

Annual Report



Town of Hingham 2010

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Special Thanks to Kate Richardsson, IT



*The Selectmen participate in the July 4th parade
 Laura Burns, Bruce Rabuffo, John Riley*

This is Your Town

Web Site: www.hingham-ma.gov

Incorporated	1635
Population	22,401
Registered Voters	16,136
Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Number of Houses, including Condos	7110
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,541,153,400
Personal Property	\$94,952,320
Tax Rate	\$10.77
Schools	6
Public School Children, PreK-12 (2/11)	4,099
Professional Staff	359
Support Staff	233
Total FY2010 Budget	\$80,454,008
School FY2010 Budget	\$35,786,176

U. S. Congressman	State Senator	State Representative
Tenth District	Norfolk-Plymouth	Third Plymouth Dist.
William Keating	Robert Hedlund	Garrett Bradley
315 Cannon HOB	State House	State House
Wash. DC 20515	Room 313C	Room 478
202-225-3111	Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133
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- Board of Selectmen -

Like much of America, The Town of Hingham weathered its long journey on the road to restored prosperity. Unifying efforts of the many boards, departments and staff, the Town continued its tradition of bringing singular focus to many different constituencies.

Our Economic Climate: The nation struggled with unemployment rates around 9%, challenging job creation, falling home prices, foreclosures at unheard-of levels, and a never-ending search for revenues. Governments and businesses, like the homeowners that pay for both, addressed an array of matters they had thought were history. The pace of restoration nationally crawled.

Hingham, however, fared better than that national picture but it too suffered in its new world of economic malaise. Our unemployment moved down from a high of 7% and as the year closes remained in the 5+% range. This number compares to a rather enviable 2.5% in the pre-recession days. Home prices began to move upwards and "time-to-sell" numbers also improved. Neither indicator reached the 2006 peak Hingham had enjoyed. Yet as of this writing, realtors expect a better spring in 2011. Sadly, foreclosures happened here, even in the high-priced locales. This recession left no area untouched.

Slowly improving new growth, offset by managing many of our expenses, strained the resources of town agencies. State aid increased as a result of federal stimulus, but it is forecast to decline again in 2012 as the stimulus goes away and state revenues also decline. The Town worked with State Representative Bradley and State Senator Hedlund to preserve needed monies in education. Shifting costs from the state to the town pressured some departments. Rising pension and healthcare costs were no different here than in the rest of America. Cooperation from our 13 unions helped alleviate those increases. While town staff positions went vacant last year due to attrition, carefully controlling our salary and expenses permitted the Town not to layoff any employee when other towns were increasingly taking that approach.

The Moody's bond-rating agency placed a "Negative Outlook" on our Aaa rating. For the past three years, the Town had taken fiscal actions to address that warning, as a high bond rating is critical to our goals for funding the new schools and other objectives of the Town. While the Town was able to finance the construction of East School at a very low rate due to our high bond rating, the importance of our Aaa rating was driven home when other towns with lesser ratings were completely

unable to borrow at any cost during the recession. By ceasing fund balance withdrawals, funding our long-term retirement healthcare obligations (OPEB), and looking at non-property-tax revenue sources, the Town changed direction. The Town also sought to expand the tax base with new growth opportunities such as the new Bone and Muscle Center of South Shore Hospital now under construction. The Town received recognition from the South Shore Chamber of Commerce for its efforts in this area. As a result of all these efforts, this past October Moody's removed that "Negative Outlook" warning, as we began to come out of the recession.

Personnel Changes: Hingham's previous Town Administrator left in the fall to accept another position in Foxboro, leaving a vacancy at the top of our staff. Happily, the Board of Selectmen appointed Ted Alexiades, our long time Finance Director, to be the new Town Administrator. His presence has already been felt.

Our Police Chief, Taylor "Tab" Mills, announced his retirement after 33 years of meritorious service. In March 2011, the Selectmen appointed Lt. Mike Peraino of the Hingham Police, to be the new Chief upon Chief Mills' departure. Nine new police officers joined the force, replacing a number of retired officers. Similarly, the Fire Department lost two captains and a lieutenant to retirement. While they were replaced at the leadership level, our Fire Chief Duff absorbed the staff losses through his leadership.

