subsection 7.a above or any potential adverse impacts will be mitigated.

When the Planning Board deems it appropriate, specific findings related to one or more Design and Performance Standards shall be incorporated into its Site Plan Approval.

8. **Conditions of Approval**
The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions in furtherance of the objectives of the Design and Performance Standards. The Planning Board shall limit the proposed development so that its impact on each of the municipal services, ways, utilities and other resources does not exceed its existing design capacity. This limitation shall be imposed upon the proposed development regardless of the intensity of development otherwise permitted by this Zoning By-law. In addition to such other conditions as may be imposed by the Planning Board under this Section I-I, Site Plan Approvals shall be subject to the following conditions, as applicable:
- a. **Pre-Construction Meeting**
For all projects requiring erosion control installation or any clearing a pre-construction review meeting with inspection of the erosion control installation and marked limits of clearing shall be required as a condition of approval for all projects. Projects that disturb one (1) or more acres individually, or cumulatively if phased development is proposed, shall be required as a condition of any approval to provide a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for review by the Planning Board or their

designee not less than three (3) weeks prior to the start of any work.

- b. **Limits of Work; Tree Protection Areas**
During clearing and/or construction activities, the marked limit of work shall be maintained until all construction work is completed and the site is cleaned up. All vegetation beyond the limit of work shall be retained in an undisturbed state and no stockpiling of topsoil or storage of fill, materials, or equipment may occur within the protected area. Without limiting the foregoing, Protected Trees to be retained shall be surrounded by temporary protective fencing or other appropriate measures before any clearing or grading occurs, and maintained until all construction work is completed and the site is cleaned up. Protective barriers shall be large enough to encompass the Critical Root Zone of all Protected Trees to be preserved.

- c. **Inspections**
Inspections shall be required during construction, and prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, of all elements of the project related to or affecting erosion control, limits of work, and tree protection areas during construction and the approved drainage and stormwater system installed for the project, as well as the condition of the tree protection areas. The Planning Board may require, at the applicant's expense, the establishment of a consultant fee account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53G, to fund the cost of such inspections.

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

- e. Maintenance of Protected and Replacement Trees
Each Protected Tree retained, and all new trees planted to mitigate the removal of Protected Tree(s), shall be maintained in good health for a period of no less than twenty-four (24) months from the date of final inspection, or issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, if applicable. Should such tree(s) die or be removed within such twenty-four (24) month period, the owner of the property shall be required to replace such tree with a tree consistent with the requirements within nine (9) months from the death or removal of such Protected Tree or new tree.

9. Waivers; Minor Modifications; Administrative Review

- a. Upon written request of the applicant, the Planning Board may waive any of the Submittal Requirements deemed by the Planning Board to be not necessary for its review of the application. In addition, the Planning Board may waive other such requirements of this Section I-I, including the requirement for a public hearing, where the Planning Board determines that the project constitutes a minor modification to an approved Site Plan.
- b. In order to constitute a minor modification, the proposed work must be limited to modifications to an approved Site Plan which, in the Planning Board's determination, do not materially or adversely affect conditions governed by the Site Plan Review Design and Performance Standards set forth in this Section I-I.
- c. The Planning Board may, by a majority vote of the Board, establish an administrative process for Site Plan Review of certain Minor Site Plans. Pursuant to administrative review, the Planning Board may delegate to the Town Planner and/or to a designated Board member the authority to determine whether a project constitutes a Minor Site Plan. The Planning Board designee may refer any Minor Site Plan application to the Planning Board for its review in lieu of administrative review if, in such designee's discretion, the scope of the project merits review by the Board. In addition, any applicant may request Site Plan Review by the Planning Board in lieu of administrative review at the time of application, or any

applicant aggrieved by a Minor Site Plan Review decision of the designee may reapply for Site Plan Review by the Planning Board and such review shall be considered a new application for Site Plan Review, except that a separate fee shall not be required.

10. Appeal

Any decision of the Planning Board pursuant to this Section I-I may be appealed in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 17.

Item 3: To amend Section I (Administration and Procedure) by re-lettering Section I-K (Amendment) to be Section I-J (Amendment) and deleting the subsection 1 heading (Repetitive Amendments) but retaining the following paragraph as the second paragraph of newly lettered Section I-K.

Item 4: To amend Section I (Administration and Procedure) by re-lettering Section I-L (Validity) to be Section I-K (Validity), and re-lettering Section I-M (Effective Date) to be Section I-L (Effective Date).

Item 5: To amend Section III-A.1 (Use Regulations), by replacing the definitions of "A1" and "A2" in their entirety with the following: "A1 – Use allowed under a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section I-H" and "A2 – Use allowed under a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section I-H and subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Board as provided in Section I-I".

Item 6: To amend Section IV-B, 6 (Special Requirements to Schedule of Dimensional Requirements) by replacing it in its entirety with the following: "6. Site Plan Review to the extent required pursuant to Section I-I."

Item 7: To amend the first sentence of Section IV-G,6 (Mixed-Use Special Permit in Industrial District) to replace the clause "a site plan as specified in Section I-G of this By-law" with the clause "a Site Plan as specified in Section I-I of this By-law".

Item 8: To amend the first sentence of Section V-A.4 (Off-Street Parking Requirements), by replacing the clause "Special Permit A2 or A3" with the clause "Special Permit A2 or Special Permit A3".

Item 9: To amend Section V-A (Off-Street Parking Requirements), by replacing subsections 6a through f Special Permit A3 approval criteria in their entirety with the following:

- a. Parking is sufficient in quantity to meet the needs of the proposed project;
- b. Safe pedestrian access and circulation has been provided for;
- c. New driveways have been designed to maximize sightline distances to the greatest extent possible;
- d. It is impractical to meet one or more of the Design Standards and that a waiver of such Standards will not result in or worsen parking, traffic or pedestrian safety problems on-site or on the surrounding streets, or adversely affect the value of abutting lands and buildings.
- e. Except as specifically provided under subsection d above, the proposed parking area(s) meet applicable Design Standards; and
- f. The granting of this Special Permit is consistent with the intent of this By-law and will not increase the likelihood of accident or impair access and circulation.

Item 10: To amend Section VI (Definitions) to include the following definitions in the applicable alphabetical location of Section VI:

Critical Root Zone (CRZ)

The minimum area beneath the canopy of a tree which must be left undisturbed in order to preserve a sufficient root mass to give a tree a reasonable chance of survival. The CRZ is represented by a concentric circle centering on the tree's trunk and extending outward towards the tree's dripline. The minimum area of the CRZ shall be dependent on the required minimum radius of the CRZ; the required minimum radius of the CRZ shall be determined by multiplying a Tree's DBH (in inches) by twelve (12) inches, with the resulting product constituting the minimum radius of the CRZ. Example: A tree with a DBH of twenty (20) inches shall have a CRZ with a minimum radius of 20 feet (20" x 12" = 240" or 20').

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)

The standard measure of tree size. It means the diameter of the trunk of a tree measured in inches outside the bark at a height of four and one-half feet (4 feet 6 inches) above the existing grade at the base of the tree. If a tree splits into multiple trunks below the measurement point, the DBH shall be measured at the narrowest point beneath the split. All measurements shall be rounded up to the nearest inch.

Protected Tree

A tree with the following characteristics: (a) currently exists or was removed within twelve (12) months prior to application for a Demolition Permit, Building Permit, or zoning approval or relief, (b) is not designated as Invasive by the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group, (c) has or had a DBH of six (6) inches or greater, (d) in the case of a single-family dwelling lot or two-family dwelling lot, has or had any portion of the four and one-half feet (4 feet 6 inches) of its stem growing in the Tree Yard of such lot, and (e) in the case of a lot for any other use, is or was located anywhere on such property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall not be considered Protected Trees: shade trees pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, or trees on public property, or trees that are hazardous due to disease, age, or shallow roots, as certified in writing by a certified arborist.

Significant Tree

A Protected Tree which has a DBH of thirty (30) inches or greater.

Special Permit Granting Authority or SPGA

The Board of Appeals or the Planning Board as provided in the applicable section of this Zoning By-law.

Tree Yard

The ten (10) foot area of a single-family dwelling lot or two-family dwelling lot located adjacent to all front, side, and rear lines of a lot.

A Two-Thirds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 32

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through the end of Fiscal Year 2023, the Select Board 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

Special Town Meeting, November 1, 2022

Registered Voters: 19,642

Attendance: 1,378

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham was held at Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on November 1, 2022. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., a quorum being present. Karen Johnson, Russell Conn, and Jennifer Gay Smith were appointed to preside as Assistant Town Moderators. The invocation was given by Cantor Steven Weiss of the Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith Jermyn, Director of Veteran Services. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

ARTICLES INDEX

1. Construction of New Foster Elementary School
2. Construction of New Public Safety Facility
3. Transfer of Unassigned Fund Balance to New Stabilization Fund

ARTICLE 1

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Million Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$113,335,749) to be expended under the direction of the 2017 School Building Committee for professional fees, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school, to replace the existing William L. Foster Elementary School located at 55 Downer Avenue, Hingham, MA (Lot 1 on Assessors' Map 38), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) the MSBA-approved percentage of approximately forty and 54/100 percent (40.54%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and

provided that no construction contract shall be awarded for the new school until a Project Funding Agreement has been executed between the Massachusetts School Building Authority and the Town, and further provided that the 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. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to such vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Two-Thirds Vote Required
A More than Two-Thirds Vote Received

ARTICLE 2

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount of up to \$46,700,000 to be expended by the Select Board for professional fees, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new Public Safety Facility located at 335 Lincoln Street, Hingham, Massachusetts. To meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and further provided that the 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. c. 59, § 21C (Proposition 2 ½).

Two-Thirds Vote Required
A More than Two-Thirds Vote Received

ARTICLE 3

VOTED: That the Town establish a "Capital Project Cost and Debt Service Stabilization Fund" under M.G.L. c. 40, § 5(b) and transfer \$7,000,000 to this fund from excess Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of paying debt service payments for the excluded debt notes and/or bonds to be issued for the new Public Safety Facility and/or the new elementary school to replace Foster School in order to reduce the need to raise these funds through the annual tax rate, or for any other lawful purpose.

Two-Thirds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Cash Appropriations

Article 6

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

122 SELECT BOARD

Payroll	690,511
Expenses	164,340
Capital Outlay	

131 HUMAN RESOURCES

Payroll	163,742
Expenses	3,200

132 RESERVE FUND

709,291

135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Payroll	310,110
Expenses	11,355
Audit	75,500

137 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Payroll	312,046
Expenses	321,092
Capital Outlay	293,000

141 ASSESSORS

Payroll	285,852
Expenses	11,258
Consulting	133,790
Map Maintenance	100

145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Payroll	390,401
Expenses	50,958
Tax Titles	10,000
Capital Outlay	

151 LEGAL SERVICES

395,372

159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,903
Expenses	43,750
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	190,658
Expenses	14,583
Capital Outlay	
162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	22,486
Expenses	28,540
171 CONSERVATION	
Payroll	196,884
Expenses	37,522
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	236,171
Expenses	24,205
176 LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT	
Payroll	155,919
Expenses	7,375
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	24,138
Expenses	9,390
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	283,708
Expenses	426,476
Capital Outlay	122,000
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	24,187
Capital Outlay	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,182,813

PUBLIC SAFETY

210 POLICE	
Payroll (Overtime \$489,210)	6,700,439
Expenses	486,750
Capital Outlay (\$125,000 from Municipal Waterways Fund)	738,263
220 FIRE	
Payroll (Overtime \$610,685; \$1,414,000 from Ambulance Receipts)	6,554,825
Expenses	616,943
Capital Outlay	367,000
240 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	991,420
241 BUILDING	
Payroll	262,791
Expenses	15,960
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll(Overtime \$6,853)	75,696
Expenses	6,200
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	226,529
Expenses	81,351
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	453,251
Street Lighting	105,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	17,682,418

EDUCATION

300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	53,713,423
Expenses	8,113,080
Capital Outlay	883,871

TOTAL EDUCATION	62,710,374
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
420 DPW/HIGHWAY/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$88,995)	2,478,761
Expenses	835,222
Capital Outlay	220,364
Snow Removal	626,738
Road Maintenance	387,000
430 TRANSFER STATION	
Payroll (Overtime \$39,355)	666,837
Expenses	1,071,358
Capital Outlay	60,000
440 SEWER	
Payroll (Overtime \$29,249)	402,077
Expenses	321,177
Capital Outlay	485,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	2,439,758
Debt Service	70,784
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	459,245
\$4,188,041 shall be funded by Sewer Revenue	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	10,534,321
HUMAN SERVICES	
510 HEALTH	
Payroll	368,201
Expenses	18,862
Capital Outlay	
541 ELDER SERVICES	
Payroll	286,334
Expenses	26,400

543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	115,194
Expenses	7,067
Benefits	185,348
545 HEALTH IMPERATIVES	2,700
546 SOUTH SHORE RESOURCE & ADVOCACY CENTER	3,700
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	1,038,806
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,770,602
Expenses	411,134
Capital Outlay	114,000
630 RECREATION	
Payroll	189,908
Expenses	181,319
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	27,372
Expenses	13,300
691 HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
Payroll	83,633
Expenses	7,213
692 CELEBRATIONS	17,567
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	2,816,048
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	
Payroll	981,815
Expenses	910,700
Debt Service	95,500
\$1,988,015 shall be funded from Country Club Revenue	

730 WEIR RIVER WATER SYSTEM	
Payroll	257,380
Expenses	6,646,630
Debt Service	5,977,432
\$12,881,442 shall be funded from Weir River Water System Revenue	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	14,869,457
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	5,835,331
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	5,835,331
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 GROUP INSURANCE	7,071,062
900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,289,173
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	5,837,513
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	330,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
914 MANDATORY MEDICARE	1,061,995
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	15,619,743
UNCLASSIFIED	
999 UNCLASSIFIED	0
915 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,114,464
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	1,114,464
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	138,403,775

Article 4		
PERSONNEL SERVICES AND EXPENSES		\$364,854
Article 14		
PRS Windows		3,993,600
Article 16		
Fire Department Large Capital Needs		2,230,000
Article 17		
Community Preservation Committee		
• CPC for Administration Expenses		20,000
• South Shore Habitat for Humanity		166,840
• Hockey Court at Cronin Field		289,815
• SSCC Pool		550,000
Article 18		
South Shore Country Club Pool - Design & Construction		8,000,000
Article 19		
South Shore Country Club Maintenance Building		815,000
Article 22		
Weir River Water System - Capital Improvements		5,400,000
Article 23		
Foster School - Pre Construction Costs		3,128,912
Article 24		
Public Safety Building - Pre Construction Costs		1,585,380
Article 27		
High School - Replace 6 Existing Tennis Courts		864,000
		165,812,176

Annual Town Election, May 14, 2022

MODERATOR - Vote for ONE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	79	78	101	107	100	135	82	24	706
Michael J. Puzo	276	360	342	470	507	497	228	232	2912
Write-Ins	1	1	3	4	2	2	3	0	16
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

SELECT BOARD - Vote for ONE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	93	100	128	137	133	162	92	36	881
Joseph M. Fisher	263	334	318	434	471	469	219	218	2726
Write-Ins	0	5	0	10	5	3	2	2	27
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - Vote for ONE

For Three Years	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	102	106	113	151	144	179	100	40	935
Christine M. Roberts	253	332	330	426	464	453	211	214	2683
Write-Ins	1	1	3	4	1	2	2	2	16
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - Vote for ONE

For One Year	PR 1	PR 2	102	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	89	120	103	166	154	150	62	37	881
Carlton A. Chambers, Sr.	95	137	102	165	163	119	81	134	996
Randall M. Winters	171	181	240	250	292	364	169	85	1752
Write-Ins	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

BOARD OF HEALTH - Vote for ONE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	46	51	74	93	78	82	20	12	456
Kirk J. Shilts	86	132	106	138	161	125	55	74	877
Rosemary D. Byrne	224	255	265	349	370	427	238	170	2298
Write-Ins	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD - Vote for ONE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR 7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	114	112	144	181	152	193	104	47	1047
Michael D. Reive	240	325	300	396	456	439	205	207	2568
Write-ins	2	2	2	4	1	2	4	2	19
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

HOUSING AUTHORITY

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	124	130	149	190	174	216	113	49	1145
Michelle A. Larned	232	308	296	389	432	415	195	205	2472
Write-Ins	0	1	1	2	3	3	5	2	17
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

SCHOOL COMMITTEE- Vote for THREE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	211	253	290	411	374	413	204	131	2287
Nancy Nes Correnti	201	270	278	342	387	269	161	205	2113
Alyson B. Anderson	234	251	306	331	386	423	187	196	2314
Matthew J. Cosman	219	297	242	337	360	390	188	97	2130
Matthew B. Lebreton	203	233	220	314	319	404	197	139	2029
Write-Ins	0	13	2	8	1	3	2	0	29
Total	1068	1317	1338	1743	1827	1902	939	768	10902

PLANNING BOARD - Vote for ONE

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 6	PR7	PR7A	TOTAL
For Five Years									
Blanks	107	94	123	152	145	171	99	37	928
Gordon M. Carr	249	342	321	425	462	461	213	218	2691
Write-Ins	0	3	2	4	2	2	1	1	15
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

SEWER COMMISSIONER - Vote for ONE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	76	92	108	137	132	144	68	21	778
Kirk J. Shiels	135	181	167	239	250	237	120	117	1446
Joseph F. Kelly	145	163	168	202	226	252	124	118	1398
Write-Ins	0	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	12
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

RECREATION COMMISSION - Vote for ONE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	95	112	139	161	151	183	98	40	979
Stephen P. Buckley	260	327	306	416	454	450	214	215	2642
Write-Ins	1	0	1	4	4	1	1	1	13
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

Ballot Question

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR7	PR7A	TOTAL
Blanks	26	25	20	43	32	41	21	44	252
Yes	261	320	311	411	447	452	182	141	2525
No	69	94	115	127	130	141	110	71	857
Total	356	439	446	581	609	634	313	256	3634

Primary Election, September 6, 2022

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

GOVERNOR - Vote for ONE									
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
SONIA ROSA CHANG-DIAZ	31	41	43	35	37	41	37	29	294
MAURA HEALY	376	396	357	373	314	324	239	534	2913
Blanks	8	10	8	5	6	5	10	15	67
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	4
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR- Vote for ONE									
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
KIMBERLY DRISCOLL	208	197	182	205	173	167	125	260	1517
TAMI GOUVEIA	67	62	69	64	43	43	57	54	459
ERIC P. LESSER	107	135	115	111	110	127	70	211	986
Blanks	33	53	41	34	31	34	35	53	314
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278

ATTORNEY GENERAL - Vote for ONE									
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL	217	215	206	206	179	194	130	280	1627
SHANNON ERIKA LISS-RIORDAN	112	146	125	124	118	103	97	218	1043
QUENTIN PALFREY	71	61	52	67	42	55	37	59	444
Blanks	15	25	25	17	18	18	23	21	162
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278

SECRETARY OF STATE - Vote for ONE									
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	280	322	284	288	261	276	218	454	2383
TANISHA M. SULLIVAN	129	111	113	122	92	88	59	94	808
Blanks	6	14	11	4	4	7	9	30	85
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278

TREASURER - Vote for ONE									
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	334	367	314	322	281	287	224	485	2614
Blanks	81	80	91	88	75	82	61	92	650
Write-Ins	0	0	3	4	1	2	3	1	14
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278

AUDITOR - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
CHRISTOPHER S. DEMPSEY	181	185	194	210	170	164	130	270	1504	
DIANA DIZOGLIO	190	203	157	150	152	152	123	245	1372	
Blanks	44	58	57	53	35	54	34	63	398	
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278	

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS- Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
STEPHEN F. LYNCH	360	387	341	341	290	303	238	509	2769	
Blanks	54	58	64	68	66	65	48	68	491	
Write-Ins	1	2	3	5	1	3	2	1	18	
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278	

COUNCILLOR - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
CHRISTOPHER A. IANNELLA, JR.	324	356	304	303	264	270	216	463	2500	
Blanks	90	88	102	107	92	99	70	115	763	
Write-Ins	1	3	2	4	1	2	2	0	15	
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278	

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
ROERT WILLIAM STEPHENS,	309	341	293	290	248	256	208	442	2387	
Blanks	104	106	112	122	108	113	78	136	879	
Write-Ins	2	0	3	2	1	2	2	0	12	
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278	

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
JOAN MESCHINO	340	388	345	356	284	302	229	477	2721	
Blanks	75	59	59	56	71	68	55	98	541	
Write-Ins	0	0	4	2	2	1	4	3	16	
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278	

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
RAHSAAN HALL	306	350	298	319	253	269	204	435	2434	
Blanks	108	96	107	94	102	101	82	142	832	
Write-Ins	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	12	
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278	

SHERIFF- Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
Blanks	370	403	374	353	326	362	250	471	2909
Write-Ins	45	44	34	61	31	9	38	107	369
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
ALEX BEZANSON	55	87	44	45	38	45	51	145	510
CARLOS A.F. DA SILVA	309	320	331	333	288	284	214	340	2419
Blanks	51	40	33	36	31	42	22	93	348
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	415	447	408	414	357	371	288	578	3278

REPUBLICAN BALLOT**GOVERNOR - Vote for ONE**

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
GEOFF DIEHL	105	112	109	96	153	107	72	90	844
CHRIS DOUGHTY	92	103	95	97	119	106	72	70	754
Blanks	7	8	12	3	6	2	2	6	46
Write-Ins	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	6
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR- Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
LEAH V. ALLEN	82	77	83	72	118	77	72	68	649
KATE CAMPANALE	94	116	91	89	133	94	60	68	745
Blanks	29	31	39	37	28	44	14	30	252
Write-Ins	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650

ATTORNEY GENERAL - Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
JAMES R. McMAHON, III	151	170	155	138	223	148	117	128	1230
Blanks	51	53	59	60	56	67	29	38	413
Write-Ins	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	7
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650

SECRETARY OF STATE - Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
RAYLA CAMPBELL	151	168	151	142	207	141	112	121	1193
Blanks	53	53	64	55	71	74	34	44	448
Write-Ins	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	9
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650

TREASURER - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
Blanks	189	207	197	184	260	213	139	143	1532	
Write-Ins	16	17	19	14	20	2	7	23	118	
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650	

AUDITOR - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
ANTHONY AMORE	148	164	146	133	211	143	115	116	1176	
Blanks	55	60	68	65	68	72	31	48	467	
Write-Ins	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	7	
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650	

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS- Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
ROBERT G. BURKE	117	135	119	120	169	119	85	113	977	
HAMILTON SOARES RODRIGUES	50	44	43	26	70	43	34	19	329	
Blanks	36	45	52	52	40	53	27	34	339	
Write-Ins	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650	

COUNCILLOR - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
HELENE "TEDDY" MacNEAL	142	156	131	126	204	129	100	103	1091	
Blanks	61	68	84	72	76	86	46	63	556	
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650	

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
PATRICK MICHAEL O'CONNOR	168	183	184	159	233	182	118	127	1354	
RONALD J. PATUTO	26	34	24	28	34	15	20	22	203	
Blanks	11	7	8	11	13	18	8	17	93	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650	

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Vote for ONE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL	
Blanks	175	197	186	174	242	215	132	140	1461	
Write-Ins	30	27	30	24	38	0	14	26	189	
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650	

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
TIMOTHY J. CRUZ	161	178	163	145	234	159	118	122	1280
Blanks	44	44	52	52	46	56	27	43	364
Write-Ins	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	6
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650

SHERIFF- Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
JOSEPH DANIEL McDONALD, JR.	150	162	155	140	218	146	116	122	1209
Blanks	55	60	61	58	62	69	30	44	439
Write-Ins	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Vote for ONE

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	TOTAL
SANDRA M. WRIGHT	146	165	144	134	218	140	107	117	1171
Blanks	58	58	72	64	62	74	39	49	476
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Total	205	224	216	198	280	215	146	166	1650

State Election, November 8, 2022

GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
DIEHL and ALLEN	594	592	611	630	743	586	411	228	2	4,397
HEALEY and DRISCOLL	1,109	1,122	1,025	1,134	974	1,010	606	801	17	7,798
REED and EVERETT	25	36	29	21	29	23	14	5	-	182
Blanks	21	20	17	25	29	24	13	7	-	156
Write-Ins	-	2	3	4	4	2	3	2	-	20
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

ATTORNEY GENERAL										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL	1,038	1,054	962	1,034	913	939	581	748	18	7,287
JAMES R. McMAHON, III	660	658	677	725	809	651	432	270	1	4,883
Blanks	50	57	46	54	56	54	34	25	-	376
Write-Ins	1	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	7
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

SECRETARY OF STATE										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	1,217	1,212	1,111	1,228	1,104	1,085	663	840	18	8,478
RAYLA CAMPBELL	478	474	501	512	620	490	348	185	1	3,609
JUAN SANCHEZ	22	34	34	34	21	24	10	3	-	182
Blanks	31	51	39	39	34	46	25	15	-	280
Write-Ins	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

TREASURER										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	1,233	1,218	1,135	1,276	1,130	1,124	690	813	18	8,637
CRISTINA CRAWFORD	325	337	330	325	406	331	236	126	1	2,417
Blanks	184	211	205	202	233	186	117	102	-	1,440
Write-Ins	7	6	15	11	10	4	4	2	-	59
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

AUDITOR										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
ANTHONY AMORE	692	691	672	767	850	683	447	310	2	5,114
DIANA DIZOGLIO	851	854	780	816	703	752	466	645	16	5,883
GLORIA A. CABALLERO-ROCA	27	24	37	23	23	20	14	11	1	180
DOMINIC GIANNONE, III	45	42	42	41	51	35	35	9	-	300
DANIEL RIEK	27	33	29	29	26	31	21	5	-	201
Blanks	105	126	125	133	126	124	63	63	-	865
Write-Ins	2	2	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	10
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
STEPHEN F. LYNCH	1,168	1,162	1,095	1,164	1,032	1,053	640	787	17	8,118
ROBERT G. BURKE	530	547	539	584	684	535	372	227	1	4,019
Blanks	49	63	50	63	62	57	34	29	1	408
Write-Ins	2	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	8
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

