

# Annual Report



## Town of Hingham 2009

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Special Thanks to Kate Richardsson, IT



*Caroline Gibson and Kathy Glenzel*

Caroline Gibson is the Administrative Secretary in the Department of Elder Services. She was nominated unanimously by the Council on Aging for the 2009 Customer Assistance Award. Although her workload is heavy and varied, Caroline accomplishes it all “quietly and efficiently, despite constant interruptions.” The Council further stated that Caroline “serves the Town of Hingham and Department of Elder Services in a manner which exemplifies true customer service”.

The recipient of the 2009 Productivity/Efficiency Award is Benefits Coordinator Kathy Glenzel. As stated in her nomination of Kathy, Selectman Laura Burns noted that Kathy accomplished the transition of over 300 retired teachers from one health plan to another with “grace, perseverance and over-work”. She goes on to say that every retiree she referred to Kathy expressed his or her gratefulness for her help. Marie Berard, a Hingham teacher for 40 years, now retired, who also nominated Kathy, wrote how Kathy went above and beyond her job to solve a problem that had gone on for several years in a “totally professional” way.



*Bruce Rabuffo, Laura Burns, John Riley*

## **Board of Selectmen**

**A**lthough the economy may be showing some signs of life as we write this report, the process of creating the FY 2011 town budget is taking place in the worst environment for municipal finance since the Great Depression. Legislative cuts to local aid continue, and local receipts (fees, excise taxes, etc.) continue to decline. The town population is growing, which is not the case in many other South Shore communities, and the demand for services is increasing. Nevertheless, the need to accept budget cuts in order to make ends meet is all too plain.

The dramatic difficulties of balancing the budget this year has drawn the attention of the Board of Selectmen to some long-standing budget pressures which must be addressed for Hingham to continue to successfully meet its obligations. Therefore, the Board this year set three new goals for our budgeting process which we hope will change the direction of the town's budget going forward. These three goals were (1) begin appropriating to a trust fund which will meet our more than \$60,000,000 liability for retiree health care benefits in the future, (2) cease the practice of using the town's fund balance to pay for capital needs, and (3) halt the downward trend in our fund balance which threatens the fiscal health of the town and our ability to finance urgent needs.

We are pleased to report that the FY 2011 budget recommended to Town Meeting meets these goals. While painful sacrifices were required to achieve this, we feel we have put the budget process on a new footing which will show fruit year after year, if we maintain this discipline.

Not so pleasing are the effects of the current economic climate on our town departments, most of which will be curtailing services in the next fiscal year one way or another in order to meet their budgets. While this is inevitable in the environment in which we find ourselves, we would like to commend all of our department heads and employees for going to work so willingly and competently on the unpleasant task of identifying what we must forego.

There has been good news, as well, this year. The fall of 2009 saw the opening of the new East School, constructed under the supervision of the skilled and hardworking School Building Committee. The alleviation of classroom crowding at the elementary level is the result, and on behalf of the town, we thank the School Committee, school administration, and School Building Committee for the many hours of careful attention this task required.

The new Department of Public Works facility on Bare Cove Park Drive was completed and opened this year as well. Thanks go to the staff of the department and to the multi-talented DPW Building Committee which has finished its task after almost a decade of work on it.

The consolidation of DPW operations in the new facility made possible a comprehensive reorganization of the Department of Public Works. This work was initiated by the Selectmen, and carried out based on the recommendations of the new Superintendent of Public Works, Randy Sylvester. Public Works services will be delivered more efficiently and cost-effectively as a result.

The Board of Selectmen also implemented the creation of a new Community Planning Department, accomplished by merging five departments into one: the Planning Department, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, the Building Department, and the Historical Commissions. Following the trend developing in towns around the state, this reorganization is the first step towards creating a more streamlined permitting process, making it easier for applicants to apply for and receive permits all in one department. The move resulted in some cutting of costs, and more efficient allocation of staff resources.

We congratulate the new Director of Community Planning, our own former Town Planner Katy Lacy.

Both departmental reorganizations are expected to result both in savings and improved customer service.

The Department of Elder Services is celebrating its fortieth anniversary just as its Director, Barbara Farnsworth, was recognized as Elder Services Director of the Year by her colleagues in Massachusetts. We commend the department staff and its board as they gear up to meet the challenges of the next decade.

Finally, the town finds itself in the midst of a year of festive events creatively organized by the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to commemorate the town's founding in 1635. Each season, the events have focused on illuminating a particular period in Hingham's history, and they will culminate in an exciting town-wide celebration in September. The ongoing celebration reminds us of all we have to be thankful for, and invites us to cherish our past while planning together for our future. The Board extends its grateful thanks to our staff, to all the town employees, and to the legions of dedicated volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to serve the town.

Laura M. Burns  
L. Bruce Rabuffo  
John A. Riley

## Town Administrator

I am pleased to file this first annual report since assuming my duties as Hingham Town Administrator in the spring of 2009.

The past year has been a busy and challenging time. Under the Selectmen's leadership, the Staff and I began many projects this past year to improve the Town and assist its citizens, while simultaneously coping with the most difficult financial situation the Town has seen in many generations.

The lack of financial resources has caused all participants in Town government to examine the services we provide, and attempt to provide the same high-level of service that Hingham's citizens have come to expect, but with fewer resources. In that respect, we have made great progress this past year in regionalizing our public safety dispatch services with the Towns of Hull, Cohasset and Norwell. We were able to secure a \$3.1 million grant to complete construction and equipping of the regional dispatch center and we expect to begin operations in the second half of 2010 with substantial budgetary savings as a result.

We also examined and reorganized the Department of Public Works, the Community Planning Offices and the Administrative and Finance Offices. The result of these reorganizations was savings in excess of \$200,000 with no loss in service levels, and in fact, greater efficiency in service delivery. Another cost-saving initiative was the bidding of the Town's property/casualty insurance package in the late spring/early summer of 2009. The result was a savings of just over \$100,000 in comparison to the projected increase expected for the new fiscal year.

In 2009 the Selectmen noted that economic development had slowed dramatically tracking the state of the general U.S. economy. In past years, commercial growth had been steady and had provided the Town with important new revenue each year in the form of taxes and permit fee income. With the economic downturn these revenues dropped by \$1-2 million per year.

After consultation with many Town boards, committees and commissions, the Selectmen decided to begin a concentrated effort to encourage development of the remaining industrial land located in South Hingham, and to consider multi-story redevelopment of the already developed industrial park. To realize this potential, the Town partnered with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber generously provided the Town with an in-depth review of the area's development

potential and presented the Town with its findings late in 2009, noting that bio-medical, office space and light industrial were all businesses wishing to locate in Hingham.

To facilitate that type of development, the Town embarked on an intense effort to connect the industrial area to MWRA sewerage, as well as improve the Derby Street transportation corridor. At year's end, we were nearly ready to submit an MWRA connection application, pending approval from the April 2010 Annual Town Meeting and we were awaiting State review of a multi-million dollar transportation improvement grant application.

The Town also partnered with AW Perry Corp. and So. Shore Hospital to permit a new three-story, 80,000 square-foot medical office building to be located in the industrial park. This building, when complete will offer the Town nearly \$180,000 in permit fees and a similar amount in new annual tax revenue.

As noted, working on these and many other projects has been challenging...but also extremely rewarding as we have made remarkable progress in a very short time on so many community goals.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Hingham's Town Administrator this past year. I am extremely fortunate to serve a Board of Selectmen that I greatly respect and truly admire, and to work with Department Heads who are each leaders in their professions. I am especially fortunate to enjoy the assistance of Betty Foley, Betty Tower, David Basler, Marilyn Harrington and Kathy Glenzel – the staff in the Selectmen/TA office. These outstanding people are consummate professionals and they make coming to work every day a real pleasure.

As I look forward to continuing with many new challenges in 2010, I will close by noting that my first year with Hingham has been a great learning experience...and the most important lesson that I have learned is that Hingham is served by many outstanding citizens and employees who unselfishly give the Town the benefit of their time, expertise and most importantly, their love of our community. The Town is blessed to have their service and I am blessed to have been allowed to serve with them. Thank-you for that privilege.

Kevin E. Paicos  
Town Administrator

## 2009 Elected Town Officers

	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b>	
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	2010
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)</b>	
John A. Riley	2012
Lawrence Bruce Rabuffo	2011
Laura M. Burns	2010
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b>	
Eileen A. McCracken	2012
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)</b>	
Jean Montgomery	2010
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b>	
Michael P. Shaughnessy	2012
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2011
Mark F. Tyburski	2010
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b>	
Peter B. Bickford	2012
Stephan J. White, Chairman	2011
Kirk J. Shilts	2010
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b>	
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2012
Kevin J. Bulman	2011
Walter A. Foskett	2010
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b>	
Robert D. Keyes	2014
James R. Watson	2013
Heather A. Hedlund	2012
John Cafferty	2011
Mary Lou Tutkus	2010

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)**

Linda Krause Hill	2012
Barbara J. Cook	2012
Esther Healey	2011
Christine Smith	2011
Caryl Falvey	2010
Chrisanne D. Gregoire	2010
Stephen Nagle	2010

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Paul K. Healey, Chairperson	2014
Sarah H. Corey	2013
Judith S. Sneath	2012
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2011
Susan Murphy	2010

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Michael A. Salerno	2012
Andrew J. Spath	2011
Edmund Demko	2010

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Victoria "Tory" Dolan	2014
Scott H. Bosworth	2013
Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2012
Francis G. Jones	2011
Thomas J. Campbell	2010

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

Tereza Prime	2011
Becky Weston	2010
Louis Belknap	2009

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

Thomas Foley
F. Peter Fee
Joan P. Williams

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE 9<sup>th</sup>  
DISTRICT**

Marjorie A. Mahoney
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## 2009 Appointees

### Term Expires

#### **TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR (Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)**

Theodore Alexiades

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

##### **(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)**

Gregory M. MacCune	2012
Daniel J. Dwyer	2012
Amy W. Farrell	2012
Dennis C. Friedman	2012
Andrew Mooradian	2012
David H. Ellison	2011
John F. Manning	2011
Mary Jane O'Meara	2011
Elizabeth Eldredge	2011
Laura Marwill	2011
Jonathan R. Asher	2010
Richard J. Innis	2010
Karen A. Johnson	2010
Irma Lauter	2010
Jerry K. Seelen	2010

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

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

Timothy White	2011
Frederick Copeman, III	2011
James O'Brien	2011
Gretchen Condon	2011
Susan Crowley	2010
Laura Burns	2010
Rev. Gary Ludwig	2010
Blake Auchincloss	2010
Christopher Burns	2010

#### **ANIMAL SHELTER SITE STUDY COMMITTEE**

##### **(Appt. by Selectmen, ART 72 ATM 1986)**

MaryLou Hanlon  
Margot Quadros  
Justine Thurston  
Barbara Partridge

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

W. Tod McGrath	2012
Joseph Freeman	2011
Joseph M. Fisher	2010

**Associate Members (one year term)**

William M. Koplovsky  
William Ramsey (also Associate Member Planning Board)  
Mario Romania, Jr.  
Jamey Tesler

**APPRAISER, TOWN**

Richard Lane Partridge

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Barbara McMullan	2012
Edward J. Matthews	2012
James O'Hare	2011
Joseph Roper	2011
Paul Doyle	2011
Patricia A. Coyle	2010
Barbara A. Nicosia	2010
Charles Harvey	2010
Francis W. Sheltry	2010

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

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

Joan Hansel	2012
Avis Studley	2012
Shirley Rydell	2012
Marjorie Elsdon	2011
Kathleen Q. Norman	2011
Miriam Tod	2011
Rosemarie Durkin	2010
Alyce Nobis	2010
Laura Spaziani	2010

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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

Mark Grylls, Inspector of Buildings  
Robert Egan, Deputy Inspector of Buildings  
Local Inspector  
Michael Simpson  
Richard Wakem

William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires  
Assistant Inspector of Wires  
David Bennett  
Stanley Hersey  
Keith Jermyn  
Steven Wigmore

Frank Yetman, Plumbing & Gas Inspector  
Assistant Plumbing & Gas Inspector  
Brian McPherson  
Jay Yetman

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Eric Dresser	2012
Sandra S. Peavey	2012
Eric Gauthier	2012
Robert Kirk	2011
Amy Goebel	2011
Eric Connerly	2010
James Dellot	2010
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	

**Ex-Officio**

Philip S. Thaxter

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Lucy Hancock	2012
Ronnie L. Kirven	2011
Ray P. Eisenbies	2010

**Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman**

Jonathan R. Asher  
Andrew Mooradian

**Ex-Officio**

Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
(ART 38 ATM 2001)**

John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.)	2012
William S. Reardon (Moderator Appt.)	2012
John A. Riley (Selectmen Rep.)	2011
Sally C. Weston (Moderator Appt.)	2011
Philip Edmundson (Selectmen Appt.)	2011
Daniel Coughlin (Conservation Comm. Appt.)	2010
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Appt.)	2010
James Watson (Housing Authority Appt.)	2010
Sarah Dewey (Historical Comm. Appt.)	2010

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

Eugene Babin	2012
Scott T. McIsaac	2012
Nina T. Villanova	2011
Daniel Coughlin	2011
Charles Berry	2011
Robert Perry	2010
Carolyn Nielsen	2010

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

Anthony Cuddahy	2012
Kathleen Peloquin	2011

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

Henry F. G. Wey, III (Appt. Retirement Board)	2012
Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2011
Thomas P. Hall (Appt. Selectmen)	2010
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2010

**Ex-officio**

Theodore Alexiades (Town Accountant)

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

Patricia L. LaLiberte	2012
Ann Manning	2012
Katherine A. Bennett	2012
Arthur LeMay	2012
Norma Jackson	2011

Thomas Hickey	2011
Susan Kiernan	2011
Joanne Pollick	2011
Anne Condon	2010
William Scott	2010
Steven D Waynen	2010

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

Terence Clarke	2012
Paul J. Casey	2012
Kerry Ryan	2011
William Friend	2011
Kathleen Curley	2010

**CULTURAL COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)**

Jane P. Shute	2012
Gary S. Nisbet	2012
Emily Hutchinson	2011
Susan Luery	2011
Mary Ann Blackmur	2010
Constance H. Cummings	2010

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)**

Susan L. Sullivan	2013
Mark Cullings	2013
Benedict Wilcox	2012
Eileen Richards	2011
Nanette G. Walsh	2011
Stephen Kelsch	2010
Richard Monaghan	2010

**DISABILITY ISSUES**

Mark Grylls
Susan Sommer
John Pollick
Barbara Partridge

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)**

Dorothy Galo
Jennifer Henriksen

Patricia Tomecek  
Jean Curtis Loud  
Judith Rielly

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Mark L. Duff

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Eileen A. McCracken  
Joan Newell  
Kathy Glenzel

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE**

**(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

James Sharkansky, Selectmen Appt.  
Victor Popp, Selectmen Appt.  
John Churchward, Selectmen Appt.  
Vacant, Selectmen Appt.  
Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.  
Vern Larkin, Moderator Appt.  
Pamela Harty, Moderator Appt.  
John Tzimirangas, Light Plant Manager

**Ex-officio**

Town Accountant  
School Business Manager

**FIRE CHIEF**

Mark L. Duff

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)**

See Conservation Commission

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)**

Mary Ann Blackmur  
Alden, A. Carpenter, MD  
Susan Hagstrom  
Ruth Potter  
Margaret Costello  
Lewis Scotton  
Virginia Spannagel  
Cynthia Tonucci  
Doris McCann

Mary Power  
William Ramsey  
James Drew  
Susan Drew  
James P. Murphy  
Nancy MacDonald  
Kristen Maxwell  
Wendy L. Wilson  
John Shreenan

George M. Ford  
John Reader  
Cassandra McDermott

Carrie Murphy  
Laura Fisher  
Gary Nisbet

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

Keith Jermyn	2012
Stephen Kelsch	2011
Scott McMillan	2010

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

David Beal	2012
Brian Sweeney	2012
Alan Perrault	2011
Robert Mosher	2011
Adrienne Fowkes	2010
Christopher Daly	2010
Nicholas Amdur	2010

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

Kenneth R. Corson, III  
Mark F. Brennan, Acting Deputy Harbormaster

**Assistant Harbormasters**

Michael Murray	2010
Joseph P. Driscoll	2010
Neal Nelson	2010

**HARBOR TASK FORCE**  
**(Appointed by Selectmen, May 26, 2009)**

Alan Perrault  
Benedict Wilcox  
Christopher Daly  
John Riley  
Katy Lacy  
Kenneth Corson  
Peter Fee  
Susan Murphy

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

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer  
David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

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

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**  
**(ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM1967)**

Charles N. Clutz	2012
John McCoy	2011
Susan Berry	2011
Scott Ford	2010
Nancy MacKay	2010

**Alternate Members**

Winston I. Hall	2011
Arthur K. Choo	2012
William Tuite	2012
Benedict Wilcox	2010
Elaine Marcell	2010

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

Virginia Tay	2012
Thomas Willson	2012
Elizabeth Rockoff	2011
Alexander Macmillan	2011
Sarah Dewey	2011
Arlyn D. Vogelmann	2010
Noel A. Ripley, Jr.	2010

**LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF**

Kate Mahony  
Edward Siegfried  
A. Stedman Murdy  
David Mehegan  
Charles B. Abbott, Esq.  
Nelson G. Ross, Esq.  
Harold Goldstein  
Arthur Garrity  
James Welch  
Edna English  
Mark VanDine

**Appt. By Selectmen**

JoAnn C. Mitchell	2012
Susan Rabuffo	2011

Edward D. Boylan	2010
<b>Appt. By Moderator</b>	
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.	2011
Michael S. Barclay	2010
<b><u>Ex-officio</u></b>	
Rep. of Board of Selectmen	
Treasurer/Collector	
Superintendent of Schools	

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

John W. McHugh (Moderator Appt.)  
 Grant Hansel (Selectmen Appt.) Resigned  
 George Schwartz (Selectmen Appt.)  
 James O'Brien (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)  
 Christopher Burns (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)  
 Thomas P. Shanley (Selectmen Appt.)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman  
 Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief  
 David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat  
 William Gray, Fire Department, EMS  
 Taylor A. B. Mills, Police Chief  
 K. Bradford Durant, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.  
 John A. Riley, Selectman  
 Laura M. Burns, Selectman  
 L. Bruce Rabuffo, Selectman  
 Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator  
 Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works  
 Harry Sylvester, Highway Supervisor  
 John Tzamorangas, Manager, HMLP  
 Mark Grylls, Building Inspector  
 Paul Field, School Department  
 W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer  
 Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer  
 Kenneth R. Corson, III, Harbormaster  
 Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

Marianne MacDonald	2011
Matthew Goulet	2011

Karen Flynn Thompson	2011
Leon J. Merian	2011
Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2010
Brenda P. Black	2010
Peter Stathopoulos	2010
Elizabeth A. Dewire	2010
David P. White	2010

**Ex-officio**

Superintendent Public Works

**MASS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Charles Y. Chittick, Jr., Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.**

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative

Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative

Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

**MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE**

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

Kenneth W. Drescher

Joan Getto

John McKendry

Shirley Newsom

Elizabeth Shaw

Eugene Shaw

Michael Shilhan

Nancy Stimson

Justine L. W. Thurston

Dorcas V. Wagner

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

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

Marco Boer 2012

Edna S. English, Alternate

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**NAMING POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/15/09)**

James Costello

Philip Edmundson

Alexander Macmillan

Jane Malme

Edward Siegfried

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Susan Berry (Planning Board Appt.) 2012

Jessica Foley (Selectmen Appt.) 2011

Michael Pollard (Conservation Appt.) 2011

James Morris (Conservation Appt.) 2010

Peter Rosen (Conservation Appt.) 2010

**PARKING CLERK**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERMANENT BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 7/8/08)**

Michael Barclay

Thomas J. Carey, Jr.

Alison Ferrante

Jerry Seelen

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

David Pace 2012

Marie S. Harris 2012

Michael J. Puzo 2011

William D. MacGillivray 2011

Nelson G. Ross 2010

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

Laura M. Burns

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY HEALTH GROUP**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Kevin Paicos, Representative  
Betty Foley, Alternate Representative

**POLICE CHIEF**

Taylor A. B. Mills

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Randy Sylvester

**PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 15 ATM 2002)**

John J. Bailey  
Robert P. Garrity  
Brian McSweeney

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Karl Willner  
Robert S. Bucey  
Edward Colbert  
George W. Ullrich

**REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMM.**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 62 ATM 1991)**

Peter G. Stathopoulos  
S. Edward Eaton  
Helga J. Jorgensen

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

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

Virginia Gray	2012
Robert Abbott	2011
Betty Tower	2010
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE**

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

Andrew Shafter	2012
Clay Graham	2012
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer	2012
Roger Nastou	2010
Thomas Hagstrom	2010
Kurt Weisenbeck	2010

Matthew Welch

2010

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006  
(ART 17, ATM 2006)**

Stefan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)  
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)  
Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)  
Alan J. Macdonald (Moderator Appt.)  
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)  
Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)  
Stephen Nagle (School Comm. Appt.)

**SOUTH SHORE COALITION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

Laura M. Burns

2010

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

Stephen Messinger  
Randy Sylvester

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION**

Joseph Fisher, Member CAC  
Stephen Kelsch, Member CAC  
Mary Byram, Member CAC  
William Koplovsky, Rep. to the Advisory Board of the South Shore  
Tri-Town Development Corp.

**TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE  
(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)**

John J. Pollick  
Ingrid Eikinas  
Carolyn Kelliher  
Greg Hall, Assessors  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

**375<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen 9/4/2007)**

Susan Haley  
Laurie Burnaby  
Deborah Ludwig  
Ann Collins  
Justine Thurston  
Barbara Wollan

Lucinda Day  
Henry Day  
Joan Snowber  
Thomas Bright  
Suzanne Buchanan  
Cynthia Wilkins

Joan Getto  
Daniel B. Walsh  
Elizabeth Klein  
Margaret Robbins  
Diane Lewis  
Julianne Mehegan

Irene Kane  
Ann Burnaby  
Leah Godfrey  
Edmund Demko  
Robin Stuart-Tilley  
Lucy Jacobus

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Kevin E. Paicos

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Police Chief (or Rep.)

Fire Chief (or Rep.)

Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)

Leslie Kehoe

2011

Michael Pevarnik

2010

Philip Resca

2010

**TREE WARDEN**

Randy Sylvester, Supt. P.W.

John Bibby, Deputy Tree Warden

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/18/2007)**

L. Bruce Rabuffo

Sandra Peavey

Susan Sullivan

Benedict Wilcox

John Tzamorangas

John A. Riley

**VETERANS COUNCIL**

Edward Barr

Robert Beal, Jr.

Charles Bernier

James Claypoole

Michael Cunningham

Daniel Evarts

Keith Jermyn

Stephen Kelsch

Andrew McCawley

Scott McMillan

William Ramsey

Larry St. Laurent

Arthur Smith

**WASTEWATER MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(ART 23 ATM 2004)**

Michael Salerno (Sewer Comm. Rep.)  
John A. Riley (Selectmen Rep.)  
Kirk Shilts (Board of Health Rep.)  
Charles Berry (Con. Comm. Rep.)  
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)  
Richard Hull (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mark White (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mathew E. MacIver (Moderator Appt.)  
Francis Mahony, Jr. (Moderator Appt.)

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

Thomas A. Burbank  
Roger W. Sullivan  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Maureen F. Doran  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Paul K. Cappers  
James Connelly

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

Robert Egan

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Faith Burbank  
James Rodgers, Alternate  
Darrell Baker, Alternate

# Annual Town Meeting

April 27, 2009

**Registered Voters: 15,322**

**Attendance: 1,206**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 27, 2009. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m, a quorum being present. James Conroy was appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Rev. Gary Ludwig of the Baptist Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

## ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. County Cooperative Extension Service
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Disbursement of Electric Light Department receipts
8. Assume liability for DCR on rivers, harbors, etc.
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Transfer money from the Waterways Fund to Dredging Account
11. Transfer funds to the Reserve Fund
12. Transfer funds out of the Stabilization Fund
13. Transfer Light Plant Investment Income
14. Appropriate Funds for Sewer Construction on Central Street
15. Appropriate Funds for Sewer Construction on Thaxter Street
16. Rescind Debt Authorization for Mill Street Pumping Station
17. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Historic Structure Report
18. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Thaxter Park Boilers
19. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Preservation Projects Fund
20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Conservation Fund
21. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Cushing Property Acquisition
22. Community Preservation Surcharge Reduction
23. Appropriate Funds 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

24. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Accessory Uses in Attached Garages
25. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Modify Flexible Residential Development
26. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Regulations for Outdoor Lighting
27. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Former Police Station
28. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Floor Ratio in South Hingham Overlay District
29. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Gyms in Industrial, Limited Industrial and Industrial Park Districts
30. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Definition of Planned Unit Development
31. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Downtown Overlay District and Parking
32. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Rezone land in Office Park District to Industrial Park District
33. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Permit Additional Uses in the Industrial Park District
34. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Rezone land from Residence District C to Industrial Park District
35. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Rezone land in Residence District B to Business District B
36. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Dogs
37. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Fire Prevention Code
38. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Town Clerk Records Fees
39. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Solicitation
40. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Marihuana
41. Transfer property on Abington Street to Conservation Commission
42. Scenic road designation – Martins Lane
43. Motorcycle Exhaust Regulations
44. South Shore Country Club Food & Beverage Lease
45. Special Legislation re: Regional Dispatch
46. Special Legislation re: Site specific liquor licenses
47. Easement – Heather Lane
48. Street Acceptance – Windsong Way
49. Street Acceptance – Great Rock Road

## **Article 1**

**VOTED:** 1. That Louis S. Belknap, 437 Main Street, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town confirm the choice by the Selectmen of Marjorie Mahoney as Director for the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service in accordance with the provisions to serve for one year.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust, Animal Shelter Site Study Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Central Fire Station Building Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Public Works Building Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; Water Supply Committee and the Zoning Permits Study Committee be received, and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued, except that the Zoning Permits Study Committee and the Central Fire Station Building Committee be discharged with thanks.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 4**

**VOTED:** That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-Law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any 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, 2009 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 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 Personal Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply

with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 5**

**VOTED:** That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office: Town Clerk<sup>1</sup> and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 and 17 respectively of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the annual rate of \$2,000.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500.00.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.00.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214.00 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department).

Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

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

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 6**

**VOTED:** That there be raised and appropriated for each of the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; and provided that any amount or a portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account under and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Item Held from Article 6**

Contingent upon affirmative action by the voters of the Town on the ballot question to allow the Town to assess an additional \$1,100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for purpose of operation of the new elementary school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

## **A Majority Vote**

### **Article 7**

**VOTED:** That, with the exception of \$487,208 which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in section 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 8**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 9**

**VOTED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Monies shall be spent primarily to compensate such inspectors for their services. The Building Commissioner shall be authorized to spend monies from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$350,000 during Fiscal Year 2010.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 10**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Waterways Fund to the Dredging Fund, such account to be used for the future dredging of Hingham's inner harbor, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be transferred to the Dredging Fund, such account to be used for the future dredging of Hingham's inner harbor and that the Town accept and credit said account with funds from the State and Federal Governments for the same purpose.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 11**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$790,000 from available reserves to the Reserve Fund for use during fiscal year 2009.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 12**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$111,486 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2010 tax rate.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$92,919.63 to the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant in order to return investment income earned by the Town on funds invested for the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 14**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$125,000 for the construction of sewers on lower Central Street between Elm Street and South Street, and to accomplish such action, the Town: (1) authorize and empower the Sewer Commission to contract for design, engineering and construction services for such sewerage facilities; and (2) authorize the Sewer Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to impose betterment assessments upon property benefited by such sewer systems; and (3) to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer/Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow \$125,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that in connection with this borrowing, any or all of such amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, c.29C, as amended (the "Trust"), and in connection therewith, the Selectmen and any other appropriate Town officers are authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to any such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof.

#### **2/3rds Vote Required**

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 15**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$150,000 for the construction of sewers on Thaxter Street, and to accomplish such action, the Town: (1) authorize and empower the Sewer Commission to contract for design, engineering and construction services for such sewerage facilities; and (2) authorize the Sewer Commission and/or the

Board of Selectmen to impose betterment assessments upon property benefited by such sewer systems; and (3) to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer/Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow \$150,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that in connection with this borrowing, any or all of such amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, c.29C, as amended (the "Trust"), and in connection therewith, the Selectmen and any other appropriate Town officers are authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to any such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 16**

**VOTED:** That the Town rescind the unissued debt of \$380,000 authorized by vote under Article 15 of the Warrant for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$60,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve, such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, for architectural conservation surveys of the Old Ordinary and Old Derby Academy.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 18**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to be used by the Hingham Housing Authority for the purchase of new boilers for the Thaxter Park Housing Development, or act on anything relating thereto?

**No Action Taken**  
**A Majority Vote**

**Article 19**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$62,500 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and transfer such amount to the Historical Commission Preservation Projects Fund.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 20**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for deposit to the Town's Conservation Fund established pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C, for use by the Conservation Commission for the purchase of land, capital improvements to such land and expenses directly related to such acquisitions (surveys, engineering studies and other expenses), to make deposits or down payments toward acquisition or creation of such interests in open space and to otherwise preserve open space.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 21**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$700,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve to be used for the acquisition, by the Hingham Conservation Commission, for conservation purposes, of Lot 11, Map 64, known as 210 East Street, consisting of approximately 4.1 acres, and that the Town authorize and direct the Conservation Commission to complete such acquisition, provided that the seller of said parcel makes an associated gift to the Town of approximately 5 acres of nearby woodlands and conveys to the Town a mutually acceptable preservation restriction on the Cushing Homestead.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**Majority Vote Declared**  
**Motion Adopted**

## **Article 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the surcharge on real property of 1.5% of the real estate tax levy against real property, as determined annually by the Town's Board of Assessors, authorized pursuant to the Town's acceptance on April 28, 2001 of Sections 3 through 7, inclusive, of c.44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, by reducing the surcharge from 1.5% to .24% or act on anything relating thereto?

**No Action Taken**  
**A Majority Vote**

## **Article 23**

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$35,000 be and hereby is transferred from available funds for the use of the Hingham 375th Anniversary Committee.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 24**

**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 At Section III-H, change the title from "Nonconforming Uses" to "Nonconforming Uses and Structures."

Item 2 At Section VI (Definitions):

A. Replace the entire definition for "Single-Family Detached House" with the following:

"Single-Family Dwelling

a free-standing dwelling, excluding house trailers and mobile homes, intended and designed to be occupied as a single dwelling unit. For all purposes in the By-law, including the provisions set forth in Section III-H, Single-Family Dwellings shall include attached garages, or other fully enclosed, attached structures, whether heated or unheated, connected to the primary structure."

B. Replace the entire definition for "Two-Family House" with the following:

"Two-Family Dwelling

a dwelling intended and designed to be occupied as two separate dwelling units. For all purposes in the By-law, including the provisions set forth in Section III-H, Two-Family Dwellings shall include attached garages, or other fully enclosed, attached structures, whether heated or unheated, connected to the primary structure.”

Item 3 Throughout the Zoning By-Law, replace the following terms with the term “Single-Family Dwelling”:

- single-family detached dwelling
- single family detached dwelling
- single-family dwelling
- single family dwelling
- single-family residence
- single-family residential
- single-family residential building or structure
- single-family residential use
- single-residential use
- single-unit dwelling

Item 4 Throughout the Zoning By-Law, replace the following terms with the terms “Two-Family Dwelling”:

- two-family dwelling
- two family dwelling
- two-family residential dwelling
- two-family residential building or structure

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 25**

**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 Throughout the entire Section IV-D, replace the term “Town House” with the term “Two-Family Dwelling.”

Item 2 At Section IV-D, (2), Definitions, at the term “Low or Moderate Income Housing” replace the minimum specifications for Town House with the following minimum specifications for Two-Family Dwelling:

- “Two-Family Dwelling
- Gross Floor Area: 2,400 SF
- # Bedrooms 4 (2 per dwelling unit)
- Garage Spaces 2 (one per dwelling unit)”

Item3 At Section IV-D, (2) Definitions, at the term "Moderately-Sized Home", replace the maximum specifications for Town House with the following maximum specifications for Two-Family Dwelling:

"Two-Family Dwelling

Gross Floor Area: 3,000 SF  
# Bedrooms 6 (3 per dwelling unit)  
Garage Spaces 4 (two per dwelling unit)"

Item 4 At Section IV-D, (3), Eligibility, replace item (a) in its entirety with the following:

"Sites containing a minimum of three (3) acres and a Conventional Yield of not less than three (3), provided, however, that no Additional Dwelling Units (as defined in Section IV-D, 7) shall be permitted on sites containing less than five acres.

Item 5 At Section IV-D (10) add a new subsection (g):

"For Two-Family Dwellings, the exterior design of the structure shall maintain the appearance and character of a Single-Family Dwelling."

### **2/3rds Vote Required**

### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 26**

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

Item 1 At Section I-I (4), Submittal Requirements,

A. Add the following new item (i) and re-designate the current item (i) as item (j):

i. Site Lighting Plan showing the location, height, photometrics, orientation, and specifications for all outdoor site lighting, including information on the intensity and range of illumination for each source of light proposed.

B. Remove from item (e) the word "lighting".

Item 2 Replace Section I-I (6) (a) in its entirety with the following:

"Protection of abutting properties against detrimental uses by provision for surface water drainage, fire hydrant locations, sound and site buffers, and preservation of views, light and air, and protection of abutting properties from negative impacts from artificial outdoor site lighting."

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**Majority Vote Declared**  
**Motion Adopted**

**Article 27**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, in the Zoning Map, "Part A, Town of Hingham", both as heretofore amended, by removing from Business District "B," and including in Residential District "A," the land contained on Assessors' Map 38, Lot 103, and described as follows, to wit:

All that certain tract piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Hingham, State of Massachusetts, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the southeasterly side of the Broad Cove Road with the northerly side of Lincoln Street; running thence easterly along the northerly side of Lincoln Street the following courses and distances; south eighty-six (86) degrees, forty-five (45) minutes, twenty (20) seconds east twelve and twenty-four one-hundredths (12.24) feet; south eighty-six (86) degrees, seven (7) minutes, fifty (50) seconds east one hundred and eight (108) feet; thence easterly on a curve tangent to the last mentioned course with a radius of four hundred and fifty (450) feet a distance of one hundred and seven and sixteen one-hundredths (107.16) feet; thence easterly on a tangent to the last mentioned course south seventy-two (72) degrees, twenty-nine (29) minutes, ten (10) seconds east seventy (70) feet; thence north six (6) degrees, forty four (44) minutes, fifty (50) seconds, east one hundred and seventy-two and ten one-hundredths (172.10) feet to the southeasterly side of the Broad Cove Road; thence south sixty-eight (68) degrees, thirty-eight (38) minutes thirty (30) seconds west along the Broad Cove Road three hundred and thirty-five (335) feet to the point of beginning.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 28**

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

At Section III-E, South Hingham Development Overlay District, Subsection 5 (c), delete the second paragraph titled "Section IV-A" in its entirety, and replace with the following:

"Section IV-A

Floor Area Ratio (FAR): For office use (as described in Section III-A 4.10) an FAR of 0.25 is permitted as-of-right, and up to 0.45 by Special Permit A2. For all other uses an FAR of 0.35 is permitted as-of-right, and up to 0.45 by Special Permit A2.

Maximum Height: Forty-eight (48) feet, but not more than four stories."

**2/3rds Vote Required  
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 At Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, insert, after Subsection 4.12, a new use "4.12A Health Club" permitted with a Special Permit A2 in Residence D; Industrial, Industrial Park, Limited Industrial Park, and Office Park districts; permitted by right in Business A and Business B, and prohibited in all other districts.

Item 2 At Section VI, Definitions, insert, after the definition of Height, Building, the following new defined term:

"Health Club An establishment that provides members and non-members with equipment, space, and/or facilities for the purpose of physical exercise as a primary or secondary use."

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

## **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:

At Section VI (Definitions) remove, in its entirety, the definition of Planned Unit Development.

**A 2/3rds 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 At Section III-G, delete section 2(a) and replace with the following:

“a. Encourage planning and development which will maintain and improve the economic viability of Downtown businesses by encouraging a mix of uses that will maintain, provide for or encourage regular interaction with the general public on a walk-in basis on the ground floor and office and residential uses on the upper floors.”

Item 2 At Section III-G, delete section 4 and replace with the following:

“4. Permitted and Prohibited Uses

The permitted uses and uses allowed by Special Permit A2 in Business District A, as set

forth in Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, shall be permitted or allowed, as applicable, in

the Overlay District, with the following exceptions:

(a) the following uses are prohibited in the Overlay District:

Section III-A 4.3 Funeral Home

Section III-A 4.4 Animal or veterinary hospital

Section III-A 4.5 Commercial breeding

Section III-A 5.1 Automotive filling or service station

Section III-A 5.2 Auto repair

Section III-A 5.3 Car dealership & service facilities

Section III-A 5.4 Marina; boat livery; sales, storage & repair of boats

Section III-A 6.1 Wholesale warehouse

(b) the following uses are permitted on the upper floors of any building and may be allowed by Special Permit A2 on the ground floor:

Section III-A 4.10 Business or professional offices or agencies

Section III-A 4.11 Bank or other financial institution”

(i) The Board of Appeals may approve such application for a Special Permit A2 if, in addition to the criteria set forth in Section I-F,2, it finds that, in its judgment, the use is consistent with the purpose and objectives of this Section III-G as set forth above. If such use cannot meet such objectives in the proposed location, it may be granted a Special Permit A2 if at least one of the following apply and the Board of Appeals finds that the proposed use is not detrimental to the objectives of this Section, including objective 2(a):

(A) The site of the use is outside the primary pedestrian area of the Downtown, such primary pedestrian area being those portions of Main Street, North Street and South Street within the Overlay District.

(B) The use will be located in a building existing as of January 1, 2009 which is significantly set back from the (or all of the) street(s) which such building abuts.

(C) The physical characteristics of the existing building (as of January 1, 2009) in which the use shall be located (such as a pre-existing residential structure within the Overlay District) are such that other permitted or allowed uses in the Overlay District are not practicable.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4(B)(i) above, if, as of January 1, 2009, the ground floor of any building included a "business or professional office or agency" or a "bank or other financial institution" (each a "Grandfathered Use"), and such Grandfathered Use is subsequently changed to another permitted or allowed use in the Overlay District, such ground floor may, within six (6) years of such change of use, revert back to a Grandfathered Use and such Grandfathered Use shall be permitted subject to Site Plan Review pursuant to subsection 4(b)(iii) below prior to issuance of a building permit (or a certificate of occupancy if no building permit is requested), but shall not require a Special Permit A2.

(iii) The Planning Board, when conducting Site Plan Review under this subsection 4(b), shall consider, in addition to the items set forth in Section I-I, 6, whether the appearance and treatment of the windows and doors of the building will maintain, provide for or encourage regular interaction with the general public.

### Item 3

(a) At Section III-G, 6, delete subsection (d) in its entirety; and

(b) At Section III-B, 7 replace the reference to Section III-G, 6 to Section III-G, 7(a); and

(c) At Section III-G, 6(b)(iii) replace the reference to Section III-G, 6(d) to Section III-G, 7(a).

Item 4 At Section III-G, add a new section 7 as follows:

"7. Off-Street Parking Requirements in the Downtown Hingham Overlay District

Except as otherwise provided in this section (7), the requirements set forth in Section V-A, Off Street Parking Requirements, shall apply to the Overlay District.

a. Parking Requirements for Commercial/ Residential Buildings

The purpose of this subsection (a) is to ensure that sufficient off-street parking is provided for all dwelling units created under Section III-G,6.

(i) Provision for off-street parking shall be as follows:

Studio or one-bedroom dwelling unit	1 space
Two-bedroom dwelling unit	2 spaces

(ii) When off-street parking exists or may be constructed on the parcel where the use is proposed, the Planning Board may make a finding in connection with a Special Permit A3 application pursuant to Section V-A that the commercial use(s) and the residential use within the Commercial/Residential Building are complementary uses having different peak demand times, in which event on-site parking may satisfy both the residential and the commercial uses (subject to the requirements of Section 7 below in the event of a change or increase in commercial uses).

(iii) Parking for all dwelling units (including, without limitation, dwelling units proposed in newly-constructed or reconstructed buildings or in newly-constructed stories to existing buildings) shall be located on the same parcel or on a contiguous parcel under common ownership.

(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for dwelling units proposed in existing stories of existing buildings which, as of December 1, 2003, (a) are at least two stories in height and (b) which lack required on-site, off-street parking to meet the requirements of this Section, the Planning Board may grant a Special Permit A3 to permit the following:

(A) Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings, provided that a copy of a written, fully executed and effective lease, with a term of at least one (1) year, permitting use of sufficient parking spaces to comply with this Section for a minimum of overnight parking shall be provided to the Planning Board prior to the issuance of the Special Permit A3. For purposes of this Section III-G, "Leased Parking for Commercial/Residential Buildings" shall be the provision of parking for dwelling units in a Commercial/ Residential Building on land of a third party located within 500 feet of the benefited parcel (but excluding parcels with single-family dwellings or two-family dwellings outside of the Overlay District). The granting of a Special Permit A3 shall require a finding by the Planning Board that such lease of parking spaces does not create a violation of the zoning of, parking requirements for existing uses on, or any special permit or variance granted to, the burdened parcel. In addition, the applicant (or its successor) shall be required, as a condition of the issuance of a Special Permit, (i) to certify to the Building Commissioner annually, on the anniversary of the date of the issuance of a Special Permit, that such lease remains in full force and in effect and (ii) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration or other termination of such lease, to apply to the Planning Board for a modification of its Special Permit A3 which application shall provide for the required parking in another manner consistent with the requirements of this subsection 7(a).

(B) Off-site parking in designated resident parking areas of public parking lots, provided that a resident parking permit program or the like is adopted by the Town, and provided that, as a condition of the issuance of the Special Permit A3, the applicant applies for and presents written evidence to the Planning Board and the Building Commissioner of approval by the Town of sufficient resident parking permits to comply with the parking requirements of this Section.

Provision of off-street parking in accordance with the requirements of this Subsection (iv) may be satisfied by any combination of on-site parking and alternative parking options described herein, provided, however, that where, prior to the application for a Special Permit under this Section, sufficient off-street parking exists or may be reasonably constructed on-site to satisfy, in whole or in part, the parking requirements of this Section, the Planning Board shall consider the availability of such parking when considering the eligibility of the site. Such parking shall be located on-site and shall not be eligible for relief under this subsection to allow for alternate parking options.

(v) No newly-constructed parking shall front on a public way, except along Summer Street (Route 3A), Water Street, Station Street or the Station Street parking areas.

(vi) For parcels which have opposite property lines along two streets or ways and for parcels with frontage on Summer Street (Route 3A), fully enclosed garage parking may be provided within the building at ground level if such parking is accessed from the rear of the building, is not visible from the front of the building, and such building has a permitted commercial use at the front of the building. For purposes of this Section III-G, any portion of a building facing Main Street, South Street, North Street, or Summer Street shall be considered the front of a building.

(vii) Notwithstanding any provision of Section V-A to the contrary, and except as specifically provided in this Section III-G, 6(d), off-street parking requirements for residential uses in a Commercial/Residential Building shall not be reduced nor waived by special permit or otherwise. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of Section V and this Section, the provisions of this Section shall control.

(b) Off-Street Parking Requirements for Certain Non-Residential Uses

The reduction in off-street parking requirements for Business A District set forth in Section V-A, 2 shall not apply to uses under Section III-A, 4.10 and Section III-A, 4.11 on the ground floor; provided, however, that this subsection 7(b) shall not apply to any Grandfathered Use under section III-G, 4(b)(ii).

(c) Special Permit A3 for Waivers from the Off-Street Parking Requirements

The Planning Board may approve an application for a Special Permit A3 to waive strict adherence to the requirements of this Section III-G,7 and applicable provisions of Section V-A if it finds such application meets the following criteria:

(i) Satisfactory demonstration of parking adequacy as evidenced by the results of a parking study conducted pursuant to the standards of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) prepared by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with demonstrated experience in the Fields of Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning, and concurrence with said results by the Planning Board's review consultant. The parking study baseline shall be consistent with the methodology and format implemented as a part of the Town's "2008 Downtown Hingham Parking Study" and associated shared parking model, as the same may

be updated or amended from time to time. Upon written request of the applicant, the Planning Board may waive the above submittal requirement if deemed by the Planning Board to be not necessary for its review of the application.

(ii) Such relief will promote the goal of preserving and enhancing the Downtown as a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented local shopping and business district and is consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Overlay District;

(iii) The maximum number of off-street parking spaces reasonably achievable on the premises has been provided;

(iv) It is not practical to meet the applicable standards of this Section 7 and Section V-A and a waiver of these regulations will not (A) result in or worsen parking or traffic problems, or adversely affect pedestrian safety, on-site or on the surrounding streets or (B) adversely affect the value of abutting lands and buildings;

Item 5 At Section VI (Definitions), add the following terms in the applicable alphabetic location:

“Business Office or Agency -- Administrative, executive, research, servicing, processing or similar businesses or organizations having only limited face-to-face contact with the general public. See also, Professional Office or Agency.”

“Commercial Service Establishment – An establishment primarily engaged in providing services on-site, including walk-in services, directly to individual or businesses, such as printing, copying, shipping, but excluding Business Offices. See also Service Business”

“Consumer Service Establishment – An establishment primarily engaged in providing personal services directly to consumers on-site, such as hair or nail salons, drop-off/pick-up dry cleaner, tailor, shoe repair, and educational services such as tutoring, but excluding medical or dental Professional Offices and Health Clubs. See also Service Business.”

“Craft Establishment -- Any business establishment that produces on the premises non-edible articles for sale on the premises of artistic quality or effect or handmade workmanship directly to the public, including handmade articles for production by the public on-site. Examples include weaving, pottery, painting, sculpting, candle-making, and associated

activities. Craft Establishment shall be considered a 'Retail Business' for the purpose of determining off-street parking requirements."

"General Business Office – See 'Business Office or Agency.'"

"Ground Floor – Within the Downtown Hingham Overlay District, the floor of a Building that exits directly at street level. For any Building having more than one floor that exits directly at street level each such floor shall constitute a 'ground floor'."

"Medical or Dental Office -- An office used exclusively by physicians, dentists, and similar healthcare professionals for the treatment and examination of patients and clients on an outpatient basis."

"Professional Studio – The studio of an artist, a musician or a photographer, provided such studio may also constitute a Craft Establishment or a Consumer Service Establishment if the primary use of such space meets the definition of such an establishment.

"Service Business – For the purpose of determining off-street parking requirements the following shall each be considered a Service Business: Commercial Service Establishment, Consumer Service Establishment, and Craft Establishment."

Item 6 At Section VI (Definitions), delete the definition of "Professional Office" and substitute therefor the following:

"Professional Office or Agency: The office of a member of a recognized profession, including but not limited to accountants, architects, doctors and physicians, dentist, engineers, real estate or insurance brokers and lawyers, but excluding businesses defined under Business Office or Agency, Consumer Service Establishment and Professional Studio."

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**Standing Vote Taken**

**Yes 174**

**No 38**

**Motion Adopted**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:53 PM**

## Second Session

April 28, 2009

Registered Voters: 15,322

Attendance: 367

Reconvened: 8:14 PM

### Article 32

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

In the "Zoning Map, Part A, of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts," by removing from Office Park District and including in the Industrial Park District, the land shown on Assessors Map 195 as Lot 44, on Assessors Map 194 as Lots 1, 2, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, 24 & 25, on Assessors Map 187 as Lot 12, on Assessors 186 as Lots 2, & 3, and on Assessors Map 185 as lots 1 & 2, being all the land, except Lots 6 & 43 on Assessors Map 195, included in the Office Park District by the adoption of Article 48 by the 1983 Annual Town meeting, which land is situated on Derby Street, off Old Derby Street and on the northeasterly side of Route 3 and the easterly side of the Town Line, or act on anything related thereto?

#### **No Action Taken**

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

### Article 33

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Section III-A, 3.8 of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

By removing from the Industrial Park District column the "O" and substituting therefor "A2", or act on anything related thereto?

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

### Article 34

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

In the "Zoning Map, part A, of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts," by removing from Residence C District and including in the Industrial Park District, the land shown on Assessors Map 186 as Lot 5 and on Assessors Map 187 as Lot 10, which land is situated on Derby Street, off Old Derby Street and on the northeasterly side of Route 3 and the easterly side of the Town Line, or act on anything related thereto?

**No Action Taken**  
**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**Majority Declared**

#### **Article 35**

**VOTED:** Will the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, in the "Zoning Map, Part A, of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts," by removing from the Residence B District and including in the Business B District, the land shown on Assessors Map 195 as Lots 23, 24 & 100 and the portion of Lot 22 presently in the Residential B District, or act on anything related thereto?

**No Action Taken**  
**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**Majority Vote Declared**

#### **Article 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Article 17, Section 1 of the General By-laws by adding the following: "If, in the sole judgment of the Animal Control Officer or any police officer, an unleashed dog (That is not confined to the property of the owner or keeper) is not under voice control, the owner or keeper shall leash the dog immediately at the direction of said officer."

**A Majority Vote**

#### **Article 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 32, by deleting the current Section 11 and replacing it with the following:

"Section 11 - Each marina float or pier system which is greater than 500 feet long from its land-side beginning to its end or ends, or which is

determined by the Fire Chief or the Chief's designee (Fire Chief) to be inaccessible for firefighting, shall have a fire protection water piping system (System) installed for firefighting or emergency use. The System shall be a manual dry standpipe system, with a fire department connection and removable cap at its land-side end, ready for connection by the Fire Department to a water source in the event of need. The System shall be constructed of durable, corrosion-resistant materials, and it shall be equipped with 1½" hose connections at 100 foot intervals for use in fighting fires. The System shall be designed and installed in accordance with appropriate and nationally recognized standards for such systems; where so warranted by special conditions, the Fire Chief may consider alternative materials and/or design standards for the standpipe system when such alternatives, in the Fire Chief's opinion, provide the required protection. The System shall be maintained in good operating condition at all times when the float or pier system is in use. The System shall be inspected and tested annually, on or before May 1, by a qualified testing agency, and a report detailing the results of the inspection and test shall be forwarded to the Fire Chief within ten days of the inspection and test. Any components of the System that fail the inspection or test shall be repaired or replaced within 30 days and the System shall be retested. The design and construction of all Systems shall be subject to the review and approval of the Fire Chief. Design documents for such Systems shall be submitted to the Fire Chief prior to the commencement of System construction, and the Fire Chief shall review and respond to the submittal within 30 days of receipt thereof. No System shall be constructed, expanded, or otherwise altered without the Fire Chief's approval. Installation of such System shall be completed, and the System must receive the Fire Chief's approval, before a float or pier system is allowed to be used. The marina float or pier owner shall pay all costs of the System, including, but not limited to, its design, construction, maintenance, inspection, and testing. The provisions of this By-Law shall apply to all new and existing marina floats or piers meeting the criteria described in the first sentence of this Section 11. A violation of this Section 11 may result in a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) if, after receiving written notice of a violation from the Fire Chief, the marina owner fails to correct the violation within 30 days of receipt of such notice, or within such longer time as the Fire Chief may grant in appropriate circumstances. Each day that an uncorrected violation exists after the allowed time for correction has elapsed shall be deemed to be a separate offense."

### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 38**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-Law of the Town, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by changing the fees now charged by the Town Clerk under Article 6, Section 6, as follows:

(g) For filing certificate of a person conducting business under any title other than his real name, fifty dollars.

(h) For filing, by a person conducting business under any title other than his real name, of a statement of change of residence, or of his discontinuance, retirement, or withdrawal from, or of a change of location of, such business, twenty dollars.

(n) For entering a notice of intention of marriage and issuing certificate thereof, thirty dollars.

### **A Majority Vote**

### **Article 39**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939 as heretofore amended, at Article 36 as follows:

Item 1: At Section 1 – Definitions, subsection a. delete the third paragraph and replace it with the following:

Solicitor shall not include any person who secures money, credit, property, financial assistance, or any other thing of value on the plea or representation that it will be used for a charitable, political or religious purpose or that it is to be exchanged for any such goods or services.

Item 2: Delete Section 3 in its entirety and replace it with the following:  
"Section 3

All solicitors as defined in Section 1 must obtain a permit if an individual, or a registration if an organization, prior to soliciting within the Town of Hingham. All individual solicitors must have said permit in their possession when soliciting within the Town of Hingham. Solicitors are obligated to inform the Police Department as to areas of Town in which soliciting will take place on each day solicitation is to take place. Where solicitation will occur after 6:00 p.m., the Solicitor shall inform the Police Department of the specific streets on which the intended solicitation is to occur."

Item 3. Delete Section 4 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

#### Section 4

Solicitors must obtain the following approvals, as applicable: An Organization Solicitation Registration and an Individual Solicitation Permit.

A. Organization Solicitation Registration: Every organizational solicitor in the Town of Hingham must submit a fully completed Organization Solicitation Registration form to the Chief of Police using the Organization Solicitation Registration form available at the Police Records Office. The Police Chief shall have twenty (20) days to approve the registration for such organization or notify the applicant that the registration is denied. The registration is non-transferable.

B. Individual Solicitor Permit: Each individual who seeks to solicit must submit a fully completed Individual Solicitation Permit application form and a passport-sized photograph to be used for the permit badge to the Chief of Police. The Individual Solicitation Permit application form shall be available at the Police Records Office. The Police Chief shall have twenty (20) days to approve an Individual Solicitation Permit application or notify the applicant that the permit is denied. Upon approval, the Chief of Police shall cause an individual permit, with picture identification, to issue within five (5) business days. The permit is non-transferable and must be displayed at all times while the permittee is soliciting. Upon request, the permittee shall show his/her permit to a police officer.