The Selectmen finalized the creation of a veterans' group to speak on behalf of our many citizens engaged in serving our country, under a new Veterans' Agent, Keith Jermyn. The Board undertook a study with the Sewer Commission to improve the management and efficiency of sewer operations. Finally, one of our long serving staff members in the Selectmen's Office, Marilyn Harrington, announced her retirement at the end of May. Her cheerful manner will truly be hard to replace.

Other Significant Events: The Middle School, long under consideration for physical improvements, suffered roof damage during the January snowstorms. This prompted considerable discussion with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) about proceeding with a Feasibility Study concerning future of the Middle School. Town Meeting will make that decision.

The Board adopted a number of Town policies, particularly a Town Financial Policy endorsed jointly by the Advisory and School Committees. After a lengthy analysis by a number of Town boards the Selectmen

approved an application, based on a very generous donation, for improving the Margetts Fields on Ward Street. The Selectmen and Recreation Departments are in negotiation to improve the management of our many sports facilities.

The League of Women Voters offered some suggested changes to our Town meeting process, as did one of our citizens. Town meeting will consider those changes. The South Shore Country Club concluded its extensive rebuilding of dining facilities and has new managers for its food operations. They launched indoor winter golf, a very popular and attractive service. The Selectmen created a Shade Tree Commission to propose better ways to manage and preserve our long-standing designation as "Tree City USA". The Selectmen finalized the creation of a Cable TV Corporation, voted at last year's Town Meeting. The Selectmen with much support from a number of groups like our Community Preservation Committee and veterans' organizations enabled Father Bill's to create a facility on Fort Hill Street for serving veterans in need.

The Selectmen spent a number of meetings addressing concerns for the provision of natural gas services which resulted in the Board reaching an agreement with National Grid. With the leadership of our Town Projects Engineer Roger Fernandes, the Town started construction on the long-planned placement of wires underground Downtown. Our Community Planning Department continued its consolidation efforts begun last year aimed at improving service delivery to our citizens. While more remains to be done, it was responsible for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce Local Public Service Award mentioned earlier.

Under the able leadership of Director Dennis Corcoran our Library managed yet again to deliver services and transition to the library of tomorrow despite reduced state funding. Elder Services Director Barbara Farnsworth, recognized this year by the state for her leadership in this area, led Elder Services in the continued daily delivery of a multitude of services to this very deserving segment of our population. The Department of Public Works under Randy Sylvester began its well-planned consolidation and cross-training of staff, again aimed at improving service delivery to the Town. This year they had the added challenge of dealing with Mother Nature who gave us almost five feet of snow! That is well above the three and half feet the Town normally receives. The budget for snow removal this year is only exceeded by the years 2005 and 2009. Roger Fernandes undertook a detailed study of our town roads, highlighting the need to begin the process of a long-term solution to maintaining our road infrastructure and presented his findings at the annual Town Forum.

In September, the Town concluded the 375th celebration of its founding. The time capsule, buried on Library grounds, contains mementos of the Town's history and prepares us for the Quadricentennial. The Town thanks the many citizens who contributed to this celebration.

Finally, Hingham happens because each day so many of its staff and citizens make it happen. The Selectmen mentioned some of those in our comments earlier. The Board would be remiss in not complimenting Assistant Town Administrator Betty Foley, aided by Betty Tower and Marilyn Harrington who make the Selectmen's Office do its thing. Our accounting and finance department under the direction of Interim Town Accountant Sue Nickerson produces the numbers that make this report possible. Our second floor team led by Katy Lacy, joined by Mark Grylls, Sue Eddy, Andrea Young, and Cliff Prentiss, deliver the many diverse services permits and building approvals. The first floor Health Department staff led by Bruce Capman provides unique protection for the Town. The Treasurer's department, with Jean Montgomery at its helm, help fund our many activities. Eileen McCracken and her very capable support staff in the Town Clerk's office, delivered their many services despite budget reductions. This report contains other department reports explaining all that occurs in this Town. The board thanks those committees and staff members for working so hard to provide what the town citizens need. To the other elected officials of the town and the appointed committees who labor too many nights on behalf of us all, The Board of Selectmen extends its gratitude for bringing us together. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

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



Ted C. Alexiades

- Town Administrator -

After 16 years as the Town's Finance Director, it is with great honor that I submit my first report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham as the Town Administrator.