COUNCILLOR										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
CHRISTOPHER A. IANNELLA, JR.	1,094	1,070	1,010	1,096	928	969	612	748	18	7,545
HELENE "TEDDY" MacNEAL	559	577	571	595	710	554	369	232	1	4,168
Blanks	95	122	104	120	141	122	63	62	-	829
Write-Ins	1	3	-	3	-	-	3	1	-	11
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
PATRICK MICHAEL O'CONNOR	947	982	973	1,079	1,132	953	614	457	2	7,139
ROBERT WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR.	728	706	645	643	565	616	384	540	17	4,844
Blanks	71	82	66	91	82	76	49	46	-	563
Write-Ins	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JOAN MESCHINO	1,304	1,263	1,224	1,317	1,178	1,154	702	808	19	8,969
Blanks	410	477	429	465	541	454	316	229	-	3,321
Write-Ins	35	32	32	32	60	37	29	6	-	263
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

DISTRICT ATTORNEY										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
TIMOTHY J. CRUZ	930	936	889	970	1,099	875	603	378	2	6,682
RAHSAAN HALL	750	737	731	760	600	694	401	605	17	5,295
Blanks	68	98	65	84	80	76	42	60	-	573
Write-Ins	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

SHERIFF										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
JOSEPH DANIEL McDONALD, JR.	1,175	1,206	1,121	1,189	1,274	1,128	722	578	12	8,405
Blanks	540	526	524	590	489	491	306	458	5	3,929
Write-Ins	34	40	40	35	16	26	19	7	2	219
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

COUNTY COMMISSIONER										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
SANDRA M. WRIGHT	804	785	784	860	950	785	514	314	2	5,798
ALEX A. BEZANSON	811	825	768	767	672	694	442	638	17	5,634
Blanks	132	158	133	183	157	165	90	88	-	1,106
Write-Ins	2	4	-	4	-	1	1	3	-	15
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

QUESTION 1: Income Tax										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	685	748	633	637	560	602	448	627	17	4,957
NO	1,048	984	1,030	1,155	1,187	1,018	584	384	2	7,392
Blanks	16	40	22	22	32	25	15	32	-	204
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

QUESTION 2: Dental Insurance										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	1,260	1,261	1,194	1,247	1,194	1,184	749	745	12	8,846
NO	451	464	440	509	544	412	267	249	6	3,342
Blanks	38	47	51	58	41	49	31	49	1	365
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

QUESTION 3: Alcohol Licenses										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	815	801	748	835	762	738	444	398	12	5,553
NO	859	909	857	900	950	839	561	559	6	6,440
Blanks	75	62	80	79	67	68	42	86	1	560
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

QUESTION 4: Driver's License										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	905	951	898	984	842	834	508	678	15	6,615
NO	805	772	741	778	886	760	511	315	3	5,571
Blanks	39	49	46	52	51	51	28	50	1	367
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

QUESTION 5: Foster School										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	1,338	1,248	1,163	1,397	1,223	1,206	693	697	15	8,980
NO	341	417	431	350	479	370	311	172	1	2,872
Blanks	70	107	91	67	77	69	43	174	3	701
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

QUESTION 7: Single Payer Health Insurance										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	894	910	864	906	774	779	515	546	14	6,202
NO	682	668	641	739	812	665	417	274	2	4,900
Blanks	173	194	180	169	193	201	115	223	3	1,451
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

QUESTION 8: Public Legislative Voting										
Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7A	UOCAVA	TOTAL
YES	1,391	1,398	1,289	1,425	1,342	1,257	787	729	7	9,625
NO	186	187	213	201	241	185	144	111	1	1,469
Blanks	172	187	183	188	196	203	116	203	11	1,459
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,749	1,772	1,685	1,814	1,779	1,645	1,047	1,043	19	12,553

**UOCAVA = Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act*

Registered Voters: 19,652

Voter Turnout: 64%

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

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, Zoning By-Law, Town of Hingham General By-Laws, Plumbing and Gas Code and Electrical Codes. All Building officials are on call 24/7. The new 10th Edition of the Building Code is scheduled for release July 1, 2023, which will include significant changes to the Stretch Energy Code.

During 2022, several more homes throughout the Town have been demolished and rebuilt. The Amazon Distribution Center at 100 Industrial Park Road received a Certificate of Use and Occupancy, however they will not be occupying the building until they can upgrade the electrical distribution line to accommodate 30 electric delivery trucks. The Derby Street Shoppes continue renovating existing spaces. Planet Fitness received a Certificate of Use and Occupancy for their renovation. The Hingham Shipyard continues to renovate existing spaces. The DCR Maintenance Facility Building renovation is complete and 109 North Street is well on its way to receiving inspections for new residential and commercial tenants. We anticipate three large projects for the coming year: the Public Safety Facility on Lincoln Street, the William L. Foster Elementary School, and an addition to Linden Ponds Assisted Living Care Facility.

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

The Building Department has issued a total of 3,228 permits and conducted 5,527 inspections in 2022.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1,196	Building Permits	\$1,089,377
46	Final Cost Affidavits	100,905
571	Plumbing Permits	46,520
434	Gas Permits	21,900
900	Electrical Permits	88,948
80	Certificate of Inspection	8,297
93	Certificate of Use and Occupancy	3,255
11	Re-inspection	825
<u>127</u>	<u>Sheet Metal</u>	<u>32,240</u>
3,458		\$1,392,267

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

We would like to thank all the applicants, residents, businesses, and Town departments for their cooperation and support this past year.

We look forward to serving you in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Conservation Commission

Empowered to administer the state's Wetlands Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act, and the Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law, the Conservation Commission reviews numerous applications and oversees many projects that fall within its jurisdiction. In 2022, the Commission acted on 107 applications and projects, including:

- 23 Orders of Conditions
- 4 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 1 Order of Resource Area Delineation
- 30 Determinations of Applicability
- 24 Certificates of Compliance
- 23 Administrative Review Decisions
- 2 Permit Extensions

The Commission also supported multiple projects related to open space, natural resource management, and climate change. Most notably, 2022 marked the completion of a 10-year Forest Stewardship Plan for the Town Forest. The planning effort was a collaboration between the Select Board and Department of Public Works, who own and manage the forest, as well as Conservation Commission staff and two licensed consulting foresters. The goal of the plan is "to maintain the forest as a scenic and safe passive recreation area, to provide high quality habitat for a diversity of wildlife species, and to act on opportunities to help the forest adapt to the stresses of climate change." The Commission looks forward to seeing positive changes in the forest as recommendations in the plan are implemented over the next several years.

Additionally, 2022 marked the first full year of work for the Climate Action Planning Committee, of which the Commission is a member. The goal of the Committee is twofold: 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. A draft Climate Action Plan, with recommended actions to reduce emissions, is anticipated in early 2023.

And after several years of hard work and determination, Girl Scout Troop #75399, under the direction of Jeannie Ingram and Wendy Finnerty, completed a renewed tree inventory at More-Brewer Park in 2022; the inventory was first created years ago by the Hingham Garden Club. The Girl Scout Troop was able to identify and make new markers for 34 of the 37 original species of trees. The main kiosk at the park was also updated

with a new tree map and key, which includes a QR Code for accessing those resources on a mobile device (the linked website is: <https://more-brewertreid.weebly.com>).



Tree identification marker, before (left) and after (right). Photo courtesy of W. Finnerty.



Updated kiosk at More-Brewer Park.

Finally, in 2022, the Commission issued a total of 47 bow hunting permits; 12 for the spring turkey season and 35 for the fall deer season. The Commission received notification of 28 deer being harvested during the 2022 season.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Loni Fournier, Interim
Conservation Officer



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 include the following:

Permitting: Under the Zoning By-Law, the Planning Board acts as the site plan review authority for certain development projects that propose moderate to significant levels of land disturbance or uses that require a particular type of authorization. In past years, these reviews tended to be commercial in nature; however, recent applications increasingly involve residential projects that trigger a minimum level of land disturbance adopted by Annual Town Meeting in 2020. The Board also serves as the special permit granting authority for some uses or configurations of land, such as flexible residential developments, common driveways, and parking determinations.

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.

Finally, 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 2022 Permit Applications	
Site Plan Reviews	62
Special Permits	17
Subdivisions	4
ANRs (Form As)	11
Scenic Roads	2
Total:	96

The most notable applications reviewed by the Board in 2022 involved public building projects. The Board reviewed and conditionally approved the South Shore Country Club Pool Reconstruction Project, the Public Safety Facility Project, and the Foster School Reconstruction Project, in

addition to a seawall reconstruction project on Martins Lane and several electric vehicle charging station installations in public parking facilities.

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.

Following receipt of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Study Committee’s Report last fall and after considerable discussion, the Board voted to advance a zoning article that would allow detached ADUs. The Board also brought forward five other amendments for consideration at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Adopting the Master Plan: The Planning Board is charged with creation of a comprehensive master plan to guide future development in the Town. The Board adopted the current Master Plan in August 2021 and is presently formalizing the implementation process.

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 remote nature of its work, the Planning Board collaborated with a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Select Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, and several building committees. 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, Traffic Committee, and Accessory Dwelling Unit Study Committee.

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,

Judith Sneath, Chair
Gordon Carr, Clerk
Rita DaSilva
Kevin Ellis
Gary Tondorf-Dick
Emily Wentworth, Community Planning Director
Michael Silveira, Senior Planner

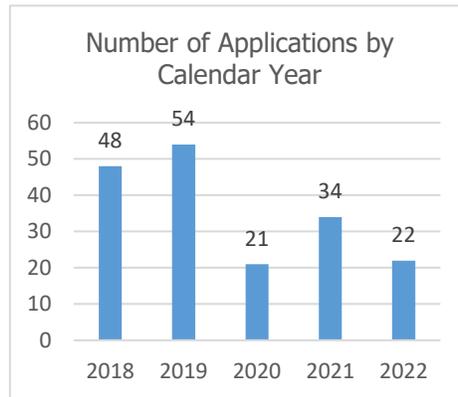
Zoning Board of Appeals

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. Four 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 22 applications over the course of the year. The Board itself held 15 meetings in 2022, during which members conducted 31 separate hearings on both ongoing, and new applications. The Zoning Administrator separately heard an application related to commercial signage during a noticed public hearing.



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, or modifications of previously approved plans. In 2022, the Board received six applications for variances. No new variances were granted; three variance modifications were granted, two variance applications were

withdrawn without prejudice, and one application was withdrawn prior to being noticed for a public hearing.

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 2022.

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 received two administrative appeal applications in 2022. The Board upheld the Building Commissioner on one appeal and the other is still under review at the time of this report.

Findings: One application for a finding under M.G.L. ch. 40A, § 6 was 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. The application in 2022 involved construction of conforming additions and maintenance of nonconforming setbacks for a residential structure, including an accessory structure. The application was granted.

Special Permits: The Board received twelve special permit applications in 2022, ten were granted, one was withdrawn without prejudice and one was withdrawn prior to being noticed for a public hearing. 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 2022 each involved distinctly different requests including construction of a boat lift in the Floodplain Protection Overlay District and Residence District C; extension of outdoor dining in the Downtown Hingham Overlay District and the Business District A; and expansion of the Farmer's 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 2022, the Board approved one insubstantial change to an existing comprehensive permit brought forward by Linden Ponds to modify the approved design for Phase 2 of the Extended Care Center.

Board members would like to express appreciation for the support, cooperation, and assistance we received from all Town departments during the past year. Zoning Board staff within the Land Use & Development Department is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all zoning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to 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 2022, the Historic Districts Commission held over 72 hearings and made numerous 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. Hingham's local design guidelines, *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts*, and *Guidelines for New Construction and Additions in Hingham's Historic Districts* are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. These Guidelines define the standards for exterior work on properties located in historic districts throughout the country, Hingham's historic districts included, 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 onset of the pandemic, the Commission has held remote meetings using Zoom. Despite remote access, the Commission maintained its high level of service to applicants seeking project approvals, and meetings and site visits were held continuously as scheduled. Normally, the public is encouraged to attend Commission meetings 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 is pleased to welcome Josh Blevins and Eric Smoczynski, two new alternate members appointed by the Select Board in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young, Administrator

Members:

Tracy Shriver, Chair

Carol Pyles, Vice-Chair

Catherine Daley

Justin Aborn

Daniel Clark

Alternate Members:

Josh Blevins

Mary Anne Donaldson

Eric Smoczynski

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, most 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 2022 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 sixth video in 2022 to add to the Historical Commission's *History Abode* series. This most recent video was the second of two videos dedicated to the history of Tuttleville, a part of the Town rich with the history of our Black and Native American families. Other videos in the *History Abode* series focus on Major General Benjamin Lincoln; the Bethlehem/Hingham Shipyard; the Skate House (since lost to demolition), the Memorial Bell Tower and the art of Change-Ringing.

Other projects in 2022 included completion of the treatment and conservation of grave stones in the Canterbury Street Cemetery; advancing the project to tell the story of Hingham's Tranquility Grove, site of the largest anti-slavery picnic in the U.S., held in 1844; and the fifth annual reenactment of the events surrounding the Battle of Grape Island.

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 2022, 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 welcome new Commission members Stephen Jiranek and Brendon Concannon

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Young

Historical Commission Members:

Kevin M. Burke, Chair

Stephen Dempsey, Vice-Chair

Elizabeth Dings

Robert Stansell

Stephen Jiranek

Brendan Concannon

Andrea Young, Administrator



Battle of Grape Island at the Bandstand on Hingham Harbor, May 22, 2022

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.

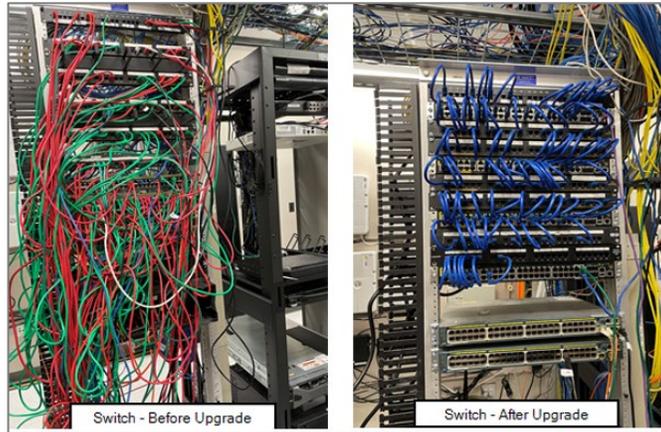
The Department is responsible for the Town's website including updates, enhancements and content management system (CMS) administration.

Accomplishments over the past year:

- Responded to 2,716 helpdesk tickets
- Worked with our website partner and completed a refresh of the Town website to update the look and feel as well as remain current with website standards and technologies. We are in the process of doing the same for the Library and South Shore Country Club sites as well.
- Our long-awaited Town owned redundant fiber loop project is 95% complete. This replaced our prior Comcast managed fiber cabling that interconnects the Town and School buildings with new Town owned cable configured in a redundant loop to provide resiliency.
- Completed the renovation of the Town's central server/network room at Town Hall. Our existing room was two former closets not designed for computer equipment which presented numerous challenges. This work included new static control flooring, electrical, dedicated cooling, overhead cable management, battery backup, proper server cabinets and various pieces to tie it all together. We are proud of the end-result and feel this renovation allows us to better manage the diverse infrastructure required both today and for the foreseeable future (before and after photos follow).



- We have begun replacing all network switches throughout the Town. The existing switches date back to 2007 and have served us well but lack many features and capabilities required by today's technology such as POE+ power delivery, video conferencing and online streaming.



I appreciate the support from the Town Administrator's office, our elected officials, board and committee members, and residents who all recognize the important role Technology plays in Municipal Government. I, along with Kate Richardsson and Joe Lindsay, look forward to continuing to serve and support the community through our stewardship of the Technology infrastructure.

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, 2022.

The Personnel Board addressed a multitude of issues in the 2022 calendar year. The Board approved one job description for the newly created position of: Community Crisis Response Clinician and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 9 (GovHR).

The Board approved revisions to the following job descriptions: Treasurer/Collector and Assistant Treasurer Collector in the Treasurer/Collector's Office.

The Board approved the reclassification of the DPW Office Manager and placed the position on Grade 7 in the Salary Schedule (GovHR). The Board also approved the reclassification of the Harbormaster and placed the position on Grade 11 in the Salary Schedule (GovHR).

The Board approved the following requests to hire: The Land Use and Development Coordinator at Grade 4, Step 3 of the Salary Scale and one extra week of vacation; the Community Crisis Response Clinician at Grade 9, Step 4 of the Salary Scale and the Tax Receipt Clerk at Grade 3, Step 2 of the Salary Scale.

The Board approved the promotions of the Assistant Treasurer/Collector to the Treasurer/Collector at Grade 11, Step 3 of the Salary Scale; the Tax Receipt Clerk to the Assistant Treasurer/Collector at Grade 8, Step 2 of the Salary Scale; the DPW Office Assistant to the Administrative Assistant at Grade 3, Step 2 on the Salary Scale and the Senior Clerk to the Assistant Town Clerk at Grade 6, Step 2 of the Salary Scale.

Additional sick time was approved for a Police Officer and the South Shore Country Club Equipment Manager.

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

The Board recommended to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2022, a 3% 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 remains in negotiation with the Department of Public Works Teamsters, Local 25 whose agreement expired on June 30, 2021. The

Board shortly will begin collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the union representing the Department of Public Works Supervisors whose agreements expire on June 30, 2023.

The Board approved an adjustment to the FY2022 salary schedule for part-time and seasonal positions to align with Massachusetts Minimum Wage Standards.

Finally, the Board extends its gratitude to Russell Conn, who stepped down from the Personnel Board after over 10 years of service. Russell was an invaluable member of the board and a dedicated public servant. His wealth of knowledge and guidance will be missed. The Board welcomed new member, Robert Curley.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pace, Chair
Robert Curley
Karen Johnson
Jack Manning
Courtney Orwig

Department of Public Works

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

We assist with the upkeep of conservation areas, Bare Cove Park, athletic fields, and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with 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: The Department replaced and/or repaired catch basins on newly paved roads. Replaced 350' of compromised drain line, rebuilt four catch basins, and added a catch basin to help mitigate stormwater issues on Thaxter Street. Replaced 50' of failed drainage pipe and rebuilt two catch basins at the corner of Wompatuck Road and Planters Field Lane. Replaced 45' of drain line, rebuilt two catch basins, and one manhole at the corner of Ocean View Road and Park Circle. Replaced 50' of compromised drainage line and repaired three catch basins on Kimball Beach Road. Replace failed culvert on Lazell Street that was causing flooding issues for neighbors. Added a catch basin on East Street to address ponding issues. Made emergency drainage repairs on Bel Air Road, Leavitt Street, Central Street, and Pond Park Road.

Maintenance Operations: The Department painted and marked, swept and cleaned, plowed, and treated 140 miles of Town-owned roadways and approximately 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,384 drainage structures and outfalls, and installed, repaired, maintained 3,100 traffic and street signs, and maintained five sets of signal lights.

Stormwater Management

Stormwater Regulation: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Phase II Final Stormwater Rule requires additional operators of from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in urbanized areas and operators of small construction sites, through the use of National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits, to implement programs and practices to control polluted stormwater runoff 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 Areas are required to seek NPDES permit coverage for those stormwater discharges.

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP): The Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) describes and details the activities and measures that will be implemented to meet the terms and conditions of the permit. The SWMP accurately describes the permittees plans and activities. The document should be updated and/or modified during the permit term as the permittee's activities are modified, changed or updated to meet permit conditions during the permit term. The main elements of the stormwater management program are:

- (1) a public education program in order to affect public behavior causing stormwater pollution,
- (2) an opportunity for the public to participate and provide comments on the stormwater program,
- (3) a program to effectively find and eliminate illicit discharges within the MS4,
- (4) a program to effectively control construction site stormwater discharges to the MS4,
- (5) a program to ensure that stormwater from development projects entering the MS4 is adequately controlled by the construction of stormwater controls, and
- (6) a good housekeeping program to 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 more efficiently. This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks with sanders and plows, 11¾ Ton Pickup Trucks with plows, four Sidewalk Plows, one Front End Loader, one Backhoe, two Street Sweepers, one Bucket Truck, one Logging Material Handler, one Chipper, five Mowers, Chainsaws, and two Rollers. The DPW

Shop also maintains vehicles for many other Town departments.

Snow and Ice Control: In 2022, Hingham received 54.1" of snow. The DPW conducted 11 Snowplow Operations and 28 Sanding Operations.

Special Projects: Assisted in the following projects: annual voting and elections setup; Town Meeting setup; Christmas in the Square; 4th of July Road Race, Pancake Breakfast, and Parade; September Fireworks (in place of the 4th of July Fireworks); and keeping the new boat ramp clean.

New Equipment: (#10) 2022 Volvo L90H Wheel Loader, (#15) 2022 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck with Plow, (#55) 2021 Chevrolet 1-Ton truck with Plow and Sander, and 21' Scissor Lift.

Tree & Park Division

Tree Plantings: 3
Tree Removals: 131
Trees Pruned: 170

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

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

This year Tree & Park planted three shade trees throughout Hingham due to the dry conditions from the drought.

The 2022 Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 29, 2022 with the planting of a Valley Forge Elm on Hingham Common. The Town of Hingham was also recognized as a "Tree City USA" for the 34th year.

Tree & 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.

The recent partnership with the Recreation Department has shown great success in the preservation, condition, and playability of the Town's many athletic fields. We look forward to continuing this partnership.

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

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

New Equipment: (#31) 2022 Toro Groundsmaster 4010 Sports X Mower

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year we transferred 5,201 tons of household rubbish to the COVANTA/SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 791 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 1,540 tons of mixed recyclables, 2,254 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 2.59 tons of tires, 1,150 gallons of motor oil, 28 tons of electronics, 135 tons of textiles, and 224 pounds of batteries.

In 2022, Hingham's collection of household hazardous waste and handled 219 cars. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 686,500 cans and 82,100 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$38,430. Twenty-four different Hingham Youth Organizations received \$23,655 and \$14,775 went to the recycling fund. The Transfer Station is now recycling mattresses with help from a grant from the Massachusetts Department of

Environmental Protection. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial and residential bulky/construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Town. In 2022, the revenue from the scale was \$120,469. Transfer Station Permits revenue for part-time residential permits and Commercial Permits was \$13,150. With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 8,175 cars per week.

We have started a Composting Program with the help of the Cleaner Greener Hingham, and are now offering compost bins for a reduced cost of \$25 a bin. Residents can call the DPW office to reserve a bin today.

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: Finished the installation of a second hand baler to start bailing the more equitable commodities.

New Equipment: Recycling Baler and Baling Wire Tie for the existing baler.

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works provides a wide variety of technical services in support of Town departments, boards/committees, and infrastructure projects. We also assist local engineering firms and residents with research record drawings of utilities, property lines, etc. that exist within the Town.

Roadwork: Managed approximately 113 miles of the roadway infrastructure system. During 2022, the following 2.8 miles of road were reconstructed and/or resurfaced as required:

Downing Street	Meadow View Road	Stoddard Road
Pleasant Street	Pond Street	Elm Street
Emerald Street	Thayer Street	Thaxter Street
Marshall Road	Crooked Meadow Lane	

Sidewalks: In addition to the road reconstruction outlined above, sidewalks were improved along the right-of-way in North Street, Pond Street, and Pleasant Street.

Projects: Engineering is actively involved in several projects throughout Town. Engineering provided support to the now completed Memorial Bell Tower project, Public Safety Facility Building Committee, South Shore Country Club, Lincoln School Apartments, Hingham Public Library, Central Fire Station, South Fire Station, Barnes Wharf Floats project, Hingham Harbor Land Use Plan, Harbor Resiliency, Improvements at the Broad Cove Sewer Pump Station, and Lincoln Street Sewer Main. Transportation projects include the annual paving program, administration of WRAP Grant funding from MassDOT, Route 3A improvements, Road Safety Audit and Alternatives Analysis for the Main Street/Middle Street/Short Street intersection, Lincoln Park traffic improvements, and implementation of proposed improvements at the intersection of Ward/French/High Streets.

Grants: Engineering remained diligent in applying for grants to reduce Town outlays on certain capital projects. Engineering was successful in securing \$50,000 from a Shared Streets MassDOT grant to improve pedestrian accessibility in Hingham through the purchase of new trackless snow removal equipment for clearing sidewalks. Engineering continued to support the Seaport Economic Council grant for the purchase of new floats at Barnes Wharf.

Sewer

The Sewer Division 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. I would like to give special thanks to Sewer Commissioners Stephan Harold, Kirk Shilts, and Clark Frasier for their contributions this year. Please see the separate Sewer Commission report for 2022 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 hard to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather-related and other emergencies. I would also like to thank all of our office staff for keeping the Department operating in an efficient and professional manner.

We extend our well wishes to Rick Borowski (Tree & Park) who retired after 28 years of dedicated service and Scott Chappelle (Highway Division) who retired after 26 years of dedicated service. We would also like to

thank Samantha Downton (Administrative Assistant), Brian Norcross (Transfer Station), Joe Trinchera (Highway Division), and Cameron Allegra (Highway Division), and wish them well in their new endeavors.

We are happy to welcome new employees Chris Lincoln (Tree & Park Skilled Laborer), Nick O'Brien (Tree & Park Skilled Laborer), Don Baker (Transfer Station Heavy Equipment Operator), and Brandon Taylor (Transfer Station Heavy Equipment Operator).

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sylvester
DPW Superintendent



Sewer Commission

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 for Town's two sewer districts – the Hingham Sewer District and the Weir River Sewer District. The DPW Superintendent manages the operation and maintenance of the Sewer Department and sewer infrastructure.

In 2022, the Sewer Department performed routine maintenance, continued to upgrade its infrastructure with capital improvements in accordance with our Asset Management Program, and responded to emergencies within the two sewer districts.

Infiltration/Inflow (I&I):

The I&I program consists of investigating and inspecting the infrastructure for unwanted flow into the sanitary sewer. As part of the I&I program, our engineering contractors 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.