Each permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months from the date of issue.

The organization registrant shall pay a processing fee of \$25 for each permit badge issued to individuals soliciting on its behalf. The Police Chief, for good cause shown, may waive this fee.

#### BASIS FOR DENIAL OF A REGISTRATION

The Chief of Police may refuse to register an organization which has been charged with fraud, deceptive or misleading advertising, or is under investigation by the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Prevention Division, until such charge or investigation is disposed of and the organization found not culpable.

No registration shall issue to any organization that the Police Chief determines has violated this by-law. No registration shall issue if the Police Chief determines that the application contains any fraudulent or untruthful statements. The Police Chief is authorized to conduct

background checks on applicants to determine suitability related to reasons for denial.

#### BASIS FOR DENIAL OF A PERMIT

No permit shall issue if the applicant for the permit has ever been convicted of a felony, or any one or more of the following misdemeanors:

Assault and battery;

Breaking and entering a building or ship with intent to commit a misdemeanor;

Larceny;

Shoplifting, cheating by check;

Unlawful or fraudulent use of credit cards;

Unlawful taking of money;

Stealing or poisoning of a dog;

Buying, receiving or concealing stolen goods;

Deceptive advertising;

Making or publishing false statements;

Destruction or injury of a building;

Trespass on property after prohibition; and/or

Trespass with internal combustion engine or source of mechanical power.

No permit shall issue to any person who has violated any provision of this by-law. No permit shall issue if the Chief determines that the individual permit application form is incomplete. No permit shall issue if the Chief determines that the individual permit application form contains any untruthful or fraudulent statement. The Police Chief is authorized to conduct background checks on applicants to determine suitability related to reasons for denial.

Item 4. Change "license" in Section 5 to "permit or registration."

Item 5. After Section 5 insert a new "Section 6" as follows and renumber subsequent sections:

#### Section 6

No person having received a registration or a permit shall represent to the public that the same constitutes an endorsement or approval by the Town or its officials.

Should a permittee be arrested and charged with a crime that is alleged to have occurred in the course of conducting business under the permit, the permit shall be automatically suspended. Such suspension shall last

until the resolution of the criminal proceedings. Should the permittee be found guilty of the offense, the permit shall be revoked and no subsequent permit shall be issued.

Upon determination by the Chief of Police that a permittee has been convicted of a felony or any of the above-named misdemeanors, the permit shall be revoked and must be returned to the Police Chief within three (3) business days. Upon a determination that an Organization Solicitor Registration form contains untruthful or misleading information, or that the registrant has been convicted of fraud or found by the Attorney General's office to have violated any consumer protection law or regulation, the registration and any permits issued under that registration shall be revoked. All revoked permits must be turned in to the Police Department within three (3) days of notice by the Chief to the registrant or permittee. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this by-law and each day the permit is not turned in shall constitute a separate offense. Any person or organization that is denied registration or a permit or whose registration or permit has been revoked may appeal by filing a written notice of appeal with the Board of Selectmen. Such appeal must be filed within five (5) days after receipt of the notice of denial or revocation. The Board of Selectmen shall hear the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting after the filing of the written notice of appeal. The Board of Selectmen shall issue a decision with thirty (30) days of the filing of the appeal.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 40**

**VOTED:** To include a prohibition of marihuana or tetrahydrocannabinol in public ways by amending Article 10, Section 30A.

#### **No Action Taken**

#### **A Majority Vote**

#### **Article 41**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to transfer the care, custody and control of two parcels of land consisting of approximately 13.6 acres, shown as Lot 7 on Assessors' Map 211, and Lot 3 on Assessors' Map 212 to the Conservation Commission.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 42**

**VOTED:** That the Town designate Martins Lane in Hingham as a scenic road in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 15C and the corresponding Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board adopted on April 2, 1984, as amended.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 43**

**VOTED:** That the Town adopt the United States Environmental Protection Agency motorcycle exhaust system noise and labeling requirements as set forth in 40 CFR, Section 205.169 (2008) together with all sections referenced therein and require that all post 1982 model year motorcycles operating on public roads in Hingham have the requisite manufacturer's frame and exhaust system labeling; and allow the Town police department to cite operators of any motorcycles not in compliance with this article as a violation of G.L. c. 90, Section 7U, G.L. c. 90, Section 16 and/or any other applicable rule, regulation and/or statute?

**No Action Taken  
A Majority Vote**

**Article 44**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 37, Section 11, to read:

For the purposes of Section 12 of Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Committee, in conjunction with the Selectmen, may enter into lease agreements: dealing with the provision of food and beverage at the South Shore Country Club, for a term of not less than one (1) year but in no event greater than ten (10) years, with up to three additional extensions of no more than five (5) years each, based on mutually agreed upon performance criteria; dealing with the bowling facilities for a term not exceeding seven (7) years; and may enter into golf maintenance contracts for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 45**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement, or petition the Great and General Court to enact special legislation establishing, a regional dispatch center or district.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 46**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to issue one (1) additional site-specific Restaurant Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License to Six Station Street LLC, 6 Station Street.

**A Majority Vote**

## **Article 47**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize but not require the Board of Selectmen to accept an extension of the drainage easement shown as "As-Built Street Plan", Heather Lane, Hingham, Massachusetts, prepared by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated November 27, 2007, by extending said easement an additional three (3) feet as shown as relocated drainage easement on "As-Built Street Plan, Heather Lane, Station 0+0 to Station 5+87.20, Hingham, Massachusetts, prepared by Grady Consulting, L.L.C., dated May 23, 2008 from Stephen J. McCoy and Ann M. McCoy, 5 Heather Lane.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 48**

**VOTED:** Street Acceptance – Windsong Way.

**No Action Taken**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 49**

**VOTED:** Street Acceptance – Great Rock Road.

**No Action Taken**  
**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 PM**

**Special Town Meeting**  
**August 3, 2009**

**Registered Voters: 15,444**

**Attendance: 1,535**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, August 3, 2009. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., a quorum being present. Andrew McElaney and James Conroy were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Rev. Robert Edson of St. John the Evangelist Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

**Article 1**

**VOTED:** That (a) consistent with the recommendation of the recently formed school naming committee, the newly constructed elementary school located off Eastgate Lane be named "East School" and the library wing of such newly constructed school be named for Dorothy H. Galo, and (b) the School Committee be prohibited from naming any school building, property or facility, or any portion thereof, except with

prior Town Meeting approval or in accordance with a naming policy hereafter adopted by Town Meeting.

**A Ballot Vote**

**Yes 1022**

**No 427**

**Motion Adopted**

**Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the total funds appropriated for Education under Account No. 300 of the FY 2010 budget approved under Warrant Article 6 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting be reduced by an amount equal to the cost to the town of holding this Special Town Meeting, and such sum transferred to the general fund of the Town.

**No Action Taken**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 PM**

**Cash Appropriations  
Fiscal Year 2010**

Article 4	
Personnel Board	225,000
Article 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	369,181
Expenses	41,736
132 RESERVE FUND	883,000
(\$450,000 from available reserves)	
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	345,706
Expenses	61,206
Audit	45,000
Information Technology	103,083
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	283,273
Expenses	10,848
Consulting	7,500
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	273,108
Expenses	42,390
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	185,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	27,050
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	157,612
Expenses	6,553

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	6,955
Expenses	8,390
171 CONSERVATION	
Payroll	142,526
Expenses	13,363
175 PLANNING BOARD	
Payroll	103,078
Expenses	27,296
176 BOARD OF APPEALS	
Payroll	90,229
Expenses	5,794
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	15,059
Expenses	6,740
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	167,439
Expenses	399,347
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	<u>11,817</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>3,858,971</u></u>

PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$355,126)	4,137,597
Expenses	303,339
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$291,541)	4,045,418
Expenses	342,760

230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Payroll (Overtime \$69,139)	439,744
Expenses	5,000
241 BUILDING COMMISSIONER	
Payroll	230,871
Expenses	4,331
244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Payroll	10,526
Expenses	1,072
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Payroll	9,064
Expenses	3,193
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	42,513
Expenses	6,300
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	88,186
Expenses	25,301
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	297,300
Street Lighting	140,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>10,132,515</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	28,599,323
Expenses	6,870,068
Capital Outlay (\$50,000 from available reserves)	<u>50,000</u>

TOTAL EDUCATION 35,519,391

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

410 SELECTMEN'S ENGINEERING

Payroll 94,148  
Expenses 20,000

420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK

Payroll (Overtime \$37,989) 1,648,292  
Expenses 332,442  
Snow Removal 250,000  
Resurfacing 355,000

430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING

Payroll (Overtime \$18,902) 447,969  
Expenses 983,047  
Capital Outlay (\$75,000 from available reserves) 75,000

440 SEWER COMMISSION

Payroll 309,465  
Expenses 201,118  
Capital Outlay 63,000  
Engineering 10,000  
MWRA Charges 1,455,318  
Debt Service 56,656  
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement 103,000  
Total 2,198,557

The sum of \$2,198,557 shall be funded from Sewer revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS 6,404,455

HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	281,027
Expenses	17,439
541 ELDER SERVICES	
Payroll	173,550
Expenses	58,608
Tax Work Off Program	12,000
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	47,045
Expenses	6,800
Benefits	184,000
545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,500
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u><u>786,469</u></u>

CULTURE AND RECREATION

610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,098,245
Expenses	243,380
Capital Outlay	0
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	59,600
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	17,280
Expenses	5,825
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Payroll	34,830
Expenses	4,578

692 CELEBRATIONS	<u>9,500</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	<u><u>1,473,238</u></u>
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	<u>1,811,001</u>
The total sum of \$1,811,001 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u><u>1,811,001</u></u>
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>7,956,755</u>
(\$4,063,907 IS EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSITION 2 1/2)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u><u>7,956,755</u></u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	6,422,632
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	2,850,254
911 NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	14,897
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	300,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	92,744
914 EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAXES	<u>559,020</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u><u>10,239,547</u></u>
UNCLASSIFIED	
901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	359,500
940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	

Claims and Incidentals	11,250
Total	11,250
 TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	 <u>370,350</u>

The following amounts will be added to the respective budgets as indicated below, contingent upon affirmative action by the voters of the Town on the ballot question to allow the Town to assess an additional \$1,100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for purpose of operation of the new elementary school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

999 OPERATIONAL OVERRIDE	
School Department - Salaries	888,291
School Department - Expenses	121,171
Police Department	7,565
Contributory Group Insurance	47,500
Employer Medicare Taxes	13,973
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	21,500
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL OVERRIDE	 <u>1,100,000</u>
Total Articles 4 & 6	77,538,460

Article 10	
Waterways Fund to Dredging Fund	30,000
Dredging Fund	100,000

Article 11	
2008 Fiscal Year Reserve Fund	230,000

Article 12	
Reduce 2010 Tax rate	111,486

Article 13	
Municipal Light return investment income	92,920

Article 14	
Other Post Employment Benefits Trust	300,000

Article 17	
CPC-Historical Resource Reserve	60,000
Survey of Old Derby and Ordinary	
Article 19	
CPC-Historic Resources Reserve	62,500
Historical Comm. Preservation Projects	
Article 20	
CPC-Open Space Reserve	100,000
Conservation Fund	
Article 21	
CPC-Open Space Reserve	700,000
Conservation Commission	
Article 23	
Available Reserves	35,000
375th Anniversary	
Total non-borrowing articles	79,360,366
ARTICLES AUTHORIZED TO BORROW	
Article 14	
Sewer-Cental St., Between Elm & South Sts.	125,000
Article 15	
Sewer-Thaxter Street	250,000
Total Borrowing	375,000
Grand Total	80,110,366
Article 16	
Rescind 2008 Article 15 - Sewer	-380,000
Total Rescinded Borrowing	-380,000

**Special State Primary Election for Senator**  
December 8, 2009

**REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
**Senator in Congress**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>PR6A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Scott Brown	104	103	122	122	144	105	146	<b>846</b>
Jack E. Robinson	16	18	22	13	13	15	26	<b>123</b>
Write-Ins	1	0	0	4	6	6	1	<b>21</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>990</b>

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
**Senator in Congress**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>PR6A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Michael E. Capuano	101	98	112	96	102	85	96	<b>690</b>
Martha Coakley	190	241	210	199	198	176	290	<b>1504</b>
Stephen G. Pagliuca	66	57	101	77	81	41	121	<b>544</b>
Write-Ins	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>3067</b>

**Annual Town Election**  
**May 2, 2009**

**FOR MODERATOR**

	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR6 A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Thomas L. P.O'Donnell</b>	557	584	638	676	627	432	288	<b>3802</b>
Blanks	125	137	141	142	142	118	76	<b>881</b>
Write-Ins	4	0	4	1	2	2	2	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR SELECTMAN**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>PR6A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>John Riley.....</b>	509	537	564	619	573	367	279	<b>3448</b>
Blanks	168	172	204	198	189	176	86	<b>1193</b>
Write-Ins	9	12	15	2	9	9	1	<b>57</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

	<b>PR 1</b>	<b>PR 2</b>	<b>PR 3</b>	<b>PR 4</b>	<b>PR 5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>PR6 A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Robert H. Kurtz</b>	155	191	254	238	248	172	228	<b>1486</b>
<b>Michael P. Shaughnessy</b>	440	420	385	461	406	283	91	<b>2486</b>
Blanks	90	110	142	120	117	97	47	<b>723</b>
Write-Ins	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR TOWN CLERK**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>PR6A</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Eileen A. McCracken</b>	562	600	639	657	631	419	288	<b>3796</b>
Blanks	122	121	143	161	138	131	78	<b>894</b>
Write-Ins	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR BOARD OF HEALTH**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>Peter B. Bickford</b>	524	568	591	641	597	394	276	<b>3591</b>
Blanks	161	153	192	175	174	157	90	<b>1102</b>
Write-Ins	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>John A. Stoddard, Jr.</b>	520	559	561	615	595	386	276	<b>3512</b>
Blanks	164	160	220	203	174	165	90	<b>1176</b>
Write-Ins	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>Robert D. Keyes.</b>	481	507	529	568	545	360	263.	<b>3253</b>
Blanks	207	248	248	217	190	103	1414	<b>4</b>
Write-Ins	4	7	6	3	9	2	0	<b>31</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE (VOTE FOR TWO)**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>Barbara J. Cook</b>	430	485	450	521	498	328	243	<b>2955</b>
<b>Linda Krause Hill</b>	419	436	491	529	490	314	260	<b>2939</b>
Blanks	521	516	620	587	545	459	229	<b>3477</b>
Write-Ins	2	5	5	1	9	3	0	<b>25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>1566</b>	<b>1638</b>	<b>1542</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>9396</b>

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>Paul K. Healey</b>	504	552	565	612	579	370	266	<b>3448</b>
Blanks	180	168	215	205	189	181	100	<b>1238</b>
Write-Ins	2	1	3	2	3	1	0	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR SEWER COMMISSION**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>Michael A. Salerno</b>	354	347	354	389	434	256	154	<b>2288</b>
<b>Peter C. Coletti</b>	231	282	306	301	251	194	150	<b>1715</b>
Blanks	100	92	122	128	86	101	62	<b>691</b>
Write-Ins	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**FOR RECREATION COMMISSION**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>Victoria S. "Tory" Dolan</b>	460	409	431	440	436	286	187	<b>2649</b>
<b>Roger W. Sullivan</b>	173	243	281	280	260	194	132	<b>1563</b>
Blanks	53	69	71	99	75	72	46	<b>485</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

**QUESTION 1- Allow to assess an additional \$1,100,000 for operation of the new elementary school beginning July 1, 2009**

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR6	PR6A	TOTAL
<b>Yes- add the amount</b>	386	462	526	659	535	386	231	<b>3095</b>
<b>No- do not add</b>	292	250	245	242	233	158	120	<b>1540</b>
Blanks	8	9	12	8	3	8	12	<b>63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4698</b>

15,322 voters

30.66%

## Building Department

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
897	Building Permits	\$551,200
27	Final Cost Affidavits	48,549
514	Plumbing Permits	36,225
344	Gas Permits	12,333
912	Electrical Permits	101,855
81	Certificate of Inspection	6,710
2,775		\$756,872

### Summary

		<u>Estimated Cost</u>
13	New Single Family Dwellings	\$6,220,282
4	Multi Family Residences (37 Units)	8,542,081
108	Dwelling Additions	10,891,580
442	Dwelling Alterations	7,838,931
80	Commercial Alterations	10,882,203
1	Recreation Building	1,800,000
3	Foundations Only	262,000
3	Commercial Additions	375,000
4	Cold Storage	2,392,972
2	New Structures (other than Buildings)	7,400
21	Demolitions	176,400
22	Demolitions (non-residential)	121,682
33	Sheds	427,214
15	Garage Additions	578,500
2	Pools (above ground)	15,200
9	Pools (in ground)	290,300
64	Signs	409,908
7	Chimneys	25,937
21	Wood/Coal/Pellet Stoves	57,510
37	Temporary Tents	50,582
1	Retaining Wall	12,800
1	Antennae	318,000
2	Handicap Ramps	9,000
2	Other (Truck Scale/Solar Panels)	25,300
897		\$51,730,782

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission continues to have many public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act even with the decline in the economy, as many of the projects that would potentially cause damage to wetland resource areas are not dependent on economic growth. A concerted effort by the Conservation Commission and the Hingham Harbormaster to bring the many boats, docks, piers, floats and the storage of these items into compliance with rules and regulations that govern their use is an ongoing endeavor. The 21 miles of coastline in Hingham require a concerted effort by both agencies and the public to ensure the safe and environmentally responsible use of this incredible resource.

The Commission acquired 9.54 acres of land from the historic Cushing Estate using Community Preservation funding. A second parcel totaling 13.6 acres along the Old Swamp River in South Hingham was transferred to the Commission from the Board of Selectmen by Town Meeting. This is the first Hingham Conservation parcel south of Route 3 and adds protection to a public water supply.

The Hingham Conservation Commission updated the local Wetland Bylaw this year. The first update since 1987. This was undertaken to better align the regulations with State and federal regulations and to extend protection of coastal resources by regulating docks and floats. The damage done to costal banks, marshes and the intertidal zones can be extensive and long lasting from poorly constructed or maintained shoreline installations.

Members Samuel Chapin, Eugene Babin, William Grafton and Doug Harvey left the Commission this year. Chapin and Babin had served as Chairmen during their tenure. Their many hours of service and wise counsel will be missed. Dan Coughlin, Nina Villanova, Robert Perry and Scott McIsaac were appointed to replace the outgoing members.

Charles Berry  
Carolyn Nielsen  
Daniel Coughlin  
Scott McIsaac  
Robert Perry  
Nina Villanova  
Cliff Prentiss, Conservation Officer

## Personnel Board

Calendar 2009 saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board classified and approved job descriptions for the following positions: South Shore Country Club Director of Operations/Course Superintendent, Clerical Assistant and Second Assistant Golf Course Superintendent; Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals; Sewer Department Foreman and Superintendent; and Recreation Department Administrative Secretary. We adjudicated a DPW union grievance and two Fire Department union grievances that were not satisfactorily resolved at a preliminary level.

The Board approved the hiring of three new employees at salaries above the minimum step for the positions involved, in each case based on the prior experience of the new employee. These positions were the Recreation Director, the Administration Assistant to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Interim Harbormaster. The Board also worked with the various Department Heads in addressing six vacation carry-over requests.

Last calendar year also saw our committee prepare for the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. In anticipation of the fiscal '09-'10 year that began on July 1, 2009, we recommended a 3% general wage increase for Hingham employees not covered by a collectively bargained labor agreement effective July 1, 2009 – the same measure of general increase that was put into place for FY '09-'10 for the six units for which our committee bargains – namely Police Patrol, Police Superior Officers, Firefighters, DPW, Dispatchers and the Library. This was approved by Town Meeting. Our committee also recommended a revision of Section 11 of the personnel by-law concerning Transfers and Promotions, a change that was adopted by Town Meeting.

Toward the end of calendar 2009, the Board negotiated with and recommended approval of successor labor contracts for the Police Patrol Officers and Police Superior Officers, providing in each instance for a one year agreement from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, with the general wage scale remaining at FY '09-'10 levels. The Board ended calendar 2009 preparing to negotiate new contracts with the remaining four bargaining units, DPW, Dispatchers, Firefighters and Library, all of which have labor agreements that are due to expire on June 30, 2010.

Michael Puzo, Chairman  
William D. MacGillivray

David Pace  
Marie Harris

Nelson Ross

## Planning Board

In the months leading up to the 2009 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on twelve proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law. Several of these were “clean-up” articles, as the Board continued the ongoing process of reviewing the By-Law and bringing it up to date. Others were more complex, reflecting the importance of zoning as one of the Town’s primary planning and land use management tools. Article 31 modified the provisions of the Downtown Overlay District to encourage retail and walk-in uses in ground-floor, street level spaces, with the goal of preserving a lively and financially viable mix of uses Downtown. This article also introduced a methodology for more accurately assessing the parking needs and impacts of a proposed change of use, an issue that has long vexed the permitting boards when reviewing projects proposed for the Downtown area. The proposed changes to the Downtown Overlay District drew on the findings of a detailed Downtown Parking Analysis prepared by a professional consultant to the Planning Board.

Three of the proposed zoning articles envisioned changes relative to commercial development in and around the Industrial Park and Office Park Districts in South Hingham. While none of these articles were approved by Town meeting, they prompted a commitment on the part of the Planning Board and others to study the obstacles and opportunities related to much needed economic development in proximity to the Route 3/Derby Street interchange.

The Planning Board reviewed and endorsed a dozen Form A (approval not required) plans for lot line changes, land swaps between adjacent parcels, and the creation of new lots in all areas of Town. As testament to the current economic slow-down, there were no new residential subdivisions proposed or created in 2009. Construction of new homes, roadways and other improvements within already approved subdivisions also slowed dramatically, leaving residents and abutters frustrated at the lack of progress.

Unlike residential construction, commercial development continued at a decent pace as construction and tenant fit-ups continued at the new developments at the Hingham Shipyard and Derby Street Shoppes. In the early fall of 2009 the developers of the Hingham Shipyard, along with State and Town Officials, celebrated the completion of much of the construction in the mixed-use portion of the project. This event featured the unveiling of a detailed interpretive program consisting of interpretive panels, photographs, markers and the restoration of the historic gate

house. This interpretive program, which was required by the Town as a condition to the project's approval, benefited from the ongoing guidance and input of the entire Planning Board, and, in particular, long-time Board Member Paul Healey, who worked closely with the developer on this aspect of the project over a long period of time.

The Board reviewed applications for two new businesses proposed for the former Weber Dodge site on Route 3A adjacent to the Shipyard. Though located outside of the Shipyard proper, this area was included within the Mixed-use Special Permit for the Shipyard project, and was also subject to the requirement for design review and the inclusion of interpretive elements. In their Site Plan Review for these two buildings Board members worked hard to ensure their compatibility with the rest of the Shipyard, and their attractiveness from Route 3A.

The Planning Board conducted Site Plan Review for expansions and modifications to several long-time Hingham businesses, such as Best Chevrolet, which are proceeding successfully despite the economic slow-down. Permitting for the much-anticipated expansion of the South Shore Baptist Church, (located at the intersection of Main and Free Streets) proved particularly challenging as the Planning Board sought to address abutter concerns while allowing for a significant expansion to accommodate the church's growing congregation.

Planning Board members continue to play an active role as members of and designees to several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Harbor Task Force and Traffic Committee. As with recent previous years, 2009 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Harbor Development Committee, and the Hingham Development and Industrial Committee.

Judy Sneath, Chairman  
Paul Healey, Clerk  
Sarah Corey  
Susan Murphy  
Gary Tondorf-Dick

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals has three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms, and four associate members appointed to 1-year terms. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

In 2009 a total of forty-three applications were received, resulting in sixty-four hearings being held. The Board of Appeals granted twenty-four 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. Projects approved included new construction/ additions/reconstruction to dwellings, garages and sheds. As in the previous year, the Board approved two residential Variances to maintain the existing dwelling during construction of a new dwelling on the same lot. The Board also approved a use Variance pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to allow the construction of a 130' Wireless Communication Facility to be located on Whiting Street. The Board also approved a use Variance to allow a dog daycare, including grooming and boarding, in a portion of a building in the Industrial District on Beal Street. In February the Board allowed the withdrawal of a use Variance application that had been filed by Professional Development Group in connection with a request to allow for the development of a retail building on Cushing and Derby Streets in Residence District B.

The Board heard applications on ten Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use which is expressly permitted by the Special Permit, 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. Among those approved include the use of a yoga and pilates studio at the Derby Street Shoppes, demolition of the former Weber Dodge building on Lincoln Street to allow the construction of a CVS Pharmacy and a sit-down/take-out ice cream parlor in Hingham Centre; many of these hearings were held jointly with the Planning Board.

In January the Board approved a Comprehensive Permit Chapter 40B application for twenty residential condominium units for Derby Brook, to be located on Whiting Street. This development could add five affordable housing units to the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board also would encourage all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are generally held on selected Thursday evenings at Town Hall.

SUMMARY

Applications:	43	
Hearings:	64	
Special Permits:	10	(7 granted with conditions, 2 withdrawn, 1 dismissed)
Variances:	29	(24 granted with conditions, 4 withdrawn, 1 dismissed)
Appeals:	1	(1 withdrawn)
Comprehensive Permits:	2	(2 granted with conditions)

Joseph M. Fisher, Chairman  
Joseph W. Freeman, Vice-Chairman  
W. Tod McGrath, Clerk

Suzanne Letizia-Eddy, Zoning Administrator

## Department of Public Works

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

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

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

### Highway Division

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Mast Hill Road	Wanders Drive	Upland Drive
Saw Mill Pond Road	Arnold Road	Thompson Ave
Sanborn Road	Clifford Court	Dwiggins Pathe
Charles Everett Way	Isaac Sprague Drive	John Hazlitt Lane
Franklin Rodgers Road	Edgar Walker Court	Bare Cove Park Drive

North Street (Central St. to South St.)  
South Street (#70 South to North St.)  
Beal Street (Fotler Rd. to Wm. B. Terry Drive)  
Central Street (North St. to South St.)  
Main Street (North St. to South St.)  
Main Street (Merrymount Rd. to Whiting St.)

### Sidewalk Reconstruction:

Main Street (Merrymount Rd. to Whiting St.)  
Beal Street (Fotler Rd. to Wm. B. Terry drive)

Maintenance Operations; Painted & Marked, Swept & Cleaned 139 Miles of town owned roadways and 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,139 Drainage Structures and Outfalls, Install, repair, and maintain 3,500 traffic and street signs.

Vehicle Maintenance; The new facility allows us to maintain the DPW's and Transfer Station equipment safely and more efficiently. This equipment includes 10 Dump Trucks w/ sanders and plows, 8 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks w/ plows, 3 Sidewalk Plows, 4 Front End Loaders, 2 Backhoes, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging material handler, 1 Chipper, 10 Mowers, Chainsaws, and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park, and Town Hall.