The past year we have implemented both financial and operational initiatives that helped to guide the Town through the turbulent economic conditions that have befallen us since 2008. With the cooperation and contributions of boards, committees, and staff throughout the Town we have seen these initiatives, enumerated below, come to fruition and provide the benefits that we had hoped for when they were first undertaken. It is our hope that the Town will continue to realize the benefits of these labors for many years to come.

Driven by the decrease in financial resources, and combined with the constant upward pressure of service delivery demands, the Town adjusted its budget philosophy to meet the dramatically changed environment. The changed approach to the annual budget was incorporated into a significant revision of the Town's financial policy by the Advisory Committee, and endorsed by both the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee. These efforts were recognized when Moody's Investor Services, a bond rating agency that had placed a negative outlook upon the Town's AAA bond rating in 2009, lifted the negative outlook in October of 2010, and reaffirmed the Town's AAA bond rating. While the Town's efforts in regionalizing our public safety dispatch services with the Towns of Hull, Cohasset and Norwell did not open as

soon as expected, much progress was made, and construction is expected to conclude in April of 2011, with the center being operationally by early summer. The center is expected to greatly enhance regional public safety while producing savings for all four towns.

In May of 2010 the Town received a \$750,000 State grant from the Commonwealth to assist in the development of South Shore Hospital's Bone & Muscle Center in the South Hingham industrial park. The grant was the product of a year- long effort by the Town's Community Planning and Project Engineering departments along with the Selectmen's Office and the property developers, A.W. Perry. The project, which broke ground in May of 2010, is projected to add in excess of \$180,000 of tax revenue to the Town yearly.

The success of the town's combined efforts on the Bone & Muscle Center led to the greater focus on the opportunity to enhance development within the South Hingham industrial zone. It was quickly determined that any development within the industrial zone would require infrastructure improvements to the Derby Street transportation corridor and the creation of a wastewater collection system. Again, the Selectmen's Office, working with the Community Planning and Project Engineering departments initiated a more detailed analysis of the options to provide the needed infrastructure improvements that would allow for economic expansion within the whole South Hingham industrial zone.

2010 saw the retirement of Virginia "Ginny" Thursby from the Building Department, and while her humor and wonderful approach the job will be greatly missed, Jean Kehoe has provided a seamless transition. The same is warranted for Michael Cunningham, the Town's Veterans' Agent, who moved on to the challenge of a larger organization. Michael's service to the Town's veterans was exemplary, and the Town is gratified that one of its own residents, Keith Jermyn, ably stepped forward to provide a seamless transition for the veterans.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly Betty Foley, Betty Tower, and Marilyn Harrington in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. Success is a cooperative effort, and I look forward to a productive year serving the Hingham community in 2011.

Ted C. Alexiades
Town Administrator

- 2010 Elected Town Officers -

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	2011
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)	
Laura M. Burns	2013
John A. Riley	2012
Lawrence Bruce Rabuffo	2011
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Eileen A. McCracken	2012
TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)	
Jean Montgomery	2013
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Mark F. Tyburski	2013
Michael P. Shaughnessy	2012
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2011
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Kirk J. Shilts	2013
Peter B. Bickford	2012
Stephan J. White, Chairman	2011
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
Walter A. Foskett	2013
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2012
Kevin J. Bulman	2011
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Stephanie A. McHugh	2015
Robert D. Keyes	2014
James R. Watson	2013
Heather A. Hedlund	2012
John Cafferty	2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)

Caryl Falvey	2013
Raymond C. Estes	2013
Andrew A. Shafter	2013
Linda Krause Hill	2012
Barbara J. Cooke	2012
Esther Healey	2011
Christine Smith	2011

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Susan Murphy	2015
Paul K. Healey, Chairperson	2014
Sarah H. Corey	2013
Judith S. Sneath	2012
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2011

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Edmund Demko	2013
Michael A. Salerno	2012
Andrew J. Spath	2011

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Thomas E. Belyea	2015
Paul G. Page (Appointed to fill an unexpired term)	2014
Trevor Byrne (Appointed to fill an unexpired term)	2013
Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2012
Francis G. Jones	2011

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

Becky Weston	2013
Louis Belknap	2012
Tereza Prime	2011

**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 9th
DISTRICT**

Marjorie A. Mahoney

- 2010 Appointees -

Term Expires

INTERIM TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR

(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)

Susan Nickerson

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)