The I&I program started back up this year with the Department completing a large dig repair and lining along Planters Field Lane, Wompatuck Road, and Kimball Beach Road. The total linear footage of 8" lining was 1,968 feet, the total linear footage of 12" lining was 1,224 feet, and epoxy grouted nine sewer manholes. We also replaced the wet well liner at Mill Street Station.

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.

New Equipment:

The Sewer Department has also upgraded equipment in the sewer pumping stations as part of the Asset Management Plan. Broad Cove Station will have a natural gas generator (purchased, awaiting delivery and installation) to replace the existing diesel generator. Greenbush Station will have a high efficiency control panel (purchased,

awaiting delivery and installation). Town Pier Station had pump #2 and the electrical junction box replaced. Walton Cove Station had the emergency stop buttons in pump rooms, the check valve on pump #1, and pump #1 replaced.

Sewer Main Repairs and Maintenance:

The Sewer Department made dig repairs at the following locations: 35 Planters Field Lane, 9 Sycamore Lane, 1 Holly Street, and 145 Otis Street. We also raised 12 manholes in the system and maintained the Broad Cove Easement.

Maintenance:

The Sewer Department painted the interior of Broad Cove Station and replaced the sump pump in the pump room. At Bradley Woods Station, the aerator was replaced and a sound damping encasement was put around it.

New Projects:

New force main for Lincoln Street (3A).

New Sewer Accounts

North Sewer District: 5 Weir River District: 3

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 the municipal sewer system 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.

Sadly, the Sewer Department lost one employee in 2022. We said good-bye to our friend and coworker John McDonald, who passed away after a long illness. John was a dedicated employee of the Sewer department for four years and longtime resident of the Town of Hingham who will greatly be missed.

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
Kirk Shilts

Clark Frazier
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Weir River Water System

In March of 2022, Veolia North Americana (VEOLIA) completed their acquisition by integrating its businesses with SUEZ in the United States and Canada. VEOLIA has over 10,000 employees and is the leading water and wastewater treatment company in the US for cities and municipalities. This merger had no immediate effect on staffing or other services provided to the Weir River Water System (WRWS) as no changes were made with the local staff and management.

They continue to provide operation, maintenance, and billing services to the WRWS. Along with VEOLIA, we are responsible for the pumping, treatment and distribution of over 1.2 billion gallons of drinking water per year to over 15,000 customers in Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset.

The water system operates and maintains a 7.7 million gallon per day water treatment plant located at 900 Main Street in Hingham, 13 ground water sources, 3 surface water sources including Accord Pond, 190 miles of water main, 2 booster pump stations, 2 storage tanks, 3100 gate valves, and over 950 municipally owned fire hydrants.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Operations / Maintenance

During the past year, the WRWS continued to make improvements and upgrades at the WTP. A new stainless steel underdrain system replaced the aging steel re-bar and clay-tile underdrain system in Filter #2. This brings filter #2 in the modern era of this type of system. Along with upgrades to the backwash header and other components, we are able to more efficiently and more effectively clean the filter. We will go out to bid in 2023 to have the same work completed on the other three filters.



New low energy LED lighting installed in the analyzer room and chemical storage area replaced old florescent lighting to improve safety and lower energy consumption. We will continue with these lighting upgrades in other room over the next year.

A new ungraded polymer system installed in the centrifuge room will improve the how we process sludge from the plant. The eliminates the need for operators to maintain long chemical feed lines and go upstairs if there are any issues with this system. It also prepares us for the

replacement of the centrifuge systems with newer high efficient and low energy centrifuges in 2023.

All wells were tested and rehabilitated as needed.

Distribution System Operations / Maintenance

We continued with our annual distribution system maintenance of fire hydrants and gate valves. Our crews responded to over 25 main and service leaks, and made other improvements throughout the system. We continued our hydrant replacement program and to date have replaced over 80 fire hydrants throughout the system.

Capital Improvement Projects

Capital Improvement Projects are key to the water system and the customers we serve. Over the past year, we replaced 4900 LF of water main on Downing St and Wompatuck St in Hingham. The 1100 LF of 2 ¼ galvanized water main on Downing St was replaced with a new 6" DI line. This allowed us to add three new fire hydrant to the street. The old 6" CI main on Wompatuck St was replaced with 3,800 LF of new 8" DI water main, and allowed us to install three additional fire hydrants on the street.



We performed a hydraulic analysis of the system and started preliminary design and siting of a new water storage tank and booster station. The addition of these two system components will improve water quality, flow, pressure, system redundancy and firefighting capabilities.

Our commitment to infrastructure will continue over the next several years.

Interdepartmental

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset, we would like express our sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of VEOLIA North America, the town's Department of Public Works, Engineering Department, and all those who provide support to the water system. These individuals work long and continuous hours to treat and distribute clean and safe drinking water and can be frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Tierney
Water Superintendent

Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) is pleased to submit its Annual Report on behalf of the Hingham Light Board and the employees of HMLP. In 2022, HMLP made critical reliability improvements across the system, launched multiple sustainability initiatives, strengthened its power supply policies, and improved the efficiency of its internal operations while maintaining the highest safety standards. Due to the leadership and innovation of the Light Board, HMLP continues to support the Hingham community by maintaining a safe and reliable electric system that is accessible to all customers.

Reliability & Resilience

HMLP routinely invests in its infrastructure and performs system upgrades to maintain the highest quality service. In 2022, HMLP replaced wire and poles on portions of World's End, Thaxter St., Mast Hill Rd., Manor Dr., and Windsor Dr., along with other areas of the distribution system. By reconductoring these neighborhoods, HMLP strengthened its resilience against outages and associated costs. HMLP also improved its outage response capabilities by partnering with Data Capable to create an accessible outage map. Now, the Hingham community can view and track outages live from HMLP's website at <https://www.hmlp.com/outage-map/>.

HMLP dedicated time over the year to engaging the Hingham and Weymouth communities for feedback on the Hingham Electrical Infrastructure Reliability Project (HEIRP). HEIRP includes constructing and operating a new transmission line and substation in Hingham that will address critical reliability needs and support the electrification goals established in the Hingham Climate Action Plan. On April 30, 2022, Hingham Town Meeting approved a warrant article authorizing HMLP to obtain custody and control of a parcel of land at the Town's transfer station to construct and operate a new substation. On August 25, and September 13, 2022, HMLP held Community Open House events at the Tufts Public Library to solicit Weymouth residents and businesses' feedback regarding the preliminary preferred and noticed alternative routes. On September 25, 2022, HMLP held a Community Open House at the Hingham Public Library to solicit input from Hingham residents and businesses regarding the presented underground transmission line route and proposed substation in Hingham. On October 12, 2022, HMLP held a virtual Community Open House via Zoom to solicit feedback from Hingham and Weymouth residents who could not attend the previous open house events in person.

Community Initiatives, Rebates, & Outreach

Over the past year, HMLP has been a proud participant in the Town of Hingham's climate action planning efforts and strives to help Hingham reach its net-zero emissions goal by 2040. HMLP launched the Electrify Hingham program to help customers find incentives and resources to transition away from fossil fuels, and the Light Board adopted a policy supporting demand management and electrification. HMLP recognizes its responsibility to the ratepayers to lead and shape this inevitable transition in the Town, which will significantly impact HMLP's revenue, rate structure, and capital needs. Electrify Hingham is available online at <https://www.hmlp.com/sustainability/#electrifyhingham>.

HMLP spent \$246,167 on conservation services in 2022. 183 rebates were given to customers through Energy New England (ENE) totaling \$88,612. The Town received \$8,000 in rebates from HMLP for LED lighting retrofits at the Town Hall and the High School as a part of the Green Communities Grant program. HMLP also issued rebates for solar installations totaling \$94,534. When HMLP makes investments in efficiency, it receives a return on investment for itself as well as the ratepayers through kWh savings and avoided costs.

As of February 2022, natural gas customers in Hingham were eligible for substantial MassSave rebates for heat pumps, water heaters, and weatherization. In response to new incentives released, HMLP adjusted its heat pump rebate program as of July 1 for non-natural gas customers from \$500/ton up to \$2,000 to \$750/ton up to \$4,500. Customers can now receive a \$500 adder for weatherization and a \$1,000 adder for whole-home systems as well. During the year, HMLP provided 46 heat pump rebates- building its annual load and revenue.

Over the summer, HMLP utilized a \$150,000 state grant to lead the construction and installation of a public-access charging network for electric vehicles (EVs) in Hingham. Public access EV charging is intended to make electrification accessible to customers that cannot install their own charging station at home and attract EV drivers to local businesses. HMLP installed four level-2 EV charging stations: two stations at 62 Water St. (Station St. Parking Lot), one station at 274 South St. (South Shore Country Club), and one station at 28 Bare Cove Park Dr. (Carlson Field). Later in the year, HMLP received an additional grant for \$175,000 to install level-3 direct-current fast chargers (DCFCs) at Lynch Field and Station St. Those stations are anticipated to be installed during the summer of 2023.

In the fall of 2022, HMLP launched a working group to explore municipal solar generation in Hingham. This effort is intended to reduce the Town's

carbon footprint and support HMLP's 100% carbon-free power goal. The municipal solar working group includes HMLP staff, a member of the Light Board, Town staff, and volunteers from the community. The working group is collaborating with the Town on multiple proposals across various departments.

To reach customers more effectively and distribute critical or educational information, HMLP also released a new website with updated content, a user-friendly interface, and cohesive branding. The website, designed by Spark Creative Works, LLC, took almost a year to complete. HMLP also established a broader social media presence to effectively connect with customers on Facebook (@HinghamLight), Instagram (@HinghamLight02043), Twitter (@HinghamLight), and YouTube (@HinghamLight).

Financials & Power Supply Portfolio

Overall, 2022 was a challenging year for utilities. Costs grew across all sectors, including energy, and HMLP had to increase its Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) by \$0.01. Any bill adjustment can greatly impact customers, so thank you, Hingham customers, for your patience and resilience during these changing conditions.

For the 2022 fiscal year, the Light Board voted to transfer a payment to the Town of Hingham in lieu of taxes totaling \$480,272. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

In 2022, the Light Board reviewed pathways to a 100% carbon-free power supply, including obstacles, needs, and priorities. The Board directed HMLP to continue to contract for carbon-free/renewable energy, develop a plan to build distributed energy and storage resources, and generate a pool of funds to support solar and storage development in Hingham. As a result of responsible investments and carbon-free fiscal planning, 60% of HMLP's 2022 power supply came from non-fossil fuel sources.

Internal Operations & Sustainability

HMLP always prioritizes the safety of its employees and is proud to report that no injuries were incurred in 2022. The linemen worked with the utmost care to protect themselves and others throughout the year, attending numerous safety training events hosted by NEPPA and following safety guidelines.

The two Megawatt (MW) battery storage system HMLP installed in 2021 completed its first full year of successfully reducing peak loads. HMLP

contracted a design company to expand onsite solar generation that will feed the battery, reducing HMLP's carbon footprint and adding more renewables to the Hingham grid.

In 2022, HMLP also worked with Cleaner Greener Hingham (CGH) to offer composting as a waste stream for employees. CGH hosted a well-attended workshop for employees and helped set up an Earth Machine outside to collect organic materials. HMLP takes pride in adding amenities that contribute to a better working environment for its employees and promotes energy conservation through the circulation of resources.

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.

2022 was our busiest year to date, and the first time our call volume surpassed 5,000 incidents. Unfortunately, we also had a number of significant incidents, including a four-alarm fire on Mann Street and the Apple Store incident at Derby Street Shops.

In 2022, the Hingham Fire Department responded to 5,372 emergency calls. Of those 5,372 responses, 3,742 were medically related calls, and the ambulance transported 3,152 patients, which generated net revenue of \$1,943,885.42 in ambulance receipts. The ambulance transports reflect a 40% increase in the number of transports and a 30% increase in receipts compared to 2021.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES – 2022

Fire	85
Overpressure/Explosion/Over Heat	7
Emergency Medical Services	3,742
Motor Vehicle Accidents	386
Rescue	23
Hazardous Conditions	194
Service Calls	340
Good Intent Calls	393
False Alarm and False Calls	518
Severe Weather	68
Special Incident	15

TOTAL RESPONSES **5,372**

Response Totals

2018 - 2022

2022	5,372
2021	4,993
2020	4,268
2019	4,616
2018	4,487

Fire Department personnel continued working on the public safety building project. I want to thank the Public Safety Building Committee members and everyone working on this project. I especially want to thank the residents who supported the project at Town Meeting. The Department is very happy with the design and looks forward to construction beginning in early summer 2023.

The Fire Prevention Division has continued its involvement with inspections, permitting, and participation in different Town committees. Last year the division issued 899 permits and conducted 1,497 inspections. The combined total from all permits, fees, and reports generated \$43,385 in revenue.

Fire Inspections – 2022

Smoke Detector and CO Detector	557
Plan Reviews	350
Certification of Occupancy	149
Chapter 304 Alcohol License Inspections	35
FP6 Permits (General, propane storage, cutting/welding.)	338
Blasting Permit	4
Nursery School Inspection	8
Elderly Boarding Care Inspection	20
School Fire Drills	36
Total Inspections	1,497

We had a few personnel changes in 2022. Last year the Department had one member retire. Firefighter/Paramedic Carlton Chambers retired in January after twenty years of serving the Town. We wish Firefighter Chambers the best in his retirement. On May 16, we promoted James Lanphear to Captain and Sarah Joy to Lieutenant. Lt Joy made history by becoming the first female officer for the Hingham Fire Department. Brent Kuripla was also promoted to Lieutenant on July 1. Last year we were busy hiring, and we brought six new firefighter paramedics on board. Christine Wigandt, Christian McGunagle, and Brandon Norcross were hired in April. Alex Okech and Sebastian Becker were hired in September. The five new firefighters successfully graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy (MFA) recruit program and are working in Hingham. We also hired Christopher McDermott in December. Firefighter McDermott was previously employed in Yarmouth, MA, and had already graduated from the Mass Fire Academy, thus allowing him to begin working as a firefighter much sooner. We are excited about our newly promoted officers and new hires and are confident they will help improve our department.

2022 once again was a busy year for Emergency Management Projects. First, the Town updated its Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will remain in effect for five years. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mandates communities to create their plan in order to remain eligible for federal grants. Town staff also submitted a FEMA reimbursement request for the January 29, 2022 snowstorm, considered a presidential disaster declaration. The Town was successful in recouping \$254,759.

We partnered with Norwell, Hanover, Scituate, and Cohasset to offer basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Six Hingham residents completed the program and joined our CERT team. We welcome James Butler, Peter Goldstein, Kevin McDonald, Kristen Parnell, Nicole Reilly, and John Roberts. The CERT team also had our first meeting since COVID and has been working to become more involved in our regional sheltering plan.

The Fire Department continued training on various topics. Some of the highlights included working in houses slated for demolition. The "donated houses" are a great opportunity for our staff to perform functions such as deploying ground ladders, advancing hose lines, searches, and various ventilation techniques because these skills tend to damage buildings. Additionally, crews trained on maritime incidents including an oil spill drill with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. We also hosted a few Massachusetts Fire Academy courses. One course, trench rescue, taught firefighters how to work and safely perform rescues in open trenches. We want to thank the DPW for their assistance in digging multiple trenches behind the fire headquarters.



MFA Trench Class



Training in house slated for demolition

Deputy Lachance continued to ensure we take advantage of any grants or other financial opportunities. We received one grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Safety for \$17,408 to purchase 18 sets of ballistic equipment. We also received \$5,100 from a FEMA Emergency Preparedness Grant to buy two new computers and medical equipment. The computers will be used for emergency management.

Again this year, the Department was pleased to offer the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) and Senior SAFE programs. The State awarded us \$6,658 to provide both programs. The SAFE educators were successful in teaching multiple programs for schools and at the senior center. It's always nice when we hear from parents that their children

came home from school and wanted to talk about evacuation plans or smoke detectors



Safe Educators teaching fire extinguishers



Lt. Nickerson and FF. Bliss

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 succeeding through their skill and professionalism. It is an honor and privilege to lead such great people. I also want to thank the Select Board Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator's, all Town Departments, and Committees for their help and guidance throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Murphy
Fire Chief/
Emergency Management Director



Station 1



14 Mann St. 4th Alarm Fire

Hingham Police Department



The Hingham Police Department remains committed to proudly serving all residents and visitors to our Town. The Department's core values of Integrity, Service, Excellence, and Leadership are demonstrated daily by the dedicated men and women of this agency. We are grateful for the support that our residents have shown our officers and professional staff over the past year, especially in their votes to construct the urgently needed Public Safety Building.

In 2022, officers responded to 27,323 calls for service.

Hingham Police Statistics – 2022

Court Statistics	
Arrests	112
Court orders	75
Criminal Complaint Applications	146
Traffic Statistics	
Motor Vehicle Citations	3,771
Parking Tickets	229

This year our first comfort dog began her assignment with Officer Tom Ford. Opry, a rescue from Texas, has quickly become one of the most popular members of our agency. Through a gracious donation by District Attorney Tim Cruz, Officer Ford was able to obtain Opry and get her training and certifications complete. Outside of her duties at our public schools, she can be found frequently at events and locations around town.

Officers Ryan Achille, Ashley Duff, Ryan Finney, Hugh Healey, and Tim Moriarty graduated from the police academy and have completed their field training. Aileen Walsh joined the department this year as our first full-time Community Crisis Response Clinician. Officers Jim Foss and



Matthew Galvin retired after serving our community for 29 and 35 years respectively.

For the first time all of the Police Department's front line patrol cars are now hybrid police cruisers. This year we realized a significant fuel savings of over 7,800 gallons. Additionally we were awarded a grant to equip all of our officers with body worn cameras that will supplement our existing cruiser mounted cameras.

I want to acknowledge and thank the men and women of the Hingham Police Department for their unwavering commitment and dedication to our community. I am incredibly proud to be able to serve alongside them.

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.

Town meeting voted to approve the warrant article authorizing the Select Board, upon receiving a recommendation from the Traffic Committee, to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway in thickly settled or business districts within the Town that is not a state highway in the interests of public safety or act on acting related. Implementation will be forthcoming.

Improvements to the North Street corridor are in the process of being done including a wider shoulder on both sides of the road along with designations for no parking.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street. In 2022 based on available data, there was one accident at this location.

At High, French and Ward Streets based on available data, there have been a total of 5 accidents at that intersection tin 2022.

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, they can make a written request to the attention of Sergeant Jeffrey Kilroy and the Traffic Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Harbormaster

With great pleasure and excitement, I report 2022 was a safe year for mariners on and around Hingham's waterways. The Harbormaster team completed projects improving safety and access to the waterways and provided essential public safety services on our waterways, shorefronts, and islands.



On February 15, 2022 we took delivery of a 25-foot, newly constructed Safeboat from Washington State. The fast response boat was 75% funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is outfitted with radiation detection equipment to better secure the ferry terminal in the Shipyard. It went into service as Marine II replacing a 1997 SeaArk.

Construction to replace the deteriorated boat ramp in Hingham Harbor and install a boarding pier and floats began during the winter months and was completed mid-summer. This State-funded project of \$2 million greatly improved ramp access and safety for mariners and people seeking a better vantage point of the harbor.



On June 4, 2022, we received a radio call for a boat fully engulfed by fire in the Weir River. The Harbormaster team responded, activating our firefighting equipment, extinguishing the fire in approximately 45 minutes, and verifying that no individuals were on board. The boat miraculously did not sink. Massport Fire arrived from Boston and confirmed there were no hot spots requiring additional cooling.

The 2022 boating season was beautiful with warm water (70 degrees) and sunny, warm days all summer. The waterways were busy with various boating activities (water skiing, kiteboarding, swimming, all kinds of paddle sports, and numerous camping reservations on Langlee Island). As always, the Harbormaster team provided 24/7 public safety services to keep our harbor community, people, and property safe and secure. The 566 calls for service last year, some of which are identified below, ranged from serious bodily injuries, fires, distressed people, and stolen boats to providing mutual aid to our port partners. On average, a call for service lasted slightly longer than one hour.

4	Animal Calls
7	Boats Adrift
4	Boats Aground
14	Boats Disabled
5	Boats Capsized/Sunken
3	Boat Fires
9	Paddle Craft Issues/Distress
3	Boat Dewatering
2	Boats Stolen/Use without Authority
48	Vessel Stops
5	Investigations
7	Mutual Aid - Boston, Hull, Weymouth
3	Medical Aids
10	Warnings Issued
177	Violations Issued
1	Criminal Complaint

The mooring regulations were revised with a rafting limit of 5 boats in World's End, which greatly improved navigation and safety. It was received well by all mariners who flock to World's End to visit, raft, swim, and enjoy the weekends.

Fireworks returned this year in the fall instead of during the July 4th celebration because of the Oyster Catchers, a federally protected bird, who were nesting on Button Island at the location where the fireworks are

launched. The late summer display was spectacular and a great way to conclude the boating season.



The Harbormaster Division received a port security grant to continue improving and maintaining the harbor security cameras. These cameras allow us to quickly assess a situation before dispatching or investigating incidents. Cameras are an important Division tool recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which has provided funding for our camera system since 2014.

Hingham's Harbormaster and most Assistant Harbormasters are police officers certified to the standards set by the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. In addition to the required police training, we also partake in large-scale port-wide security exercises such as this year's two-day Radnuc drill. This was designed to familiarize port partners with radiological detection gear while working together to detect radiological threats. This is part of our continued effort to protect the Port of Boston from radiological and nuclear threats in its waterborne transportation system.

Hingham is an important participant in this effort as we have the largest ferry terminal in the Port of Boston, outside of Boston's inner harbor. The Harbormaster Division's participation in these efforts led Hingham Police to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Boston Police Department for *Securing the Cities*, a federally-funded program building capabilities to detect, analyze, and report nuclear and other radioactive materials.

This fall, I was honored to receive a Public Service Accommodation award

from the United States Coast Guard in recognition of my efforts to secure the Port of Boston.

The Harbormaster Division has hometown dedication with homeland security responsibilities. 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.

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 on Hingham Town Property and enforcing all animal-related State and Town laws.

In 2022, Hingham Animal Control attended a number of trainings related to animal and police matters. 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 works side by side with the State parks, Trustees, and other private properties that welcome animals to establish protocols to ensure the public's safety.

Animal Control Statistics – 2022

Licensed Dogs	1,800
Calls to duty	150
Barn Inspections	16
Kennel Inspections	5
Loose dogs	86
Quarantines	30

The Hingham Animal Control Officer would like to acknowledge and thank the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police, Select Board, Town Administrator, Town Departments, and Hingham residents for their continued support.

I look forward to continuing to serve the residents and animals of our community in 2023.

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.

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.

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 Lincoln Apartments LLC, which oversees management of the apartments. The Trust appoints two members to the LSA Board of Managers. The Board has updated the capital needs assessment that will inform upcoming capital improvements to the apartments. These include a comprehensive window replacement project that began in November of 2022 and is ongoing at the time of the report.

Despite the challenges created by the impact of the pandemic, the Trust continued to advance several initiatives in 2022. The Trust is actively working to rehabilitate and sell five homes purchased in recent years on Rhodes Circle (a duplex), Central Street, Cushing Street, and Ridgewood Crossing. Each home has a specific rehabilitation plan and the Trust expects to create up to six units of housing for qualified buyers on these parcels. The Trust expects that two to three of these homes will be added to the town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) by the end of 2023.

In 2021, the Trust obtained a \$700,000 award from the Community Preservation Committee to finance the purchase and development of some of the above properties, and to contribute to Habitat for Humanity's

development costs in building two homes on Whiting Street on land the Town deeded to it. These two homes are nearly complete, and are expected to be occupied and added to the SHI in 2023.



Left to right, Jack Falvey, Chair of the HAHT, Tim White, Former Chair of the HAHT and Liz Klein, Select Board and HAHT Trustee at the wall raising for the Whiting Street Habitat for Humanity Homes.

The Trust continues to look for additional opportunities to obtain property and to rehabilitate and sell homes to income-qualified buyers.

We would like to express our appreciation to Amy Farrell, former member and Chair of the Affordable Housing Trust, whose passion and advocacy for the creation of affordable housing is sorely missed.

The support of dedicated professional staff is key to our success. The Trust expresses its gratitude to Art Robert, Assistant

Town Administrator for Operations; 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 Community Preservation Committee, Planning Board, 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,

Jack Falvey, Chair
Brigid Ryan, Treasurer
Liz Klein, Select Board Member/Trustee
Pamela Bates, Trustee
Elizabeth Curran, Trustee
Greg Waxman, Trustee
Randy Winters, Trustee

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" (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022.
2. Town of Hingham "GAO and Uniform Guidance Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022"
3. Town of Hingham "Contributory Retirement System Pension Plan Schedules for the Year Ended December 31, 2021"
4. Town of Hingham "Management Letter" for the year ended June 30, 2022, discussing internal controls, ongoing status of previously reported items and review of upcoming regulatory changes

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 acceptable 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Farrington, Chair
Leonetta Scappini, Secretary
Douglas Farrington
Katie Gosselin
Andrew Sanders

Bare Cove Park Committee

Bare Cove Park consists of 484 acres located along the banks of the Weymouth Back River. The property is managed as a wildlife preserve and a place for public recreation and education. The park is beautiful, safe, fun, and full of life. 2022 was the 48th 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

Springtime held regattas within the park for the Hingham High Rowing Team with large turnouts from area schools pitching hammocks and rowing shells in the afternoon sunshine.



June 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of Bare Cove Park and was celebrated within the park with food trucks, Gracie Grace and the Good Boys band, children's games and activities. It served as a new beginning for the park's transition from a war Ammunition Depot to a community sanctuary and play refuge.

Hingham Recreation offered its second year of Parkland Adventure where

campers rode their bikes through the park enjoying fresh air, exercise and a visit to the Dock House Museum that houses the items found within the park from its war history.

The Committee worked with Julie Christian, author of "Bare Cove Almshouse Burial Tombs Preservation Initiative" to identify those who lived in the Almshouse which was once located within the park. This document and research is available at the Hingham Public Library. In addition, the Committee worked with the Hingham Historic Commission to record Building 151, a stone structure within the park as an historic site.