Snow and Ice Control: (57" of snow): (8) Snowplow Operations, (31) Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: None

Special Projects/Maintenance: Work in 2009 Assisted Bare Cove Park Foundation Demolition & Abatement Project by supplying woodchips & Trucking.

Tree and Park Division:  
Tree Plantings: 53; Tree Removals: 170

New Equipment: None

Special Projects/Maintenance:  
On-going maintenance includes the upkeep of two nurseries and the George Washington Town Forest, corrective tree work including pruning, cabling, spraying, and when required, removal of trees throughout Town. We maintain approximately 110 parks and traffic islands, over 1,000 acres of park/and open space, and over 10,000 public shade trees throughout the Town. We also provide assistance to various other boards, departments and committees.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated two trees for Arbor Day, a Redbud Tree planted at Old Ordinary (garden House) and a Franksred Sunset maple that at was planted on the Tunnel Cap (South St.) as part of our Annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was named as a Tree City USA for the 21st time in recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protecting our public shade trees. We feel

our staff's knowledge and experience is truly an asset to the Town, and we are glad to answer questions regarding the tree and shrub care and maintenance.

Recreation Division:

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

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees, and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. Working with the Highway Division and several private contractors we reconstructed, painted, and lined the tennis courts at Cronin Field. Other special projects include the cleanup and clearing along Downer Avenue, maintenance work in Bare Cove Park and site work for the new Hersey Street Field Playground.

New Equipment: None

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility:

Last year we transferred 6,673 Tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 813 tons of bulky waste and demolition to the Bourne Landfill and New England recycling in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,320 tons of mixed recyclables, 4,000 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 15 Tons of tires, 2,100 gallons of motor oil, 167,600 pounds of electronics, and handled 276 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 269,380 cans and 55,600 plastic bottles for a total of \$16,262 to 25 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees, benefits the environment, and helps our youth organizations.

In 2009 approximately 4,500 cubic yards of compost was made and available for the use of the DPW (to save cost) and to the public. Also, the grinding brush and logs resulted in 4,000 cubic yards of woodchips and mulch that was utilized in Bare Cove Park.

With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 6,000 to 8,000 cars per week.

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

The Baler was refurbished in the Recycling Building

New Equipment: Vehicle Scale

Interdepartmental:

On behalf of the Department of Public Works, I would like to thank the members of the DPW building Committee for a beautiful new building with office, repair and storage facilities which is located on 25 Bare Cove Park Drive. It has been a pleasure to service the Town out of our new building which allows us to perform our work more efficiently. The new building has also allowed the DPW to consolidate our departments which has saved in expenses and has allowed the DPW to use its workforce more efficiently. We will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services for the Town of Hingham.

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

A special thanks goes to Franks Reynolds who has retired from the DPW this year. Frank worked for the DPW for 23 years. He retired as the Transfer Station Heavy Equipment Operator. Frank also worked for the highway division of the DPW. On the behalf of the town's people and the DPW, I would like to give a special thanks to Frank Reynolds for his 23 years of service and dedication to the Town of Hingham. I would also like to thank Mike Cavanaugh for his service as a temporary employee to the Town of Hingham and wish him well in the future.

Randy Sylvester  
Superintendent

## Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

I am very pleased to submit this report to the citizens of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant on behalf of the Light Board, the General Manager and the employees of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant.

The Light Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electrical system to all of its customers. The three-member elected Light Board sets policies, procedures and long term planning with the customers of Hingham in mind.

The Light Board has voted to transfer to the Town a payment-in-lieu of taxes of \$487,208 to the Town's fiscal 2009 budget year. The Light Board also is working with the Town to review energy saving opportunities in the Town owned and School buildings, as this is a large portion of the Operating Budgets. The Light Board continued its policy of seeking out renewable energy sources, by signing a three-year contract for hydro power to add to the current power supply portfolio. This addition brings the renewable portion of the HMLP power supply to over 10% of the total, well above the State average. The Light Plant continues to work with the Town Energy Committee to develop a baseline for the formation of an Energy Action Plan on reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Town.

At this time, the Auditor's report for the 2009 calendar year for Hingham Municipal Light Plant is not available for publication. The Light Plant experienced a 0.5% decrease in electricity sales for 2009. The system peak load for the 2009 calendar year was 46.8 MW, far below the all-time record demand level of 50.9 MW set on June 10, 2008. The energy sales were impacted by the milder summer temperatures and reduced demand from the residential sector.

The Light Plant completed work on the new circuits that will supply energy to the new mixed use development at the former Hingham Shipyard. The work involves new poles and wires on Fort Hill Street, through West Corner, up Beal Street and down Fottler Road to the entrance to the Shipyard.

The Light Plant continues to invest in the electrical system in the Town to maintain its prime mission of reliable electric service. This year was exceptional with respect to the performance of the electrical system. The reliability statistics of the Light Plant are well above average and in the first quartile of performance in the industry.

The Light Plant continues to look for opportunities to add to its renewable portfolio, which presently represents 10% of its current resource mix. The Light Plant pursued several opportunities in the renewable energy supply area. The Light Plant will continue to work on acquiring these types of assets or the output of a renewable asset for the energy portfolio.

The Light Plant has moved its Administrative Offices from Town Hall to make room for the Regional Dispatch Center. The Light Plant continues to look for an opportunity to build an Operations Center in Town to house the Administrative and Operations personnel.

The Light Board consisting of Chairman Walter A. Foskett, Vice Chairman Kevin J. Bulman, and Secretary John A. Stoddard, Jr., continues to work hard to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that the residents of Hingham can be proud of.

We would like to also thank the employees of the Light Plant for their tireless hard work, in making the system more reliable and responding to customer outages and requests in a timely manner. The employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the company.

John G. Tzimirangas  
General Manager

Walter A. Foskett., Chairman  
Kevin J. Bulman, Vice-Chairman  
John A. Stoddard, Jr., Secretary  
Hingham Municipal Light Board

## Sewer Commission

The Board of Sewer Commissioners recognizes its obligation to rate-payers to exercise financial responsibility and, therefore, continued to take a conservative approach to the budget process in fiscal 2009. Capital projects are necessary every year for the safe and efficient operation of the sewer system due to the age of the infrastructure. The Commission carefully weighs each potential project in terms of need before any requests are made.

A complete renovation of the operating system at the Mill Street station was completed in 2009. The final cost of this major project was below the appropriation approved for it. The work included two new pumps, operating controls, power cabinet, and a new emergency generator. This upgrade will result in more effective and efficient operations at the station, minimizing problems and lowering operating costs going forward.

Two sewer extension projects were completed: the first in lower Central Street and the other in a portion of Thaxter Street. Combined, these two projects are providing sewer access to eleven properties in serious need of a wastewater disposal alternative to a septic system. The final paving of the affected streets will be completed in the spring of 2010. These extensions will be paid for by the project abutters through 20-year betterments.

The Sewer Commission, with assistance from the Board of Health and the Building Department, finalized an updated comprehensive Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) policy, to be implemented in fiscal 2010. While this policy will put regulations in place to reduce or eliminate FOG from non-residential cooking establishments, individuals can help to alleviate this problem as well. The Sewer Commission requests that residents **refrain from putting any fatty substances into their drains**. A significant reduction in the amount of FOG in the system will significantly reduce potential serious clog and odor issues and their attendant repair costs.

The upgrading of the operating systems of the grinder pumps serving the majority of the properties in the Weir River Sewer District was begun in 2009 and will be completed in 2010. These upgrades will provide the Weir River residents with the most advanced systems available before ownership of the pumping systems is turned over to them when the project is completed.

Inflow and Infiltration of extraneous water into the sewer system continues to be a serious and costly problem for all municipalities. While the department continues to seek and eliminate sources of I&I, homeowners in the sewer districts who use sump pumps can aid this effort by contacting the Commission to have their pumps checked. Any flow found entering the sewer system will be redirected, at **no cost to the property owner.**

As always we want to thank our maintenance staff, Jim Dow, Larry Hallahan, Steve Dempsey, and Ed Hunnefeld; and our office staff, Kate Lathrop, Joanne Carpenter, and Susan Morrison for their dedication and hard work.

Michael A. Salerno, Chairman  
Edmund Demko  
Andrew Spath

## Department of Emergency Management

2009 was a productive year for Emergency Management. We continue to meet the challenges of a modern and fragile society. Members of several town departments and I attend training seminars and workshops throughout the year in an effort to keep up to date with the emergency planning requirements of the community.

Our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (C.E.M.P.) was completely reviewed and updated. The C.E.M.P. is the town wide plan that deals with all types of emergencies both natural and man-made. The plan gives a complete overview of the town's readiness and assets should they be required. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) held its annual Table Top Exercise in the Emergency Operations Center at Central Fire Station. This was the first time we held a drill in our new E.O.C. and I thank the Board of Health for its sponsorship of this year's exercise.

Working with the Board of Health and our Emergency Medical Services we continue to plan for a pandemic. Emergency Management participated in several of the flu clinics sponsored by the Board of Health and we partner closely with them. We also work with and support the Medical Reserve Corps. Our Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) continues to be active and was utilized several times during 2008. Hingham is very fortunate to have this group of volunteers who freely give up their time for the betterment of the citizens of Hingham.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of being fully prepared for that unexpected situation where help may not be immediately available. Each and every family as well as individual should have a plan in place in the event that either a natural or man-made event occurs. Some type of emergency supply kit in your home, automobile, and your place of employment is absolutely essential. Please feel free to contact us if you require assistance in assembling a kit. The Federal Emergency Management Web Site <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/> is also an excellent resource for emergency planning. In past years, the standard set by Emergency Management Professionals as to how long one should be self reliant was 2-3 days. Events that have taken place in recent years now indicated that 7-10 days may be more realistic!

Mark J. Duff, Director

## Fire Department

The Department continues to expand its mission as our role in society changes and becomes more complex. One example of change is in our providing support to the Board of Health. We assisted with two flu clinics providing both personnel and logistical support. Total Emergency responses for 2009 was 3713. This does not include the hundreds of inspections we perform as well as public service events we participate in.

In addition we provide plans review for all new construction and continue to monitor all new building projects throughout town. In comparing our work load from the decade of 1991-2000 to 2001-2009 we have experienced a 47% increase in emergency responses. We continue to feel the effects of Linden Ponds and the build up of South Hingham. We are now feeling the effects of the Shipyard Project and responses to that location are frequent. As we move into the next decade we can anticipate another significant increase in demand for services. This includes emergency responses as well as support services.

Two department mechanics maintain our apparatus. In addition our apparatus is inspected yearly by an outside agency to make sure it meets current safety standards. We are currently reviewing our municipal fire alarm systems. As technology has changed so has the need for our manually operated fire alarm boxes that are located throughout the town. A size down of the system is anticipated.

Medical transports from our two Advance Life Support Ambulances total over 1800. The total income the town receives as a result of the ambulances fees amount to approximately one million dollars.

Our specialized teams continue to train as required. Currently we have an EMS Bike Team, a Technical Rescue Team and a Dive Team. The teams have divergent responsibilities and can be utilized in a number of different ways. All three teams were active during the year for operations within the community as well as several mutual aid assists.

Our ability to train has been greatly enhanced do to the newly renovated Central Fire Station. Training is the key to a successful fire department and we continue to train on a daily basis. Training includes but is not limited to emergency medical services, fire suppression, technical rescue, and water emergencies.

As part of a grant, the department took possession of an Environmental Spill Trailer. The trailer is equipped with containment booms, absorbent pads and other equipment necessary to contain spills. Its primary function is spill containment along our 21 miles of shore line however it may be used anywhere within the community as needed. We also received through a grant, three new Thermal Imaging Cameras. Each Station is now equipped with a second generation color camera. The cameras allow firefighters to look through smoke which in turn provides a much higher level of safety, enhances our ability to perform search and rescue operations and find the seat of a fire. Also purchased through grants was technical rescue equipment, rapid intervention equipment, safety vests and GPS devices. A job well done goes to Deputy Olsson, Lt. Keyes and FF/P Krause for their efforts in obtaining grants. Through donations received from the "Leon Granahan Memorial Fund" we were able to purchase water safety rescue equipment. A sincere thank you to the Granahan Family for their generous donation.

Work continues on the regionalized dispatch center. We look forward to the day it becomes a reality. The new center will provide a higher level of service to both the public and our emergency personnel. The regionalization concept is a fine example how well we partner with our neighboring communities as well as departments within Hingham. An expansion of the center beyond the towns of Hull, Cohasset and Norwell is also being considered. The department is also in the process of upgrading its radio system. The upgrade will allow for true interoperability both within the community and on a statewide basis.

I again urge everyone to make sure you have working Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide alarms in every level of your home. The department is more than willing to assist you in the placement and testing of the devices. It is also highly recommended that smoke alarms be replaced every ten years and carbon monoxide alarms every seven years. Please feel free to contact us if you need assistance in this.

In October the Department and the Community was honored by the ASPCA for participating in the rescue of a dog in Hingham Harbor. We gained international recognition for our participation in a rescue operation that was performed during extremely dangerous and difficult conditions.

Acting Lieutenant Victor Bernan retired in July after a long and distinguished career. Lt. Bernan was appointed to the department as a Call Firefighter in 1972 and became a permanent member in 1975. Lt. Bernan leaves the department with the best wishes of his associates.

Sadly I have to report the loss of three retired members. Captain Paul Peaslee, a 40 year veteran of the department who was our first full time Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Lt. Frank Burrell and Fire Fighter Robert Madden. All served with distinction.

A sincere thank you to all town departments we work with each year. Hingham enjoys a unique relationship as to how each department supports each other and I am very thankful for it!

Mark Duff  
Fire Chief



*Crowd pleasers Town Clerk Eileen McCracken and husband Bob Fournier lead off the Fourth of July Parade*

## Police Department

I cannot begin to convey how sincerely grateful I am to the citizenry of this community for their unbridled enthusiasm and support for the initiatives of The Hingham Police Department. From Neighborhood Watch groups to Citizen Police Academies to R.A.D. classes (Rape Aggression Defense) the people of Hingham have embraced us and continue to demonstrate their commitment to Public safety. More than 2,500 of our citizens are connected to our EMAS (E-Mail Alert System) and the numbers grow weekly. Again, I am both grateful and humbled by your support in these difficult times. It is indeed an honor to serve you!

The catastrophic global economic collapse of 2008/9 has left us in a precarious position. As I noted last year, we were hopeful that Federal stimulus money would help mitigate our drastic \$223,000 budget cut, but none was forthcoming. The unforeseen personnel losses in 2007 and 2008 were exacerbated further as the Board of Selectmen, due to additional 2009 State cuts, was compelled to issue a Town-wide hiring freeze. Coupled with the additional resignation and retirement of several key personnel, we have been reduced to staffing levels not experienced since the late Sixties. Additionally, our Governor saw fit to effectively slash local aid to Cities and Towns even further by under funding M.G.L. 41 Sec. 108L which provides "Police Career Incentive Pay" to officers (State-wide) with advanced degrees. Understanding that this act shifted a significant financial burden from the State back to the Town, all Officers (Staff & Patrol) accepted a 0% pay increase with the hope that new attitudes might yet prevail on Beacon Hill. Additionally, approximately \$45,000 in money earmarked for Community Policing in Hingham also fell under the political axe.

Notwithstanding the financial debacle of 2008/9 and being understaffed in the face of ever increasing demands for service, your Police Department had an admirable year with numerous accomplishments. While arrests and total Court actions were up in every category, most notably O.U.I. and Domestic Abuse, Community Policing thrived! Your Officers, under the tutelage of Lieutenants Mike Peraino and Glenn Olsson, volunteered/participated in four Citizen Police Academies (2 at H.P.D. & 2 at Linden Ponds) and three R.A.D. classes (Rape Aggression Defense). Our D.A.R.E. program is the envy of the entire County and beyond. While many Towns and School Districts throughout Southeastern Massachusetts have seen significant increases in drug-related incidents, Hingham, while not totally immune, had significantly fewer substance abuse cases, vandalism and truancy. By focusing on

early intervention, Officer Rob Ramsey and his D.A.R.E. program have positively impacted the lives of hundreds of children in our community. The Camps, Town events and an almost endless list of civic involvement has made D.A.R.E. a cornerstone of our Community Policing Mission. My hat is off to Rob, Officers Lisa McCracken, Tom Ford, Phil Emmott and all the other volunteers who assist him.

While becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain, our Police Department has continued to be aggressive in its pursuit of grant opportunities and initiatives. Deputy Chief Brad Durant, Sergeant David Horte and Officer Ryan O'Shea have all been instrumental in this process. 2009 efforts produced over \$20,000 in Highway Safety, Domestic Victim Safety and Under Age Alcohol enforcement grants. We remain hopeful that an economic turnaround will enable us to enhance our budget and become even more proactive in these areas. Meanwhile, even under intense pressure, our Officers are maintaining our core mission of providing Public Safety and protecting personal property. An enthusiastic welcome must be extended to our new Permanent Harbormaster Kenneth Corson and his Deputy, Mark Brennan. Ken took over the Harbor duties upon the retirement of John Souther in April and has done an outstanding job. Many thanks to John for his fourteen plus years of Harbormaster service to this community and best wishes for his retirement.

I would like to extend special thanks, as always, to the various volunteer boards and committees that make Town Government tick. Their cooperation and support are critical to the mission. The Advisory Committee, Capital Outlay and the Personnel Board are all akin to that proverbial Lighthouse, offering a beacon of light and steady guidance to our Dept. all along the way. Also, many thanks as well to our Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator for their unwavering support in extremely difficult times. Thank you to our talented and dedicated Dispatchers. They are the unsung vital link in our Public Safety mission. The civilian staff in my office and the Police Records Division is exceptional. They are the interface between the Department and the public, constantly providing outstanding service. Our Animal Control Officer, Leslie Badger, continues to provide excellent service to the two and four legged creatures she encounters and we are all appreciative. Many thanks again this year to our Human Resource Director, David Basler, for helping us through the occasional personnel quagmire.

Finally, I would like to thank the men and women of this Department for their dedication, diligence and professionalism. Our Patrol Division and our Staff are the rocks upon which we build our community

commitments. Please accept my gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for all that you have accomplished this year under very difficult circumstances. Your perseverance and selflessness are extraordinary, bringing credit to yourselves, our Police Department and the Town of Hingham. May 2010 find us in less stressful times.

Taylor A. B. Mills, Chief of Police

## Harbormaster

**A**s Harbormaster, I am pleased to report another successful boating season despite a long rainy month of June and the successful completion of our Inner Harbor Mooring Basin dredging project.

Last winter, 95,000 cubic yards of material were removed from the mooring basin, returning the basin to six feet of water depth at low tide. This maintenance dredging allows the basin to support the roughly 230 moored vessels, two private marinas, the town pier and Lincoln Maritime Center. This project was funded with 75% state funding and 25% town funding. It is an essential project for the harbor and an important project for the town, as it adds to our town's overall value, culture, and beauty.

In tandem with our dredging project, state funds were made available for improvements to our mooring plans. This funding has been used to organize the Worlds End Mooring Area and Inner Harbor Mooring Basin. In Worlds End, the improvements will allow the addition of 10 additional moorings, bringing the total number to about 30. In the Inner Harbor, these improvements will provide structure to the town-owned mooring field, with GPS-located mooring assignments. This will result in a much less stressful mooring experience for boaters and their mooring providers. Also, most individuals on the waiting list will now be issued a mooring permit. Next year we will work with Hingham Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club to organize their mooring fields to better suit their needs.

2009 was a challenging year for the Acting Harbormaster with many critical large scale projects, no funding for the Assistant Harbormaster positions, and only part-time funding for the Deputy Harbormaster. Despite these difficulties your Harbormaster's Office was successful in providing the services necessary to keep our harbor safe and clean.

As Harbormaster, I am charged with managing our mooring fields, protecting life and property on the waterfront, and the care and custody of our five islands Bumpkin, Langley, Sarah, Ragged, and Button. The Harbormaster's Office also runs a pump-out program that removes waste material from boat holding tanks so that it does not enter our waterways. This year we pumped over 6,000 gallons of sewage.

Below are statistics comparing the calls for service from 1999 to our logged calls for service for 2009. In 2009 we logged 367 calls for service. The majority of the calls are May thru September. In July we had 120 calls.

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2009</b>
Search and Rescue	69	55
Medical Emergencies	6	7
Law Enforcement	30	131
Municipal Aid	25	10
Pump Outs	110	290

From these statistics it is quite clear that the dynamic of our waterfront has changed. Not only did we issue approximately 1,300 mooring/docking permits last year but we have started to better manage the moored floats in our waterways and educate the public in boating safety. Mark Brennan, Deputy Harbormaster taught three safe boating classes with 200 graduates of all ages. This is a great program: free of charge, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

One of my lesser known roles is that of the Shellfish Constable. Nevertheless it is a very important duty since our waters are conditionally restricted. This means all shellfish shall be purchased by a Master Digger and transported to a depuration plant. No recreational digging is allowed. All diggers were permitted to June thru September. Last year they harvested 1,257 racks (One rack equals approximately 54lbs of shellfish). We certify that all clams dug are transported to the depuration plan, record/collect the \$1.00/rack fee, and enforce any closures issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Our shellfish resource has diminished in recent history not only in Hingham but across the region. The cause is unclear; however our shellfish beds have fared better than most. For three years now we have had a strong seeding project with Salem State College and Department

of Marine Fisheries. The intent of this project is to increase the number of developing clams so that at maturity they will be larger spawns resulting in more seeds setting. This project has proven beneficial to our shellfish habitat and we will continue to monitor and ensure the proper management of this important aquatic resource.

I sincerely appreciate all the community support and suggestions on how we as a community can improve our waterfront. This office prides itself in the positive public service that we provide to all so that they may have a safe, pleasurable boating experience. For information on safe boating classes or other related issues email me at [harbormaster@hingham-ma.com](mailto:harbormaster@hingham-ma.com). For emergencies we can be reached on VHF 16 or dial 911 and ask for Hingham Police, otherwise our business line in 781-741-1450. Happy boating!

Respectfully:  
Kenneth R. Corson III  
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

## 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 Board of Selectmen.

A Gardner Street resident requested placement of a crosswalk at Main and Gardner Street. Approval was given by the Committee and a recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen for installation of the crosswalk.

Committee members discussed the topic of MBTA bus stops at Hingham Shipyard. It was decided that two bus stops, one on each side of Shipyard Drive was the safest option for pedestrians.

The issue of parking problems on Stoddard Road was raised by a resident in regards to events held at Hingham High School. The solution of no parking signs on one side of the street was requested by the resident but after much discussion, the Committee concurred that the best solution would be to strictly enforce the current signage on the street as well as to have the School notify the Police Department of upcoming events which could cause parking problems.

A crosswalk was requested at 367 Main Street and was approved by the Committee due to the fact that the location has excellent sight lines in the interest of pedestrian safety. A recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen for installation of this crosswalk.

Due to the fact that many of the Traffic Committee's recommendations impact the DPW (installation of crosswalks, signage, etc.), the Committee asked DPW Superintendent Randy Sylvester for an amount to be considered for a separate budget line item for FY2011. The amount is \$5,500.00, which is based on three new crosswalks, various lines and symbols and six new signs per year. A recommendation was sent to the Board of Selectmen to add this line item to the budget which would help to defray costs of signage, crosswalks, etc. that are recommended by the Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen that funding should be requested from Mass Highway to facilitate the installation of a pedestrian signal at Kilby Street and Rte. 3A. Rep. Garrett Bradley replied that future upgrades on this area of Rte. 3A

(which is a State road) are five years away. State Transportation officials said that they would immediately install fluorescent signs along Rte. 3A at the Kilby Street intersection in the meantime as a safety measure.

Based on a resident's concerns regarding line of sight issues, caused by the growth of shrubberies at the property line of 424 Main Street, resulting in a dangerous pedestrian crosswalk currently in place at Main, Central and Cedar Streets a letter was drafted to the resident requesting them to trim the shrubberies to mitigate the problem. In the future it may be necessary the Traffic Committee to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that a Traffic Engineer study this configuration with the goal of determining a safer location for the crosswalk or another solution for better visibility for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, they should make a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Taylor Mills, Hingham Police Department. Questions regarding traffic issues can be addressed by Sgt. David Horte, Traffic Sergeant, Hingham Police Department, 781-804-2205.

Chief Taylor A. B. Mills, Chairman  
Represented by Sgt. David Horte  
Chief Mark Duff  
Represented by Lt. John Haley  
Harry Sylvester, Department of Public Works  
Paul Healey, Planning Board  
Philip Resca  
Leslie Kehoe  
Michael Pevarnik

## Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it. To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 article that authorized the Town's purchase of Lincoln School Apartments. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints 2 members of the Board of Managers.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a wide range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. The Trust's mission statement is as follows:

- **The Trust seeks to preserve affordable housing through a variety of means which will benefit both current homeowners 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.**

An article authorizing a plan to develop the "Selectmen's Parcel" in the old Naval Ammunition Depot off Beal Street into 20-40 affordable units was approved at the 2005 Town Meeting, and the Board of Selectmen released an RFP for this project in the fall of 2006. A developer was selected in 2007. The Trust assumed the former Housing Partnership Committee's responsibilities with regard to planning and overseeing this development; unfortunately, due to the economic situation, the

development of the Selectmen's Parcel was delayed. The Trust has now started work on a Request for Qualifications process in order to permit and provide layout design for the Selectmen's Parcel. This will provide both greater Town control over the development and a "shovel ready" project for prospective developers. The RFQ is scheduled to be released in early spring 2010.

The Trust was advised in July that the Amego property at 80 Beal Street was for sale. This site was a former group home and includes 3 acres of land abutting the selectmen's parcel. A joint decision by the selectmen and the Trust was made to purchase this property and to renovate it into 3-4 affordable home ownership units. The goal is to have the units ready for sale within two years.

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

Gretchen Condon, Chair  
Blake Auchincloss  
Christopher Burns  
Susan Crowley  
James O'Brien

Laura Burns  
Fred Copeman  
Rev. Gary Ludwig  
Timothy White

## Bare Cove Park Committee

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm on the third floor at Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend. Specific dates and times are posted on the Event Calendar and on the Town Hall bulletin board located on the first floor. The Town's website contains information about the Park, including Committee members, history, Park regulations, a printable map, dog etiquette, and a photo gallery.

The spring of 2009 saw the successful completion of an ambitious multi-year project to create open space through the demolition and removal of slabs, foundations, cement barriers, railroad tracks and other debris from Bare Cove Park. Originally conceived and championed by Jane Conrad (former Treasurer) in 2005, the project found strong support in the Community Preservation Committee and at Town Meeting in 2006 and 2007 with the thoughtful advocacy of John Swanson (former Chairman)<sup>1</sup> John Swanson and Brooks Robbins, our departing Chairman, guided the completion of both phases of this important project.