Jonathan R. Asher	2013
Richard J. Innis	2013
Karen A. Johnson	2013
Mary M. Power	2013
Thomas J. Pyles	2013
Dennis Friedman	2012
Daniel J. Dwyer	2012
Amy W. Farrell	2012
Gregory M. MacCune	2012
Ronnie L. Kirven	2012
David H. Ellison	2011
John F. Manning	2011
Mary Jane O'Meara	2011
Elizabeth Eldredge	2011
Laura Marwill	2011

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

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

Blake Auchincloss	2012
Laura Burns	2012
Kevin C. Connelly	2012
Susan Crowley	2012
Rev. Gary Ludwig	2012
Gretchen Condon	2011
Frederick Copeman, III	2011
James O'Brien	2011
Timothy White	2011

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Joseph M. Fisher	2013
W. Tod McGrath	2012
Joseph Freeman	2011

Associate Members (one year term)

David Anderson

William Ramsey (also Associate Member Planning Board)
Mario Romania, Jr.
Alan Kearney

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

Josh Gregory (Selectmen Appt.)	2013
Melissa A. Tully (Moderator Appt.)	2013
Jason Ryan (Selectmen Appt.)	2012
Edwin J. Gillis (Moderator Appt.)	2012
George L. Alexakos (Moderator Appt.)	2011
Theodore C. Alexiades, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Interim Town Accountant, ex-officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Charles Harvey	2013
Eric LeClair	2013
Peter Cotter	2013
Patricia A. Coyle	2013
Barbara McMullan	2012
Edward J. Matthews	2012
James O'Hare	2011
Joseph Roper	2011
Paul Doyle	2011

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

Alyce Nobis	2013
Laura Spaziani	2013
Rosemarie Durkin	2013
Patricia Bray	2013
Barbara Swanson	2012
Shirley Rydell (resigned 12/2010)	2012
Avis Studley	2012
Dorothy Manganaro	2011
Kathleen McCann	2011
Marjorie Elsdon	2011

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK
ADVISORY COUNCIL (Appt. by Selectmen)**

William Reardon

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Mark Gryllis, Inspector of Buildings
Robert Egan, Deputy Inspector of Buildings
Michael Simpson, Local Inspector
Richard Wakem, Local Inspector
William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires
David Bennett, Ass't. Inspector of Wires
Stanley Hersey, Ass't. Inspector of Wires
Steven Wigmore, Ass't. Inspector of Wires
Brian McPherson, Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Jay Yetman, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Eric Connerly	2013
James Dellot	2013
Eric Dresser	2012
Sandra S. Peavey	2012
Joshua Gates	2012
Robert Kirk	2011
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

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

Ray P. Eisenbies	2013
Lucy Hancock	2012
Elizabeth M. Claypoole	2011

Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman

Ronnie Kirven
Thomas Pyles
Ex-Officio
Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(ART 38 ATM 2001)

Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Appt.)	2013
James Watson (Housing Authority Appt.)	2013
Robert Curley (Historical Comm. Appt.)	2013
Daniel Coughlin (Conservation Comm. Appt.)	2013
John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.)	2012
William S. Reardon (Moderator Appt.)	2012
John A. Riley (Selectmen Rep.)	2011

Sally C. Weston (Moderator Appt.)	2011
Christopher F. Burns (Selectmen Appt.)	2011

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

Carolyn Nielsen	2013
Robert Perry	2013
Alan E. McKenna	2012
Scott T. McIsaac	2012
Nina T. Villanova	2011
Daniel Coughlin	2011
Charles Berry	2011

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

Anthony Cuddahy	2012
Kathleen Peloquin	2011

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

Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2013
Thomas P. Hall (Selectmen Appt., Resigned 1/11)	2013
Theodore C. Alexiades (Selectmen Appt.)	2013
Henry F. G. Wey, III (Retirement Board Appt.)	2012
Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2011
<u>Ex-officio</u>	
Susan Nickerson (Interim Town Accountant)	

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

Peter Hanson	2013
Leah Godfrey	2013
Chrisanne Gregoire	2013
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

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

Kathleen Curley	2013
Terence Clarke	2012
Paul J. Casey	2012
Kerry Ryan	2011
William Friend	2011

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

Jill Powell	2013
Isabel Asher	2013
Trish Baggott	2013
Thomas W. Barber	2012
Jane P. Shute	2012
Gary S. Nisbet	2012
Emily Hutchinson	2011
Susan Luery	2011

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

Stephen Kelsch	2015
Thomas Maloney	2015
Susan L. Sullivan	2013
Mark Cullings	2013
Benedict Wilcox	2012
Eileen Richards	2011
Nanette G. Walsh	2011

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)

Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt.