Scott McMillan, Park Ranger, has maintained a serene environment for all park users, flora and fauna while curating the Dock House Museum which is opened alternating Sunday's mid-day.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Eaton
Ted Matthews
Dewitt Delawter
Rikard Johnson
Ray O'Neil
Lauren Murphy
Karen Trask
Michael Cioffi
Kathleen Puzo

Scott McMillan (Ranger)

Trustees of the Bathing Beach

The Trustees of the Bathing Beach conducted most of our 2022 meetings under the Town's virtual Zoom meeting format similar to the two prior years. We thank Town Clerk Carol Falvey, her staff, and everyone associated with managing this format and for facilitating this process so that Town business could go on as seamlessly as possible.

The new bath house/snack stand had a successful second season under the oversight of snack stand operator Greg Acerra. The new community room portion of the building was used in association with the Hingham Lions Club fireworks event as part of the first "Harborfest" held during the second week in September. The room was also utilized under the auspices of the Hingham Recreation Department for yoga classes. We hope to be able to increase the utilization of the room in 2023 for additional activities including revenue producing uses to help repay the supplementary construction funding received from Town Meeting.

Working with the Harbor Development Committee, we participated in meetings and review sessions involved in the preparation of an updated master plan for the Inner Harbor area with project consultants Beals & Thomas. This process helped identify capital improvements, further programs and operational objectives to maximize the waterfront for the community. This plan will 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 our ongoing planning efforts. We would again like to thank DPW Director Randy Sylvester and his staff for their ongoing efforts including: trash removal; managing sand, and grading/shaping the beach for the 2022 season; for their maintenance of the grass area along Route 3A and in the Grove area and for their coordination of the geese control program. We thank the Hingham Recreation Department and particularly Director Mark Thorell for overseeing the lifeguards and personnel again this past year as the beach continued to see more activity than ever before and for helping our residents enjoy everything the beach has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Ramsey
Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault, Chair

Hingham Beautification Commission

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

The commission met most months at Town Hall to plan for our upcoming plantings and cleanups. There are eleven garden islands throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC once every 6 weeks. There are also several container gardens designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons. From April through October, about 200 hours were spend this year by the commission in planting, decorating, and maintain 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. They also help mulch before the season really gets under way. At the end of the season, they help us to 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. Our new member, Carole Waite, has been a great addition to the HBC, replacing Susan Kiley.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spaziani, Chair
Carolyn Aliski
Patricia Bray
Margaret Coleman
Patricia Collins
Carole Waite
Henry Buckley



Cable TV Advisory Committee

In 2022, 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. We have rolled out our High Definition (HD) channels.

The committee has been in negotiations with Verizon on the renewal of their cable license agreement with the town for an additional 5 years. We look forward to renewing the license in April 2023.

We've also expanded our web page at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/424/Cable-TV-Advisory-Committee>. Our webpage now includes a feedback form for citizens to use to collaborate with the committee: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/FormCenter/Committees-22/Cable-Advisory-Committee-Feedback-94>

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

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, Hingham Historical Society, South Shore Conservatory, Hingham Cares, NSRWA, Senior Center, and others - continued their efforts to produce and contribute their own programming, benefiting Harbor Media viewers.

There was a significant increase in members with 10-12 volunteers working with staff each week to learn all elements of video production. Volunteers range in age from middle school and high school students to retirees. Additionally, post pandemic, many local organizations continued to record and send in their own contributed programming. In total, members/volunteers contributed 99 shows to the Harbor Media channels in 2022.

2022 Monthly Production Totals				
Date	Public	EDU	Gov't	Member Produced
January	14:17:10	3:08:15	32:37:28	08:13:29 (24 Shows)
February	6:44:55	3:34:30	34:09:10	01:38:50 (3 Shows)
March	4:30:00	7:45:40	40:27:09	0:14:30 (1 Show)
April	8:06:30	1:02:18	22:44:38	03:59:13 (5 Shows)
May	11:22:40	2:43:15	25:17:15	10:02:49 (12 Shows)
June	7:16:40	13:15:45	24:19:30	04:42:50 (16 Shows)
July	4:37:30	1:00:30	22:27:34	01:17:00 (5 Shows)
August	4:22:20	0:05:30	18:52:05	02:21:20 (10 Shows)
September	4:35:15	1:27:00	27:25:53	03:28:30 (6Shows)
October	5:09:35	0:14:00	22:48:06	04:46:35 (6 Shows)
November	1:14:45	1:13:30	25:09:03	01:13:45 (4 Shows)
December	11:30:30	0:52:45	22:23:27	06:14:00 (7 Shows)

Technologically, Harbor Media continues to offer viewers closed caption options for increased accessibility as well as the video on demand feature. Future plans include live streaming online via both Android and iOS (Apple) smartphone devices.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Jones, Chair
 John Rice, Vice Chair
 John Lawler, Recording Secretary
 Heather Kashman, Hingham Schools Representative
 Michelle Balconi, Harbor Media Representative

Climate Action Planning Committee

The Town voted at Town Meeting April 2021 to establish the 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.

2022 Activities: Following the Select Board’s agreement to enter into a contract with Energyzt Advisors, LLC (Energyzt) as the Town’s climate consultant at its meeting on March 8, 2022, Energyzt and CAPC promptly initiated development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAPC and Energyzt worked towards three milestone dates:

1. September 30, 2022: Sufficient development of the contours of the CAP to determine if any action would be required by Town Meeting.
2. December 31, 2022: Complete initial draft of the CAP.
3. On or about March 31, 2023: Receive feedback on final draft from interested parties and approve final plan thereafter.

The CAP development progressed as designed, and the CAPC is pleased to report that it has met or is in the process of meeting these milestones.

In developing the CAP, the CAPC deemed public engagement fundamental to ensure that community voices were heard and that the CAP fully contemplated the concerns and desires of the Hingham community. To that end, the CAPC undertook the following engagement efforts:

- Three public engagement sessions (June 15, September 20, and December 7) that invited all of Hingham to hear about the CAP design and progress and to provide feedback and input;
- Two presentations to the Select Board (June 28 and October 18) to report on progress;
- Two presentations to the regional forum Sustainable South Shore (May 31 and November 28) to share progress and learn what other communities are doing;

- Twenty-two public meetings working through development of the CAP;
- Tabling at Hingham’s Farmers Market and Cohasset’s EcoFest; and
- Soliciting input through an online survey during the months April through September, which received 362 total responses.

Additionally, CAPC members of other committees have kept those committees updated on the CAP progress, and during spring 2023, the CAPC will be presenting the draft of the CAP to various impacted bodies.

In addition to this public engagement, the CAPC also reviewed the climate action plans of twenty-five Massachusetts towns to learn and evaluate what would benefit Hingham.

As part of this review and engagement process, the CAPC determined the contours of the CAP and the carbon emissions scope (e.g., to what extent Scope 1 through Scope 4 emissions, as defined by Green House Gas Protocols established by the World Resources Institute and as provided in Section 2 of the CAP, would be contemplated in achieving net zero), and then proceeded to conduct multiple, in-depth review sessions to generate recommendations to reduce or eliminate carbon emissions within each contour in order to achieve net zero carbon emissions in Hingham. Energyzt recorded all feedback and drafted the CAP accordingly. The CAPC then walked through the entirety of the CAP at several meetings to produce a draft that could be shared with the Town. The CAPC produced a preliminary draft on December 7, 2022, and then an updated draft on February 15, 2023.

Other activities and accomplishments include:

- Reviewing and endorsing adoption of the commercial PACE financing program;
- Reviewing a tree preservation bylaw proposal;
- Reviewing and endorsing a single-use plastics bottle ban bylaw;
- Reviewing, endorsing, and advocating for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations within Hingham; and
- Recommending a warrant article at Town Meeting for the creation of a Climate Action Commission, the successor entity to the CAPC, to oversee implementation of the CAP.

2023 Goals: The CAPC’s remaining goal is for it to approve and disseminate a final version of the CAP, which it anticipates to occur on or before June

2023. With the approval of the CAP, the CAPC will have satisfied the mission with which it was charged at Town Meeting 2021.

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 received at many of its meetings, and is proud of the engagement of the Hingham citizenry in this effort.

The CAPC would like to express its thanks to the Select Board; Town Administration; the Advisory Committee; Virginia (Ginny) LeClair, the Hingham Sustainability Coordinator Consultant; Brianna Bennett, the HMLP Sustainability Coordinator; 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 and participation throughout the process.

Lastly, but certainly not least, the CAPC would like to extend a special note of thanks to Energyzt and its Executive Director, Tanya Bodell, for the excellent support and wonderful working relationship this past year. Ms. Bodell and Energyzt have gone above and beyond in their support of this project, and the progress Hingham has made would not have been remotely possible without their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad E. Moyer, Chair, Energy Action Committee Representative
Maria Zade, Cleaner Greener Hingham Representative
Alyson Anderson, School Committee Representative
Thomas Morahan, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Representative
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Planning Board Representative
Henry (Bob) Hidell, Conservation Commission Representative
Nancy Wiley, Development & Industrial Commission Representative
Kathy Reardon, Select Board Appointee
Elliott Place, Select Board Appointee
Beth Porter, Moderator Appointee
Carlos DaSilva, Moderator Appointee

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 the 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 in all matters that pertain to disability issues, participating in a variety of forums to develop awareness of persons with disabilities and encouraging compliance with the ADA (American with Disabilities Act).

The Commission was pleased to welcome Jane McGrath, a long-time Hingham resident and committed community volunteer, to the Commission. Sharon Allen took on the responsibility of Treasurer for the Commission and is keeping track of the funds we collect through Handicap Parking violation tickets and donations. We were very honored to receive a \$1,000 donation that was raised by Officer Daniel Murphy at the Hingham Patrolman's Golf Tournament.

The Commission on Disabilities participated in the Hingham July 4th Parade, where we were joined by Jeff Dougan, Assistant Director for Community Services for the Massachusetts Office on Disability.



The Commission is grateful to the Town and the Downtown Association for their support in creating a new, fully-accessible parking spot in downtown Hingham. We had a ribbon-cutting this summer!



*Left to right:: Tom Mayo, Town Administrator, J. R. Frey, Town Engineer, Diane DeNapoli, Commission on Disabilities, Stephanie Gertz, Commission on Disabilities, Lynn Barclay, Executive Director, Hingham Downtown Association, Matt Cahill, Assistant Superintendent, DPW, Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator/Operations.
(Photo courtesy of Breanna Weiss).*

The Commission has received a number of calls and emails from residents asking about various accessibility issues in town. We are pleased to be a helpful resource.

The Commission worked closely with The Institute for Human Centered Design and the town to conduct an ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan. This plan will allow both the town and the Commission to work with all associated partners to foster compliance with the ADA in all aspects of government and public facilities. The report can be found on the town's website at [ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan | Hingham, MA \(hingham-ma.gov\)](https://hingham-ma.gov). Should you require assistance accessing these reports, please contact Art Robert, Hingham's ADA coordinator, at roberta@hingham-ma.gov or (781) 741-1451. We are also providing feedback to the IT Department to advance changes that will make the Town website more accessible.

The Commission on Disabilities partnered with the town to add accessibility features at the voting polls and at Town Meeting. Members of

the Commission served as liaisons on both the newly-formed Human Rights Commission and the ADU Study Committee. The Commission continues to answer emails and phone calls from residents with questions about services or accessibility.

The Commission on Disabilities would like to thank all those who have supported our mission over the last year. A heartfelt thank you to the Select Board, especially to Liz Klein, for her interest and tireless support of the Commission. The Commission is also grateful to Tom Mayo, Town Administrator and to Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator, for their support. Lastly, the Commission would like to acknowledge the support of the Town Clerk's Office and the IT Department for keeping things running smoothly.

The Commission would also like to acknowledge and thank Diane DeNapoli for her contributions to the Commission. Ms. DeNapoli will not be returning at the end of her three-year term which will conclude in June 2023. We owe Ms. DeNapoli our deep gratitude. It was primarily due to her efforts and leadership that the Commission was reinvigorated and charted new paths. It will be difficult to fill her shoes.

If you would like to learn more about the Commission on Disabilities, please email cod@hingham-ma.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Gertz, Chair 2023
Diane DeNapoli, Vice-Chair 2023
Megan Baker, Secretary 2025
Sharon Allen, Treasurer 2024
Mike Clancy, Member 2024
Keith Jermyn, Member 2023
Jane McGrath, Member 2025

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 from a 1.5% surcharge on Town real estate taxes, plus funding from the Commonwealth's Community Preservation Trust Fund. Grant funding coming from the Commonwealth, payable each November 15th, is based on the surcharge revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount collected by the Town's Community Preservation Fund for the year ended June 30, 2022 was approximately \$1,203,418 from local taxes and a distribution of \$463,862 from the Commonwealth's Community Preservation Trust Fund. Unused funds from projects that were either completed under budget or canceled totaled \$97,423. The total budget was \$1,764,703.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is composed of nine members; one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, and the Recreation Commission, two citizens appointed by the Select Board and two citizens appointed by the Moderator. The CPC 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. 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 categories: Historic Preservation; Community Housing; and Open Space (of which Recreation is a sub-category). The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of these categories, or for saving for a subsequent year.

The CPC reviewed applications and made recommendations of the following projects to Annual Town Meeting 2022, which were approved.

Affordable Housing Category:

- South Shore Habitat for Humanity, two affordable single-family homes on Whiting Street (\$166,840)

Open Space/Recreation Category:

- Hingham Recreation, Cronin Hockey Court Reconstruction (\$289,815)
- South Shore Country Club, New pool (\$550,000)
- Lehner Conservation Property Acquisition Debt Payment (\$571,320)

Historic Preservation Category:

- Benjamin Lincoln House Acquisition Debt Payment (\$166,728)

Administrative Category:

- A sum of \$20,000 to use for operational and administrative expenses.

The CPC wishes to thank departing members Larry Lindner, Charlie Byrne, Thomas Roby, Judy Sneath. and Kevin Burke for their service to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Strehle, Chair (Moderator Appointment)
Charlie Byrne, Vice Chair (Moderator Appointment)
Thomas Roby (Conservation Commission Appointment)
Megan Buhr (Housing Authority Appointment)
Kevin Burke (Historical Commission Appointment)
Judy Sneath (Planning Board Appointment)
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Appointment)
Kirsten Moore (Select Board Appointment)



Country Club Management Committee



South Shore Country Club's 2022 Centennial Celebration generated much enthusiasm and awareness, providing a great outlook for the next 100 years! In conjunction with the Friends of the South Shore Country Club (SSCC), many volunteers, staff and participants worked tirelessly throughout the year, hosting over 10 events in numerous locations. Highlights included Kite Day, Volunteer Day, 4th of July Parade Float, Golf Tournament and an Historical Society year end event. Because of its strong community, the SSCC has continued to prove its value as a unique, profitable town property available as a safe gathering place for all to enjoy.

Townsppeople strongly supported investing over \$8M in our new Town Pool with positive votes at both Town Meeting and subsequent debt exclusion ballot vote on Election Day. Due to subsequent abutter litigation, the Town Pool project is on hold until litigation is resolved.

Construction of the new Maintenance Facility is expected to be completed in April 2023 at which time all course related operations will be relocated to the new facility.

The Master Planning/Facility Assessment process continues with the assistance of Chris Rotti, Architect from RMD Collaborative who also

helped design the town pool and maintenance facility. As part of their mission to protect and enhance the capital assets of the SSCC, the 5 member Country Club Management Committee (CCMC) board continues to focus on facility improvements with a new roof and HVAC system proposed for this year. Significant capital investment will be required, including the demolition of the existing pool and pro shop area. This continues to pose financial challenges as over 85% of SSCC revenue is generated from golf, forcing the committee to consider other building centric/town revenue sources to help pay for capital requirements.

The Club continues to be profitable, adding to its fund balance. In addition to the 30,000 annual rounds of golf, there is close to 400 people on the Permit Holder waiting list.

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 a town-owned and operated facility for over 35 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. We are honored to be recognized as a premier public course in the Commonwealth and are most thankful for continued Town support.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Cultural Council

The Mass Cultural Council is a state agency that promotes excellence, education, diversity, and inclusion in the arts, humanities, and sciences. The MA Legislature appropriates the agency's funds. Hingham participates in the Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program, a network representing every city and town in the Commonwealth. LCCs dispense their annual allocation – awarding grants that support thousands of local projects – according to each community's cultural needs as determined by its council members. To learn more, see: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/about/programs-a-z/>.

In July, Governor Baker approved the MA Legislature's \$23.4M in funding for the Mass Cultural Council for FY23. The Local Cultural Council Program was allocated \$5.5M for grants and saw the largest number of applicants in the program's history. Hingham received \$8,200; we had another \$4,100 in now-unencumbered funds. We met on November 29, 2022 to vote on the applications, deciding how to dispense our available balance.

The Hingham Cultural Council approved \$12,300 to support the arts, humanities and sciences in our community. Twenty-one grants ranging from \$250–\$1,500 were awarded to:

- **Atlantic Symphony Orchestra** – *ASO in Hingham* concerts, at Hingham House of Prayer and Old Ship Church
- **Motoko Dworkin** – *Fun Folktales from Japan* at Foster, South and Plymouth River elementary schools
- **Easton Children's Museum** – *Finding Your Voice Through STEAM* at Hingham Public Library
- **Foster Elementary** – Discovery Museum's *In-School Workshops* for grades K, 3rd and 4th
- **Friends of Holly Hill Farm** – *Sharing Native American Culture with "Keepunumuk"* at Pratt Library & Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset
- **Evan Haller** – *Interactive Music Concerts for Young Children and Their Families* at Hingham Public Library
- **Hingham Arts Alliance** – *Portable PA System* for local events
- **Hingham Cemetery** – *Dead of Winter* series at Ames Chapel
- **Hingham Downtown Association** – *Hingham Arts Walk*
- **Hingham Public Library** – *Chess for Children* with Nolan DeMott, for both beginners and intermediate players

- **James Library & Center for Arts (3)** – *The Blizzard of '78* with Boston meteorologist Harvey Leonard; Spring Juried Art Show; Nina Ott Quintet *Latin Jazz Concert* in Norwell
- **Andrea Lovett** – *Carving Out Your Story*, a 90-minute oral history workshop at Hingham Public Library for ages 18+
- **Mark Morgan** – *Staged Scenes from Operetta and Musical Theater* at St John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
- **North River Arts Society** – *2023 Festival of the Arts* in Marshfield
- **Plymouth River Elementary** – *Abigail Adams* by Sheryl Faye
- **South Elementary** – Discovery Museum's *Physical Changes of Matter* for 5th grade students, teachers and paras
- **South Shore Art Center** – *The Inspired I*, an invitational arts apprenticeship program in Cohasset engaging up to 30 local teens
- **South Shore Conservatory of Music** – *Lunch & Learn* at the Hingham Senior Center
- **South Shore YMCA** – *Corn Festival* at SSNSC in Norwell

We currently have 6 residents appointed by the Select Board to the 7 available seats on the Cultural Council. Jonathan Kirk stepped-up for three more years. On July 1, 2023, there will be open seats when two members complete the limit of six consecutive years on the Council. 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,

Patricia Coyle, Chair (2023)
Ellen Stone, Secretary (2023)
Tricia Byrnes (2023)

Megan Ward (2024)
Jonathan Kirk (2025)
Mary Bell (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.

The HDIC continues to work with major stakeholders and residents with the goal of creating a vision that both improves the quality of life for residents and creates new economic opportunities for the Town. We continue to work to determine the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on future development and business opportunities throughout Hingham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Kranzley, Chair
Dan McGonagle
Jill Nilsen, Secretary
Kevin O'Brien
Michael Tesler, Vice Chair
Matthew Gallagher
Nancy Wiley

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 (i.e. massage, reflexology, strength, balance, yoga, Pilates, Pound, etc.), health clinics, lifelong learning and education, art classes, DIY crafts, special events, virtual tours, movies, discussion groups, information and referral services, card games, mah jongg, transportation, volunteer opportunities 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 three 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.

Program Data

From January through December of 2022, the Senior Center hosted 136 individual programs of which 21 included a hybrid or remote option. These programs repeated 2,391 times. Programs increased by 91% over 2021 (1,247 programs). Participation grew from 482 active members in 2021 to 853 active members in 2022,



Jean Silverio and Barbara Hanrahan participate in the Joyful cooking class with Joyce Bethoney.

closely doubling membership. The Senior Center welcomed 127 new participants.

Community Outreach

The Senior Center distributed 1,200 printed copies monthly of its newsletter, "*The Central Times*". *The Central Times* can be found online at <https://mycommunityonline.com/find/hingham-senior-center>. The printed copy is delivered to senior housing developments, medical providers and other high trafficked locations. The Senior Center operates a Facebook page, with 442 followers, to provide up to the minute information on programs and services, as well as to promote social opportunities and events at <https://www.facebook.com/HinghamSeniorCenter>.

2022 Community Needs Assessment

The Department of Elder Services concluded a ten month assessment project in partnership with UMass Boston's Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging through the Gerontology Institute and the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. The study investigated the needs, interests, preferences and opinions of the Town's residents age 45 and older. 1,179 questionnaires were returned reflecting a return rate of 24%.

The following are key findings of the report:

- The physical space and the location of the center does not meet the needs of the range of ages and interests of the older adult population and is far smaller than the spaces occupied by its peers (also a finding of the 2013 assessment).
- Additional parking is the number one factor that would increase the likelihood of continued or increased participation.
- 24% of respondents report they are not old enough to use the center.
- Additional staff is needed to maximize capacity at the center.
- Awareness and understanding of the Senior Center is uneven among residents.

While not surprising, these findings led to the development of a committee headed by the Council on Aging Board to explore rebranding and marketing strategies to better promote programs and adjust the community's perception of the department's mission and the centers innovative and active programming. Seniors centers across the commonwealth have recognized the stigmas associated with identifying as a "seniors" and are changing their names to reflect the populations served. The *Rebranding Committee* is comprised of board members, center

participants, staff and volunteers. The biweekly meeting of the committee are facilitated by a third party marketing company. .

The full report, *Aging in Hingham: A Community Needs Assessment*, can be found at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/353/Elder-Services>.

Volunteers

The Senior Center would not function without the efforts of our tremendous volunteers who perform a wide variety of roles within the department. Volunteers provide shuttle transportation, greet and answer the phones at our front desk, facilitate programs, prepare and serve meals, provide health insurance counseling, assist with design of the monthly newsletter, design program flyers, serve on the Advisory Board and Building Committee, perform data entry, organize the library, photograph events, deliver newsletters and so much more.



Barbara Giachetti and Sharon Callahan enjoy the Murder Myster Dinner Theater.

62 Volunteers logged 3,613 hours in 2022, an increase of 156% over 2021. According to IndependentSector.org, the value of volunteer time was \$36.38 per hour. Volunteers through the Hingham Senior Center saved the Town \$131,441 or the equivalent of 2 full-time employees.

Transportation Services

The Department of Elder Services provides shuttle transportation services to senior residents for essential errands around Hingham and to the senior center. The shuttle van operates Monday- Friday and is staffed by volunteer drivers. In 2022, several special trips were added to the schedule including scenic tours of the South Shore, holiday lights, JFK Museum and Library, Castle Island, monthly Market Basket trips, Hornstra Farms, Peaceful Meadows, Historic Downtown of Plymouth, Hull Scenic Tour and many more. The Department provides free transportation to local medical appointments for Hingham senior residents. Appointments are accepted on a first come first serve basis and providers may be in surrounding towns.

Between January and December of 2022, 124 seniors utilized transportation services. 66 residents were provided 825 rides to medical appointments, 77 individuals took advantage of the shuttle and 24 seniors

received rides to the center. Medical Transportation was also provided to 14 individuals through a grant funded third party organization.

Outreach

The Outreach Coordinator provides information and referral services to Hingham residents seeking such information related to available programs and aging services; including assistance applying for subsidized programs including SNAP and Fuel Assistance. In 2022, 285 individuals sought assistance from Outreach for a cumulative total of 810 meetings. Senior safety, food insecurity and information and referral are the most occurring reasons for seeking assistance.

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>

SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) Counselors assist individuals' select health care coverage that best meets their unique medical and financial needs. Open enrollment takes place from October to December annually.

Grant Partnership

Hingham senior residents benefited from a grant partnership between Hingham Elder Services and South Shore Community Action Council. This partnership was designed as a pilot program to reduce food insecurity amongst Hingham's residents' aged 60 and over. Participants received groceries delivered directly to their door via PeaPod every two weeks for the duration of the grant. This project provided 36 senior households in Hingham up to \$130 in groceries with each delivery, totaling \$58,175.

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 meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. 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.

2022 Senior Center Membership

Number of total members:	11,227 people have profiles in the system
Number of active members:	853
Registered email addresses:	1,682
Demographics:	74.6% Female, 25% Male

The Council on Aging thanks outgoing COA Board Member Deb Sullivan and Eleanor Letterie for their service to the seniors of Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Young, Director
David Alschuler, Chair
Joe Nevins, Vice- Chair
Christine Conley
Ethel Franks
Karen Johnson
Cindy King
Joe Millburg
Joshua Ross
Jean Silverio
Sara Smithson



Above, Pat Giarruso and Fran Nettleson celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Hingham Council on Aging along with Joanne Harridan, Jay Giles, Dick and Lyle Ponte

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 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, Hingham Public Schools, and the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant on identifying and providing implementation support for carbon reducing measures; and representing the Town on energy policy issues in the broader Massachusetts community.

For the year 2022, the Committee began meeting in September and set as its goals the following:

- 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 or other sources of incentive funding (Federal/State);
- 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 a short term focus on:
 - Municipal Electric Vehicle opportunities for fleets such as School Buses
 - Develop a plan to educate residents on the availability of heat pump programs and the benefits of converting from fossil fuels.

The Committee intends to engage with the Town's Sustainability Coordinator Consultant to share ideas and to support the Coordinators activities.

Other activities of the Committee consisted of investigating the use of electric vehicles (EVs) by Town departments (particularly assisting the police department with financial viability and availability), which recently

integrated several hybrid cruisers into their vehicle fleet with much success. Several EV Charging Stations have been and continue to be slated to be installed around town through 2023 with grant funding secured by Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant; researched opportunities for grant funding for Electric School Buses; and participated in a heat pump documentary being produced by Harbor Media.