Building on the success of last year's event, the second **End Of Summer Classic Road Race**, was held in the Park on Friday August 28, 2009. The five mile race drew over 500 runners. The South Shore Model Railway Club became the host sponsor of the race in 2009 and donated \$4,117.81 to the Friends of Bare Cove Park bank account maintained by the Town of Hingham for the Bare Cove Park Committee. This generous donation will be used by the Committee for the Triangle Garden, the dog bag program as well as activities for Hingham's 375th Anniversary. Special thanks are extended to John Childs (Race Organizer), and the Bare Cove Park Committee members who volunteered to make this event such a success: Jim O'Hare (Vice Chairman), Patti Coyle (Treasurer) and Chuck Harvey.

On October 25, 2009, Bare Cove Park celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary opening as a public park in the Town of Hingham. To mark the event, the Bare Cove Park Committee dedicated and installed a memorial stone to commemorate the site's former use as a Naval Ammunition Depot. The dedication on the stone reads: "DEDICATED TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORKED HERE TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF PEACE DURING WWI, WWII AND THE KOREAN CONFLICT." The

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<sup>1</sup>We are saddened to report that John L. Swanson died on July 11, 2009. John was instrumental in securing all the enhancements to the Park that we have come to enjoy over the past five years.

event was highlighted by the attendance of many honored veterans and civilians with personal stories of their time at the Depot. The stone is located next to the Green Dock Building. Again, special thanks to Committee members: Chuck Harvey, Jim O'Hare, Patti Coyle, Joe Roper and Park Ranger, Scott McMillan in producing such a fine event.

As a result of Scott McMillan's efforts cleaning up the Green Dock Building for the Park's Anniversary Celebration, the Committee voted to better utilize this space by installing a public display in the Green Dock Building with photographs and memorabilia from the time the land was under the control of the United States Navy. With good weather, the Green Dock Building will be opened to the public for viewing.

Finally, at the Board of Selectmen Meeting held on February 18, 2010, the Selectmen formerly recognized the addition of 15.37 Acres to the Bare Cove Park. This land was released to the Town of Hingham by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in April, 2009.

Hundreds of visitors come to the Park each day, year round. Park Ranger Scott McMillan, with assistance from the Department of Public Works, does an excellent job making the Park an attractive and enjoyable destination. In addition to cutting the grass fields and plowing the snow from the roads and trails in winter, Scott continues to remove intrusive, non-indigenous vegetation.

The Park is a wonderful place to bring well-behaved dogs for exercise. We are happy to have Hingham's Animal Control Officer, Leslie Badger, in the Park often. Leslie is delighted to pro-actively educate dog owners and the public about proper pet ownership and Hingham's enhanced dog regulations. In the spring and summer months, Leslie anticipates hosting several dog etiquette and education events in the Park.

The dog waste bag program has been a big help in keeping the Park cleaner. This program is supported by **The Friends of Bare Cove Park**. Tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted, and can be made to: The Friends of Bare Cove Park, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

Patricia A. Coyle  
Paul Doyle  
Charles Harvey  
Edward Matthews

Barbara McMullan  
Barbara Nicosia  
James O'Hare  
Joseph Roper  
Francis W. Sheltry

## Trustees of the Bathing Beach

**W**e now have a new swimming raft. Thank you to Robert Egan for building a ladder for the raft.

Thank you also to the following people: Susan Murphy who volunteered her time to give much needed advice to the Trustees of the Bathing Beach; Dana Baxter who pulled the raft out of the water for us in the Fall; Bonnard Fage who continued to show Sherlock Holmes movies on Thursday nights, a good use of the property; and the Department of Public Works for continued maintenance of the picnic grove.

F. Peter Fee  
Thomas M. Foley  
Joan P. Williams



*Built in 1966, the Herbert Asa Cole, III Bandstand has been the site of hundreds of weddings and small celebrations over the years*

## Beautification Commission

**O**ur Mission: "To foster the beautification of Hingham public areas using Community resources."

With each passing year the traffic islands and cherry tree park become more beautiful and require less maintenance as the plantings mature.

The downtown containers on South Street and at the corner of Lincoln St. and Rte 3A are planted in April with pansies, planted again for summer bloom, and decorated with greens for the Christmas holidays. Rose Durkin and her volunteers have taken on a huge commitment in planting and maintaining these planters.

The beautiful daylilies and Russian sage at all five of the railroad crossings become more beautiful with each passing year.

The traffic island gardens at Kimball Beach Road, Scotland and Main Streets, and at Routes 3A and 228 are kept beautiful by the combined efforts of neighbors and Beautification Commission volunteers.

The garden at Tedeschi's in West Hingham is a delight. Each time one passes the garden there is another surprise. Thank you, Denise Bruce, for your hard work and creativity. A big thank you to the Tedeschi personnel for keeping the garden well watered.

Thank you Linden Ponds for the gardens near the library and another thank you to Janet Codley, who has planted and maintained an island on Otis Street.

We thank the DPW for preparing, mulching and watering the islands and assisting us with the cleanup at French Street. We also thank all the volunteers who help to beautify the town, as well as the Selectmen for their support of the Beautification Committee.

Joan Hansel, Chairman  
Shirley Rydell, Vice-Chairman  
Miriam Tod, Secretary  
Avis Studley, Treasurer

Alyce Nobis  
Laura Spaziani  
Rose Durkin  
Kathleen Norman  
Jerry Elsdon

## Cable TV Advisory Committee

The Committee began 2009 by completing the negotiation of a 10-year renewal license with Comcast. For the Town, the most important features of the new license are Comcast's agreement to continue to maintain the Town's I-NET for another ten years, and the transfer from Comcast to the Town of the responsibility for providing public, educational, and government ("PEG") access programming for Town cable subscribers. The I-NET, which was built (and is owned) by Comcast as part of the 1999 cable license, is the electronic "glue" that holds the multitude of Town departments and offices together, from the Library to Town Hall to Public Works to the Fire Department, and more. Comcast's agreement to maintain the I-NET for another ten years is tremendously valuable to the Town and will save the Town a great deal of money that would otherwise have to come out of the General Fund.

Until April 1, 2009, Comcast provided public and government access programming and broadcasting for Town subscribers over Channel 10 from its Norwell studio, which was shared by four other towns. Educational access is provided from Hingham High School over Channel 22 (Verizon channel 29) using equipment that was provided to the Town by Comcast under its 1999 license. The cost of the Norwell studio and public and government access programming over Channel 10 was included in Comcast's rates, but was not separately stated on the bills. Comcast closed its Norwell studio this year and as part of the renewal license agreed to provide the Town money to fund equipment and operating expenses so that the Town can provide PEG access programming itself. The Committee negotiated the amount by first analyzing what it would cost the Town to continue to provide the same services Comcast had been providing (level services), and then negotiating an amount that would permit maintenance of level services for Town subscribers. The Committee also negotiated a third channel, to be used for public access, to give the Town more flexibility and to permit it to separate government and public access. The operating portion of these funds is now separately stated on Comcast bills, which is now permitted by federal law. The Committee estimates that, combined with comparable fees from Verizon, the operating funds will total between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually. The Town began broadcasting over Channel 10 from Town Hall on April 1, 2009, but the equipment Comcast provided for this purpose failed in June, and broadcasting of Channel 10 ceased.

The Comcast license agreement signed by the Town requires that the Town provide public, government, and educational access. It further

provides that by mid-August, 2011, the Town must: (1) schedule, operate and program the PEG access channels; (2) manage the annual funding provided by Comcast; (3) purchase, maintain and/or lease equipment for PEG operations; (4) conduct training programs in the skills necessary to product PEG access programming; (5) provide technical assistance and production services to PEG access users; (6) establish rules, procedures, and guidelines for use of the PEG access channels; (7) provide publicity, fundraising, outreach, referral and other support services to PEG access users; (8) assist PEG access users in the production of video programming of interest to subscribers, and issues, events, and activities, and (9) accomplish other tasks relating to the operation, scheduling and management of the PEG access channels, facilities and equipment. The Town agreed to use its best efforts to provide these facilities and services prior to the August 2011 deadline.

The Committee prepared for the Selectmen an equipment budget to replace the Channel 10 equipment, to upgrade the recording equipment in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, to update some of the aging Channel 22 equipment at the High School, to wire other rooms in Town Hall to permit broadcasting of other Town committees, and to broadcast Town events, both at Town Hall and in other venues. This was presented to the Selectmen on July 1, 2009. The Selectmen approved the proposal subject to review of the capital expenditures by the Capital Outlay Committee. Over the summer, the Committee made presentations to the Capital Outlay Committee, which approved the expenditures piecemeal, until by late fall, all had been approved.

Cuts in the 2009-2010 Hingham High School Library Media budget resulted in the loss of time available for the Educational Access Director to spend on channel 22/29. The Committee was able to recruit two volunteers to help with Educational Access, but this continues to be a challenge.

During the course of the year, the Committee investigated several options for replacing the Norwell studio. We visited a number of local public access studios, including Plymouth, Hull, Weymouth, and Dedham. We met with representatives from Norwell, Marshfield, and Hanover to explore possibilities for a regional studio, and we spoke to representatives from Cohasset about regionalization possibilities. We looked at a number of possibilities in Hingham where a studio (regional or local) might be located. We rejected the several commercial properties we considered, as being either too expensive or too remote. We also looked at a number of Town properties, including Bare Cove, the Country Club, the Library, and the Tree & Parks Building. Of these,

we concluded that the most viable locations for either a local or regional studio are the Hingham Library and the Tree & Parks Building, both of which are conveniently located on Route 228. These locations have the added advantage that if the Town creates a non-profit corporation to run public (and possibly government) access, the corporation could rent one of these Town-owned buildings for a studio at market rates, thus returning money to the General Fund. We met with the Library Director and Trustees, and await a decision on the rental availability of the Tree & Parks Building.

On October 6, 2009, the Committee presented the Selectmen with three options for meeting the Town's obligations to provide public and government access under the Comcast contract. (Educational access would continue to be provided by Hingham High School.) The low service option would provide the required training, filming, editing, and broadcasting of Town events, and broadcasting of some original public-produced programming, but mainly broadcasting of free programming that is available from a number of sources. A part-time employee would be required. The medium service option would, in addition, expand the possibilities for broadcasting resident-produced content, using (if and when available), studio facilities in other towns. The Town would have to pay for the use of these other studios. A full-time employee would be required. The high service option would require a production facility and additional personnel. While a production facility is being built, low and medium service could provide content for the public access and the government access channels.

The Committee presented its vision for public access to the Selectmen on October 6, 2009, as well. As explained to the Selectmen, the Committee envisions a vibrant community-focused media production operation that will serve as an information hub for the Town. The production expertise that Town residents will be able to acquire will become a resource for Hingham groups to share broader information with the Town's citizens and will enable them to educate the citizenry about their missions, projects, events, and more. Mobile equipment will enable coverage of a vast array of community events, some even broadcast live. A production facility will not only enable residents to exercise their creativity to produce original programming, but will allow the Town to produce broadcast-quality media for creating public service announcements, making training videos, filming emergency bulletins, and communicating directly with the community. The long-term effect will be to ensure that the Town has the local talent and facilities to generate its own digital content, foster greater community involvement and communication, and

create an historical record of Town opinion and events in a digital medium suited for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Shortly before the end of the year, the Selectmen approved 10 hours a week for an existing Town part-time IT employee to operate Channel 10 and the new public channel out of Town Hall. The Committee prepared a job description for the employee, and the employee was trained on the new equipment. With the equipment that was approved in 2009, the Committee looks forward to more robust government and public programming in the coming year.

Sandra Peavey, Chair  
Eric Connerly  
James Dellot  
Eric Dresser  
Eric Gauthier  
Amy Goebel  
Robert Kirk  
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, School Rep.



*Colin Dale, Winner of the 6th Grade Essay Contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, at the award ceremony held at the Sheraton Boston in January 2010*

## Community Preservation Committee

**N**ine members comprise the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) – one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen, and four citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies and citizens at large for funding 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. That fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes effective beginning July 1, 2001, state matching grants payable each October 15<sup>th</sup> based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30<sup>th</sup>, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2010 is approximately \$8,588,000 including a total of \$3,382,000 in state matching funds. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Preservation categories, i.e., Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space/Recreation. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of the categories as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The Committee recommended two historic preservation projects to 2009 Town Meeting (1): architectural and structural analyses and condition reports on Old Derby Academy and the Old Ordinary (\$60,000); and (2) a block grant of \$62,500 to be placed in the Historical Commission's Preservation Projects Fund to support various preservation and restoration endeavors. Two additional projects in the open space and recreation category were recommended for Town Meeting approval: (1) the sum of \$100,000 to be transferred to the Town of Hingham Conservation Fund, to be spent on Conservation Commission established priorities consistent with the Community Preservation Act; and (2) \$700,000 for the acquisition of 4.1 acres of the Cushing property located at 210 East Street. The property owner donated to the Town an additional 5 acres of nearby woodlands. The CPC did not recommend any projects in the Community Housing category for this year's funding cycle.

As of the writing of this report, the Community Preservation Committee is proposing seven projects for approval at 2010 Town Meeting. To address those recommended appropriations, at the end of FY 2010

Hingham's Community Preservation Fund will have approximately \$1,266,500 available including a Community Housing Reserve Balance of \$92,600 carried over from FY10, and a projected amount of \$214,000 to be added in October 2010 when the state match is delivered.

The Committee wishes to thank Eugene Babin for serving as the Conservation Commission appointee for the past year. The Committee also wishes to convey thanks to Planning Board appointee Judy Sneath for her contributions to community preservation over the past several years.

Finally, the Committee welcomes new Conservation Commission appointee Dan Coughlin, and Planning Board appointee Gary Tondorf-Dick.

#### Community Preservation Committee Membership

William Reardon (Moderator Appt.)  
Philip Edmundson, (Selectmen Appt.)  
Dan Coughlin (Conservation Commission Rep.)  
John Riley (Selectmen Rep.)  
Sarah Dewey (Historical Commission Rep.)  
James R. Watson (Housing Auth. Appt.)  
John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.)  
Sally Weston (Moderator Appt.)  
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)  
Andrea Young, Administrator

## Country Club Management Committee

The Country Club Management Committee is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2009. We recognize the unique asset we have at the South Shore Country Club ("South Shore") and continue to look for ways to improve the facilities and programs offered in an effort to better serve the recreational needs of Hingham families.

2009 was the first full year for our new management team and they thrived. Jay McGrail, Director of Operations and Golf Course Superintendent, Joe Keefe, PGA Golf Professional and Jake Silva, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent are continuing to improve the golf course, the facilities and the services available at South Shore for the families of Hingham to use and enjoy. This includes: our professionally run junior and adult golf programs, year-round golf, enhanced driving range and practice areas, our outdoor swimming pool, beginner and advanced swimming lessons as well as swim team competition, tennis instruction and candle pin bowling for kids and adults.

The positive feedback we continue to receive on the improved condition of our golf course and the enhanced value of our golf packages is also reflected in our growing membership base and the increasing number of rounds played. With this increased demand in mind, we have implemented a new T-time system ("EZ Links") to allow members and non-members to book tee times much more easily (24hrs a day either by phone or online).

Further recognition of our improved golf course came this year in the form of requests that South Shore host several important regional amateur golf events. We hosted the Mass Mid Amateur qualifier this summer and capped off the season hosting the final round of the prestigious Southeast Amateur. The latter event was a very significant one for us, because, we were one of the original golf courses to host this event but have not been asked to host the event in the past forty years. While we have many golfers taking advantage of our year-round golf offering (weather permitting), we, like almost everyone else, are looking forward to Spring and the official commencement of the 2010 golf season.

At the end of 2009, we made another exciting addition to our service offering, our new food and beverage operator/manager Elio Ricci. Mr. Ricci, the owner of Raffael's, has considerable experience owning and operating restaurants, as well as wedding, banquet and meeting

facilities. Almost immediately after Raffael's was awarded the contract to manage our food and beverage facilities, Mr. Ricci and his son Frank commenced a comprehensive remodeling program to upgrade the facilities. We are certain the upgraded facilities, energy and experience provided by Raffael's will be another substantial improvement to the services South Shore is providing the golfers, families and residents of Hingham.

We have highlighted only a few of the exciting things happening at South Shore and hope everyone will stop by to see what we have to offer. Please take advantage of our annual Kite Day Festivities, which now include new activities such as hayrides. Visit our outdoor pool, which has been improved by the addition of a protective, permanent sun shade area, and was recently cleaned-up and repainted, or spend some time in our repainted and remodeled pro shop at the golf course (with a new pa system for use with our golf outings), our bowling alleys or our upgraded restaurant, wedding and banquet/event facilities.

We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in 2009 and look forward to an exciting 2010 at the South Shore Country Club.

Respectfully,

The Country Club Management Committee

Paul J. Casey  
Terence Clarke  
Kathleen Curly  
William Friend  
Kerry Ryan

## Hingham Cultural Council

This year the Hingham Cultural Council awarded \$6425 to support the arts and artists in our community.

Thirteen grants, ranging from \$100 to \$1500, were awarded. Recipients included The Second Parish Church, The Broad Cove Chorale, Hingham's 375<sup>th</sup> Committee, The South Shore Art Center, The Hingham Downtown Association, Friends of Candlelight Concerts at Old Ship Church, North River Arts Society, Filmmaker Andrew Buckley, Songbird expert John Root, Hull Lifesaving Museum, Atlantic Symphony, New North Church.

This year the HCC was particularly pleased to support programs which celebrate Hingham's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. These include the 375 Anniversary Committee's *Civil War Encampment*, The Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's *Chamber Concert:375!* and *Frederic Douglass* Weekend presented by New North Church.

The HCC is once again grateful for the local support from the Wilder Trust which supplements our funds from the state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Constance Cummings, Chairperson	Susan Luery
Mary Ann Blackmur, Treasurer	Gary Nisbet
Jane Shute	Alison Crowe
Emily Hutchinson	



*The Bartholomew, Waynens & Cappers folk trio performing period music from four centuries at the 375th Garden Party.  
Photo courtesy of Ralph Granata*

## Development and Industrial Commission

In the previous year the Hingham Development and Industrial Commission (HDIC) has expanded its role to include the waterfront from the rotary to the bathing beach and to the South Hingham Overlay District. We will continue to work on wrapping up downtown Greenbush mitigation projects such as pole removal and the continuation of new sidewalks on North Street and generally focusing on a variety of activities aimed at promoting economic activity in the Town's commercial areas.

The Tunnel Cap over the Greenbush rail has undergone its transformation over the last year. The approved landscape design and plantings were installed along with planters, benches and bicycle racks. The Hingham Garden Club was kind enough to pay for watering through the summer since no watering system is in place. Watering will be an ongoing issue with the Tunnel Cap along with the weeding that will be needed. The Tunnel Cap is a pedestrian friendly environment with a welcoming appearance for all to enjoy in Downtown Hingham.

The HDIC continued its long standing support for The Hingham Farmers Market during the past year. Fulfilling a long standing goal of bringing more activity to Hingham Square, the HDIC and the HFM collaborated on bringing a mid-week market (The Square Market) to Hingham Square for 13 Wednesdays during the summer of 2009.

The HDIC also worked closely with the HFM and the Hingham Planning Board to write language for a change to the Zoning By-laws to codify permission for farmers' markets to operate in Hingham's Open and Official Space districts which includes its location at the bathing beach. The warrant article will be presented for the Town's consideration at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

Work continued with the DPW, the Underground Utility Task Force and property owners on improvements to the portion of North Street from Station Street to Mill Street, which will include the installation of new sidewalks and the burial of remaining overhead utilities on North Street from Station Street to Mill Street. The next section of work planned is the intersection of North Street and Route 3A to improve pedestrian access to the waterfront.

The Harbor Task Force, consisting of representatives from the HDIC, Planning Board, Harbor Development Committee, Bathing Beach Trustees, Selectmen's Office and the Harbormaster worked on resolving

overlapping issues in the area of the Harbor, with our goal of strengthening the pedestrian connection between Downtown and the Harbor.

The HDIC and the Harbor Task Force worked with the Planning Board to draft a warrant article to create a Harbor Overlay District which would include changes to the zoning by-law to provide more flexibility in the allowed uses at the Harbor.

Hearings were held by the HDIC for input from property owners to look for ways to improve the economical viability of the South Hingham Overlay District. Subsequent meetings with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals resulted in the permitting of an outpatient facility in South Shore Park and proposed zoning changes for other areas of the District.

The economic and development environment of the Town has fared well thought the recent recession compared to other towns. Much of this can be attributed to strong government, proactive land use boards and strict conservation and historic regulations that maintain the character of the Town.

The results of these efforts make Hingham a desirable place to live and build businesses, that in turn provides a stable tax base to support schools and other public services that allow the Town to continue to maintain its attractiveness for residents and businesses alike.

The HDIC would like to thank all of the individuals and groups noted above and others for their help on these projects.

Benedict Wilcox, Chairman  
Mark Cullings  
Stephen Kelsch  
Eileen Richards  
Susan Sullivan  
Nanette Walsh

## Department of Elder Services

“The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of services to Hingham’s population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham’s senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services Coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement.”

During 2009, transportation continued to be one of the most critical services provided by the Department. Transportation helps older adults to remain independent in the community and provides a way for individuals to grocery shop, attend the Senior Center, accomplish necessary errands, get to and from medical appointments, and take local trips that enhance one’s quality of life. During 2009, the Department provided 5801 one way trips to 291 different individuals.

The Department continued its initiatives to support caregivers during 2009. Support groups for caregivers of older adults, caregivers of those diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, visually impaired individuals, and individuals recovering from a stroke are now offered at the Senior Center on a regular monthly or weekly basis. In addition wellness continued to be a focus for the regular activities that occur at the Senior Center. Through a wide variety of fitness programs and health education programs, seniors have access to tools that help to maintain their health and independence.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance sorting through the myriad of programs and services and accessing the most appropriate services that would enable an older adult to continue to live at home. The Outreach Coordinator also works very closely with the Police, Fire and Health Departments on cases of mutual concern and oftentimes, remains the continued link for these cases. The Outreach Program also continued to assist individuals with minor home repairs; provided companionship through the Friendly Visiting Program; provides respite for caregivers’ and complete applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for all Hingham residents regardless of age.

During the winter and spring of 2009, the Department of Elder Services and Notre Dame Academy continued **Ten Weeks Between Generations**. This Program connected a Notre Dame senior with an

elder living in Hingham, via the telephone and fostered and understanding about the life and times of each of these groups. We are now certain that this will become an ongoing program and its success is evidenced by the very nurturing and caring relationships that develop between the generations.

As a part of this report, we would like to recognize the achievements of some of our staff members during 2009. Caroline Gibson, Administrative Secretary, received the 2009 Donna Mayberry Greenberg Customer Assistance Award. Caroline was recognized for her kindness and helpfulness not only to the seniors of Hingham but to all with whom she comes in contact. Barbara Farnsworth, Director of Elder Services was awarded the Massachusetts Council on Aging Director of the Year Award at their Annual Conference in October. We were also fortunate this year to have a Master of Social Work student from Bridgewater College placed at the Senior Center. As a student intern, Susan Bisignano was a great asset and assisted with applications for the low income energy assistance program, provided case management services to some older adults, and matriculated well into the daily routine of the Senior Center. We are hopeful, that future Social Work students will choose Hingham Elder Services as a placement.

The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide-range of services and programs to the Senior Center. During 2009, these volunteers numbered 174 and worked 11,930 hours. We would also like to thank all the organizations who provided programs at the Senior Center, and all the other Town Departments who work with us to ensure that seniors are safe and comfortable in their own homes. Also, thank you to Robert Montgomery for his many years of service on the Board and to Lillian Colbeck who also retired from the Board this year. We look forward to Mr. Montgomery's continued service as the Hingham Representative to the South Shore Elder Services Board of Directors.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director  
Thomas Hickey, Chairman  
Steven Waynen, Vice Chairman  
Joanne Pollick, Treasurer  
Ann Manning, Secretary  
Katherine Bennett

Ann Condon  
Susan Kiernan  
Norma Jackson  
Arthur LeMay  
Patricia LaLiberte  
William Scott

## Town Energy Action Committee

**Mission:** To serve the residents of the Town of Hingham by establishing energy policies that will promote the efficient use of energy, increase awareness and that will reduce adverse environmental impact.

**Work Product:** The Energy Action Committee, successor to the Energy Policy Committee, is developing an Energy Action Plan outlining strategies for both municipal and community-wide operations to reduce overall energy consumption.

**Work Agenda:** Monthly meetings and periodic reporting to the Board of Selectmen to solicit feedback on suggested policies and structure.

In 2009, the committee presented preliminary findings with regard to performance contracting with an energy services company. In general, this method of energy and cost savings represents a way for municipalities to invest immediately in energy efficiency, paying down the debt with the savings. The committee, with the Town Administrator, applied for a grant from the state to hire an owner's agent to guide and oversee the choice of and contract with an energy services company. The town did not receive the grant.

The committee also reviewed drafts of renewable energy by-laws in neighboring communities toward drafting an appropriate version for Hingham. A home energy efficiency workshop, co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, was offered at Town Hall in the Spring.

Goals for 2010 include:

- Resolution on Performance Contracting as an expeditious route for municipal energy efficiency and cost savings.
- To secure funding to initiate a Performance Contracting project and other worthy energy efficiency initiatives.
- To set an emissions reduction target based on realistic and feasible actions, including education and outreach initiatives.
- To continue review of appropriateness of energy-related by-laws, such as for wind energy and a building 'stretch' code.

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy related matters are welcome to contact us through [energy@hingham-ma.com](mailto:energy@hingham-ma.com)

Energy Action Committee:

John Churchward

Otto Harling

Pam Harty, Chair

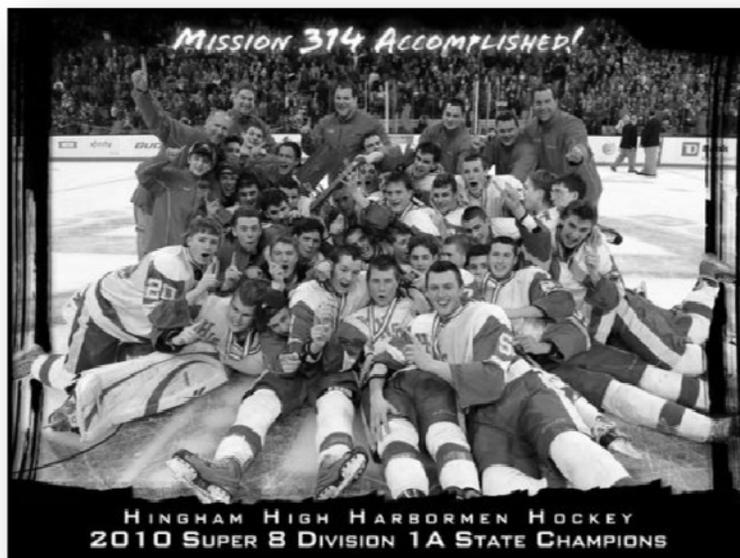
Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

Vern Larkin

Jim Sharkansky

David Killory, School Business Director ex-officio

Ted Alexiades, Finance Director ex-officio



*Photo by Maryellen Jones, MJ Designs Studio*

## Fourth of July Parade Committee

It is the responsibility and pleasure of the July 4th Parade Committee to plan, organize and raise funds for the annual Independence Day Parade as well as the Band Concert by The Satuit Band at the Harbor. The members of the parade committee begin planning in January. Many community organizations participate as walking units or floats that many have spent months designing and creating hoping to win Best of the Parade.