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

Goals for 2023:

- Assist in review and implementation of the climate action plan;
- Proactively promote and encourage heat pump installation in new or renovated town and residential buildings
- 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;
- Monitor the availability of funding for electrifying town fleets (School, Police, etc.). Continue to 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.com.

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,

K. Brad Carr, Chair
James Byrne
Brad Moyer
Abi Sood
Paul Sprecher
Thomas Morahan, HMLP
Sue Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio
Aisha Oppong, School Business Director, ex-officio



Fourth of July Parade Committee

The 2022 Hingham July 4th Parade was a huge success. In many ways, this felt like the first “normal” parade in several years as crowds returned to levels not seen since the 2019 parade, before the COVID-19 pandemic. The day dawned with perfect summer weather that made it feel like the 4th of July in Hingham! This year’s theme “What Happens Here” highlighted many of the important historical moments that have taken place in our great town.

It is the charge of the 4th of July Parade Committee to plan, organize and raise appropriate funds for Hingham’s annual Independence Day Parade. The parade is entirely self-funded through fundraising activities by the Hingham 4th of July Parade Committee and donations from many generous supporters. As the parade has grown, so have the expenses. The current annual budget averages approximately \$55,000. We would like to recognize and thank the following local and regional businesses for their sponsorship in support of the 2022 parade:

- A.W. Perry – Our Longest and Strongest Supporter!
- Dunkin' at 315 Lincoln Street, Hingham
- Phifer Pinkham LLC
- Compass Real Estate
- McCusker-Gill, Inc.
- Bristol Brothers Real Estate Development
- Hingham Institution for Savings
- TRACEY Environmental Consulting
- The Talbots
- Michael Handrahan Remodeling
- Williams Energy
- Richardson Insurance
- Turner Custom Building
- Fruit Center Marketplace
- The Whitney Gordon’s Jewelers
- ColorMax Graphics, Inc.
- Drohan, Tocchio and Morgan PC Attorneys at Law
- Falconeiri Construction, Inc.
- Hingham Jewelers, Inc.

Chair Jim Murphy was back to lead the Parade Committee for a 12th year and he continues to be supported by a strong, dedicated committee. This year’s committee members included Monica Conyngham, Gabby Roegner, Tom Hoffman, Dewitt DeLawter, George Ford (Uncle Sam), Mary Ellen Lahiff, Jeff Lally, Cassie McDermott, Jason Caine, Leon Merion and, Louis

O'Dea. Parade day help included Carrie Murphy, Dan Lahiff, Jack Murphy, Sarah Russell, and other volunteers.

As done in years' past, Hingham's 5th grade students were invited to participate in a creating a design for the parade button, based on the selected theme. The committee received hundreds of talented submissions and chose Lauren Augier from St. Paul School, as the 2022 July 4th Parade button winner. The design was a rendering of the famous Hingham Bucket, manufactured in Hingham at the "Old Bucket Factory" starting in 1845. The Hingham Bucket was perhaps the most famous emblem from the 19th century and was a major source of non-agricultural income for the town. Lauren received a beautiful framed plaque donated by Aisling Gallery of Hingham, with both her drawing and this year's button.



Lauren (far right) and friends carrying the Button Design Winner banner (photo courtesy of Crow Point Creations).

Sales of the 2022 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 more than \$7,500!

Under Parade Committee members and co-chairs of the 50 Flags Campaign, Tom Hoffman's and Erin McGourty's untiring enthusiasm, the 50 Flags Campaign fundraiser remained a core element of the 2022



Hingham July 4th Parade Committee fundraising efforts! Tom and Erin were successful in recruiting various high school organizations and athletic teams to assist in the labor-intensive tasks of installing and retrieving the flags. Thanks to both Tom and Erin's leadership, we equaled our record \$28,000! Twenty percent of the funds raised, or \$5,600, was distributed to the groups represented by the volunteers, which included: HHS Football, Track & Cross Country, Field Hockey, Rowing, and South Shore SNAP.

One of the most exciting tasks of the Committee was the selection of the Parade Grand Marshal and the unanimous selection was Linda Kutsch, a Hingham resident for over 40 years. Linda's years of dedicated service to the community include participation in the Hingham Farmers Market and the Hingham Maritime Center, as well as serving on the Advisory Committee and School Committee. As a School Committee member, she worked with the Hingham Education Foundation and the Hingham Sports Partnership.



Parade Committee members Tom Hoffman, Erin McGourty, 2022 Grand Marshal Linda Kutsch, Parade Chair Jim Murphy, and Mary Ellen Lahiff (photo courtesy of Crow Point Creations).

In 2022, the Citizen of the Year selection process was taken over by the Hingham Anchor and rebranded as the "Hinghamite of the Year." The parade was fortunate to have two Hinghamites of the Year in this year's parade! John Asher (2021 winner) and Deirdre Anderson (2022 winner) were selected as Hinghamites of the Year. John was selected and honored for his significant contributions to Veterans, many years of leadership on various town committees, and as a leader of the Water Study Committee that resulted in Hingham purchasing the water company, now known as the Weir River Water System. Deirdre is the current Executive Director of the Hingham Historical Society. She has played a significant role in both the Hingham Public Schools and also on multiple Town Committees, including the Route 3A Task Force. The Parade also honored the Hingham

Veteran of the Year, Henry "Jack" Rayburn. Automobiles were provided by South Shore BMW and South ShoreMini, to help us showcase our special guests in style.



The 2022 parade had a wide variety of participants from floats, bands, classic and antique cars, clowns, Scouts, sports teams, and elected officials! There were 35 registered floats and 12 bands spread out for the 1 and ½ hour parade. Horses were also present in this year's parade – the National Lancers, HKS Clydesdales, and even some local ponies!



Photo courtesy of Crow Point Creations

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

- Best in Parade - Barnabas Lincoln, Hingham Ship Captain, kidnapped by pirates in 1822
- Most Unique - Company Theatre
- Most Patriotic - Hingham Girls Youth Hockey Champs-U8
- Most Beautiful - Hingham Arts Alliance

A special "Thank You" to this year's judges: Jill Powell, Alison McDermott and her friends, Dana and Alex.

Finally, the Committee greatly appreciated the support from the Town's Public Safety services, from Police Chief David Jones, Fire Chief Steve Murphy, Randy Sylvester and the DPW. 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,

Jim Murphy, Chair



Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

In 1869, the Edwin Humphrey Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Hingham, named after a Hingham man who died on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg in July 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 Civil War veterans, part of a widespread and influential post-Civil War national fraternal organization.

Our Building

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 1930s, Hingham's G.A.R. Post 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 had served with distinction during the First World War.

Today's Hall

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall has not fully rebounded from the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Hall is still unable to be adequately staffed for our "Open House Days," events normally scheduled for the first and third Saturdays of each month. However, while our doors have remained shuttered to the general public, we have been



able to readmit all our tenant organizations: the American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, DAV, VFW, Hingham Militia, Police Department, and the HHS Veterans Appreciation Club.

In April, the Trustee's once again hosted the Hingham High School Sophomore Class for a day-long field trip with hands-on involvement to learn directly about our nation's history by meeting with and listening to our local veterans.

This year's event, the 13th, helped to inform over 200 students by exposing them to first-hand accounts of wars they've only read about in history books. The students acquired a better understanding of the sacrifices veterans make and how veterans' military service forever changed their lives.

Tomorrow's Future

The Trustees continue our efforts to promote the G.A.R. Memorial Hall on the Town website. We are working diligently with the Assistant Town Administrator, Art Robert, the Capital Outlay Committee, and the DPW to keep the building in good working order. The Trustees are also endeavoring to partner with the Hingham Historical Society to assist in showcasing the historic G.A.R. Hall—a true "hidden gem" and a real "time capsule"—for its preservation and presentation of Hingham's long military history from the American Revolution through current times.



The G.A.R. Trustees extend our sincere appreciation to the Town Hall Facilities Staff—under the direction of Jeff Pizzi—for their continued upkeep of the Hall and to the Select Board for their budgeting support, which enables continuation of the mission of this unique historic facility.

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

Scott McMillan, Chair
Robert Beal, Jr, Treasurer
(Vacant), Secretary
Veterans' Service Officer Keith Jermyn, Advisor

Harbor Development Committee

The Harbor front continues to draw lots of interest and attention remains after the surge of visitors experienced during COVID. The first Harbor Celebration Day held the weekend after Labor Day in 2022 was a great success, with a ribbon cutting of the new Town boat ramp, a blessing of the Harbormaster fleet, children's activities in the morning, a concert provided by South Shore Conservatory, tours of the harbor by Hingham's Historical Society, finishing in the evening with the long-delayed fireworks sponsored by the Hingham Lions Club.

Town-owned Wharf Repair, Restoration, and Reconstruction

The Town's Inner Harbor wharves are now over 80 years old, and the wear and tear of mother nature has taken a toll on them to the point where they have become a safety issue. Overtopping of Town Pier and Barnes Wharf during significant storms has become common, and makes it clear that the Town needs to build a united defense against sea-level rise to protect the Downtown infrastructure and ensure sustainable use of Route 3A. Privately-owned Bare Cove Marina has indicated interest in raising its seawall to ensure complete protection of Route 3A and vulnerable parts of Downtown Hingham.

With the engagement of Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC, the Town and Harbor Development Committee are planning to re-construct Town Pier, Barnes Wharf, and the wall near Veteran's Park commencing in the fall of 2024, pending approval to fund the projects by Town Meeting in April 2024. The intent is to complete the majority of wharf construction before the 2025 start of the Route 3A re-design.

The Harbor Development Committee would like to express its thanks and gratitude to Hingham's Town Engineer, J.R. Frey, without whom none of this ongoing work would be possible.

Hingham Boat Ramp

The new boat ramp was opened in summer of 2022. Boats can now be launched at low tide as well as during high tide, without fear of getting trailers and cars stuck in Hingham Harbor's unforgiving muck.

Bath House/Snack Shack

The Community Bathing Beach House asset is managed by the Bathing Beach Trustees. Under their purview and Eat Well, Inc.'s management of the Beach House restaurant, the Beach House continues to attract lots of customers, resulting in demand for more outdoor seating and trash pick-up. A trial run with the Recreation Department for yoga classes is

underway, and the goal is to have the room available for rental by summer of 2023.



Master Plan for Hingham Harbor

The Town's 2020 Master Plan identified Hingham Harbor as one of the Town's key treasures. However, it did not identify how to develop the harbor area for greater utilization by the Town's citizens. Annual Town Meeting 2021 approved a \$60,000 Community Preservation Committee grant to the Harbor Development Committee and Bathing Beach Trustees to update the 2007 Master Plan for Hingham Harbor to 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 design of the plan was awarded to Beals + Thomas, Inc. in March of 2022, a company specializing in the creation of master plans for public recreational space. The Harbor Development Committee and Bathing Beach Trustees have worked closely with the Town Engineer and 50 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
- Where should benches be located, under what conditions

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?

- Barnes Wharf infrastructure requirements

What programming should be developed to make the harbor area more attractive to all of our residents?

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

Public meetings were held between April and August 2022, with a major draft currently under review. The final report is expected to be delivered by summer 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Boer, Chair
Amy Cowan, Vice Chair
Peter Branagan, Secretary
Kathleen Doran Cutler
Nick Amdur
Paul Gannon
Brian Tomasello

William Reardon, Emeritus

Kenneth Corson III, Harbormaster, ex-officio
J.R. Frey, Town Engineer

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 Secretary; and Robin Magner, Food Inspector.

As reported COVID 19 cases decreased by roughly 50% compared to 2021, the Health Department continued to work on stopping the spread of this disease in Hingham and save lives. We had 986 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in 2022 by PCR testing. We distributed over 10,000 COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests Kits. These test kits were available at the fire station, library, police station and health department. We continued to work with all public and private schools in town to ensure that state DPH and federal CDC protocols were being met.

The Board of Health received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to work with Cohasset and Scituate on regional public health initiatives. We worked collaboratively to contract a Regional Contract Tracer, Social Worker, and Title 5 Systems Inspector. We continued to work with the state on a Public Health Capacity Assessment to determine what additional services we can better provide to our community while meeting state standards.

The Board of Health also continued to permit new construction lots and subdivisions. The Board worked with applicants to preserve open space while reducing nitrogen impacts on the environment.

The Board of Health continued to work with our Tobacco Compliance Officer to ensure tobacco was not sold to minors. The Officer also inspected the town's 15 Tobacco Retailers for compliance with our regulations regarding Nicotine Delivery Products. The Board also permitted several new food establishments during the year.

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	32	Food Establishments	155
Animal Permits	6	Store Milk	95
Catering	8	Frozen Desserts	4
Residential Food Service	2	Mobile Food Service	5
Septage Haulers	21	Beach Testing	8
Rubbish Haulers	14	Septic Installers	30
Tanning Salons	1	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	11	Pool Construct. Permits	16
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps	13
Septic Permits	85	Variance Applications	35
Building Permits	1100	Treatment Plant	315
Soil Evaluations	43	Tobacco Sales	15
Private Well Permits	9		

Public Health Nurse

A vital role of the Public Health Nurse is the surveillance of infectious diseases that threaten our community health. We continue to monitor Covid cases along with other communicable diseases especially when clusters of cases occur. The PHN works to control and prevent the transmission of the disease.

Communicable Disease Investigation

Norovirus 3, Campylobacteriosis 3, Haemophilus Influenza 1, Anaplasmosis 1, Seasonal Influenza 128, Legionellosis 1, Meningococcal Disease 1, Salmonellosis 3, Streptococcus Pneumonia 2, Lyme 23 confirmed and probable cases

Town Social Worker

The Town Social Worker (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 to find a therapist or support group.

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 155 establishments twice a year; and

most establishments received an additional re-inspection within 2-weeks of their unannounced inspection. Our inspector also ensures compliance with our Fats, Oils and Grease Regulations and Plastic Bag Bylaw while on the food inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Bickford, Chair
Elizabeth Eldredge M.D.
Rosemary Byrne, MSN, ANP-BC, ACHRN.

Hingham Housing Authority

Welcome to the Hingham Housing Authority. Our main office is located at 30 Thaxter Street. It is the mission of the Hingham Housing Authority 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.

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.

The newly establish Tenant's Association represents current residents and provides 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.

Under the leadership of James Marathas, Executive Director, the Housing Authority continues to make improvements to Thaxter Park.

During the course of FY2022, the Modernization department successfully managed and completed over \$400,000.00 of Capital Improvement projects 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
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

In progress for this coming year, 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

It is the continual 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)

It has been a busy year for the members of Cleaner Greener Hingham (CGH), officially known as the Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee. Our main focus has been on researching, developing, writing, and socializing the two warrant articles that we are presenting at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. In addition to this work, we have continued our community education efforts and events in regards to waste reduction and proper recycling.

Taking Action on Single Use Plastics

Cleaner Greener Hingham will be presenting two by-laws that would limit the sale of plain water in single use plastic containers less than one gallon in size. Work on these warrant articles began in early 2022 when CGH members reached out to Massachusetts communities with similar bylaws already in place. We spoke with local activists about best practices for bringing forth such bylaws. We then spoke with Town officials in several communities to learn about their experiences with implementation and enforcement. We are confident that this research process has resulted in a set of bylaws that are best for Hingham.

Following development of the by-laws, we began the process of socialization. We kicked off our socialization campaign by tabling at the Hingham Farmers Market. Residents were able to learn about our by-laws and ask questions. In October 2022, CGH held a public meeting at the



Plastic debris collected between Hingham Harbor & Spectacle Island (photo courtesy of The Anchor).

Hingham Public Library, featuring Dr. Bryan James, a materials scientist and engineer from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Dr. James spoke about the fate and persistence of plastic in the ocean and its effects on ecosystems. CGH members then presented our bylaw proposal and solicited feedback from attendees.

This meeting was recorded by HarborMedia and has been available on our website as well as on YouTube.

In the fall of 2022, CGH members visited twenty businesses in Hingham to better understand the impact that these bylaws would have on the affected members of our business community. Thank you to resident Beverly Vernon for helping with our outreach to the business community.

We also attended meetings of multiple interest groups in Town in order to solicit feedback and garner support for the bylaws. These groups include but are not limited to The Hingham Unity Council, Hingham Net Zero, the League of Women Voters of Hingham, the Hingham High School Green Team, the Global Action Warming Group at Linden Ponds, the Friends of Wompatuck, and the Weir River Watershed Association. Finally, CGH published two opinion pieces in the Hingham Anchor with respect to these bylaws and our efforts featured in an article in the Patriot Ledger in January 2023.

We also wanted to offer residents an alternative to buying water in single use containers. We partnered with the Weir River Water System (WRWS) to install two public hydration stations in Town. Installation of these hydration stations is expected in 2023. Thank you to WRWS Managing Director/Superintendent Russell Tierney for his participation in this project.

Should the bylaws be approved at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting, CGH will spend considerable time and effort educating residents and businesses about the by-laws prior to their effective date of January 1, 2024.

Composting Action and Education

We have continued our long efforts to promote and facilitate composting in Hingham. We hosted a "Build a Worm Bin" educational event for children at the Hingham Public Library during the April 2022 school vacation. During this workshop, families learned about worm bins as an option for indoor or winter composting. Participants left with all the materials needed to start vermicomposting at home. We are grateful to the Library and Hingham Lumber for their contributions to this event.

We collaborated with the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant to install a New Age Composter onsite so that employees can compost their food scraps during the day. We would like to thank HMLP Sustainability Coordinator Brianna Bennet and Hingham resident Peter Swanson for their help with this initiative.

CGH partnered with HarborMedia to create a series of short, informational videos about home composting featuring "the Compost Fairy." We are

grateful to Harbor Media and to Hingham resident Stucky Jiranek for their work on this project.

Finally, we tabled at the Hingham Farmers Market twice in order to offer residents the opportunity to learn about composting options and to ask questions.

In 2023, we will continue our education efforts and research ways to expand composting and composting options for residents and businesses in Hingham.

Education about Textile Recycling

In response to the implementation of statewide waste bans on textiles, CGH published two information pieces. The first offered resources around Hingham for residents who want to reduce their carbon footprint by choosing to buy used goods. The second focused on options for textile recycling at the Transfer Station. Both documents were posted on social media and are available on Cleaner Greener Hingham's website and on HMLP's website.

Town Cleanup Days

CGH organized two town-wide cleanup days, dubbed "Cleaner Greener Hingham Day," in April and November. We are grateful to the Girl Scouts for their assistance in these efforts. We plan to continue these cleanup days in 2023.



Respectfully submitted,

Maria Zade, Chair
Katie Gallacher, Secretary
Janice McPhillips
Alyson Anderson
Mark Engel
Anthony George

Memorial Bell Tower Committee



The Hingham Memorial Bell Tower had a successful 2022 year with the conclusion of the bell restoration. The bells rang out on the Fourth of July, which represents the last time they were rung on their original bearings. The restoration work replaced the 1912 bearings with modern ball bearings on new wheels, headstocks, and new

clappers. With the conclusion of the work in the summer, the band began ringing again, noting significant improvement in the handling of the bells.

As part of an ongoing maintenance program, the town is committed to an annual inspection of the bells and the frame in which they hang, as well as an annual cleaning of the belfry to ensure there is no dust and debris, which can hold moisture and cause decay and maintenance issues with the ball bearings. In addition, the town has engaged the services of a structural engineering firm to evaluate the integrity of the replacement parts and the bell frame over time.

New bell ropes have been ordered and are expected in June. The CPC and Greenbush grants have been closed out and the project was completed within budget.

In October, the band hosted a town wide Open House to celebrate the completion of the restoration work and welcomed Town Officials who had worked so hard to make the 5-year renovation a reality. The ringers are optimistic about the future of the bells and thankful for the town's support.



Bell Tower supporters at the Open House: Tom Willson, Paul Wasson, Michelle Monsegur and Andrea Young

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Shilhan, Chair

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 (NBLC) has been asked to 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 over a dozen public meetings to seek input from stakeholders in Town government, local sports organizations, and other parties which are interested in stimulating 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 has extensively reviewed naming materials from benchmark communities and other communities around the nation. The committee has found that the town's present by-law is highly restrictive when compared to these other communities. The committee has submitted to the Select Board a recommendation for changes to the by-law.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Edmundson, Chair
Victor Baltera, Wendy Ellison, Christine Falvey, Thomas O'Reilly

Plymouth County Mosquito Control

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2022.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is composed of the 27 municipalities in Plymouth County 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.

In the spring, larviciding efforts begin as water temperatures rise and mosquito larvae begin to feed. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 12,236 acres and this was accomplished using an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 31st, 2022 and ended on September 16th, 2022. The Project responded to 14,323 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 that 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, Plymouth and Suffolk counties. Statewide there were 8 human cases, one of them was in the district. The risk level for Abington, Brockton, Carver, Cohasset, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Marion, Middleboro, Norwell, Pembroke, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham and Whitman was 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 60,074 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 66,270 mosquitoes and submitted 17,801 mosquitoes for testing. The mosquitoes were combined into 410

groups. DPH also tested 9,767 mosquitoes from the district. In all there were 0 isolations of EEEV from mosquito samples. There was a total of 19 WNV isolations from Abington, Brockton, Carver, Cohasset, Halifax, Hanson, Marion, Middleboro, Plympton, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham and Whitman.

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 detected the mosquito for the second time in Mattapoisett. The Project responded by canvassing the area and treating any habitat or cleaning up any containers found. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. During the 2022 season we recycled 579 tires bringing us to a total of 12,099 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 140 larval sites were checked.

During the summer, 2,207 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 498 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.

Water Management: During 2022 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3,505 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 *Cq. perturbans*, *Cs. melanura*, and *Cx. pipiens/restuans*.

Education and Outreach: Our new Community Liaison, Erin Morrill, has been reaching out to schools and daycares to update Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans in preparation for the upcoming mosquito season. In-person visits to local Boards of Health are ongoing with the aim to meet with every community before the summer. Erin has been working with interested parties to set up educational presentations starting in the spring. If your town is interested in setting up a presentation at summer camps, schools, fairs, libraries, or councils on aging please contact our office.



Our Project website is a great resource for information on upcoming meetings, the annual budget, educational information, and Project services. Announcements and important dates can be found on the home page. We encourage residents 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

Commissioners:
John Sharland, Chair
Ann Motyka, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Michael Valenti
Thomas Reynolds
Elaine Fiore

Hingham Public Library

In FY22, our patrons continued to demonstrate strong usage of library services, spaces and resources both in person and online. The Library has 9,425 registered borrowers who actively use their library cards to borrow materials. Throughout the year, patrons borrowed a total of 324,857 items from our physical and digital collections, including:

- 193,519 books
- 47,166 e-books
- 22,711 e-audiobooks
- 46,522 movies, music, and audiobooks
- 7,177 magazines
- 5,907 miscellaneous items such as puzzles, artwork, technology, household gadgets and electronic devices

Library databases, accessible both at home and in the Library, were used 49,132 times. Library materials were transferred through the Inter-Library Loan service to help patrons get the titles they want as quickly as possible, with 45,722 books, audiobooks, movies, music, and other items sent between libraries to help fill patron requests

The physical building was also well used with 99,511 patron visits to the library over the course of the year. While here, patrons connected their laptops and other devices to the Library's wireless internet 39,032 times and used the Library's physical computers 8,112 times. The Library's two meeting rooms were used by members of the public to hold various meetings 127 times, and three individual study rooms were used 1,807 times.

In addition to borrowing books and other materials, patrons also attended live and virtual programs offered by the Library, including lectures, classes, family events, and story times, with 4,507 people attending 392 programs. Children's Librarian Totsie McGonagle offered numerous programs throughout the year that included a mix of new programs and classic favorites. New programs included *Meet DelRita: an Endangered Asian Elephant*, a monthly *Lego Club*, and *Take-Home Crafts* for families. Classic programs included beginner and intermediate *Chess*, three weekly story times, weekly *Read to a Dog* sessions with our terrific listening teams (we have four), monthly *Book Groups* for 2nd & 3rd grade students and another for 4th & 5th grade students, *Steam Up with Mitch*, *Thursday Thoughts - Summer Writing Fun* for ages 8 +, *Pop Up Art School*, *Design a Hex Bug* maze, *Craft Camp* with Debbie, *Wicked Good Henna* with Mandy, *Bingo*, *Mamasteph*, family movies, and *Inventor Mentor. Raising-*

A-Reader with Ryan Racette was presented courtesy of South Shore Community Action Council, and *STEAM Fun at the Campsite* with the Children's Museum of Easton was made possible through a Cultural Council Grant. In addition to regular programs, over the course of the year we arranged numerous school visits with assorted schools.

Our programs for adults and teens covered a wide range of topics offering something for everyone. Programs included our ever popular and expanding book clubs, author talks, lectures, film presentations, classes, hands-on-technology training, classical guitar concerts, a plant swap and Take-and-Make crafts offered by Library staff Carol Lipsett and Jenn Kyle, and regular visits to Linden Ponds to sign people up for library cards and to provide free technology training and information about library services and resources. A diverse array of topics were covered including Korean culture, art, geology, U.S. history, local history, Cape Cod architecture, health and wellness, and even information on DNA testing companies.

In addition to programming, Technology Librarian Robby St. John worked to maintain and improve library equipment for both staff and public use. Our selection of tech items available for patrons to borrow grew to include desirable items like green screens, Virtual Reality headsets, and an increased selection of accessibility materials. We also continued to help patrons with a variety of technology training needs from basic computer, phone, and tablet help, to converting old media, providing training for 160 patrons. In addition, we held monthly classes on topics such as iPad use, how to access free digital library materials such as e-books and e-audiobooks online, and introductions to a variety of computer software and tools.



The Library continues to focus on being relevant and engaged with the community through social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Constant Contact. By the end of 2022, the library had 1,600 Twitter followers, 2,000 Facebook followers, and 3,656

Constant Contact subscribers which allows us to promote our programs and relay important library updates.

This past year also saw improvements to the cataloging and digitization of the Library's historical collection, including the purchase of a new overhead document scanner and a cloud-based museum cataloging software called Past Perfect. In addition to helping patrons with 44 local history research requests, our Local History Librarian Michael Achille added new content to our online exhibit platform Omeka, and worked with the Boston Public Library to finish cataloging information on four more volumes of the Governor John Long letters so they could be digitized and published online to the Digital Commonwealth database. He also applied for grant funding to fully digitize Hingham historical newspapers from 1827 to the present and add them to a custom online database, and worked with fellow staff members to continue cataloging and describing portions of the historical collection including the Whiton, Lane, Cushing, and Hobart family papers.

In May 2022, the Library held its first "Beyond the Books: A Celebration of the Hingham Public Library" fundraiser, presented by the Harold & Avis Goldstein Charitable Trust and spearheaded and organized by volunteer extraordinaire Sara Abbott. The evening was a memorable and successful event, held outside on the Library lawn under a tent with the theme that the Library can take you anywhere, beyond the books.

A schedule of much-needed improvements to the building continued in 2022, and we were able to replace the well-worn floor in the main lobby and upper café area with a beautiful new tile floor, creating a light, airy, and welcoming space as you enter the library. Building Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Jenkins continued to take good care of the regular maintenance of the building and grounds to ensure all was clean, safe, and looking good. He also worked on a number of special projects including the replacement of water damaged trim boards in the courtyard connector and hanging decorative lights for our annual fundraising event.

Library staff also participated in CPR, AED, and emergency training procedures during the year, in addition to attending a number of training workshops on various and relevant topics related to libraries. Library Business Administrator Joan Allen retired in August after 15 years of dedicated service during which time she was an indispensable part of the team, a key go-to person for just about anything and everything, a colleague and friend. After Joan retired, we hired Dina Johnson as the new Business Administrator, who has been a wonderful and welcome addition to our team. In December, Library Technician Laura Arsenault, who did a

great job helping out with both reference and administrative tasks, also left to pursue other opportunities. Later that month we welcomed our newly hired Staff Librarian Children's Services Michelle Parker, to assist with our very busy Children's Department.

We couldn't do what we do every day without the tremendous talents, efforts, planning, and hard-work of all the Library staff. The staff are the heart and soul of the Library, offering friendly, welcoming, and helpful service to all who visit, and they are the reason we do such amazing things every day. Thanks to all the staff for all you do day in and day out, and especially to Assistant Director Anna Byrne who oversees all the library departments and keeps things running smoothly; to Head of Technical Services Jill Blair for doing such a great job cataloging and getting library materials out to patrons lightning fast; to Collection Development Specialist Peter Thornell for building such an impressive collection that has something for everyone; to Circulation Supervisor Mary Beth Keif for over 25 years of great customer service and leadership; to Totsie McGonagle and Meghan McCusker for creating such a warm and welcoming space for children and teens; and to all our circulation, reference, children's and custodial staff for all the work you do to make this library such a special place for everyone -- truly a place beyond the books.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to our many volunteers who help us keep the Library running smoothly every day. In 2022, our 77 volunteers worked a total of 1,121 hours in the Library, helping to run the used Bookstore, shelve, collect holds, and select and deliver books to homebound residents. A special thanks to Adrienne Richardson and Marcia Sinclair for all their work running the bookstore and special book sale events year round, to Jean McGeary for all her work organizing and running the Home Delivery service, and to Staff Library Technician and Volunteer Coordinator Ann Fickenwirth for managing such a successful and rewarding program.

Special thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the members of the Library's Board of Trustees, including past member and former Chair Lucy Hancock who served for four years on the Board until July 2022, for a job very well done and a standard set very high for others to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Public Safety Facility Building Committee

During 2022, the Public Safety Facility Building Committee (PSFBC), continued its efforts 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 2022 Annual Town Meeting authorized additional funding in order to allow the design to be completed and construction bids to be procured in 2023. Construction Documents were completed and permits from the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission were obtained.

At a Special Town Meeting in November 2022, followed by a successful Town-wide vote, the Town authorized additional funding that will allow the receipt of construction bids and the award of a Construction Contract to build the Project. Once the Construction Contract is awarded, it is expected that the construction will take approximately 20 months to complete.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hingham Public Schools

During the 2022-23 school year, the Hingham Public Schools launched the first year of a three year strategic plan. The theme of the strategic plan is #HinghamTogether. The theme supports the efforts of the district throughout this school year to come back strong after two years of interrupted schooling for our students as a result of the pandemic. The theme of #HinghamTogether is also relevant to our efforts to strengthen our community and relationships after the pandemic. We are proud of our students who have returned this year to build upon their resiliency and perseverance to tackle academic and learning challenges. We are grateful to our families who entrust their children to use and support our educators and schools. We are honored to serve the Hingham community as we prepare our young people with the skills to be stewards of our community.



School Enrollment



As of October 1, 2022, 3,793 students enrolled in Pre-K to Grade 12 (Pre-K-12) in the Hingham Public Schools. This represents a decrease of 71 students from the October 1, 2021 enrollment. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 79 (up from 72 the previous year) preschool students in the Integrated Preschool Program, 47 out-of-district special education students, and eight vocational students.

Strategic Plan

The Hingham Public Schools began the first year of a three-year strategic plan. Outlined below are some accomplishments for the 2022-23 school year for each of the strategic objectives:

Culture of Collaboration and Community: Create partnerships between home, school, and community through effective two-way communication to ensure an inclusive culture and a sense of belonging.

- Develop and implement a plan to increase consistent and reliable communications with families.
- Develop a communication chain that was posted online and shared with the community.
- Special Education Continuous Improvement Task Force launched in February 2023.
- Meet monthly with Town-wide PTO to support collaboration and communication.
- Open the ASPEN Family Portal to support caregiver access to information.
- Align school improvement plans to the Strategic Plan.

Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning: Ensure student success through aligned, high-quality PK-12+ curriculum, innovative research-based practices, and data-informed instruction.

- Establish a structure for ongoing data meetings at the elementary and middle school to review student literacy and math data to support the implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports.
- Pilot a new elementary reading program for adoption for the coming school year.
- Middle school science teachers pilot OpenSciEd curriculum, an inquiry phenomena-based program, and participate in training to support its implementation.
- Begin revisions to the District Curriculum and Accommodation Plan.
- Seek out grants through the state and other organizations to support department and curriculum initiatives.

Healthy, Equitable, and Inclusive Communities: Cultivate equitable and inclusive environments that promote a sense of belonging to allow for social, emotional, physical, and academic wellness.

- District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force meet to support the implementation of an equity audit to include a review of data, current policies, and practices. The audit continues with surveys of stakeholders and focus groups, with a final report expected in the spring.

- Update procedures and employee materials on bias, bullying, and related policies.
- All teachers review an overview from Safe Schools on how to support LGBTQ+ youth and families.
- School building leaders participate in an Equity Walk to collect classroom-level data for the equity audit. The same protocol is used in the spring for learning walkthroughs for district and school leaders.
- District team participates in the state's Culturally Responsive Practices Leadership Academy to build capacity to weave culturally responsive practices.

Capital and Finance: Allocate funding to provide effective, safe, and modern facilities and adequate resources to enhance the student experience.

- Complete the final Facilities Master Plan to outline the capital needs of all school buildings.
- Begin the first phase of the new elementary building project at the current Foster School.
- Monitor the completion of the Plymouth River's window project.
- Develop a three-year technology plan presented in the spring.

Human Resources and Leadership: Recruit, develop and empower a diverse staff to lead courageously in teaching and learning.

- District team participates with the state's Teacher Diversification Professional Learning Community for professional development on hiring and interviewing practices.
- District is a new member of the Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education.
- Provide training to school and district leaders on how to provide effective feedback to educators.
- Early release content professional development has been organized in school and department-based teams to allow for subject-specific collaboration.
- A Professional Development Committee has been formed to complete a needs assessment and draft an updated plan.

Foster Building Project

At the fall town meeting, funding for a new elementary school at the site of the current Foster School was approved almost unanimously. The students, staff, and families of the Foster School community are grateful for the enormous support from the community for the project. The new building to be completed in the fall of 2024 and full completion in the fall

of 2025 will provide an enormous opportunity for the district to continue to develop new special education programming and preschool programs.

Soon after the fall town meeting vote, phase one of the construction began. The construction included completing a temporary front parking lot and relocation of a new temporary playground. Excavation of the site started to prepare for the second phase of construction, which would include the school construction itself.



East Elementary School

East Elementary is home to 519 Explorers, who have been busy throughout this school year! Principal Hawes joined the East team as our new principal this past July, partnering with Dr. Amanda Donovan (Assistant Principal) to lead our staff of nearly 100 educators and support personnel. This year, our students have engaged in project-based learning, enrichment opportunities, and PTO functions in addition to their classroom learning each day.



Our educators here at East guide our students through meaningful learning experiences each day. We are currently piloting a new Reading program (Into Reading, from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt publishing) across select grades and classes, and it is our hope that this process will lead us to implement this program district-wide come the fall. Our team of Reading and Math specialists, in conjunction with our interventionists and classroom teachers, are delivering targeted tiered intervention to students each day. Notable learning experiences this year beyond core academics have been field trips (Peabody Museum, Plimoth Patuxet Museum, Company Theatre, and more), project-based learning opportunities such as our electric houses in Grade 4, and our Grade 5 World Language Pen Pal project, which won the Mass Creator Award! Our Explorers also get to flex their STEAM muscles in Makerspace classes. Here, they explore challenges designed to encourage critical thinking and cooperation to make replicas of landmarks worldwide, complete challenges like tower or boat building, and explore cool technology like 3D printing!

Beyond daily instruction and activities, our school benefits from an active PTO that has partnered with East Elementary to bring some wonderful events to campus. Our students have experienced a Back-to-School Bash, Movie Night, Harvest Lunch, Hobby Night, and more, all through the efforts of dedicated volunteers. They have also partnered with Hingham Recreation to host our East Explorers After-School Enrichment program, where students can participate in activities like Pokemon Club, sports, and cookie and cupcake decorating.

The combined effect of all of the above opportunities and experiences is a school community that is special, and we're so proud of that.



Foster Elementary School

Foster Elementary School is the home of 407 students, who we refer to as Foster's Finest. We take pride in our work: to develop students who enjoy learning, constantly striving to meet their potential and become lifelong learners. Foster's students learn to be responsible and demonstrate respect for self and others. Our students are challenged to practice critical thinking skills to solve problems. We want them to have a strong sense of community inside and outside of our school. We do this through our daily instruction, as well as through extracurricular activities, such as our Green Team, Kindness Club, Student Council and Homework Club. Foster's Finest Students have participated in supporting Veterans,

conducting Food Drives, and writing cards to community members in nursing homes.

This year, we are particularly excited about the building project that started in December 2022. We are appreciative of the community's overwhelming support of the new school. The new school will be a state of the art modern facility that will provide appropriate learning spaces for students in pre-k through grade five. There will be designated spaces for the Kids in Action Program, which is held after school, as well as a Pre-k Spanish Immersion Classroom. The project includes an outdoor classroom on the edge of the marsh, as well as an area for our students participating in the Green Team program to have garden beds, which ties into our curriculum. All of these things, in addition to the work we are currently doing, make for a great future ahead.

Plymouth River Elementary School

Since September 1st, Plymouth River School has had many accomplishments and changes. Our windows project has helped beautify the school and open up the rooms to the wonderful landscapes surrounding us. The project is still underway, but we are making great strides. Our enrollment has gone up from 382 students to 387 students in grades K-5. While building our School Improvement Plan, we aligned our goals with the Strategic Plan. During this time, we have implemented an elementary schedule that provides the same minutes per discipline of time on learning at each elementary school. We have devoted thirty minutes to MTSS in literacy and math, providing students with Tier II supports to address learning loss due to COVID. Plymouth River held data meetings several times during the year. The goal of our data meeting is to support our reading and math specialists and interventionists in tracking the progress of all students, especially our Tier II and III students. We have added a guidance counselor to strengthen our social/emotional learning through implementing our curriculum, Toolbox. PRS has also dived into social media, creating an Instagram page, using Twitter and Facebook, and our weekly newsletter through Smore to provide parents with up-to-date and detailed information on the daily happenings at Plymouth River.

Plymouth River has been fortunate enough also to join the Inclusive Academy to dive deeper into learning about UDL. A team of nine teachers plus the two administrators meet monthly to learn about the UDL Principles and how to help implement them throughout our school. The team is also collectively taking a graduate course through Gordon College to better understand the foundations and implementation of the UDL Principles. Plymouth River has also benefitted from our focus on math

and math professional development on the workshop model within classrooms. The professional development led by our math interventionists has benefited our student's growth and the way math is taught in the classroom. The workshop model allows teachers to give Tier I support in the classroom by meeting with small groups of individuals after a lesson has been taught.



We have also offered our students diverse learning opportunities through the PTO and the activities they have brought in as enrichment to the curriculum. Some of the engaging events have been The Nutcracker Ballet performance, Magic Show, Atlantic Shark Presentation, Harvest Day Lunch, Easter Seals Program, The North and South Rivers Watershed Association Presentation, various opportunities around community service, a visit with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Get Smart About Art presentations at each grade level, Abigail Adams presentation, a whole week dedicated to STEAM activities and many more events to come! Our students engage in their community through various community service opportunities, visits, and presentations from our school resource officers, kindergarten visits to the Hingham Fire Station, serving lunch at the Senior Center, and Veterans Day Tribute, just to name a few! We are so proud of all of our student's accomplishments this year, as well as the learning our staff has been able to do and grow from the professional development we have been able to offer to meet the needs of our students best.

South Elementary School

Our overarching theme at South School is always: It takes a village to prepare the child for the path! South School started the 2022-2023 school year with an eye toward getting Back to the Future, as it was apparent that this would be more of a recovery due to the events surrounding the Pandemic in the prior years. The goal was to solidly rebuild our "house" of

learning that is evenly split between the academic and social-emotional needs of our students. It has been very exciting to see many of our traditions come back and also to start some new trends while at the same time taking care of the academic and social/emotional needs of our students, which have grown exponentially due to the Pandemic and other factors.

Last summer (2022), many of our professionals collaborated on a new daily schedule that included regular intervention times for math/reading and continuing excellence in tier I/ general classroom instruction. This also included scheduled times for social/emotional education and support. These times include small group remediation in all of these areas as well as supports built into a typical day in the classroom. This tier II support is known as MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support/ Hingham Tiered Systems of Support). We are grateful for the additional staff (interventionists and guidance counselor) that has allowed us to provide all of this in addition to full classroom instruction that takes all learning styles into account. Recent data is very encouraging as most of our students are on track to make major gains in all of these areas this year.



Beyond that, we have always prided ourselves on our inclusive culture at South School. We have brought back our wonderful all-school assemblies known as Buzz Assemblies, which celebrate good behavior with a *Bee* as our mascot. These also include a performance by one grade level and the singing of a special school song entitled *Nothing More* by Alternate Routes.

So far this year, we have had four of these assemblies:

1. October: Celebration of Friendship/Welcome
2. November: Meaning of Veteran's Day/Honored actual visiting veterans
3. December: Celebration of Togetherness and Holidays around the World
4. January: Flag Dedication as we added the flags that honor ALL of the heritages at SES

To be able to be together once again as a *village* with upwards of 600 people (including staff and students) has been so restorative for all of those who attend and work at South School. We look forward to the remaining assemblies planned for 2022-2023 as they will continue to make us whole again!

There has also been a return to more normal activities such as our all-school feast in November; Holiday Concert; Fly South (minimum of 60 students attending after-school enrichment classes), Homework Heroes; BOKS (40 students attend a before-school exercise program); Holidays Around the World (Kindergarten); Grade One Musical; Poetry Festival (grade 2); Third Grade Timeline; Box City (grade 4); Booth Day (grade 5). It has been wonderful to welcome families to all of these events as well as guest readers and volunteers daily.

Our PTO has also sponsored many events, such as our Welcome Back Tour; Harvest Party; Parent/Caregiver Social; Fun Run; and the Winterfest/Bookfair. It has indeed been a wonderful journey so far in 22-23 on the road back to recovery. We also have great anticipation for what the future holds as we continue along our *path* of preparing our students for life.

Hingham Middle School

During the 2022 - 2023 academic year, Hingham Middle School put a spotlight on the social-emotional health and well-being of our students through the reintroduction of curriculum, guest speakers and student assemblies, and faculty professional development opportunities for school faculty members. HMS saw the return of the *Second Step* program at all grade levels. *Second Step* is a social-emotional learning (SEL) program that helps students to develop skills needed to deal with the stress and daily challenges that adolescence can bring, along with lessons on bullying and harassment. Classes were taught by our school counseling department, health teacher, and building administrators over the course of the school year. It is our hope to expand this program in the future. Students also heard from various speakers on topics that touched on creating an inclusive community, understanding our differences, and supporting one another. Hearing from Varsha Bajaj, the author of our "One Book, One School" selection *Count Me In*, learning of the importance of being an "upstander" as opposed to a "bystander" in a presentation from the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth, and attending a high-energy, interactive assembly on self-esteem, creating a community to be proud of, and respect for one another all played an important part in the work being done to support our students. Faculty participated in professional development activities with the Safe Schools program and the

Massachusetts Partnership for Youth to help better support students during their middle school years.



Hingham Middle School also made great gains in the development and implementation of our academic Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) over the course of this school year. This initiative has enhanced our already robust instructional program by providing intervention classes and push-in support for our students. Through the addition of a Multi-Tiered System of Support Academic Coordinators for grades K-8, along with the expanded use of diagnostic and instructional tools such as iReady, we have been able to identify and serve students in need of targeted mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy instruction while monitoring their trajectory over time. Offerings such as Math Lab and Reading Lab reinforce concepts that underpin the skills for success in content area classes. Meanwhile, sixth-grade math push-in support provided by Math Interventionists and writing support across the curriculum provided by our Literacy Specialist help to ensure students are receiving structured support while learning is in process. The MTSS team can monitor progress through the use of data meetings, instructional software, and collaboration with general education teachers, allowing us to make adjustments to instruction and class placement as needed throughout the year while minimizing the impact on students' schedules.

Hingham High School

At the annual graduation ceremony, 312 students graduated from Hingham High School on June 4, 2022. In addition to a diploma, 24 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. The National Honor Society students collectively completed over 1200 hours of community service and over 600 hours of peer tutoring. In April 2022, 95 juniors were inducted at the annual NHS ceremony. A total of 87.7% of graduates planned to attend four-year colleges in 32 different states and two foreign countries (Canada and the UK); 3.5% planned to attend specialized or two-year institutions; 1.3% planned to attend post-graduate programs, 2.8% planned to take a gap year; 0.9% entered military service; and 2.8% planned to begin full-time employment. Additionally, 293 Hingham High School students took a total of 551 Advanced Placement exams. Of those 293 students, 156 were seniors who took 348 exams. Overall, Hingham High School students were designated as AP Scholars, including 40 Scholars, 26 Scholars with Honor, and 43 Scholars with Distinction.



Hingham High School's extracurricular clubs also enjoyed continued success. The following are some examples of the opportunities and activities of our students through the extracurricular clubs offered at the high school:

- The Art Club made large banners for various school functions, and they continue participating in the Memory Project international art exchange each year.
- Best Buddies continues to welcome students with and without disabilities, thereby forming meaningful friendships.
- Breathe Out has promoted awareness to end the stigma around mental health and suicide. They deliver presentations (“How not to keep a secret”) to all ninth-grade students. The presentations

provide awareness and education about mental health and how to support someone you may be worried about. Moreover, during Unity Week, they planned "Get out with Breathe Out" days, promoting activities to de-stress and relax.

- The Career Exploration Event includes more than 35 professional volunteers, who give students an up-close and personal view of a wide variety of career paths.
- The Chinese Club is dedicated to improving awareness and understanding of Chinese culture, heritage, and identity.
- The newly reinstated Coding Club is an inclusive and fun experience for coders and non-coders alike. Club members experiment with different programming languages and learn about the social and technological impacts of the programming world in today's society.
- The HHS Cycling Club's mission is to get as many students on bikes as possible. The club supports NEHSCA's vision of strengthening body, mind, and character through the lifelong sport of cycling.
- The Diversity and Empowerment Club ran a food drive for the Hingham Food Pantry; its goal is to celebrate differences and increase awareness of cultural bias.
- The Drama Club performed a successful 83 student production of The Music Man that involved middle school and high school students, four music teachers, and a cameo from Officer Ramsey, Officer Ford, and Opry. They are currently preparing a one-act play, The Caucasian Chalk Circle by Bertolt Brecht, for competition in the METG High School Theater Festival, and will conclude the year with a spring production as well.
- Students in the Girls Learn International (GLI) club have been researching important issues for women and raising money to send to international nonprofits dedicated to universal education.
- The Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) club continues to make the school community a safer space for LGBTQ+ students and allies. They have organized the school-wide Day of Silence in support of LGBTQ+ youth who are often forced to remain silent about their identity. They also organized and hosted the first annual South Shore Queer Prom, which was attended by queer students and allies from across the South Shore.
- The annual Harbormen Helping Hingham day of community service achieved a 92% participation rate among members of the Class of 2022; altogether, 250 participants completed six hours of community service on April 14, 2022.
- The HHS Service Club collaborated with Foster School's 1st Grade Kindness Club and raised money for many charities.

- The Math Team had a great season! They came in 2nd in their division and 12th within the entire SMML (Southeastern Massachusetts Mathematics League) which is composed of more than thirty teams.
- During its 6th year, the Mentor Program continues to orient ninth graders to HHS and give them other friendly faces in the building where they can establish new friendships with sophomores, juniors and seniors. The mentor program was established out of a desire for HHS students to have a peer mentoring program.
- The Mindfulness Club explores ways to find healthy outlets through various activities. Students are enjoying yoga, and learning to de-stress with meditation. The goal is to encourage all students to find activities which help to reduce stress, build community, and create a sense of balance in the lives of HHS students.
- Ninth-Grade Advisory continues to discuss and troubleshoot the issues and concerns that ninth graders face in the transition to HHS and to also give ninth-graders another adult in the building with whom they can establish a level of trust or connection.
- The Oceanography Club took a field trip to Hull for collection of critters for their classroom tanks; collected over 20 gallons of microplastics during their beach clean-up on a very windy and cold November day; and held a craft day making sea monkey ornaments and jellyfish air plant pets. They have dissected a shark and are planning a trip to the New England Aquarium in the spring.
- Quiz Bowl competed on WGBH's Season 14 of High School Quiz Show.
- The HHS Unity Project continued with Unity Week in February 2023; sparked new connections between students with the second annual "42 Games of Catch" initiative in April; led campus beautification by sponsoring a new "Adopt an Island" initiative throughout the fall; led a month-long, school-wide, celebration of the World Cup soccer tournament in November; and adorned the cafeteria with the flags of more than 70 countries that represent the ethnic diversity of the entire student body.

Teaching and Learning

A Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is a framework for districts to build the necessary staffing, systems and structures to ensure that every child finds success and meets grade level standards. According the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA, 2015), a multi-tiered system of support is "a comprehensive continuum of evidence-based, systemic practices to support a rapid response to students' needs, with regular observation to

facilitate data-based instructional decision making.” MTSS is considered a best-practice in education, and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education issued an MTSS “blueprint” to guide districts in assembling a comprehensive MTSS system for both academic needs and SEL needs.

In Hingham, while some components of a multi-tiered system of academic support existed, the construction of a comprehensive academic MTSS has been a multi-year process. The need for a fully-articulated MTSS was present pre-pandemic, and was given a new urgency during the COVID-19. Therefore, in FY22 additional academic specialists in writing, literacy and math were added across K-8 to ensure students receive the support they need to meet grade level proficiency and recover from pandemic learning losses.



In FY23 a major emphasis of the MTSS academic initiative has been to strengthen our district-wide data practices. At the elementary level, data sources routinely analyzed include the Acadience/Dibels early literacy screener in K-2 and the iReady Diagnostic in Gr. 3-5 ELA and K-5 math. These screeners are administered at the beginning of year (BOY), middle of year (MOY) and end of year (EOY), with associated data meetings coordinated with specialists and educators to analyze progress and assign tiered supports. The MTSS Academic 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.

MCAS Results

The 2021-2022 school year saw the first full administration of MCAS exams

since 2019 for Grades 3-8, as testing was paused in spring of 2020 due to the pandemic, and in 2020-2021, shorter exams were administered in Grades 3-8. MCAS administration was similarly impacted at the high school level, and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved modified competency determination requirements due to the cancellation of testing opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The modified competency was in place for ELA and Mathematics for the classes of 2020–2022 and for Science, Technology and Engineering for the classes of 2020–2023.

Spring 2022 results state-wide indicate some signs of learning loss recovery post-pandemic, but progress was uneven across grade levels, subject areas, and sub-groups. HPS data indicates that pandemic losses were mitigated overall relative to state, and exit outcomes in Grade 10 are strong for HPS students across content areas, with 91% of students meeting or exceeding expectations for ELA, 82% of students meeting or exceeding expectations for Mathematics, and 80% of students meeting or exceeding expectations for Science. Across all grade levels, Grade 3-10, disproportionality persists for subgroups, including high needs students (HN) and students with disabilities (SWD). These gaps will be addressed through the aforementioned focus on multi-tiered supports (MTSS), universal design for learning (UDL), and curriculum enhancements.

Curriculum & Instruction Initiatives

Following are a few highlights of initiatives related to curriculum and instruction:

Elementary Reading Program Pilots: In FY'23, twenty-four K-5 teachers piloted two new research-based elementary reading programs, *Into Reading* (HMH) and *myView* (Savaas). Both programs feature a strong science-based approach to reading instruction, and also feature diversified and culturally responsive literature. A finalist will be selected this spring, and the program will be adopted across the district in 2023-2024.

Elementary Math Practices Workshop series: The district's elementary math specialist led a multi-part professional development series for K-5 teachers across the district to engage in best-practices in elementary math instruction.

HMS Science Program Pilot (Open Sci Ed): Grade 6-8 science teachers piloted a new phenomenon-based curriculum, *Open Sci Ed*, which engages students in real-world inquiry rooted in a problem based approach.

Social Studies Curriculum Alignment: The Social Studies department engaged in curriculum pilots in Grades 3 and 4 this year to support on-going standards-alignment work. To support teachers in teaching these new units, the department partnered with the Hingham Historical Society and the Harvard Peabody Museum to provide grounding in historical content and pedagogy.