Since the beginning of the nineties, the committee has raised the funds necessary to hire the bands, the reenactment marching units and the band concert. The major fundraisers are the sale of our buttons with the assistance of the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club as well as donations from local corporations. AW Perry was the premier sponsor once again this year. Donations are always welcome from local businesses and individual citizens!

In keeping with tradition that dates back more than 150 years, the 2008 Hingham Fourth of July Parade was the "best ever" according to many spectators lining the parade route. Local attorney George Ford led the parade as "Uncle Sam" followed by the VFW and Police Dept Color Guards and the Hingham Militia. Thanks to Fred Shaw of Shaw Saab for driving our Grand Marshals Eileen McCracken & Bob Fournier. Not far behind driving the button winners, Kevin Shoyer, Maddy Townsend & Katie Steeves was Ginny Gray from the Hingham/Hull Rotary in her baby blue convertible.

The 2009 parade theme was "Hingham Favorite Places". Kevin Shoyer was the button design winner with his beautiful drawing of the gazebo at the harbor with fireworks in the background. Grand marshals were husband and wife Eileen McCracken & Bob Fournier. Eileen is Hingham's Town Clerk as well as a favorite with children and adults alike in her role as Leenie the Clown. In addition to Eileen's many duties as Town Clerk, Eileen also is a volunteer at St. Paul's Church. Bob Fournier is the Armorer of the Hingham Armory as well as videographer for all the local selectmen meetings that are telecast on local cable.

This year's music was outstanding and including the first year participants the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Drum and Bugle Corp from New London, CT. Many of our favorite bands returned such as: The Boston Crusaders Senior Drum & Bugle Corp., The Satuit Band, The Roma Band, and St. Alfios Band. The Shriner Clowns once again entertained us all along the

parade route with their amusing antics and crazy cars. There were approximately 20 floats from local organizations and residents, marching groups representing town youth and high school athletic teams as well as everyone's favorite, the Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band!

The Hingham Militia and the Red Coats were just a few of the highlights of our reenactment groups from the civil and revolutionary wars. The antique and classic cars as well as ponies and horses rounded out the parade participants. There were nearly 9,000 spectators lining the parade route enjoying the event.

The parade committee greatly appreciates the support given by the residents and the many Town Departments. In particular, a thank-you to Lt. Glenn Olsson of the Hingham Police Department for being our liaison, the entire Police and Fire Departments, Randy Sylvester Superintendent of the DPW, and his department who work so diligently to set up and clean up before and after the parade. Also, Dr. Dorothy Galo, Superintendent of Hingham Public Schools and the 5th grade Art Teachers for helping with the button design every year and Aquarian Water Company for providing water to parade participants.

Special thanks for the continued support and guidance of the Selectman and their administrative assistants, Betty Foley, Betty Tower and Marilyn Harrington. The Town Accountants office Sue Nickerson and Lynn Phillips, we appreciate your patience. Steve Becker and Kate Richardsson you are awesome. We appreciate all your efforts updating the website. The committee would also like to thank Mary Ford, Editor of The Hingham Journal and Carol Britton Myer, Reporter for the Hingham Journal for their ongoing support and publicity.

- If you would like to be a part of the committee or participate in the parade please contact Mary Ann Blackmur 781-603-7864 or [mblackmur@comcast.net](mailto:mblackmur@comcast.net). Visit our web page for more info at [www.hingham-ma.gov/July4th](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/July4th)

Mary Ann Blackmur	Mary Power
William Ramsey	James Drew
Susan Hagstrom	Susan Drew
Ruth Potter	Jim Murphy
Virginia Spannagel	Nancy MacDonald
Cynthia Tonucci	Kristen Dunlap-Maxwell
Doris McCann	Margaret Costello
Wendy Lorenson Wilson	Lewis Scotton

## Grand Army of the Republic Hall

Civil War Veterans organized the Grand Army of the Republic Hall on August 5, 1869. The Hall was completed in 1888 where it was used by the G.A.R. veterans until 1944 when the Town accepted it at the Annual Town Meeting. Past uses of the Hall were by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Today uses include the American Legion Post 120, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6053, Hingham Veterans' Council, G.A.R. Hall Trustees, Bare Cove Said and Power Boat Squadron and the Hingham Militia. Boy Scout meetings and Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor events have also been held in this venue. A Historian position has been added to the Trustees.

We plan to open the Hall and exhibit historical memorabilia to schools, youth groups and any other interested parties.

### Trustees

Scott McMillan

Keith Jermyn

Stephen Kelsch

Ernest Sofis, Historian



*Brian McSweeney at the Common at Hingham Centre. The plaque reads "Dedicated to Brian and Catha McSweeney by Family, Friends and The Hingham Company of Militia"*

## Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund

**A**t the 1915 Annual Town Meeting, the Town accepted a bequest of Ada B. W. Bacon of \$15,000 to be known as the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund, in memory of her mother. Only the income of this bequest was to be expended in "relieving the necessities of the deserving poor or unfortunate of South Hingham (meaning the "South Ward" of Hingham which began at Cold Corner and probably started east of the Weir River on Union Street) preferably widows and orphans, irrespective of citizenship, and particularly in those cases for which the Town may not be liable but may feel a moral obligation to care for".

According to the provisions of the bequest, the funds would be held by the Treasurer and invested "in investments lawful for savings banks in Massachusetts". The income of the funds would then be paid over by the Treasurer to a Committee of three persons residing in the "South Ward" that are elected by the Town and to serve for three-year terms. The Committee would then dispense gifts of cash and "anticipate such necessity of aid and assistance by inquiry and investigation in advance of claims as far as possible, in order that sensitive and deserving people may receive assistance who might because of publicity refrain from making application for aid".

At present there is \$741 available for distribution. In 2009, \$1500 was distributed to three families, each receiving \$500.

### **Committee Members**

Becky Weston  
Lou Belknap  
Tereza Prime

## Harbor Development Committee

**W**aterfront access and issues continued to receive increased citizen involvement during the past year as many residents and guests recognized the unique and valuable resource of the Hingham Waterfront.

Hingham Inner Harbor was dredged after a 12-year gap and dangerous mud flats at low tides. Benefiting from the tight economy, the work was done for about half the estimated cost with the state providing 75% of the funds; the balance of funding comes from mooring fees and annual confirmation at Town Meeting. Dredging was completed by the end of February 2010 and provides reliable depths of 7 feet at mean low water.

The work of the Harbor Development Committee was supplemented by a Selectmen-appointed Task Force to ensure input from the many boards, committees and stakeholders. Members of the Harbor Committee, Planning Board, Bathing Beach, Industrial Development Committee and Selectmen's Office met regularly with the Harbormaster and Town Planner to look at the issues from all viewpoints.

The Harbormaster worked with the committee to draft an updated set of mooring regulations. Revised layout of the inner harbor and World's End mooring fields will allow more boats to be accommodated within these confined areas. For the first time in over 30 years, nearly all boaters on the waiting list for an inner harbor location will be accommodated, and the town benefits with the additional mooring fees and excise taxes. Revenues and funding of harbor activities continues to receive attention, with new fees scheduled for smaller boats (13 – 17 feet) previously exempt and for public and private '10A' or anchored floats. There is increased interest in establishing an Enterprise Fund to formally link Harbor and waterfront revenues and their associated costs.

Our committee worked with and supported the Conservation Commission to develop a thorough and careful approach for permitting of new docks and piers along the waterfront. The issues involve tradeoffs of individual homeowners to maximize the enjoyment and value of their property vs. the impact on environmental, navigation, safety and aesthetic issues.

After many years of contending with Geese and their droppings, we are optimistic that some action may be taken. Working with the Harbor Task Force, the Selectmen's Office and a private dog-handler, we hope to

start a control program this spring. Funding will be from donations from citizens and groups that have contended with the mess for too long.

Funding limitations, both within the Town and the State, have meant a pullback on two intended projects; improvements to the Launch Ramp that would allow boaters to tie-up while parking or retrieving the vehicle; and expansions to the Town Dock that would allow for a few transient slips and a dingy dock. Our hope is to keep these projects visible.

Two long-standing objectives for the harbor area - enhanced public access and handicap-accessible public restrooms are still at the top of the Harbor Development priority list. The committee has endorsed the proposed leasing of non-exclusive parking for Bare Cove Marina and sees this as an appropriate step in public/private partnerships for the benefit of all.

During the past year, we noted with regret the passing of former HDC Chairman Jim Doyle and former member Warren Nottleson.

Committee Members:

Nick Amdur, Chairman  
Chris Daly, Secretary  
David Beal  
Robert Mosher  
Alan Perrault  
Adrienne Ramsey  
Bryan Sweeney  
Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

## Board of Health

The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of 4 full time employees (Bruce T. Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer, Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse, Carol Ford, Administrative Secretary, and Health Agent) and two part time employees (Ann Marie Papasodero, Health Clerk and William Peterson, Food Inspector).

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities includes such activities as adult immunization and blood pressure programs, domestic abuse, crisis intervention, Food Establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local emergency planning, Right-to-Know enforcement, septic system approval and inspection, emergency planning and response, Body Art licensing, recombinant DNA licensing, communicable disease surveillance and response, recreational camp 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.

The Health Department Staff spent much of the year developing emergency response plans for Homeland Security. During this year the Board of Health in cooperation with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) facilitated a 'Table Top Exercise' to test the Town's emergency response to a simulated infectious disease event. This highly successful drill was attended by representatives from the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator's Office, IT, Human Resources, Town Clerk, D.P.W., Building Department, Elder Services, Light Plant, Aquarion Water Company, School Department, Accounting, S.S. Hospital, Regional Emergency Preparedness members, Sewer and Recreation Departments.

With the insurgence of the H1N1 Influenza Pandemic, the Hingham Health Department took advantage of the opportunity to exercise the Board of Health's 'Emergency Dispensing Site" (EDS) at the Hingham High School. This event provided over 2,000 residents with H1N1 flu vaccine, all within a seven (7) hour period.

While most events requiring the implementation of an EDS will be relatively controlled and localized, a worst-case scenario may require the ability to administer vaccine or dispense medication to 100% of our

Hingham population within 2 days. We hope that we will never have to open our EDS for an actual emergency but rest assured that here in Hingham we are trained and prepared to manage any infectious disease outbreak.

The Board continued to enhance its prohibition of smoking in public places by adding town owned properties such as playgrounds, parks and ball fields. It is hoped that this regulation will send a strong message to our children, that tobacco use should not be part of their lives.

Permits issued in 2009 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Farmers Market.....	19	Food Establishment..	139
Retail Food.....	62	Store Milk .....	87
Catering.....	3	Frozen Desserts.....	13
Residential F.S.....	6	Mobile Food Service ..	13
Milk Vehicle .....	2	Septage Haulers .....	40
Rubbish Haulers .....	20	Septic Installers.....	43
Tanning Salons.....	3	Funeral Directors .....	2
Semi-Public Pools .....	11	Pool Constr.Permits ..	12
Trailer Parks.....	1	Day Camps .....	17
Septic Permits .....	85	Variance Appl. ....	36
Building Permits.....	212	Treatment Plant .....	217
Soil Evaluations. ....	48	Tobacco Sales .....	22
Animal Permits.....	6	Private Well Permits..	16

Kirk Shilts, D.C., Chairman  
Stephan White, Member  
Peter Bickford, Member

## Historic Districts Commission

Hingham is fortunate to have a history of preservation. Because of the efforts of many who have valued the historical importance, the architecture, and the interior features of the Town's residences and public and private buildings, Hingham remains one of the few towns in the country whose structures span four centuries.

The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for determining the appropriateness of work proposed on properties located in an historic district. Enabled by the passage in the 1960's of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act, and subsequently created in Hingham by Town Meeting, the Historic Districts Commission is responsible for preserving and protecting the residences and buildings located within Hingham's six local historic districts. Hingham is one of over 100 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that has established one or more local historic districts in order to preserve the historic character and architecturally distinctive features of significant properties.

Each year the Commission or the Administrator reviews hundreds of applications from property owners seeking approval for exterior work on properties in historic districts. Most applications seek approval for maintenance or repair, which the Administrator reviews and approves immediately. Commission members work with 80-100 property owners annually through the public hearing process to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of individual structures and surrounding streetscapes. Guidelines from the United States Secretary of the Interior set forth the criteria the Commission must use to determine the appropriateness of proposed work in historic districts. The *Historic Districts Handbook* further defines the guidelines for exterior work on properties located in a district, and it can be obtained online or from the Historical Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission include an architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, and a resident from an historic district. The knowledge and expertise of Districts Commission members in the areas of building and landscape architecture, architectural history, and history of the town have proved invaluable to the owners of historic properties. The public is always welcome to

attend Commission hearings held at the Town Hall on Thursday evenings as scheduled. The Commission Office, on the second floor of the Town Hall, is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

The Commission appreciates the continued support of the Building Department and the Selectmen's Office, the cooperation of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Board of Appeals, other town offices and the public. The Commission also thanks the Historical Commission for its fiscal support of funds to cover the general operating expenses, and the salary for the part-time staff who serve both Commissions.

#### **HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**

Chuck Clutz  
Scott Ford, Chair  
Nancy MacKay  
John McCoy  
Susan Berry

Arthur Choo, Jr.  
Winston Hall  
Elaine Marcell  
Bill Tuite  
Ben Wilcox, Vice-Chair

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Andrea Young, Administrator  
Leah Godfrey



*Ball guests dancing the night away at the 375th Gala  
Photo by Ralph Granata*

## Hingham Historical Commission

The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, many of which are identified in *The Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The inventory lists these assets, including the homes, churches and other non-residential structures, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal. The Inventory is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

By virtue of its demonstrated level of expertise, The Historical Commission has been designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of the Interior.

The Hingham Historical Commission administers the *Preservation Projects Fund*, which it established, pursuant to statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving the historic character of the town. Grants, private contributions, and receipts from the sale of the books on Hingham's history - [Not All Is Changed](#) and [When I Think of Hingham](#) - provide the income for this fund.

Through the Preservation Projects Fund, the Commission has contributed to the town's preservation efforts in various ways; exploring measures to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, supporting the cataloguing of archival materials, making information on the historical and architectural assets of the town available to the public, and publishing the aforementioned histories and our *Historic Districts Handbook* are notable examples. Monies within this fund have been specifically set aside or contributed to help maintain such assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, the Governor Andrew statue, historical town markers, and the Iron Horse, "Victory", at Hingham Harbor.

In addition, the Commission now administers a special trust fund, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation of, and improvement to, historical assets adjacent to the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and occasionally proposes projects to preserve the history and character of the town. The Commission recently established an Institutional Preservation Grants Program, within the Preservation Projects Fund, utilizing CPC and other grants to aid in the restoration and rehabilitation of historically significant buildings or structures.

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, designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Local Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners and developers to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

The Commission thanks Will Ertman, whose term expired, for his service; and welcomes new member Tom Willson.

The Historical Commission meets the first Monday of the month at Hingham Town Hall. The Commission's office is on the second floor and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Alexander Macmillan, Chair  
Sarah Dewey, Vice Chair  
Tom Willson  
Beth Rockoff  
Arlyn Vogelmann

Noel Ripley, Jr.  
Virginia Tay  
Andrea Young, Administrator  
Leah Godfrey

## Long Range Waste Disposal Planning and Recycling Committee

In 2009, The LRWDPR Committee focused on increasing resident awareness of the cost of waste disposal and the savings generated for Hingham through consistent recycling.

The Committee received support from many local organizations, who included our slogan/logo "Help Hingham \$ave: Recycle" in their publications to remind residents to recycle. We submitted articles to the Hingham Journal on the savings related to recycling. We created two educational displays on recycling, one for Whole Food's "Love Our Planet" event in April 2009 and the other for the Hingham Public Library during Sept/Oct 2009.

The Committee worked to update the "What Must I Recycle" information for residents on the Town's DPW website. (See <http://www.hingham-ma.gov/publicworks/WhatDoIRecycle.html>.) We also updated the information to be published in the 2010 Hingham Rotary Phone Book, to reflect the full range of materials that must be recycled.

Consistent with the goal of reducing the cost of waste disposal for the Town, the LRWDPR Committee sought and received the support of the Board of Selectmen for the proposed update to the Massachusetts Bottle Bill. This update aims to expand the types of beverage containers for which a redemption fee will be collected, to be refunded when consumers return the containers for redemption and recycling. This legislation was supported by many South Shore town administrations and is now under consideration by the Massachusetts Legislature.

The LRWDPR Committee would like to report that Hingham reduced the amount of waste we paid to dispose of by almost 500 tons in 2009. This represents a 6% decrease from 2008. However, the amount we recycled also decreased by 627 tons, or 8% from 2008, and our recycling rate remained flat. (The comparable downward trend in both waste and recycling suggests that these reductions may reflect the general economic downturn of the year.) Also, the cost of waste disposal rose 4% per ton in 2009 and thus the savings Hingham netted from disposing of less waste were small, only \$1,000 below last year's costs. However, these savings would not have occurred at all without reduced waste tonnage. As disposal costs continue to rise, this fact points to the

increased role recycling must play in our fiscal future. An important goal for the Town in 2010 will be to improve our recycling rate.

Recycling is vital to managing and potentially lowering Hingham's waste management costs. Every ton of material that is kept out of the waste stream saves the Town over \$100 in hauling and incineration costs and may also generate revenue as a recyclable commodity. We want to thank residents who regularly separate and recycle their household materials and yard waste according to Town guidelines. Your efforts make a direct, positive impact on our costs and, therefore, also improve this aspect of our Town's finances.

The Committee would like to recognize the Hingham Schools for significantly increasing the numbers and types of recycling bins on their campuses, in 2009. This allows for easier recycling of paper and beverage containers in all school buildings and on all playgrounds and fields. Also, in 2009, the Hingham Library added paper recycling bins to join the bottle/can recycling bins in the cafe and at the main entrance, for patron use. We thank the Schools and the Library for improving recycling opportunities at their locations.

There are still significant improvements we can make in our recycling efforts, overall, to keep waste disposal costs to a minimum. For example, it is estimated that nearly 50% of mixed paper and 30% of corrugated cardboard are not being recycled; these commodities are being thrown out as waste.

(See [www.hingham-ma.gov/publicworks/WhatDoIRecycle.html](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/publicworks/WhatDoIRecycle.html) or [www.massrecyclespaper.org/paperlist.html](http://www.massrecyclespaper.org/paperlist.html) for a complete list of papers that should be recycled.). We ask that all residents, schools, and Town offices work to do more to reduce our waste stream and increase our recycling. Commodity prices for recycled materials are rising again and the Town will gain more revenue with more diligent recycling.

Related to this, we are happy to announce that the Hingham Transfer Station has been modernized to include a scale for weighing loads of waste and recyclables brought to and transferred from the Transfer Station. The scale will allow DPW to more accurately track our waste and recycling streams and will enable Hingham to collect accurate fees for Construction and Demolition materials brought in by commercial users of the Transfer Station.

Our goals for 2010 include: gathering information from other Massachusetts towns on how they offset rising costs related to waste disposal and recycling, including ways to increase recycling rates and

revenues generated through recycling commodities; focusing on educating residents about “pre-cycling” or reducing waste at the point of purchasing materials; focusing on educating residents about home composting of organic materials, another waste reduction strategy; and implementing a more visible and consistent recycling program at Town Hall.

Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth  
Brenda P. Black  
Elizabeth A. Dewire  
Matthew Goulet  
Marianne MacDonald

Leon J. Merian  
Peter G. Stathopoulos  
Karen F. Thompson  
David P. White



## Hingham Memorial Bell Tower

In the early 1900's, under the leadership of Susan Willard, regent of the D.A.R., and Rev. Louis Cornish, a drive was held to erect the Hingham Memorial Belltower, a monument to the first settlers, beside the old meetinghouse. As recorded in the Hart's book *Not All Is Changed*, "The tower was dedicated with pomp and circumstance in 1912, its lovely bells sending competing sounds among the din of electrics and horns of autos at intersections. It holds one of only thirty-five sets of change-ringing bells on the North American Continent, whose peals would have been familiar to the first settlers. Some of the first settlers would also have recognized the old flintblock from the market place in Hingham, England, which was sent for the cornerstone. Because of its irregular shape, it could not be so used and was placed inside."

Many visitors have come to ring the bells over the years although there was only one group in 2009. A small group of local people, listed below, who enjoy ringing the bells gather on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. A welcome is extended to all who might want to try their hand at ringing.

Kenneth W. Drescher  
Joan R. Getto  
John McKendry  
Shirley Newsom  
Betty Shaw  
Pete Shaw  
Michael Shilhan  
Nancy Stimson  
Justine Thurston  
Dorcas Wagner

## Open Space Acquisition Committee

The Open Space Acquisition Committee, established by Article 15 of the 1997 Town Meeting is comprised of five members, three appointed by the Conservation Commission and one each by the Planning Board and the Selectmen. With assistance from Conservation Officer Cliff Prentiss the Committee evaluates opportunities for the acquisition and protection of open space parcels against a number of criteria, including whether the Town's acquisition of the parcel would (1) help preserve Hingham's character, (ii) protect Hingham's water resources, (iii) abut or link up existing conservation lands, (iv) provide public access for walking, biking or other passive recreation, (v) preserve or enhance distinctive streetscapes, views or vistas, or (vi) preserve important wildlife and/or vegetation habitat. When appropriate, the Committee negotiates the terms and conditions for the Town's acquisition of the parcel for presentation to the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting. Since the Town's adoption of the Community Preservation Act in 2001, the Town's Community Preservation Fund has been the principal source of funding for the Town's acquisitions of open space.

Since 2003 the Committee has been instrumental in the acquisition of several important parcels, among them the 17.5 acre Schultz's field behind the golf driving range and the 3.88 acre McKenna's field which borders the land of the Conservation Commission.

The Committee is pleased to state that our work with the diligent, consistent work of members of the Historic Commission, enabled us to purchase a 4.7 acre field from Michael Cushing, 210 East Street. Additionally, Mr. Cushing agreed to place an Historical Preservation Restriction on the house lot, thereby preserving the entire property which extends to the intersection of Route 3A and Route 228. Mr. Cushing also gave 5+ acres to the town on the North side of Route 3A.

At this time the Committee is considering two parcels of land to present to the Town Meeting. Both properties are worthwhile as one protects wetlands and the other links with the Cushing Pond watershed and protects woodland habitats. As new properties are presented to us, we will continue to focus on protecting important lands to enhance the Town's growing need for water, and to preserve open space for us all.

Susan B. Berry, Chairman  
James Morris

Peter Rosen  
Jessica Foley

Michael Pollard

## Plymouth County Mosquito Control

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2009.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2009 season began with a high water table and above average rain fall into the fall season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 26, 2009 and ended on September 25, 2009. The Project responded to a record 20,713 spray requests for service from residents.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was first isolated in the district from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Lakeville on August 24, 2009. Twelve EEE mosquito isolates were trapped in Plymouth County as follows: Rochester-9/3, 9/9 *Culiseta melanura*, 9/15 *Ochlerotatus canadensis* a human biter, 9/23 (4) *Culiseta melanura*, Mattapoisett-8/27, 9/9 (2) *Culiseta melanura* 8/27 *Ochlerotatus canadensis*, Plympton-9/9 *Culiseta melanura*.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, two Plymouth County towns Lakeville and Middleboro were elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" for EEE Risk" and Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester were elevated to "High Level" EEE risk category. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to

report that in 2009 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus (WNV) was also found within the district. A total of two isolations of WNV mosquitoes were found. *Culex pipiens* bird biters were trapped in Lakeville on 8/30 and in Wareham on 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2009 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 63,940 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health discontinued bird testing for West Nile Virus.

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

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 Application.** 5,260 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 3,675 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

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. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

**Water Management.** During 2009 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 825 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work,

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

Machine Reclamation. 1,100 linear feet of upland and saltmarsh ditch was reconstructed in Hingham using the Project's track driven excavator. Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Hingham was less than two days with more than 1,019 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Hingham indicates that *Ae. vexans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Oc. cantator* and *Cq. perturbans*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Teixeira  
Superintendent

## Public Library

Every difficult moment is both an opportunity and a challenge. For the Hingham Public Library (HPL) 2009 has been just that. Residents turned to their library in record numbers and HPL responded to their needs with a wide array of traditional and non-traditional services. These services were augmented by practical employment workshops, enriching cultural programs and intellectually stimulating discussion groups and classes. Children were treated to diverse activities designed to help them be successful life-long learners and readers. In short, library service in Hingham is vibrant, thriving and appreciated by our residents.

At the same time, HPL's budget underwent reductions in staff, book funding, and the elimination of Sunday operational hours. The Sunday hours, however, have been temporarily restored by a donor-directed grant from the Rhode Island Foundation. The reprieve from Sunday closings may be a short-lived one and a "donor rescue" is not expected for 2010/2011. Finance and budget matters are always important considerations for the library but for 2009 and the next several years to come library financing will dominate its drive for service excellence.

The Library's Circulation Department is the most striking of HPL's "opportunity and challenge" experiences during FY 2009. The Circulation Department experienced increased circulation while at the same time bearing the brunt of the reduced staffing resulting from the FY 2009/FY2010 budget cuts. During the year, the library loaned 461,489 items, a 7.5% increase from the previous year. Additionally, the Circulation Department handled a total of 122,901 items that were transferred between libraries in the Old Colony Library Network, an 8.1% increase from the previous year. This total includes items sent to other libraries (76,716) and items received from other libraries (46,185) to fill patrons' reserves through the Inter-Library Loan delivery service.

While demand for library items and services grew during FY09, staffing hours were lost, including one part-time 16 hour per week Library Technician position and the entire budget for College Aides that totaled 825 hours – a substantial loss given the fact that college aides work mainly during the summer, one of the busiest time of year for the library. Additional staffing losses heralded the start of Fiscal 2010, bringing the cumulative losses to the equivalent of nearly two full-time positions. Despite the effects of budget cuts and increased circulation,

staff have done a commendable job in keeping up with the work-load and providing a high level of service to our patrons.

2009 also was a very busy year in the Children's Department with record setting program attendance, the launch of two new story time programs, and an extraordinary visit from bestselling British young adult author, Anthony Horowitz.

Children's program attendance skyrocketed this year, increasing by nearly 2,000 people, resulting in a total of 6,940 people attending the many story times and special events throughout the year. As always, the library was a very popular destination during the summer, with July accounting for more than a quarter of the year's total children's program attendance.

The Children's Department introduced two new story time programs this past year. The first, a Monday afternoon Stories & Snacks program for early elementary school children, invites students to hear both new and old stories and to create a related craft.