Spanish Immersion Pre-K: This year, the World Language department collaborated with the *Kids in Action* program to propose a new Spanish immersion Pre-K program, to commence in fall of 2023. To date, there has been significant interest and sufficient enrollment to launch the fee-based program during the 2023-2024 school year. The program will be housed at Foster School, with potential to grow in future years.

Fine Arts

This year, the district hired Joann Bellis to assume the newly created role of Director of Fine Arts. During her inaugural year, Ms. Bellis has coordinated more than 50 events and performances to date, written several grants to support the visual arts, and collaborated with the *Kids in Action* program to create an elementary strings program after school. The Fine Arts department is also researching and developing an arts "pathway" for HHS students, modeled on the existing Global Citizen program. Through the pathway, students will be able to synthesize coursework, extracurricular activities and mentorship to foster and strengthen their arts interests.

Equity

The district continues to advance equity work through the efforts of the district leadership team, district Equity Task Force, and school-based Equity Task forces. One main area of focus this year was to conduct a comprehensive, district-wide equity audit in partnership with consultants from The Equity Process. The audit included a review of data, policies, and procedures; coordination of site visits, instructional walkthroughs, interviews, and focus groups, and administration of surveys to staff, students, and families. The results of the equity audit, along with recommendations for a multi-year equity plan, will be presented to the School Committee in June. In tandem with the equity audit, district leaders are partnering with consultants from the Culturally Responsive Leadership Academy to embed culturally responsive curriculum and equitable practices across the districts.

METCO program

This year, HPS welcomed a new METCO Director, Amy Jackson, who previously served as METCO Director in Melrose. Hingham Public Schools

has been a proud participant in the [METCO](#) program since 1967, and the current enrollment for the Hingham METCO program is 45 students including 21 in the elementary grades, 10 at the middle school and 14 at the high school. The Hingham School Committee recently voted to expand the METCO program to include a total of 80 students for the 2023 - 2024 school year, pending enrollment and approval from the state.

Student Services

The Department of Student Services oversees the implementation of state and federal laws that protect the educational and civil rights of students with disabilities, impairments, those who are in foster care and are homeless, students of military families, and those with substantial medical needs that confine them to their homes. The scope of the department's responsibility for these students includes any student who lives in Hingham and also those who attend a private school in Hingham.

This school year, The Department of Student Services allocated federal funds to provide our educators with state-of-the-art technology, updated reading and math curriculum, social-emotional curriculum, professional development in reading, student self-regulation and physical restraint, software to support IEP goal writing, student progress monitoring, and benchmarking assessments; contracted support services in the areas of speech and language therapy, music therapy, psychological services, and clinical evaluations; membership to CareSolace to match individuals with mental health support. The Department has also been able to fund two Special Education Team Chairs at the Secondary level and an additional adjustment counselor for secondary students.

Human Resources

The Department of Human Resources was launched in FY21 to support 762 staff. As such, it is evolving but has made great strides in standardizing processes and moving the district into compliance with State and Federal mandates. HR manages the employee life cycle (i.e., recruiting, hiring, onboarding, training/compliance, and separations from employment). In this school year, to date, we have onboarded 173 educators and support staff. We continue to manage the supplemental workforce to ensure that HPS can meet the needs of all students. Since the beginning of this school year, we have onboarded 97 substitute teachers, many of whom are valuable members of the Town, including parents and HPS alumni, and have completed the implementation of the Frontline Management System (adopted in place of a sub-call system). Despite budget considerations, as with every spring, we will participate in job fairs to add to our high-performance staff, where possible. Our primary focus is customer service, helping our staff with their needs (e.g.,

loan forgiveness applications, letters of suitability, payroll/benefits questions, FMLA requests, etc.). We average 300 emails per week related to all things HR and, often, beyond HR topics, for which we are happy to assist.

HR serves on bargaining committees to negotiate fair and equitable contracts for our unionized staff. Additionally, we maintain, execute and negotiate approximately 40 individual contracts. A depository for employment documents, titled HR Headquarters, has been created where all hiring managers can easily access HR documents, including union contracts and a library of job descriptions. We have proudly partnered with the Teacher Diversification Professional Learning Community and the Mass. Partnership for Diversity in Education to further our strategic goals related to equity and inclusion. The safety of students and staff is intrinsically tied to HR functions. To that end, in this school year, we have processed 1,471 criminal background checks on staff, volunteers, and contractors. We guide the administration through disciplinary proceedings and assist with grievances. We have taken on the role of compliance by launching projects for CORI (criminal offender record information) reauthorizations and updated Ethics training of current employees.

Athletics

Hingham High School Athletics enjoyed continued success in 2022 and a return to competition with far less COVID-19 restrictions. During the year, 80% of our students participated in athletics during one of the three seasons. Our partnership with the Hingham Recreation Commission helped to significantly improve the condition of all of our playing fields. In



partnership with Marshfield High School, our boys' hockey team raised over \$31,000 for breast cancer research. Our track coach Dawn Deidricksen and wrestling coach Paul Canniff were recognized by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association as coaches of the year. Our teams won 11 Patriot League Championships and our girls' soccer

team won the Division 1 State Title. For the fourth consecutive year, we won the prestigious Boston Globe Holmes Award for overall athletic excellence.

Technology

The Hingham Public Schools' Technology Department (IT) consists of three full-time employees dedicated to serving the district students and staff in all technology-related enterprises. IT continually strives to identify and implement supportive technologies that complement the District's mission. The Technology Department must incorporate 'best-of-breed' technologies into the District while maintaining a secure and fiscally responsible approach to acquisition and maintenance. Additionally, IT is a support resource to teach, train, and troubleshoot technology issues that inevitably arise. As a department, we believe technology can and does provide many benefits to the District.

Indeed, technology has become a pervasive element within the overall educational environment. In addition to the many physical computing devices in District (and the software installed on them), the Technology Department is responsible for the installation and support of peripheral devices, including (but not limited to) printers, scanners, video projectors, phones, interactive whiteboards (SMARTBoards®), and



document cameras. Additionally, the Technology Department also maintains control over various infrastructure components. IT manages servers, routers, switches, firewalls, wireless access points, a wireless mobility controller, and a vxRail vSAN. Over the past year, IT has continued to improve operational efficiency and modernize the District's technology footprint. Below are some of the IT Department's initiatives and accomplishments of FY23:

- Migrating network connectivity from older I-Net to the new municipal fiber loop
- Consolidating school surveillance camera management and recording onto a single NVR, allowing us to retire six local server instances

- Updating server infrastructure to Windows Server 2022 in advance of the end of support notification relative to Windows Server 2012 R2
- Coordinating the student information system (Follett Aspen) API integration to automate rostering among connected educational applications
- Incorporating a security event manager (SEM) appliance to actively monitor log files from various network components to provide real-time alerts of anomalous network activity
- Managing (and repairing as necessary) over 2,500 Chromebooks and 1,000 iPads throughout the District
- Developing a comprehensive technology plan to guide decision-making processes for the next three-year cycle
- Improving delivery of wireless networking systems at Hingham Middle School by provisioning WiFi 6-capable access points



Budget

The FY23 budget for the school department was allocated at Town Meeting has \$61,826,503 which was a .06% increase from FY22. This budget maintained the investments made in staffing to support the district's goals to implement a strong MTSS and supports for social-emotional learning.

The FY24 budget cycle presents significant challenges as the town is entering the budget season with a deficit that results from COVID-19 and related operational needs. This deficit is due to using one-time federal and local reserve funds in FY22 and FY23 to offset these deficits. However, as

those funds are depleted, the town must either raise additional revenue or cut services to balance future fiscal year budgets. For FY24, the school department proposes a level service budget of \$65,857,299, representing a 5.14% increase from FY23. A balanced/reduced service budget is proposed at \$60,127,111, representing a 2.75% decrease from FY23.

Given this context, the town is considering an operating budget override which required us to approach budgeting differently than in previous years. In anticipation of an override, we presented two separate budgets to the school committee and community: a "level service" budget that would maintain the current level of existing educational programs and services, and a balanced budget that, unfortunately, might require a reduction in services.

In addition to the budget deficit, there are increased costs that also impact the development of the budget. In FY24, the Operational Service Division, which provides every year an estimated rate of inflation for planning Approved Private Special Education programs, indicated a potential increase of 14% in tuition for out-of-district placements. For context, from FY11 through FY23, the average tuition increase was 1.87%, with a low of 0.75% to a high of 2.72%. The district will also experience increased costs for transportation, fuel, and personnel in FY24.

In the development of both budgets, the district developed our priorities, which include the continuation of the three-year strategic plan. The strategic plan outlines goals to develop and sustain a school system that is continuously improving teaching and learning so that our students can realize academic, social-emotional and personal success. The following are additional priorities established by the Leadership Team in the development of the two budgets:

- The budgets attempt to sustain current comprehensive programming to ensure all schools have appropriate levels of highly qualified diverse staff and secure high-quality curriculum resources to sustain and improve the current comprehensive programming offered that supports all students' academic and social-emotional development.
- A priority included strengthening our tiered system of support for social-emotional learning and academics through staffing, structures, professional development, high-quality instruction, and curriculum to support the wellness, mental health, and academic needs of all students and staff.
- Funding for professional development also allows us to further invest in HPS educators and staff by providing high-quality professional development that supports collaboration, promotes

equity, and ensures positive academic and social-emotional outcomes for all students.

- Finally, investments in facilities and technology allow us to provide access to safe, modern, and well-maintained facilities, with reliable access to high-quality technology, to create a learning environment supportive of students' academic and social-emotional development.

As always, Hingham Public Schools benefited from strong and longstanding 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 are presented yearly 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.



School Committee

The 2022 town election added two new members to the School Committee when Matt Cosman and Alyson Anderson was elected to replace outgoing members Liza O'Reilly and Carlos DaSilva. Additionally, Nes Correnti was re-elected to her second term. In the spring of 2022, Michelle Ayer, Nes Correnti, Jen Benham 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Margaret Adams
Superintendent of Schools

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Recreation Commission

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

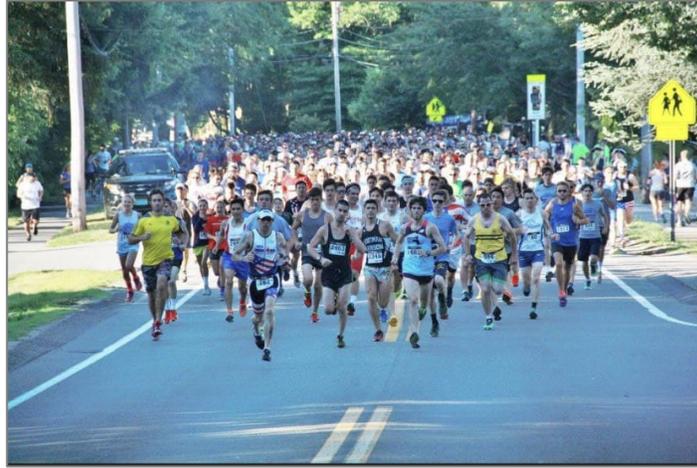
The Hingham Community has always and will continue to be the primary focus of the Hingham Recreation Department attracting residents of all ages, abilities, and interests. An important part of determining which programs to make available each year is to make certain there is a "something for everyone"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

2022 was a year that saw a return to many pre-Covid patterns in programming. This coincided with the first full year of the Recreation Department's Field Maintenance oversight. The return to increased field use was a successful test for this new collaborative effort. Both the permitting and maintaining of the athletic fields by the Rec were met with dramatic first year successes.

The Recreation Department and East Elementary School collaborated for the after school East Explorers program. A dozen classes were offered for the spring of 22 session including: Skateboarding, Gardening, Multisport, and Art & Crafts with about 150 students enrolled and we resumed the programs in the fall offering more than 20 classes with more than 250 student enrolled in the after school enrichment program.

There was record high enrollment in the summer programming with about 4,000 participants. The age-specific programs that were offered included

Tennis Camps and Clinics, half-day and full-day preschool programs, Fun Time, Adventure Club, Teen Xtreme, SportsCamp and Parkland, hiring more than 80 summer counselors and CIT volunteers. In addition, the Recreation-sponsored Fourth of July Road Race had 1,800 registered participants.



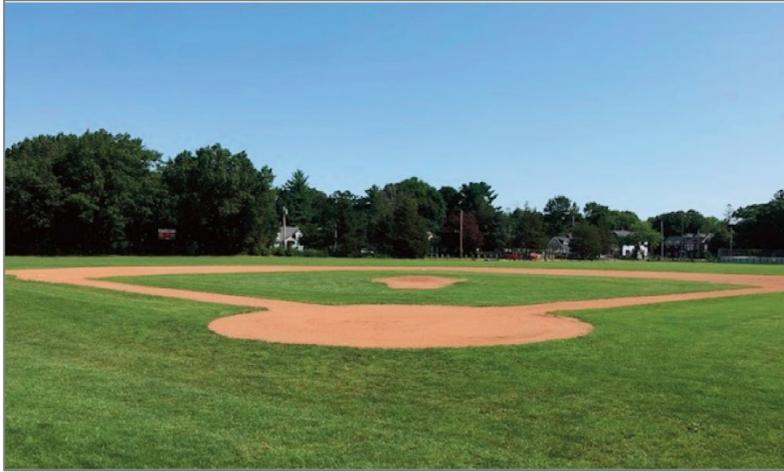
The summer of 2022 continued the partnership between the Recreation Department and the Hingham Bathing Beach Committee with the hiring, managing and oversight of lifeguards at the Bathing Beach from June until September.

The Recreation Department's year-long Funky Feet School of Dance had more than 600 dance registrations with a successful end of 2021-2022 season dance recital weekend at the South Shore Conservatory and a successful Holiday Recital weekend returning to the Middle School Auditorium. With close to 15 separate ticketed recital performances (not including competitions), Funky Feet School of Dance enjoyed another fantastic year of collaboration with the Recreation Department.

Adult Fitness saw a renewed burst of energy with successful programs like Harbor Hoops, Adult Tennis, Adult Golf, and Adult Pickleball. Spin classes resumed in 2022 along with Dance Fitness and Yoga. Again, partnering with the Hingham Bathing Beach Trustees, the Recreation Department was able to offer outdoor Yoga classes in the summer and early fall and then a very successful late-fall/early-winter indoor Yoga program at the Hingham Harbor Community Room located next to the Beach House at the harbor.

Fall Programming for children offered the community a selection of outdoor activities including Hingham Youth Field Hockey, Super Soccer Stars, Hingham Youth Tennis, and ASA Hoops.

Field Projects like the Cronin Baseball Beautification and Remodeling project took root in 2022 with the ultimate goal of renovating the entire field.



Respectfully submitted,

Recreation Commissioners:

Vicki Donlan, Chair
Adrienne Ramsey
Ryan Lynch
Steven Buckley
Matt Lebretton

Recreation Department Staff:

Mark Thorell, Recreation Director
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Route 3A Task Force

The Route 3A Task Force is an advisory group consisting of five residents appointed by the Select Board in June 2017. The 3A Task Force provides a forum for public discussion and presentation during design development for the Route 3A/Summer Street/Rockland Street corridor improvement project. The group reports back to the Hingham Select Board periodically, working with the guidance and thru the Town of Hingham Engineering Department. As a proxy to Hingham residents, the Task Force receives questions and concerns regarding the design and also assists in the collaboration with neighboring communities.

Objective

The bounds of the route 3A roadway project are from the intersection of Otis Street and Broad Cove Road to the intersection of George Washington Boulevard and Rockland Street. The final result will be a series of improvements that, together, provide a vision for the corridor to operate safely, efficiently, and sufficiently for all users of different transportation modes.

The project includes a modern roundabout, a lane reduction on Summer Street between Martins Lane and the rotary, traffic signals, turning lanes, and intersection improvements, improved pedestrian and bike accommodations, including ADA compliant walkways and a shared used path along the waterfront.



Background

The Town of Hingham 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, Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT), public safety officials in

neighboring towns, and with our state representative and senator to understand key issues, design the project, secure a position on the State's Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), and move forward through the MassDOT design approval process and to construction.

The Town's total investment in engineering design plans currently represents approximately five percent of the total cost, estimated at \$15.6 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

To date, the Town of Hingham has committed over \$800,000 to bringing this project to fruition, working with project design consultant GM2 Associates and incorporating MassDOT's evolving design guidelines and standards and well-intentioned guidance. We have completed the 25 percent design stage and held a successful Public Hearing in January 2022 that highlighted the local and regional support for the project.

In August, MassDOT agreed to assume the expense for the remaining design effort and required submittals for the project. MassDOT's commitment to the project is vital to its success. Through a Master Service Agreement (MSA) with MassDOT, GM2 Associates will continue working on the project and reporting to the Town Engineer who will continue to facilitate solutions with MassDOT, the MBTA, Hingham Municipal Light Plant, the Conservation Commission, project abutters, and regional partners. The 3A Task Force continues to represent the Town's interests in the process.

Community Engagement

The Task Force holds regular public meetings – posted to the Town's website - to review plan updates and guide decisions. The process since 2015 has been long, detailed, and inclusive of a myriad of Town residents' interests.

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, Hingham's 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 2022 totaled \$5,605,860 compared to \$7,361,009 at the end of 2021. These figures include an investment loss of \$1,433,856, donations of \$39,346, scholarships disbursements of \$308,000, and administrative fees of \$500.

Market performance for 2022 was dominated by inflation, which surged to 40-year highs. As a result, the Fed began aggressively raising rates to tame inflation. Rising rates is bad for bonds and the absence of cheap borrowing adversely impacted the technology, among other equity sectors. Increased geopolitical tensions also impacted markets and the result was the worst performance for a balanced portfolio (60/40 equity/bond) in 100 years. Typically in down equity markets, fixed income exposure acts as an anchor to windward, but the rising rate environment deprived us of that much needed ballast in 2022. While our strategy employs a 70/30 asset mix, the results were similar.

The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate, a broad domestic investment grade bond index returned -13.01%. The S&P 500, an index of the 500 largest US public companies by market capitalization, returned -18.11%. The Russell 2500 Index, an equity index that tracks an array of small and mid-cap sized US companies, returned -18.37%. The MSCI EAFE Index, measuring large company equity performance in developed markets within Europe, Australasia and the Far East, returned -14.01%.

The Fund's asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds & 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 2022, the Scholarship Fund returned -20.20%, net of investment returns, income, donations, and withdrawals. Its' benchmark, which utilizes a combination of the above-mentioned indices, had a return of -16.20%. Our performance shortfall is attributed to our Growth allocation, largely due to its emphasis on the technology sector.

The committee voted to provide \$308,000 in scholarship awards in 2022. This amount is consistent with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement, which is to distribute ~5% of the average assets over the prior three years and compares to \$250,000 in 2020 and \$285,000 in 2021. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years well over \$3M 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,

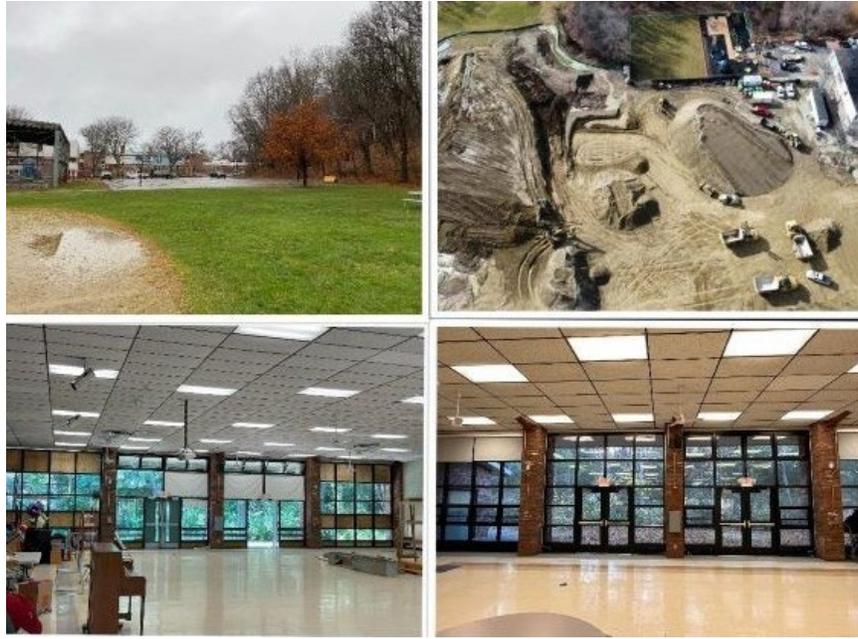
Matthew McGonagle, Chair
Adam White, Clerk
Roger Nastou
John Fitzsimons
Francis J. Gaul
Lori Magner, Treasurer/Collector

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS
IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER

Scholarship	12/31/21	12/31/22
Rizzotto Memorial	38,565	29,853
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon	47,081	35,370
Orvis K. & May B. Collins	99,779	74,839
Amasa J. Whiting	47,032	34,804
Second World War Memorial.....	118,081	87,217
Margaret McElroy	24,127	18,124
Stuart Macmillan Memorial.....	113,081	83,082
Ann Mulholland	11,138	8,505
John Lewis Russell	29,295	21,732
Caroline Murdock	22,063	16,310
Charles (Chuck) Martell	63,469	42,783
Francis James Thompson.....	3,827,074	2,899,012
Patricia Lynne Schneider.....	8,290	6,107
Harold L. Downing	35,382	26,111
Hingham Theater for Children.....	10,798	7,977
1 st Lieutenant Curtis E. Chase	25,080	19,560
The Wallis Lee Chipman Music Award.....	13,176	9,730
Russell Arkell Scholarship	18,165	14,773
Hingham High Basketball Boosters	24,079	18,021
Charles Berry	10,157	7,464
Edward O. Hornstra	32,439	24,861
William J. Laubenstein Jr	9,036	6,775
Mary Sheldon.....	12,882	9,871
Robin Karen Kurciviez.....	9,666	7,224
Mary J. Fee for the Arts.....	8,980	6,767
Jacobs Scholarship	54,800	41,218
John Higgins Scholarship	8,152	6,021
Burditt W. Collins Memorial.....	12,499	9,678
Savini Music.....	10,969	8,191
The Luce Scholarships.....	381,304	279,117
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	33,129	24,777
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial	10,478	7,800
The Bryant Scholarship.....	209,198	158,572
Hingham Taxpayers	104,668	81,638
Hingham Band Parents.....	10,715	7,909
Susan/George Burton Music Scholarship	39,605	30,482
Leroy L. Eldredge.....	29,832	25,646
John Barba	37,015	28,140
M. Tilghman Earle.....	38,452	33,835
Supt. Lewis J. Ernst.....	35,473	26,516
Joan E. Pyne Memorial	13,453	10,149
John Peter Nionakis.....	22,574	17,209

Kids Cabaret	5,951	4,481
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy	25,110	19,502
Field Hockey Team.....	17,638	12,454
Charles L. Vickery	59,331	44,211
Jamin Guarino	63,460	46,583
Clifford Family Memorial	18,933	14,374
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace	162,061	124,034
Gerald M. Collins, M.D	5,226	3,847
Hingham Scholarship Memorial	14,257	10,390
Crofoot Trust	33,875	26,405
Sam Butterfield Scholarship	16,395	12,502
Gloria O. Lofgren	22,601	16,867
Robin Helene Ruben	30,176	24,617
Robert L. Goodrich	57,897	43,913
Helen S. Wollan	12,331	9,034
Former Students of HHS.....	22,905	17,542
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	34,743	26,957
Hingham Women's Club	27,031	20,151
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial	18,848	14,594
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial	43,980	34,856
Samantha Hooper Memorial.....	11,307	8,565
Cynthia Steven Scholarship.....	8,960	6,838
Marie Meallo Scholarship	18,874	14,213
Keith Ryan Memorial	5,983	2,757
Sean Ryan Memorial	111,751	85,282
Colarullo Family Scholarship.....	14,714	11,189
Neal Tompkins Memorial	122,930	91,752
Corporal Christopher J. Orlando USMC Memorial.....	116,370	89,837
Elizabeth Nally Memorial.....	11,848	9,452
Class of 1976 Fritz Hansel Memorial	5,992	4,622
Herbert T. McMeekin, Jr.	198,947	152,485
Dr. Andrew V. & Edith B. Mason.....	193,736	149,030
Haskell N. & Elinor F. Maude.....	11,044	8,997
Supt. Dorothy H. Galo Scholarship	86,449	95,005
Pamela Noble-Hill Memorial	34,230	26,498
HHS Class of 1962.....	0.....	6,494
General Fund	<u>3,892</u>	<u>1,760</u>
Total Rounded	7,361,009	5,605,860

2017 School Building Committee



Top left to right: Foster site before (looking west from rear, Foster after site work commenced (Drone), Bottom left to right: PRS Cafetorium doors/windows before, PRS Cafetorium doors/windows after

2022 was perhaps the busiest year for the School Building Committee ("SBC") as it advanced through the schematic design phase of the project to replace the William L. Foster Elementary School ("Foster"). In early 2022, the project team submitted required materials to the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") that supported its design decisions, in each case informed by its feasibility work and substantiated estimated project costs and requested MSBA approval of the SBC's preferred schematic design and the total project budget for the endeavor. Prior to receiving MSBA approval, the SBC elected to begin more refined design development in an effort to maintain its desired project schedule. A warrant article to provide interim funding for that effort pending receipt of MSBA Board approval earned unanimous support at Town Meeting on April 30th and once again confirmed Hingham's universal support of the project. Ultimately, MSBA Board approval of the preferred schematic design and the total project budget was successfully obtained on August 31st.

Necessary project permitting commenced over the summer with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission culminating in approval with

limited plan revisions. Throughout the fall, the SBC engaged with other Town leaders to help socialize the project with the broader Hingham electorate in preparation for a Special Town Meeting on November 1st and a debt exclusion vote on November 8th. Public information sessions, weekly Q&A videos and tours of the existing Foster building helped to raise awareness and encourage voter participation in the project funding approval process. With approval of the MSBA-approved total project budget at Special Town Meeting and on Election Day a week later, the project team hit the ground running and soon awarded the phase I site work bid to begin preparing the site for construction of a new school. As 2022 came to a close, the site contractor had mobilized and began necessary tree clearing, access drive construction, and creation of dedicated areas for temporary parking and student play. Overall, the project remained on schedule and tracking on or under budget.

Throughout the new school design process, the SBC engaged in value engineering exercises to reduce costs and adhere to the approved project budget. The SBC is 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.

The activity associated with a construction project of this size and scope is sure to draw the attention of Foster students and staff. SBC and project team members are working to execute the project safely and expeditiously limiting disruption whenever possible while Foster administration and staff continue to provide a clean, safe, and positive learning environment for the students in their charge.

As a historical reminder, Foster was built in 1951 with various renovations and additions in the decades that followed and 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 well over 400 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.

The SBC also continued its oversight of the \$3,993,600 window and door replacement project at Plymouth River Elementary School ("PRS") as a participant in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Grant 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 54-year-old elementary school. As the year began, the SBC had just awarded the construction contract to Homer Contracting, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder from among proposals received. Necessary design refinements and selections were made and replacement doors and windows were ordered in anticipation of work commencing at the end of the school year in June. Work began and continued throughout the summer. Delays in obtaining necessary materials due to supply chain restraints required work to continue through the fall and into the ensuing winter. With most work occurring at night and on weekends, disruption of student learning was largely avoided but patience was required and appreciated while the work continued beyond the scheduled completion date. Delays aside, the project was tracking well under budget and the completed work has yielded the intended result. The SBC expects the project to be completed sometime in 2023 with formal closeout with the MSBA to follow.

The SBC remains grateful for the engagement and support of the Foster, PRS, and larger Hingham communities as it continues to execute both the Foster and PRS projects, providing prudent and responsible oversight for the benefit of Hingham students for generations to come.

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 purpose of the Shade Tree Committee is to foster and promote the preservation and planting of shade trees and to support the DPW in the appropriate shade tree species, site selections, and the care of shade trees.

The Shade Tree Committee celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, April 29, 2022 the 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 a proclamation declaring April 30, 2022 as Arbor Day in the Town of Hingham. 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 an American Elm, *Ulmus americana*, which is a very hardy and tolerant tree that will live for 300 years or more. The American Elm is a highly desirable shade tree with moderately dense foliage and a symmetrical crown in a broad or upright vase shape.

This past year the Shade Tree Committee, in consultation with the Department of Public Works, reviewed the current list of recommended "public street" trees identified as plantings within the public way. The focus of the Shade Tree Committee's review was the identification of those trees that are in keeping with the current street tree canopy. The revised list of trees consists of twenty-one street/shade trees.

For the thirty-second 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
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 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 2022, benefits were paid on average to 20 Hingham veterans, and/or their dependents, totaling \$142,116.

The state reimburses the Town for its benefits expenditures at the 75% statutory maximum rate because of 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.

Last year, a total of 177 Federal Veterans Affairs cases and claims were managed by this Department, resulting in those individuals being awarded \$271,942 in total—an average monthly payout of approximately \$1,536 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 2022 with slightly more than \$32,000 on hand. During 2022, the Department expended upwards of \$14,000 to provide supplemental 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.

Since its inception one decade ago by Special Legislation, the Veterans In

Need Fund has raised well over \$100,000 in total donations and has been able to provide benefits in excess of \$70,000 to those with immediate needs. These supplemental funds are pivotal in providing a safety net by bridging the gap between the state's allowable benefit maximums and client bills.

This year's Memorial Day service was held outside at Town Hall with hundreds in attendance. U.S. Army Sgt. Thomas M. Lester was the principal speaker. The Sergeant served with the 2-504 Parachute Infantry Regiment 82nd Airborne Division as a Combat Medic. He deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel and to Camp Cooke, Taji, Iraq in response to terrorist threats to our forces.

Sgt. Lester and the 2-504 PIR were activated again during August 2021, serving as the Immediate Response Brigade, part of the effort to evacuate U.S. citizens, and Afghan refugees from Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was awarded the coveted Combat Medical Badge recognizing his bravery for administering aid while under fire.

On June 18th, Sanborn Auditorium hosted Chief Petty Officer Keith Jermyn's retirement from the U.S. Navy as a Seabee Senior Chief Petty Officer with 28 years' service. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Jermyn's family, many Town citizens and Town employees, several Navy Chief Petty Officers, and the U.S. Navy Captain who was the commanding officer during his deployment in 2014-2015 to the Horn of Africa during Operation Enduring Freedom.



On July 3, 2022, our Town fell victim to the ever-growing epidemic of military and veteran suicides. Sgt. Matthew Partyka, USMC, tragically took his own life onboard Camp Lejeune, NC. His body was repatriated to the Commonwealth, where his flag-draped casket was provided plane-side

honors by a Marine Corps unit, the Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services, State Police, Logan and Boston Fire Departments, and TSA, with his family present. This touching photo is of Matthew's twin sister Caroline as she welcomes him home, back to Hingham for the final time.



The procession from the airport to Hingham was an emotion-laden experience, as Fire and Police personnel from numerous other Massachusetts cities and towns lined each and every overpass along the way. Thousands of our own citizens along with many youth groups and the Hingham High School (HHS) wrestlers came to pay respects that evening, lining the streets and waving small American flags after more than a three-hour weather delay. Shortly after 10:30pm, the hearse pulled into the Downing Funeral Chapel as we all bid Sgt. Partyka a final farewell.

Veteran suicide is one of the greatest crises of our time. Since September 11, 2001, over 30,000 veterans have died by suicide — four times more than the total number of U.S. military personnel who died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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. The National Anthem was performed by the HHS Concert Chorale, and the moving Civil War piece "Tell My Father" was sung beautifully by the HHS Men's Chorus. Both groups were conducted by Dr. Joseph Young. The principal speaker was U.S. Army Sgt. John Giasullo, a Global War on Terrorism Veteran. His deployments include two combat tours in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, serving as a Line Medic for C-Co. / PIR. In 2008, while conducting combat operations in Eastern Afghanistan, an Afghan National Army Humvee struck an improvised explosive device

which destroyed the vehicle and blew it off the road. Despite his injuries, Sgt. Giasullo placed the needs of others above his own as he continued to treat the wounded and stay with his men until the mission was complete. For his actions and valor that day, Sgt. Giasullo was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

During the awards portion of the ceremony, Lieutenant Commander Arthur Smith, USCG (Ret.), was named Veteran of the Year for his tireless service and devotion to our elderly veterans and their families. He has devoted many years to the Hingham American Legion and VFW posts, and has served as Secretary of the Seaman Herbert Foss Memorial Committee and member of the Hingham Veterans Council. LCDR Smith cherishes his role as Bugler during all the Town's military-related events.

For the third year in a row, Tom Hoffman coordinated and organized the National Wreaths Across America Day in Hingham. Donations from various community members and organizations raised over \$15,000 to purchase this year's wreaths. Volunteers from Hingham's Veterans Council, SNAP community, Police Patrolmen's Union, and Daughters of the American Revolution laid over 1,000 wreaths at the gravesites of veterans. The Hingham Centre, Old Ship Church, and Liberty Plain cemeteries were chosen this year, thus completing the project's three-year goal of honoring all who served within the Town's six privately-owned resting places.

As a lifelong resident of Hingham and military veteran, I have witnessed many changes in this town and within our Nation. 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 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."

We greatly appreciate all the Town departments that help us to fulfill our mission, as well as the strong support provided by our hard-working volunteers throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

SCPO Keith Jermyn, USN (Ret.)
Director of Veterans' Services

Weir River Estuary Park Committee



The Weir River Estuary Park Committee (WREPC) is a Tri-Town committee (Cohasset, Hingham & Hull) focused on care of the Estuary and Straits Pond, including protecting land, improving water quality, and encouraging stewardship through education and respectful recreation.

Environmental Conditions

The Weir River Estuary (an area roughly 950 acres), a State designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern, runs from Black Rock Beach in Hull and Cohasset to Sunset Point in Hull, including the area from Foundry Pond Dam in Hingham, the Weir River Estuary including World's End along George Washington Boulevard. Though special protection is codified by State regulations, a variety of environmental challenges impact the Estuary. Plastic debris, excess nutrients, sedimentation from stormwater runoff, reduced streamflow, and legacy pollution all contribute to degradation of the Estuary. Little progress was made in 2022 to halt or reverse this trend.

Terrestrial, aquatic and avian wildlife use the estuary as a way point in their migration, a seasonal habitat to feed during the summer months, or are year round residents. The three Towns have a joint responsibility to preserve and protect the Estuary from the negative impacts above.

The WREPC meets four to six times each year. In 2022, we reviewed some of the issues impacting the Estuary, discussed parcels with the potential for acquisition, reviewed plans for environmental restoration, and celebrated community and educational events linked to the Estuary.

Path to the Island in Straits Pond

At Hull's May Town Meeting, voters approved \$30K in Community Preservation funds to pay for permitting and surveying a walking path to the island in Straits Pond via Eastman Road. Hull Conservation Director, Chris Krahforst, is overseeing this project. The route survey and the wetlands delineation have been completed. Tax parcel delineation, a stormwater runoff evaluation and a preliminary design were completed. The next phase of the project is community outreach and public comment.

The Hull Conservation Commission will then seek funding from a Mass Trails Grant, and a contractor will be selected. Upon receipt of all permits and variances, construction may begin in 2023.

Estuary Clean-up Day

WREP coordinated with local watershed associations and environmental groups to conduct the annual Earth Day cleanup in April. Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull DPWs disposed of two small mountains of trash collected from the Estuary (Amonte Meadows, Lyking, and Rockland Street), Straits Pond, Black Rock, Crescent, and Gun Rock beaches, Foundry and Sidney Ponds. Over 30 volunteers from the three Towns participated and were feted by SPWA and WRWA with a picnic lunch.

5th Grade Weir River Woods Walk

In the fall, volunteer guide, teachers, and some parents led a group of over 70 children on an interpreted walk through the Weir River Woods to the Hull Wind Turbine. Prior to the event, there was a clean-up of the trails with volunteers cutting branches, removing tree limbs with the Hull DPW assisting clean-up.

Nutrient Study of Straits Pond

Hull Public Schools teachers Sheila Blair and Heather Weber collaborated with the Straits Pond Watershed Association and Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research to initiate water sampling and testing for nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, phosphorus, and other chemical species. Funding was provided by a NOAA Bay Watershed Education Training grant.



Atlantic Avenue Reconstruction Project

The Atlantic Avenue Reconstruction Project advanced to completion of utilities installation and a new stormwater catchment system without any

significant construction related impacts to Straits Pond. The reconstructed stormwater catchment system now has sediment traps in the storm drains, one-way caps on the outfalls to the Pond, and riprap at the outlets to slow and disperse discharge.

Continued Residential Development in Cohasset

New residential development near Straits Pond posed a challenge of loose construction debris and increased sedimentation to Straits Pond. Cohasset Conservation agent Charlotte Pechtl has repeatedly chastised some contractors to manage their sites to meet the strict conditions imposed by their Storm Water permits.

Litter

Levels of litter along streets adjacent to the Estuary and Pond were high. A small corps of citizens continue to fight the battle against irresponsible drivers who discard a large number of beer cans, plastic liquor bottles (nips), and other trash. Enforcement of litter laws is lax in all three Towns.

Non-biting Midges and Algae

Midge infestations and algal mats in Straits Pond were less problematic in 2022 than in previous years. The environmental conditions which favor them are still poorly understood.

Tree Swallow Nest Boxes

The tree swallow population in the Estuary and Pond continued to benefit from the nest boxes placed on Straits Pond each summer. Tree swallows feed on flying insects including the midges that create a public nuisance around the Pond.

Salt Marsh Loss

Salt marsh loss continues along all tidal creeks and ditches in the Estuary. We hope you will continue to explore and visit the Weir River Estuary Park area by bike, kayak/canoe, or on foot.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allen, Chair (Hingham)
Richard Avery (Cohasset)
Tom Bell (Cohasset)
Mark Buonagurio (Hingham)
Scott Plimpton (Hull)
Judeth Van Hamm (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, 2022 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, 2022 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 again this year after spiking in FY2020 due to the pandemic; it was at a historic high throughout the country. Town Management had 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 FY2021 and FY2022 budget. As a result of this Financial Plan the town ended Fiscal Year 2022 with a slight 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 10.8% while school enrollment has decreased 12.26%. This decrease has been in the last three 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 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. In the early 2000's due to economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending 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 2023.

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, 2021. This was the twenty-sixth 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, 2022 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 2022 financial statements was invaluable. We want to express our appreciation to the accounting personnel, William Hartigan, 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, 2021.....	147,822,798
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2022.....	214,902,588
-Total Paid on Select Board warrant	(214,912,937)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2022.....	147,812,449

Investment Return on General Fund cash FY 2022.....	167,524
Investment Return on All Funds FY 2022*	625,609
*other than scholarship	

During Fiscal Year 2022 the Collector’s Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2022 Real Estate Tax	91,570,562
2022 Community Preservation Surcharge	1,237,319
2022 Personal Property Tax	1,416,973
2022 Boat Excise Tax	82,809
2022 Motor Vehicle Tax	4,658,351
2021 Motor Vehicle Tax	508,518
2021 Sewer Use Charge.....	3,864,569
Betterments-Paid in Advance	26,958
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	86,786
Sewer Use Liens	150,104
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	<u>683,742</u>
Total	104,286,691

Tax collections remain strong for FY22 with over 98% 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.

There were five new tax liens secured in 2022. 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 \$146,840,657 of which \$135,569,780 is outside the Town’s debt limit. Details related to the Town’s outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

In May of 2022, a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$21,392,931 one year Note. The winning Net Interest Cost (NIC) bid of 2.17% was submitted by Bank of America. Proceeds from the sale of the Notes, together with \$1,268,721 in available funds, were used to redeem \$22,043,652 in outstanding notes. The remaining \$618,000 will provide additional financing for three projects: Road Construction/Seawalls, Fiber Optic Area Network Installation, and Town Hall Data Center Remodel.

I would like to extend best wishes and gratitude to Jean Montgomery who retired on June 30, 2022 after 30+ years working for the Town and holding the position of Treasurer/Collector since 2005. Jean was a trusted and loyal employee, always available to taxpayers and fellow employees to assist them in whatever was needed. She was a wonderful mentor and friend and will be missed at Town Hall.

I would also like to acknowledge the Treasurer/Collector staff, Marijane Deitsch, Jen Doan, Nancy Leahy and Linda Kelley for their consistent and dedicated service that they bring to the department every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori-Ann Magner
Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS/GIFT ACCOUNTS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
As of June 30, 2022

Trust Fund	6/30/21	06/30/22
375th Anniversary	15,590	15,296
4 th of July Parade	64,200	101,076
Affordable Housing Trust	725,488	1,280,840
Aid to Elderly/Disabled (Tax Bill Checkoff)	37,679	39,931
Buttonwood Tree	978	959
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	80,359	75,514
Education Fund (Tax Bill Checkoff)	26,769	27,601
Foster School SAAA	161,037	215,042
Foundry Pond	9,335	9,159
Greenbush Historic Preservation Projects.....	1,315,134	1,104,043
Hannah Lincoln Whiting.....	16,416	16,106
Hingham Federal Withholding	34,929	30,117
Hingham High School Fields Projects.....	177,465	87,170
Hingham High School SAAA	330,111	325,069
Hingham Middle School SAAA	248,631	225,584
Hingham War Memorial	432	423
Light Customer Deposit	1,726,629	1,832,752
Light Depreciation	17,374,524	20,739,062
Light OPEB Trust.....	2,306,049	2,160,073
Light Reserve Stranded Cost.....	8,800,505	9,049,024
More-Brewer.....	112,882	93,677
Open Space Conservation	123,737	111,214
Preservation Projects.....	122,131	168,265
Scholarship Fund*.....	7,247,957	5,826,835
Stabilization	2,338,809	2,167,013
Town OPEB Trust.....	21,102,139	22,354,087
USLST War Memorial.....	2,486	2,439
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account	18,048	23,373
Veterans in Need (Tax Bill Checkoff)	48,151	43,196
Weir River Water System Capital Reserve	7,010,227	7,032,725
 Total	 71,578,827	 74,279,407

*See Scholarship Committee Report for individual scholarship balances

Board of Assessors

It is the responsibility of the Assessors' office to establish current fair market value for all of the properties in the Town of Hingham. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates that every city/town fully update its property assessments each fiscal year to reflect the current fair market value. Every five years, the DOR audits the Board of Assessors records and procedures for certification. This includes an intense examination of all of Hingham's assessment policies and procedures.

In addition to the real property valuations, the Assessing Department maintains records on taxable personal property, boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the 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 8823 parcels, so there are many transactions that take place. They also process plans and corrections to update the Assessors' maps as well as research property ownership and assist other town departments in the performance of their duties. The office works closely with the Veterans Department and Elder Services to ensure that we are providing the residents of Hingham as many possible services and exemptions that are offered.

Hingham's ratio of the assessment to the sales price is calculated and Hingham's ratio for 2022 is 95%. The fiscal 2023 tax rate is \$10.00, down 1 dollar and 56 cents from last year. The average assessment for single family homes is \$1,117,651.00 up from last year's average of \$927,623.00. The average assessment for condominiums is \$771,326.00, up from last year's average of \$726,791.00

We are delighted that we were able to continue our participation in the Senior Tax Work Off program. Our office is fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer 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 2022, we focused on bringing greater awareness to the Senior Means Tested Real Estate Exemption, which is now in its second year. In response a Tax Relief Team was formed. This Team brought together multiple departments within Town Hall and

dedicated residents to spread the word. We launched a multimedia campaign with targeted mailings to all property owners over 65, Facebook posts, inserts in electric bills, recorded calls to seniors, opinion pieces in The Hingham Anchor and Harbor Media ads. This effort paid off by quadrupling the number of applications received compared to last year. 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.

In 2022 we were excited to welcome newly elected member Randall Winters to the Board of Assessors. Randy brings to the Board an extensive knowledge and experience of both residential and commercial Real Estate. He has been an excellent addition.

Our busy year ends with our Director of Assessing, Erin Walsh taking on the leadership role as President of the Plymouth County Assessors Association. Networking with our fellow Assessors is important to keep Hingham on the front lines of legislative change and news in neighboring communities. We look forward to this exciting year for Erin.

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 Assessors' office.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrissy M. Roberts, Chair
Joshua M. Ross
Randall M. Winters

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 2022 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2022.

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	(07/30/2019-07/29/2025)
Charles J. Cristello, Appointed Member	(06/23/2021-06/22/2024)

Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2022 (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash – Citizens Bank (savings)	1,470,345.81
Cash – Citizens Bank (checking)	0.00
PRIT Cash Fund	1,180.85
PRIT General Allocation Account	151,677,302.77
Accounts Receivable	56,110.70
Sub Total	153,204,940.13

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	-77,655.42
Sub Total	-77,655.42

FUNDS

Annuity Savings Fund	-29,585,981.71
Annuity Reserve Fund	-11,192,593.51
Military Service Fund	-13,977.78
Pension Fund	0.00
Pension Reserve Fund	-133,641,784.26
Sub Total	-174,434,337.26

RECEIPTS

Investment Income	-4,070,342.18
Interest not refunded	-41,658.63
Workers' Compensation Settlements	-6,000.00
Realized Gain	-1,466,699.47
Realized Loss	466,730.35
Unrealized Gain	-15,107,573.32
Unrealized Loss	39,163,084.21
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Member Deductions	-3,617,397.82
Transfers from other Systems	-558,718.15
Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits	-5,003.94
Pension Fund Appropriation	-6,580,970.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	0.00
3(8)(c) Reimb. From other Systems	-287,507.99
Received from Commonwealth For Cola & Sur	-33,015.61
Member Payments from Rollovers	0.00
Sub Total	7,854,927.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	66,653.76
Management Fees	798,476.09
Consultant Fees	23,000.00
Legal Expenses	1,487.50
Fiduciary Insurance	6,742.00
Service Contracts	32,600.00
Professional Services	0.00
Actuarial Services	15,500.00
Accounting Services	9,500.00
Education and Training	0.00
Administrative Expenses	6,150.41
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	0.00
Annuities Paid	2,263,290.73
Pensions Paid	7,957,526.21
COLA's Paid	1,263,660.47
3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	309,347.45
Transfers to other Systems	401,769.29
Refunds to Members	296,421.19
Option B Refunds	0.00
Sub Total	13,452,125.10

NEW MEMBERS 2022

Adrienne M. Barry
Aileen C. Walsh
Alanna R. Carson
Alex X. Okech
Alysha M. Dunbar
Amy L. Jackson
Ashley E. Duff
Bethann Sweeney
Bonnie S. Lanzillotta
Brandon D. Norcross
Brandon L. Taylor
Brian P. Destoop
Brittany A. Gianibas
Charles J. Quinlan
Christian M. McGunagle
Christine M. Wigandt
Christopher J. McDermott
Christopher M. Lincoln
Colleen Cox
Constance L. Simpson
Dean F. Gunther
Deborah J. Johnson
Debra A. Kuppens
Debra L. Sinclair
Denise M. Rugman
Derek J. Curtin
Devon S. Lancaster
Dina L. Johnson
Donald R. Baker
Eileen M. Greco
Eleanor C. Mackay
Elin A. Harter
Elizabeth A. Perriello
Erin E. Finnigan
Erin S. Ierardi
Heidi A. Collins
Helen F. Mischler
Hugh E. Healey
Isil Avci
Jared M. Freeman
Jennifer A. Gilman
Jennifer B. Oram

Jennifer R. Cataldo
Joline E. Durant
Judith A. Galvin
Juliette D. Donahue
Kaitlin E. Stratford
Kalie A. McIntyre
Karen A. Sugar
Karen L. Daly
Kassandra L. Stanley
Kathleen M. Connolly
Kathryn A. Brown
Kayla E. Breslin
Keely Benoit
Kelly M. Larkin
Kenneth P. Mroz
Kevin R. Cyr
Kimberly M. Lewis
Lam Nguyen
Lauren E. Sarno
Linda M. Henry
Loretta M. Malloy
Lucy T. Walsh
Marianne Charles
Mary F. Frugoli
Mary Frances Mayo
Melissa A. Decola
Melissa L. Martinez
Melissa M. Woods
Melissa R. Gray
Michael E. Blakeslee
Michael G. Saccone
Michelle F. Parker
Natacha Smith
Niccole J. Bravo
Nicholas J. O'Brien
Norah E. Brink
Patricia M. Burns
Paula C. Lemos
Polly E. Griffin
Ruth Dorcelus-Dowling
Ryan R. Achille
Ryan R. Finney

Sabrina M. Dorion
Samantha L. McMahon
Sarah A. Burton
Sarah K. Gomes
Sebastian C. Becker
Shanna L. Driscoll
Stefani B. Dalabon
Stefanie R. Lee

Stephen A. Monteiro
Susan C. Tucker
Suzanne M. King
Suzanne O'Connor
Tanya M. Holland
Theresa M. Rotondo
Tim P. Moriarty

RETIRED MEMBERS 2022

Joan Allen
Lawrence Babcock
Monica Black
Richard Borowski
Carlton Chambers
Scott Chapelle
Corey Farina
Nancy Flanagan
Douglas Foley
James Foss
Matthew Galvin
Katherine Glenzel

Caterina Iannino
Daniel Leary
Janice MacDonald
Patrice Mahoney
John McDonald
Jean Montgomery
Barbara Pattavina
Marilyn Player
Barbara Pye
Mark Shores
Robert Stearns
Jonathan Venio

DECEASED MEMBERS 2022

Burkard, Susan E
Capman, Bruce T
Carlson, Elaine O.
Machado, Virginia M
Masison, Allan J.

McDonald, John S.
Olson, Nan Agnes
Robinson, John A.
Roundtree, Camilla L.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2022

Active Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year	611
Inactive Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year	342
Enrolled During Current Year	120
Transfers Between Groups	0
Reinstatements of Disabled Members	0
SUBTOTAL	120

Deduct:	
Death	0
Withdrawals	45
Retirements	24
SUBTOTAL	69
Active Membership, Dec. 31st, Current Year	628
Inactive Membership, Dec. 31st, Current Year	376
Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31st, Previous Year	366
Retirements During the Year	
Superannuation	20
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	3
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	2
Survivor Benefits from Active Membership	1
SUBTOTAL	26
Deduct:	
Deaths of Retired Members	8
Termination of Survivor Benefits	2
Reinstatements of Disabled Pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	10
Retired Membership, Current Year	
Superannuation	321
Ordinary Disability	0
Accidental Disability	14
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from Accidental Deaths	4
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option C	24
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	16
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Current Year	382
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31st, Current Year	1,386

Bring these things to Household Hazardous Waste Day			
from the Workbench	from the Shed	from the Garage	from the House
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oil based paints and stains • hobby/artist supplies • fiberglass resins • adhesives • wood preservatives • chemicals that may be hazardous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pesticides, herbicides, fungicides • fertilizers containing pesticides • pool chemicals • cesspool cleaners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flammable liquids and toxic aerosols • gasoline, motor oil mixtures • tire cleaners, degreasers • transmission and brake fluids • carburetor cleaner • marine and auto paints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drain cleaners • moth balls and crystals • hazardous cleaners and polishes • poisons • acids and bases
<p>Materials NOT Accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • radioactive materials • non-friable asbestos • pathological medical waste • industrial waste • explosives 	<p><u>DO NOT BRING to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</u></p> <p>These materials are collected at the Transfer Station throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latex paint and paint cans (dry out with cat litter then put in trash compactors) • Batteries: alkaline and/or rechargeable (collected in universal waste area) • Items containing mercury: thermostats, thermometers and CFL/fluorescent bulbs (collected in universal waste area) • Aerosol cans: empty of non-toxic contents, such as shave cream and whipped cream (collected in metal can area) • Automotive related: motor oil, used oil filters, antifreeze, car and other lead acid batteries (collected in automotive area backside of baler building) • Pressurized gas cylinders/propane tanks/Fire extinguishers (collected in propane area) 		

<http://www.hingham-ma.gov/291/Disposing-Recyclables-Waste>