The second, a unique multimedia story time, is made possible by a generous grant from Comcast. The Comcast Reading Connections Program, launched in June, gives children and their families an opportunity to listen to and watch favorite children's stories, and to grow their own personal libraries by taking home a copy of the featured book. These classic stories, read aloud by both library staff and Comcast volunteers, have included 'Where the Wild Things Are' and 'Curious George.' The Comcast Reading Connections Program has been a popular favorite, with over 550 people attending throughout the year.

A longstanding partnership with Cohasset's Buttonwood Books & Toys enabled the Library to jointly welcome bestselling author Anthony Horowitz to the Hingham Middle School this fall. His visit to Hingham was one of only 10 stops on his United States book tour and almost 300 students and their parents filled the auditorium to experience this rare opportunity to hear Horowitz talk about his new novel and his life as a writer. After the talk, students cheerfully waited in line for over an hour for a unique chance to meet Horowitz in person, ask him their questions, and get their new (and well-loved) books signed.

Our Reference Department continues to thrive in an age of nearly universal Internet access. The Reference staff answered just over 6,100

requests for information during 2009 – the second consecutive year in which statistics for reference service increased.

The Reference staff continues to offer small-group and one-on-one tutorials for patrons in the use of computers, the online catalog and databases, and genealogy. Staff also offer reader advisory service, tailoring booklists to individual patrons and offering periodic book talks for adults both at and outside the library.

The Reference Staff is well-represented in professional activities. One staff member serves as the library's representative on Old Colony Library Network's Technology Round Table; another represents the library on the Town Documents and Artifacts Committee. This Committee is working with multiple town departments and organizations to create a comprehensive plan for establishing access to local historical resources and to assure their preservation. Their work began in 2009 and continues into 2010.

Reference staff also shares in scheduling and managing programs for adults. The year's events included twelve programs in the ongoing "Evening with the Author" series; a three-part series called "The Lure of Living Abroad"; and a MassBook Literary Festival, a daylong event featuring readings and book signings by winners of the 2008 Massachusetts Book Awards.

The Library's Audiovisual Department continued its popular series of independent films. This Department continues to grow and thrive, attracting a core of dedicated patrons from Hingham and throughout the South Shore. Today, approximately 15% of our 165,443 holdings are audiovisual materials. The Library's long-standing series of classical guitar concerts continues to thrive under the brand "Saturday Sounds Special"; the series is the product of a 12 year partnership between the Library and the Boston Classical Guitar Society.

Not all of the Library's achievements are as visible as those of our public service departments. The Cataloging Department, while understaffed, did its best to keep the flow of new materials moving to the shelves in a timely way. The Department continued to oversee the removal of outdated items from the collection and to maintain high standards for entering records in the Old Colony Library Network database. In the last calendar year, the Library added nearly 16,000 books and audio-visual items to the collection. This included purchased titles and gift books.

The Department also devoted considerable time to repairing and replacing damaged books.

The Library staff deserves commendation for its dedication to making the Hingham Public Library one of the Commonwealth's finest. Volunteers also gave 5,410 hours of service in support of the Library including the operation of a very successful used book store and home delivery. Without their help our Library would be greatly diminished. The Library's 80+ volunteers give HPL the annual full-time equivalent of 2.5 staff members.

HPL's achievements wouldn't be possible without the strong support of the entire community. Local taxpayers provide the lion's share of HPL's funding. The balance of our funding comes from the Library's endowment, fees, donations and State Library Aid. Without all of these funding sources working together, it would be impossible to provide the extensive resources our community has come to value and expect. Thanks to all. Your generosity and on-going support is appreciated, particularly in this time of global economic difficulties.

Several notes of appreciation and recognition are in order. To Joan Newell for her dedicated service as our Volunteer Coordinator; to the Garden Club of Hingham for its time, effort and assistance with landscape maintenance and floral displays in the Library. To the North River Arts Society for providing approximately half of the Dolphin Gallery art shows. To Juliana Holbrook for her fifteen years of dedicated service as our talented Cataloger with best wishes in her retirement; to former Trustee James Welch for his years of distinguished service to our library.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis R. Corcoran  
Library Director

## Hingham Public Schools

As of October 1, 2009, there were 3995 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of more than 100 students over October 1, 2008. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 65 pre-school students in the integrated program, 47 out-of-district students (special education), and 2 vocational students.

The May 2009 Town Meeting and a successful Override ballot vote supported the operating costs associated with the opening of a new elementary school at the former East School site. With approximately 40% reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the \$26.6 million dollar school opened in September 2009 at its capacity of 630 PK-5 students. During summer 2009, the School Building Committee also oversaw the second phase of Town-funded (\$7,000,000) renovation projects at Foster and Plymouth River Schools. Second phase projects included heating and ventilation upgrades, classroom improvements, some window replacements, and repurposing of spaces into purpose-designed art rooms and small group spaces at both schools, a new music room and multi-purpose room at Foster, and a new computer lab at PRS.

The 2009 Town Election saw Linda Hill and Barbara Cook re-elected to the School Committee. Christine Smith and Linda Hill were elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively in May 2009. Administrative changes included the appointment of former South School Principal, Tony Keady to the principalship at the new East School and the appointment of former South School Assistant Principal, Eliza Burns, to the principalship of South. Michael Doherty and Meg Sweeney were appointed to Resource Teacher roles for Art and Physical Education, respectively.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2010 (school year 2009-2010) was approved in April 2009 at \$36,478,853. That figure includes the \$1.1 million override for the opening of the district's fourth elementary school and is an increase of 3.62% over the prior year. Capital funds were limited Town-wide, with the School Department allocated \$50K for roof assessment and limited repair of the middle school roof.

Hingham students continued to perform above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2009 MCAS. The percentage of Hingham students performing at the proficient or advanced levels increased in grade 3 reading and math, grades 4, 6, 7, 8 ELA and math, and grade

10 ELA and science. Eighty-nine percent of grade 10 students passed the ELA, math, and science MCAS, with 52% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 70% scoring at the advanced level in mathematics. All members of the Class of 2009 earned a state certified diploma by passing both the ELA and math MCAS.

All five schools and the district met the 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets issued by the DESE in ELA and math for the aggregate. The district, Hingham High School, Hingham Middle School, and Foster School also met the AYP targets in ELA and math for all subgroups. HMS was one of 21 schools in the state recognized for exiting accountability status. Plymouth River School met the improvement target in math for the special education subgroup and will be removed from the "in need of improvement" status if the target for this group is met again in the 2010 testing. South School did not make the AYP target for a subgroup in ELA for the second year and, as required by NCLB, has been designated as a "school in need of improvement – year 2." Hingham High School was identified as a National Blue Ribbon School in fall 2009, a national honor that reflects outstanding MCAS performance, among other factors. HHS was one of 264 public elementary, middle, and high schools represented at the Washington, D. C. awards ceremony in November 2009.

On May 3, 2009, 245 students graduated from Hingham High School. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2009 include: 2 National Merit semi-finalists, 8 National Merit commended students, 56 Advanced Placement Scholars, and 36 members inducted into the National Honor Society. At the eleventh annual Senior Awards Night, 204 members of the Class of 2009 were honored. More than \$250,000 in local scholarship money was awarded to these graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or a student's involvement in school organizations.

Athletics remain an important part of the Hingham High School program. Approximately 71% of all students participated in at least one interscholastic sport, and team records were impressive again in 2009 as 23 teams participated in MIAA post-season competition. Eight teams won league championships; girls indoor track (MIAA Division III Champions for the fourth year in a row), boys indoor track, girls spring track, girls tennis and boys tennis (both MIAA Division II South sectional Champs), baseball, sailing, and boys soccer (Patriot League Champions for the second year in a row). The boys crew team, Varsity I, won the MPSRA State Championship.

The girls ice hockey team, Division II State Championship winners in Spring 2008, moved up to Division I in 2009 and lost in the semifinals. The girls indoor track team finished its season as Division III champions, the boys hockey team qualified for the Super 8 Tournament for the sixth time in the last seven years and won the prestigious James F. Mulloy Award for Sportsmanship for the second year in a row and the fifth time since the inception of the award. HHS students and coaches won numerous individual honors as well during the 2009 seasons.

With a student population of approximately 900 students, concerns about space and the need for facilities improvements continue at the middle school. The 2008 Town-funded modular classrooms have added classroom capacity, but core space is also stretched and roof repair and replacement of window walls and original systems loom as large ticket items. A renewed "Statement of Interest" was submitted again in November 2009 to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). It is hoped that the Town and the MSBA can work together to find and fund solutions to the current building conditions.

On January 29, 2009, 135 HMS students and chaperones traveled to Washington, D. C. to attend the inauguration of then President-elect Barack Obama. While there, the group toured Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington, the US Capitol Building, and several monuments.

On November 11, 2009, the students at Hingham Middle School dedicated the school's new flagpole to all past, present, and future veterans. Major William Ramsey of the U. S. Army was the keynote speaker, addressing students, Town dignitaries, and fellow veterans from all of the armed forces. The HMS Ambassadors Club raised the funds for the new flagpole.

District "Response to Intervention" (RTI) initiatives have been expanded to include K-3 literacy and grade 1 mathematics at the elementary level and grades 6-8 math and grade 6 reading at the middle school. RTI academic strategies provide identification and intervention in the form of targeted instruction for struggling learners. Each elementary school is in the process of implementing school-wide response to intervention models in the area of student behavior. This approach includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to enhance a positive school environment.

The district's elementary schools continue to focus school improvement efforts on activities that foster family involvement. In the academic area, these efforts include Family math and literacy nights, the implementation of the 1000 Book Club model in all buildings, access to software for reading and math support, school group tutoring or MCAS support, and summer opportunities for review and practice.

During 2009, the Hingham Public Schools continued to make gains. The support efforts and initiatives of parents and PTO and booster groups, the Hingham Education Foundation and the Hingham Sports Partnership, community groups, and civic organizations were particularly appreciated in the current economic climate. Progress in realizing the district's stated mission, and the many other goals that are established annually by the administration, was again both visible and measurable in 2009. The School Department and the School Committee acknowledge the community support that has provided the youth of Hingham with another year of sound educational practice, demonstrated academic progress, improved facilities, and meaningful programs and activities.

DOROTHY GALO, PhD  
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Christine Smith, Chair  
Linda Hill, Vice-Chair  
Barbara Cook, Secretary

Chrisanne Gregoire  
Steve Nagle  
Esther Healey  
Caryl Falvey

## Public Works Building Committee

The April 2002 Town Meeting established the Public Works Building Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee was authorized to plan, design and construct a Project on the Town owned property known as the School Depot Parcel and the Bare Cove Parcel. The Project involves the development of a new consolidated facility for the DPW and the development of four new athletic fields. During 2009, the construction of the DPW Administration and Maintenance Building was completed. The Cold Storage Building and the Sand and Salt Building had been completed in 2008. The DPW has moved its operations into the new buildings. The Athletic Fields have been completed and will be available for use in the Spring of 2010. In the Spring of 2010, the Committee intends to complete several minor items of work that had been deferred. The only portion of the Project that has not been constructed is the Skatepark. At the request of the Selectmen, the Committee put the plans to construct the Skatepark on hold, due to the poor economic climate. The Committee has allocated a sufficient amount in its overall Project budget to construct the Skatepark and is awaiting further guidance from the Selectmen.

Robert P. Garrity, Chairman  
John Bailey  
Rob Bucey  
Edward Colbert

George Ullrich  
Brian Mc Sweeney  
Karl Willner



*The new combined DPW building was occupied in the summer of 2009;  
the adjacent Steven D. Carlson athletic fields will be  
dedicated May 1, 2010*

## Recreation Commission

The Hingham Recreation Commission is a five member elected board. The Commission oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. The mission of the Recreation Commission is to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. The Recreation Department's program offerings strive to assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Recreation Department is an integral part of the community with the Recreation Center attracting residents of all ages and interests. The Recreation Center, located in Town Hall, is comprised of a gymnasium, game room, classrooms, and the Fitness Center. The outdoor facilities include a playground, hockey rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and soccer and baseball fields.

The Hingham Recreation Department had a successful 2009 Summer Program. There were more than 1200 children who attended the Pre-School and Playground Program. The popular Summer Program includes sports, field games, swimming, arts and crafts, and field trips. Entertainers are also scheduled to perform for the children throughout the program. The goal of the summer program is to provide Hingham children with an opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, enjoy old friends, learn new activities, improve their social skills, and offer a sense of belonging.

The Hingham Recreation Department offers a wide range of activities for all ages and abilities. In 2009, an array of adult activities were offered to the public including Body Sculpt Transformation, Having a Ball – On The Ball, Zumba, Boot Camp Interval Class, Tae Box, Spinning, Yoga, Cardio Pump, Spin n' Sculpt, Ski Lessons, Tai Chi, Hanna Somatics, Retirement Planning, Road Running, Tennis, and Harbor Hoops. The teens and elementary aged students had many program offerings including Lego Play Land, Dinosaurs, Babysitting Training Course, Life in the Sea, Rocket Launch, Snowshoeing, Ski Lessons, Guitar Workshop, Rock Climbing, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Basketball, Soccer, All Star Sports, and Spinning. The Commission also focused on the pre-school aged children by offering Mini Sports, Art Programs, Soccer, Bowling, Dance, and Child Care. Seasonal events included the Halloween costume party, Christmas in the Square, and an Easter egg hunt.

July 4, 2009 marked the 51st continuous running of the Hingham Road Race. One of the region's oldest footraces, this premier event starts our Independence Day celebration, and is one of the town's finest traditions. Thanks to Hingham Striders, who cultivated this growing race and reshaped it into how we know it today. Through their entrepreneurial innovation, dedication to community, and sustainable fundraising legacy, race proceeds continue to generate seed money to subsidize quality, affordable programs, finance special events, purchase capital equipment for the Striders Fitness Room. Also, race proceeds have contributed to the Rec Center game room and office, field maintenance improvements, and provided Summer Program scholarships based on need, at no cost to the tax payer. The end use of some race proceeds also generate fee revenues, offset operational and overhead costs, and pay for services provided by the Recreation Department.

The Hingham Striders Fitness Room features top quality commercial-grade aerobic and weight training equipment. The aerobic equipment includes nine treadmills, six ellipticals, four stationary bikes, and two stair masters. The Fitness Room features a variety of weight training equipment including dumbbells and more than a dozen weight bearing strength machines. Babysitting is available to Fitness Room members Monday through Friday. Certified personal trainers are available for a fee of fifty dollars per hour. The Strider's Fitness Room is conveniently located at the Town Hall. With an annual fee of \$125 and a semiannual fee of \$85 the Strider's Fitness room is known as the "best deal in town".

Scott Bosworth, Chairman  
Budd Thorne, Vice-Chair  
Frank Jones, Secretary

Tom Campbell  
Tory Dolan  
Mark Thorell, Recreation Director

## Scholarship Fund Committee

The Scholarship Committee is charged to invest the assets of Hingham's Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets for the year ending 2009 totaled \$2,971,412 compared to \$2,378,003 at year-end 2008, an overall increase of 24.9%, which represents investment returns plus capital additions and withdrawals. If the distribution to scholarship recipients during the year is added to portfolio returns, present and future scholarship beneficiaries enjoyed approximately 29.86% return for the year.

During 2009 market returns were positive for many asset classes: The Standard and Poor's 500 index was up 26.46% for the year, The Lehman Brothers (now Barclay's) Aggregate Bond index was up 5.93%. A simple weighted average of the two broad asset classes similar to Scholarship Guidelines would imply a "balanced" portfolio return on the order of 19.25%.

At the beginning of 2009, the fund was structured with about 65% of its assets in equity securities and about 35% in bonds and money market instruments. The fund's current asset mix is: 71% equity / 29% bonds and money market. The committee feels that a large proportional exposure to stocks is justified given the perpetual nature of the fund.

The portfolio enjoyed returns significantly higher than would be expected with a static "balanced" portfolio. Special thanks are due to the leadership of our retired Chairman, Frank Gaul, who accelerated the date of our usual semi-annual meeting. This facilitated a portfolio rebalance that took advantage of the distressed equity market.

Income from the fund provided scholarships to 173 students who graduated from Hingham High School in June 2009, totaling \$124,000 (In 2008, 172 students received awards totaling \$160,000). The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975 and in the intervening years a total of over \$1.8 million has been awarded to college bound Hingham High School students.

During 2009, the committee continued to implement the guidelines set forth in the Investment Policy Statement for the Scholarship Fund, which was formalized in 2005.

The fund received new contributions from citizens and friends of the Town of Hingham during the year of \$5,559. The Committee welcomes

continued contributions to the fund in whatever amounts, however, a minimum of \$2,500 is needed to establish a separately named scholarship. For contributions less than the minimum the Hingham Scholarship Memorial Fund has been established.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. It must be noted that the committee could not properly function without the efforts of the professional employees of the Town of Hingham; in particular Nancy Leahy of the Treasurer's office who handles the many administrative details involved with donations and distributions throughout the year.

Recently "Retired" Members:

Frank Gaul  
James McAllen

Current Membership:

Thomas Hagstrom, Chairman  
Kurt Weisenbeck, Clerk  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer  
Roger Nastou  
Matthew Welch  
Clay Graham (new member)  
Andrew Shafter (new member)

## 2006 School Building Committee

The Committee is pleased to report that the new elementary school, East School, opened for the new school year in September 2009 – on schedule and under budget.

The new East Elementary School is 91,350 square feet and built to accommodate 630 students from pre-kindergarten to grade five. The first priority of the design was to optimize the educational environment provided by the facility for students and staff. Other important features included operational efficiencies, environmental friendliness, alternative community uses, and architecture consistent with other signature Hingham buildings.

The total budgeted cost of the project was \$26.5 million with an estimated state reimbursement of \$10.37 million, creating a budgeted cost to the Town of \$16.2 million. While the project is not fully closed out and audited at this time, final project costs will be more than \$500,000 below the expected budget.

Meaningful improvements were also completed at Plymouth River and Foster Elementary Schools. Projects to revitalize and enhance the learning and safety environment at these schools include the following:

### Plymouth River

- New Art Room
- New Small group Instructional Areas
- Reconstructed K Classrooms
- New Computer Room
- Environmental improvements: new lighting, ceilings, sinks, flooring, shelving, painting, exterior brick repointing, and HVAC
- Safety: new security and fire alarm system
- Instructional Technology: Smartboards
- New Lobby Entrance Area
- Repaving and design of front entrance driveway, sidewalks and drop-off loop
- Building access improvements

### Foster

- New Art Room
- New Music Room
- New Small Group Instructional Areas

- New Grade level Assembly Space
- New Gymnasium floor
- Environmental improvements: new lighting, ceilings, painting, flooring, library carpet, new and additional lockers, toilet rooms
- New roof sections
- Security system improvement
- Access improvements at Main entry Plaza and cafeteria entrance
- Instructional technology: Smartboards

Following a \$400,000 window replacement project at both schools in Summer 2010, the Committee will have completed the system-wide improvements to address overcrowding and facility needs at the Elementary level envisioned by the 2006 Ten-Year School Building Master Plan that was approved by Town Meeting.

The final remaining component of the Master Plan is a project to address the significant overcrowding and facility challenges that continue at the Middle School. The appropriate resolution of this challenge must now be the focus of this Committee along with a collection of other Boards and engaged members of the community.

Alan Macdonald, Chair	Peter Bradley
Tim Collins, Vice Chair	Sandra Cleary
Steve Nagle, Secretary	Stefan Voglemann
Samantha Anderson	

## South Shore Recycling Cooperative



The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of thirteen South Shore towns. It was established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998 to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman**. From January through June, **Holbrook, Hull** and **Marshfield** were also members. Budget issues caused their withdrawal in FY10. Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) (*list attached*).

Since its inception eleven years ago, disposed tons of trash-per-household has dropped by 27%, and the recycling rate for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans has risen by 38%.

In 2009, the SSRC raised **\$58,500** through municipal member dues, and **\$10,000** in outreach sponsorships from Covanta SEMASS. It also netted **\$995** from its second **Earth Day Celebration** at the Hanover Mall. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit our member towns. The SSRC estimates that in 2009 these activities **saved /earned Member Towns over \$160,000**.

### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collections

The SSRC contract for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste with **Clean Harbors** is in its last extension. Member Towns avoided a setup fee and paid less than State contract rates, **saving our towns about \$30,000**. They also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assists at most events, and administers the billing.

**2,081 residents** attended **thirteen collections** held in 2009. The contract also enabled **103 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

#### **Construction and Bulky Waste**

Through an arrangement facilitated by the SSRC with the **Bourne ISWMF**, Member Towns enjoyed a reduced tip fee of \$75-79/ton for **construction and bulky waste, \$12.50/ton less than the gate fee**.

**Cohasset, Hanover, Kingston and Scituate** save on mattress recycling by using an SSRC arranged program with Miller Recycling in Plainville to store, transport and process mattresses for \$14/each.

Collectively, these arrangements resulted in about **\$30,000** in savings.

#### **Compost and Brush**

The SSRC extended the contract for **compost screening** with Lion's Head Organics with no pricing increase. A new brush grinding contract was awarded to Apple D'or Tree, with reduced pricing.

#### **Paper**

The SSRC facilitated the siting of dozens of Abitibi Paper Retriever bins in all our towns. In 2009, they captured **907 tons** of paper, and returned over **\$6,000** to municipalities and local organizations.

#### **Textiles**

The SSRC introduced Bay State Textiles, which pays \$50/ton for used clothing and textiles, to the managers. In 2008, eight towns recycled **280 tons** of material through them, and were paid **\$14,017**.

#### **Books**

The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$100/ton for used books and other media, to SSRC members. In 2009, thirteen SSRC towns repurposed 260 tons of material, earning **\$87,717**.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

##### **Mass Recycles Paper**

This statewide Campaign grew out of a 2006 SSRC pilot project. It is run by MassRecycle, and chaired by the SSRC Executive Director. The goal is to recover an additional million tons of paper each year from the Mass. trash. The Campaign has broad support from MassDEP, Covanta Energy and the recycling industry.

Mass Recycles Paper ads were placed on 300 Red Line trains for the summer. SSRC communities stand to gain about \$400K/year in avoided disposal cost and revenue from the sale of waste paper.

### **Press Contacts**

The SSRC releases articles and is a resource to the local press on waste reduction, recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste.

### **Resident Contacts**

The Executive Director fielded **over 100 calls and emails** from Member Towns' residents in CY09 to answer questions, mostly about hazardous and difficult to manage product disposal.

### **Website**

[ssrcoop.info](http://ssrcoop.info) provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a quarterly newsletter, and links to other sites. It was overhauled this past fall, and logged 3,394 visitors in 2009.



### **Marshfield Fair Recycling**

With assistance from MassDEP, the SSRC supported **recycling at the Marshfield Fair** for the sixth year. While public education was the priority, seven tons of material was also recycled and composted.

The SSRC loans **recycling containers** from a previous grant for use at local events. In 2009, Hanover Youth Athletic Ass'n softball, and the Island Creek Oyster Fest in Duxbury used them.

## **ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.**

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with them, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

A sample of the assistance she provided and problems she helped solve in 2009 included:

- collaborated with the Cape Cod Commission's Solid Waste Advisory Committee's alternatives analysis of **Covanta SEMASS'** extension proposal for our four **Tier One** towns
- attended committee meetings in **Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Plymouth and Weymouth**
- facilitated discussion between Cohasset and Hull about a shared recycling facility
- presented waste management options and analysis to Kingston BOS
- **flagged \$80,000 in expiring MTC grants** in time for several members to access
- collected, evaluated and shared **recycling and disposal cost, tonnage and hauler permit data**
- compiled and distributed of a ten page **directory of service providers.**

### **Paper pricing**

The SSRC subscribes to *Official Board Markets* on which most towns' paper rebates are based, calculates rebates that should be paid by their recyclers, and updates the managers each month.

### **Quarterly Newsletter**

The SSRC publishes a quarterly newsletter filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The newsletter is posted online at [ssrcoop.info](http://ssrcoop.info), click on Newsletters.

### **Monthly Meetings**

The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended monthly meetings. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

## **ADVOCACY**

The Executive Director attends policy meetings and conferences hosted by MassDEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, Council of

SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. She acts as a liaison between the Board and the State organizations..

The SSRC held a **Recognition Breakfast** in May at which **Governor Deval Patrick and DEP's Ann McGovern** received our "Recycling Hero" award.

The SSRC distributed a resolution to **Update the Bottle Bill**, which most of our members' Chief Elected Officials signed and sent to their legislators. The Executive Director met with several legislators about this, and testified at the first hearing.

The SSRC exists to assist its member towns in improving their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Sullivan, Executive Director

## Hingham 375th Anniversary Committee

**H**ingham's 375th Anniversary Committee was appointed in 2007 by the Selectmen of Hingham to plan, organize and promote events to mark the Anniversary of the naming of Hingham as the 12th town in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in September 1635. The opening reception took place in September 2009 with music, fanfare, tours and speeches by local dignitaries in the beautiful gardens of the Old Ordinary. The celebration will conclude in September 2010 with a fitting final event designed to include the participation of all Hingham citizens.

The year-long program is divided into three historic periods: the Early Period, the 19th Century and the 20th Century. Each period includes events which highlight the town's history and natural resources. All of Hingham is being encouraged to take part: government, businesses, organizations, schools, clubs, houses of worship, and residents. Notice of events is given in the press, through all-Hingham mailings by the Municipal Lighting Plant, in the 375th Commemorative Book, and on the web at [www.hingham-ma.gov/375th](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/375th). We invite you to join us in exploring the history of our town – learning about those who lived on the land beneath our feet, one, two, three and almost four hundred years ago. Please take a moment to rediscover how and why this beautiful town with its harbor, fields, houses and woods came to be the Hingham we cherish today.

Events honoring Hingham's 375th anniversary in 2009 included guided tours of historic Hingham and the Hingham Cemetery; golf and tennis tournaments with its own exciting raffle; a one-woman play at Derby Academy on the life of Madam Sarah Derby by Donna Milani Luther; an eye-opening weekly Hingham Journal history quiz; a Derby Street Shoppes Colonial Harvest Market with live enactment of Hingham's early leaders; a watercolor exhibit at Linden Ponds entitled "Picturing Hingham's Past," based on James Pierotti's Postcard History Series, Hingham; a WW I commemorative service at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist following the liturgy of an Evensong performed at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on the occasion of the ending of World War I; a gala evening at the Old Ship Parish House of authentic period dances and music attended by guests in 17th and 18th period costume dress; a lecture on early gravestone carvings by expert Vincent Luti of the University of Mass-Dartmouth; colorful thematic art projects created by children from pre-school through Hingham High School, and a 375th photography contest organized by the Hingham Land and Conservation Trust.

These programs and the events to follow were made possible through the sale of 375th commemorative items and the support of local sponsors and volunteers whose generosity reflects the best in community spirit and honors those who came before us. On behalf of the Hingham 375th Anniversary Committee, we extend our appreciation to all involved and encourage your continued and joyful participation.

Justine L. W. Thurston, Chairperson  
Susan K. Haley, Secretary  
Laurie Burnaby, Treasurer

Thomas R. Bright	Joan Getto	Julianne Mehegan
Suzanne Buchanan	Leah Godfrey	Meg Robbins
Ann Burnaby	Lucy Jacobus	Joan Snowber
Ann Collins	Irene Kane	Robin Stuart-Tilly
Henry Day	Diane Lewis	Daniel Walsh
Lucinda Day	Elizabeth Klein	Cynthia Wilkins
Edmund Demko	Deborah Ludwig	Barbara Wollan



*The Benjamin Lincoln House in Hingham, home of General Benjamin Lincoln (1733-1810), was named a National Historic Landmark in 1973. In 2009 this house, still occupied and owned by members of the Lincoln family, was designated as the 76th privately-owned historic property protected through preservation easements in the Stewardship Program at Historic New England.*

## Veterans' Services

**D**uring 2009, the Department of Veterans' Services experienced a significant increase in the volume of aid and assistance rendered to Hingham veterans through this office. A struggling economy as well as a dramatic increase in medical costs, has led many veterans and/or their dependants to inquire and if eligible, apply for benefits available to them under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Monetary benefits as well as medical reimbursements were processed for those veterans or their dependants who qualified. Assistance was also given to veterans applying for federal compensation or pension claims.

The 5th annual Injured Soldiers fishing trip was held in August at Hingham Harbor with 23 members of the Massachusetts National Guard who were injured in Iraq or Afghanistan taking part. The New England Regional Council of Carpenters donated and served breakfast and the South Shore Baptist Church provided lunch. Many Hingham residents as well as members of the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association generously donated their time and boats for this event.

Town moderator and Navy veteran Tom O'Donnell was the featured speaker for the town's Memorial Day observance at the high school and Veterans' Council Chairman Jim Claypoole was the speaker for the Veterans' Day ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial at town hall.

Hingham continues its rich tradition of being on the forefront in caring for its veterans and will continue to be pro-active in the identification of and assistance to those veterans who require the services of this office.

The benefits and assistance given to veterans in the past year would not have been possible without the continued and generous support of the Board of Selectmen, the Town administrator and all the citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cunningham, Director  
Hingham Veterans' Services

## Wastewater Master Planning Committee

The Wastewater Master Planning Committee is charged with developing a strategic plan for the long-term management of wastewater generated in Hingham. 2004 Town Meeting allocated \$400,000 for this purpose. Development of a strategic plan is not a simple process. There are numerous issues interwoven with wastewater generation that are intimately tied to Hingham's growth and character as a community. Fortunately, the Committee is comprised of members from the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Sewer Commission, Water Supply Committee and the public who bring the comprehensive perspectives that this long-term plan requires.

The Committee has pretty much completed the first two phases of the study. We identified the existing and projected conditions; we assessed future needs; we examined the different options for wastewater disposal; and we determined which study area(s)/ wastewater management option(s) should undergo a final detailed analysis. As one of our recommendations, the Committee unanimously selected the Industrial area/ outfitted with centralized sewers connected to the MWRA. Final data describing water balance calculations, specific costs, and necessary permitting processes relative to our recommendations should be completed this spring. As it turns out, our study's Industrial area wastewater analysis will also be integrated into a different and parallel study being managed by the Town Planner that is looking at the Pond Park Road complex in South Hingham. This "two for one deal" will save the Town money by not having to purchase duplicate sets of engineering services that would be working on many of the same issues.

The Committee is presently drafting the section of the strategic plan that addresses the plan's implementation, which will include policy recommendations and a process for updating the plan. Any strategic long-term plan must have the intrinsic latitude to adapt to changing conditions but also continue to provide cohesive guidance for the future. The Committee expects that when completed, the Comprehensive Wastewater Master Plan will serve Hingham through the next generation.

Kirk Shilts, Chairman	John Riley	Mark White
Charles Berry	Michael Salerno	Mat MacIver
Richard Hull	Gary Tondorf-Dick	Frank Mahony, Jr.
Roger Sullivan (ex. officio)		

## Water Supply Committee

The Water Supply Committee (WSC) is charged with maintaining a Water Supply Policy for the Town of Hingham, and monitoring adherence to this policy in the Town of Hingham. The WSC is working with Aquarion Water Company (Aquarion), the public water supplier for the Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset Water District, on their strategic plan to ensure that we have sufficient water to satisfy the Town's current and future household and commercial development needs. The State's 2005 determination that Hingham is in a stressed watershed basin places special requirements on Aquarion and a need for supportive action from all of their customers to practice water conservation.

The State currently limits Aquarion's maximum water withdrawal to the same level of consumption as averaged from 1981-1985, some 25-years ago. This limit is called our "registered amount". Even though the district has grown over the past 25-years, water usage has become more efficient so our consumption has rarely exceeded the original registered amount. Over the past year water consumption has actually fallen below the 5 year average. To obtain more water (called a "permitted amount") the State requires public water suppliers to show that there is a documented need for an additional supply and that existing water supplies are being used efficiently.

Aquarion has recently upgraded and replaced a number of Aquarion's older wells restoring their original level of withdrawal efficiency allowed at the time of registration. Part of the upgrade involved swapping the highly efficient and better quality Free St. well #4, which had been designated an emergency back up well, with the poorer quality Free St. well #2. So currently, well #2 serves as an emergency back up in case, for example, a production well pump was to break and require replacing. This project did not increase the average amount of water Aquarion can pump, but increased its ability to meet peak demand.

The issue of water demand during the summer dry season, and in particular related to outdoor water use through the use of irrigation systems, was a topic that the WSC spent a good amount of time researching and discussing during many of our past meetings. The WSC worked to develop a bylaw that would establish efficiency standards for all automatic sprinkler systems within Hingham, aside from state-permitted systems such as for golf courses. The State legislature also considered, but did not implement, a change to the plumbing code

setting irrigation system standards. In the end, the WSC decided that the need for such a bylaw was not clear and did not warrant town meeting consideration.

The WSC was originally established by Town meeting to periodically evaluate the option for the Town of Hingham to purchase our public water supply system from Aquarion. We last performed this analysis back in 2003. The Committee will continue to consider that option. But, given the increasing centralization of water policy at the state level since the passage of the Water Management Act, including last year's decision that any declaration on drought conditions and the ordering of water restrictions would be made by the State, makes the idea of "local control" unrealistic.

Thomas A. Burbank  
Roger W. Sullivan  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Maureen F. Doran  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Paul K. Cappers  
James Connelly

## Weir River Estuary Park

The Tri-town Weir River Estuary Park (WREP) committee works to protect, link, and restore continuous coastal vistas and habitat for indigenous aquatic and terrestrial species within the State designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern [ACEC (100 foot flood plain)] and the 200 foot River's Protection Act, as well as adjacent public and private properties. The Weir River outer estuary empties into Hingham Bay at World's End (Hingham) and Sunset Point (Hull.) It ebbs and flows through the inner estuary under the George Washington Boulevard bridge, past the Estuary Center, splitting to head toward Strait's Pond and/or to bend toward the Weir River channel where the estuary ends at Foundry Pond dam and fish ladder.

For a visual picture of the estuary, the Weir River Estuary Park brochure, Paddling Guide revised 2009, is available at Town Hall, Hingham Library, local sporting good stores, and on the Town of Hingham website. The brochure includes a map delineating the ACEC, points of interest, history, and little known facts about the estuary for viewing at 11 locations.

### **Weir River Estuary Improvements in 2009: Habitat Restoration, Land Acquisition, Education and Passive Recreation Access**

- **Restoration of Strait's Pond** as salt water habitat is already occurring with the completion in 2009 of a **procedural conversion** to assure a greater exchange of tidal salt water through the West Corner tide control gate. This has been a 30-year ongoing project. (Reference site #10 & 11 WREP Paddling Guide)
- WREP supported fund raising activities for Hull Land Conservation Trust (HLCT) purchase of the Chatham Street mortgage to **put the entrance to the Weir River Woods under Conservation**; \$110K of \$270K has been raised to date.
- **Chatham Street property, Hull, access and interpretation enhancements**: An Eagle Scout Project for the HLCT provides a grassy parking lot, improved trails and a new trail head kiosk for interpretation of the estuarine and adjacent fresh water habitats at Weir River Woods. (Reference: site #4 in WREP Paddling Guide)
- The **Estuary Education Center completion and grand opening** provides multi-purpose space for classes, concerts, exhibition, and meetings. (Reference: site #6 in WREP Paddling guide)
- The **Paddling Guide for the Weir River Estuary** was revised and printed for distribution.

### **Goals for 2010**

- Support **the completion of Open Space Plans (OSP) for all three towns**, a key prerequisite for acquiring grants and funding. The Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan provides priority guidelines for estuarine protection, reference the Town of Hingham website.
- Support **land acquisition along the estuary**. Projects include Chatham St. on Weir River Woods, peninsula access at Straits Pond, Hingham's Noonan property on Rockland Street, and two properties connecting Town of Hingham Conservation Commission properties in the estuary along George Washington Boulevard.
- Advance the **Rockland Street** bridge project and bike-pedestrian path with Mass Highway and the Town.
- Make **George Washington Boulevard** safe for pedestrians and cyclists to cross to follow the estuarine corridor.
- Achieve an **alliance of groups that have an interest in the protection of the Weir River Estuary through a 'forum'** on a management, communication, and education plan (5-10 years) for the estuary.
- Advance the **use of the Estuary Center for education** about the Weir River Estuary Park environs.

Three representatives per community are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull. The Committee wishes to thank all the interested citizens, volunteers, Hingham voters, non-governmental groups, and representatives from local, State, and federal government for taking a role to achieve the Committee's goals put forth in the Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan.

Public meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, except August, either at the Estuary Center, 333 George Washington Boulevard, Hull or at Hingham Town Hall. The year calendar of meetings is posted on the Hingham Town website.

Co-chairpersons:

Richard Avery, Cohasset; Faith Burbank, Hingham;  
Judeth Van Hamm, Hull

## Finance Director/Town Accountant

To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37 and 38.

The report is the primary means of reporting the Town's financial activities. The objective of this new model is to provide a clearer picture of our government as a single, unified entity, while retaining certain traditional financial information previously provided.

This document presents the Town's financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose. The last section of the book includes as "required supplementary information" budgetary basis schedules, which are prepared in accordance with the Town's budgetary process.

The fund perspective statements present the governmental operation on the same basis (modified accrual basis of accounting) as previous CAFR's with one exception. The account groups for long-term debt and fixed assets have been deleted. In addition, there is a perspective difference in that certain funds that are shown as fiduciary under this perspective are not portrayed under GASB 34, or are reclassified. This basis is designed to measure inter-period equity, the extent to which current resources (available within the next year) fully fund all current services provided by the government. Long-term liabilities are excluded with the implicit assumption that future tax revenues will fund them.

In addition to this "fund perspective," the new CAFR presents an "entity wide" perspective. This perspective combines all governmental and business activities in a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting.

All fixed assets are added to the statements, as are long-term liabilities such as outstanding debt. The balance sheet has been reorganized into a "net assets format." This format classifies assets and liabilities as short and long-term and then subtracts those liabilities from total assets to arrive at net assets similar to a private company.

The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances has been completely reorganized to a new statement of activities. The expenses of the Town, organized by activity, are netted against fees, fines, grant revenues and assessments generated to fund each activity in an attempt to derive the net cost to the taxpayer of each activity. The reader of the financial statements can now discern the net cost of a particular function of government funded by taxation and other general revenues by a review of this statement.

The report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of the Town and others who are concerned with its management and progress such as bond analysts, banking institutions and credit raters as well as residents and taxpayers of Hingham.

This CAFR is presented in three sections: **Introductory, Financial and Statistical**. This **Introductory Section** contains this transmittal letter with economic conditions and outlook, major initiatives, financial information and other relevant information. The **Financial Section** contains a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of an MD&A. This letter of transmittal is designed to compliment the MD&A where the financial analysis is now presented. The Town's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report from Powers & Sullivan. The Town of Hingham is responsible for the accuracy of the financial statements as well as their completeness and fairness. We believe the statements are accurate in all material aspects and that they fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The **Statistical Section** contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

#### **Profile of the Town of Hingham**

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the first being presented as a discrete unit, and the latter being a blended unit, included within the statement of fiduciary net assets.

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 25% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. 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, it offers hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

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 Board of Selectmen 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 Selectmen and is responsible for day to day administration.

### **Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition**

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which had been rising slightly for several years prior to a short decline in 2007, continued to follow state and national trends higher during the past two years. The Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past few years.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties, and over the past few years has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties.

State budget problems continued during fiscal year 2009, and consequently the state cut aid to cities and towns during the fiscal year. In addition to these relatively minor state aid reductions, the state also cut its fourth quarter aid to schools for the Town in the amount of approximately \$510,000. These school aid cuts were replaced with federal stimulus funds and reported separately outside of the general fund.

### **Long-term Financial Planning**

The Town's Finance Director works closely with the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and Department Directors 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, and to that end the Capital Outlay Committee recommended a total of \$475,000 for capital improvements for Fiscal 2010. Due to current economic conditions and budget restraints this 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 \$2.0 million range for fiscal year 2011.

### **Financial Information**

**Financial Management.** The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Undesignated Fund Balance) be maintained at about 5% of annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the 5% level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

**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 fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all Real Estate taxes are collected during the fiscal year of billing with the remaining 3% 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 Fiscal Year 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 Finance

Director/Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator.

The Town Accountant, who also serves as the Finance Director, 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.

### **Risk Management**

The Town of Hingham is a member of the Plymouth Country HealthCare System, a cooperative having members in excess of 10,000 subscribers. The Town receives annual premium costs per subscriber. Annual premiums are reviewed and changed annually. The Town is also self-insured for worker's compensation and unemployment benefits. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. (Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year of the three prior years.)

The Town is self-insured for property coverage over a group of vacant buildings given to them by the Federal Government. The Town maintains liability coverage on these respective buildings. Additional information on the Town of Hingham's risk management activity can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

### **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 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. This was the thirteenth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's

requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

**Independent Audit.** The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 were audited by the public accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified 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 Federal Office of Management & Budget's Circular A133.

### **Acknowledgments**

I want to express my appreciation to the accounting personnel, Sue Nickerson, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Kate Richardsson, and Lynn Phillips for their assistance with the preparation of this CAFR, and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. I wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Cordially yours,  
Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO

## Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors and staff wishes to thank Bob Kurtz for 24 years of productive service to the Town. Bob successfully won reelection 8 times and his extensive real estate knowledge was an asset to the Board and the Town. Bob will be missed by both the Board and particularly the staff.

As we say good-bye to Bob we are very pleased to welcome Mike Shaughnessy to the Board. Mike has been a welcome asset with new ideas and fresh insight to the process. We look forward to his tenure with the Board.

The Board of Assessors would also like to welcome Robert to the Layden family. Tania Layden one of our assessing technicians gave birth to her second child and after a short leave of absence was pleased to get back to work in October. We would like to thank our other Assessing Technician, Sandra Alger, for stepping up to the plate during Tania's leave of absence. Although we did have a temporary worker the majority of the workload fell to her. She not only trained the temporary person, but also worked diligently in the cross training program that was instituted this year.

Rick Nowlan and Bob Abbott worked hard to get cyclical inspections and building permits up to date, for the up-coming revaluation that commences in fiscal 2011.

The real estate market continues to remain slow with very little volume. From the limited sales that are occurring we have been able to measure the market trends, which for Hingham have been relatively level. This is testimony to the desirability of the Town that even in these bad times Hingham real estate continues to hold its value. This allowed the impact from the excluded debt on town projects and the override from the 2009 town meeting to be held to a 10% impact.

To ensure the fairest taxation possible, The Board of Assessors will continue to work to keep values as accurate as possible.

Respectfully,  
Stuart G. Hall, Chairman  
Mark Tyburski  
Michael Shaughnessy

## Contributory Retirement Board

The Annual report for Fiscal 2009 contains the financial statements as well as membership statistics report, a list of new members and a list of members that retired in 2009.

The retirement system was independently audited for the year ending December 31, 2008. The last actuarial review study was performed January 1, 2008.

Ted Alexiades, Chairman and Ex-Officio Member

Thomas P. Hall, Appointed Member

Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member

Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member

Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member

Nancy M. Hutt, Administrative Assistant

### Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2009

(Pre-Close)

#### ASSETS

Cash - Citizens Bank	343,032.55
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Investments – PRIT CASH	69.56
Investments - PRIT CAPITAL	65,338,965.12

Accounts Receivable	42,720.75
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>65,724,787.98</b>
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#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	-2,551.23
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-2,551.23</b>
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#### FUND BALANCES

Annuity Fund	-16,723,292.66
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Annuity Reserve Fund	-5,753,188.97
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Military Service Fund	-18,821.28
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Pension Fund	-1,858,427.63
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Pension Reserve Fund	-32,282,571.55
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-56,636,302.09</b>
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**REVENUES**

Investment Income	-1,823,016.97
Unrealized Loss	4,492,097.78
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Members Deductions	-2,014,474.15
Transfers from Other Systems	-241,655.68
Members' Make Up & Re-deposits	-63,739.50
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-67,312.68
3(8)(c) Reimb. From Other Systems	-122,674.51
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-133,317.21
Member Payments from Rollovers	-6,009.96
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-15,554,287.63</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Staff Salaries	70,048.94
Consultant Fees	0
Management Fees	416,274.68
Legal Expenses	8,455.00
Medical Expenses	0
Fiduciary Insurance	4,375.00
Service Contracts	44,973.80
Professional Services	31,559.20
Education and Training	250.00
Administrative Expenses	5,103.87
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	250.00
Annuities Paid	768,476.08
Pensions Paid	4,587,059.88
COLA's Paid	134,161.73
3(8)(c) Reimb. To Other Systems	124,187.05
Transfers to Other Systems	117,518.27
Refunds to Members	148,215.95
Option B Refunds	7,443.52
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,468,352.97</b>

**NEW MEMBERS 2008**

Achille, Kelly	Amonte, Richard
Barretto, Robert	Bird, Kevin
Bonome, Lisa	Bouley, Jane
Boyle, Catherine	Burke, Michael
Collins, Joanne	Costello, Carol

Crowley, Lisa  
Donovan, Caitlin  
Goldman, Melissa  
Gundersen, Suzanne  
Hartman, Katie  
Jordan, Alyce  
Kornack, Linda  
MacMullen, Mike  
Maravel, Karen  
Monahan, Tracey  
Mullaney, Cheryl  
Murphy, Kaitlyn  
Nee, Carla  
O'Hara, Sean  
Pessa, Mary Ann  
Rathnam, Deborah  
Rudolph, Renee  
Schmitt, Maryanne  
Smith, Mary  
Thompson, Amy  
Welch, Elizabeth  
Young, Leigh

**RETIRED MEMBERS 2009**

Bernan, Victor P.  
Caparrotta, Rudolph  
Holland, William  
Hurlebaus, Linda L.  
Olson, Ernest G.  
Reddie, John  
Scampoli, Donna, A.

**DECEASED RETIREES 2009**

Berry, Eleanor C.  
Cadigan, Paul C.  
Doherty, Audrey A.  
Fraser, Leo Hugh  
Madden, Robert Stephen  
Rando, Wanda  
Sines, Edwin F.

Czajak, Patricia  
Fasoli, Nicole  
Goodwin, Virginia  
Harrington, Janette  
Hnatkovich, Tonia  
King, Mary  
Kramer, Geoffrey  
Marani, Susan  
McDonald, Paulina  
Morris, Nancy  
Murphy, Elizabeth  
Naughton, Lori  
O'Donnell, Denamarie  
Paicos, Kevin  
Piepenbrink, Susan  
Roell, Eleonore  
Ryan, Martha  
Shepard, Laura  
Sullivan, Raeanne  
Waal, Eleanor  
Yannizzi, James

Bethoney, Joyce A.  
Daigger, Helen M.  
Holbrook, Juliana Keyes  
Legere, Kevin William  
Powers, Mitchell J.  
Reynolds, Frank E.  
Souther, Charles E.

Burrell, Frank G.  
Curtis, Channing L.  
Egerton, Gilbert  
Gold, Linda  
Pilato, Phyllis A.  
Raskopf, Marilyn F.  
Wheeler, Roger M.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2009

<b>Active Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>559</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>91</b>
Enrolled during current year	52
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>702</b>
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	35
Retirements	14
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>653</b>
<b>Active Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>553</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor</b>	
<b>Membership, Dec. 31, previous year</b>	<b>262</b>
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	14
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	2
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>278</b>
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	10
Termination of Survivors Benefits	4
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	
Superannuation	205
Ordinary disability	6
Accidental disability	14
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	12
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	2
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	11

Option (D) Survivor Allowance	14
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>264</b>
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	
<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>917</b>

## Treasurer Collector

Fiscal year 2009 collection rates continue to be strong with ninety-nine percent of real estate revenue collected by fiscal year end. 8,019 real estate tax, 332 personal property, 1,478 boat excise and 21,650 motor vehicle bills were issued. Currently, seventy-five percent of the Town's operating revenue is tax collection generated.

\$12,100,000 in bond anticipation notes were issued during calendar year 2009 for the purpose of funding various school projects including the construction of East Elementary School and for the construction of the DPW facility at 25 Bare Cove Park Drive.

On October 28 the town issued \$38,565,991 General Obligation Bonds at a true interest cost of 3.37% and \$3,700,000 refunding bonds at a true interest cost of 2.19%. The amounts and purposes are as follows:

<u>Bond Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
\$ 23,388,524	Schools
6,787,467	Public Works Facility
6,700,000	Acquisition - Lincoln School Apartments
3,700,000	Refunding
1,450,000	Acquisition – Hersey Street land
<u>240,000</u>	Sewer Construction
\$ 42,265,991	

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Treasurer Collector's office for their continued support and unyielding dedication to the ideal of providing meaningful customer service to our citizens.

Jean M. Montgomery  
Treasurer Collector

### WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009 FY2009

2009 Real Estate Tax .....	54,269,104
2009 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	706,341
2009 Personal Property Tax .....	879,772
2009 Boat Excise Tax .....	85,448

2009 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	2,626,612
2008 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	447,127
2007 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	19,190
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	124,047
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	241,462
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest .....	2,943
Sewer Use Liens .....	166,172
Payment in Lieu of Taxes – BLCS .....	<u>537,454</u>
Total .....	60,105,672

OTHER FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER –  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

375th Anniversary Fund .....	103,896
Aid to Elderly/Disabled .....	11,168
Affordable Housing Trust.....	509,757
Buttonwood Tree .....	2,646
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial Fund .....	61,000
Education Fund .....	12,029
Electric Light Depreciation .....	3,505,983
Electric Light Reserve Stranded Costs - Stabilization .....	1,741,160
Electric Light - Customer Deposit Fund .....	984,292
Escrow Account-Board of Health– Wastewater Treatment Plant.....	48,268
Federal Withholding .....	13,688
Foundry Pond .....	6,897
Fourth of July Fund .....	50,268
Greenbush Historic Preservation .....	810,622
Hannah Lincoln Whiting Charity Fund .....	16,088
Hingham Historical Commission .....	123,287
Hingham War Memorial .....	9,770
MWRA Inflow & Infiltration Grant Loan Program.....	66,837
MWRA Collateral Loan.....	15,952
Medical Insurance Fund .....	414,822
More-Brewer Fund .....	83,941
OPEB Trust(Light) .....	1,470,420
OPEB Trust (Town).....	325,470
Open Space Conservation Fund .....	138,658
Stabilization Fund .....	596,457
United States LST Association – War Memorial - Shipyard .....	1,343
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account .....	<u>4,551</u>
Total .....	11,041,329

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE  
TREASURER - YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

Scholarship Fund	Balance	
	12/31/08	12/31/09
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon .....	17,135	21,629
Orvis K. & May B. Collins .....	36,644	46,165
Amasa J. Whiting .....	17,692	22,370
Second World War Memorial .....	44,308	56,141
Margaret McElroy .....	9,104	11,409
Stuart Macmillan .....	41,042	52,501
Anne Mulholland.....	3,543	4,360
John Lewis Russell.....	10,917	13,808
Caroline Murdock.....	8,344	10,508
Charles (Chuck) Martell.....	13,556	21,503
Francis James Thompson .....	1,515,836	1,875,736
Patricia Lynne Schneider .....	3,178	3,977
Harold L. Downing.....	13,157	16,708
Hingham Theater for Children.....	3,400	4,500
Curtis Chase .....	7,885	10,024
Wallis Lee Chipman .....	4,977	6,272
Russell H. Arkell .....	6,666	8,749
Hingham Basketball Boosters.....	8,714	11,050
Charles Berry .....	3,781	4,811
Edward O. Hornstra .....	11,936	14,836
William J. Laubenstein Jr.....	3,614	4,457
Mary Sheldon.....	4,750	5,908
Robin Karen Kurciviez .....	3,670	4,809
Mary J. Fee.....	3,469	4,286
Jacobs.....	21,954	27,279
Burditt W. Collins Memorial .....	5,371	6,696
Savini Music.....	4,128	5,180
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce.....	130,716	169,740
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	13,203	16,345
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial.....	3,751	4,772
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant .....	83,609	103,143
Hingham Band Parents .....	4,061	5,128
Hingham Taxpayers .....	39,327	47,802
Susan Burton .....	14,687	18,172
John Barba .....	14,367	17,777
Leroy L. Eldredge .....	14,049	15,667
M. Tilghman Earle .....	15,824	18,413
Lewis J. Ernst.....	8,553	10,840
Joan E. Pyne Memorial.....	4,699	5,965

John Peter Nionakis .....	4,229.....	5,376
Kids Cabaret .....	2,070.....	2,625
Field Hockey Team .....	5,258.....	7,260
Charles L. Vickery.....	18,253.....	24,151
Jamin Guarino.....	19,704.....	26,141
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace .....	7,215.....	9,200
M. Dorothy Clifford .....	6,388.....	8,874
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.....	2,039.....	2,544
Hingham Scholarship Memorial .....	2,976.....	6,483
Crofoot Trust .....	14,035.....	16,894
Gloria O. Lofgren .....	8,896.....	11,050
Robin Helene Ruben .....	9,405.....	11,453
Robert L. Goodrich .....	22,170.....	27,565
Helen S. Wollan .....	2,979.....	4,346
Former Students of Hingham High School.....	9,257.....	11,309
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial .....	13,574.....	16,561
Hingham Women's Club .....	10,511.....	13,145
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy .....	9,131.....	11,216
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial .....	7,071.....	8,956
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial .....	11,787.....	16,818
Samatha Hooper Memorial .....	4,043.....	5,076
Cynthia Steven Scholarship .....	3,041.....	4,384
Marie Meallo Scholarship .....	2,683.....	3,376
Higgins.....	2,840.....	3,949
General Fund .....	<u>2,829</u> .....	<u>3,220</u>
Total .....	2,378,003.....	2,971,412