Turner Bledsoe, Selectmen Appt.

Virginia LeClair, Selectmen Appt.

William Donovan, Moderator Appt. (Appt'd. 1/11)

Vern Larkin, Moderator Appt. (Resigned 12/10)

Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.

Pamela Harty, Moderator Appt.

John Tzamorangas, 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, Co-Chair

James P. Murphy, Co-Chair

Susan Hagstrom

Ruth Potter

Margaret Costello

Cassandra McDermott

Virginia Spannagel

Cynthia Tonucci

Glen Olsson

George M. Ford

Jill Powell

Stan Blackmur

James Drew

Susan Drew

Mary Ellen Lahiff

Ginny Gray

John Shreenan

Carrie Murphy

John Reader

Laura Fisher

GAR HALL TRUSTEES

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)

Scott McMillan	2013
Keith Jermyn	2012
Stephen Kelsch	2011

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE, 2010

(2010 ATM, Art. 23. App't by Moderator)

Judith Cole, Chairman
Alexander Macmillan
Eva Marx
Philip Edmundson
Scott Ford
Irma Lauter
Edna English

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)

Michael Brazis	2013
Justin Woollacott	2013
David Fenton	2013
Christopher Daly	2012
Brian Sweeney	2012
Alan Perrault	2011
Robert Mosher	2011

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

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

Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)

Michael Murray
Joseph P. Driscoll
Neal Nelson
Michael McCue
Michael Riley
Danny Sousa
Gillian Shaw

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

(ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM1967)

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Nancy MacKay 2013

George Ford 2013

Charles N. Clutz 2012

John McCoy 2011

Susan Berry 2011

Alternate Members

John D'Angelo 2013

Martha Saunders 2013

Arthur K. Choo 2012

William Tuite 2012

Winston I. Hall 2011

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

Noel A. Ripley, Jr. 2013

Robert A. Curley, Jr. 2013

Virginia Tay 2012

Thomas Willson 2012

Elizabeth Rockoff 2011

Huck Handy 2011

Stephen Swett 2011

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
Edward D. Boylan
Edna English
Mark VanDine

Appt. By Selectmen

Vacant	2013
JoAnn C. Mitchell	2012
Susan Rabuffo	2011

Appt. By Moderator

Michael S. Barclay	2012
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.	2011

Ex-officio

Rep. of Board of Selectmen
Treasurer/Collector
Superintendent of Schools

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

Richard Mason (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2013
John W. McHugh (Moderator Appt.)	2013
Thomas P. Shanley (Selectmen Appt.)	2012
George Schwartz (Selectmen Appt.)	2011
James O'Brien (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2011

**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
Theodore C. Alexiades, Town Administrator
Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works
Harry Sylvester, Highway Supervisor
John Tzimorangas, 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)

Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2012
Brenda P. Black	2012
Peter Stathopoulos	2012
Elizabeth A. Dewire	2012
David P. White	2012
Marianne MacDonald	2011
Kimberly Juric	2011
Karen Flynn Thompson	2011
Leon J. Merian	2011

Ex-officio

Superintendent Public Works

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

Marco Boer, 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

MAYFLOWER MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Theodore C. Alexiades, Representative
Betty Foley, Alternate Representative

MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE

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

Kenneth W. Drescher
Joan Getto

John McKendry
Martha Ryan
Michael Shilhan
Dorcas V. Wagner
Ann Shillan

**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

**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.) 2013
Peter Rosen (Conservation Appt.) 2013

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

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERMANENT BUILDING & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
STUDY COMMITTEE**

(Appt. By Selectmen, 10/12/2010)

Roger Fernandes
Jerry Seelen
Benedict Wilcox
John Manley
Donald J. MacKinnon

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

Nelson G. Ross 2013
David Pace 2012
Marie S. Harris 2012
Michael J. Puzo 2011
William D. MacGillivray 2011

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

Laura M. Burns

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)

Betty Tower 2013

Virginia Gray 2012

Robert Abbott 2011

Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)

Kurt Weisenbeck 2013

Roger Nastou 2013

Thomas Hagstrom 2013

Matthew Welch 2013

Andrew Shafter 2012

Clay Graham 2012

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer 2012

**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.)

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/16/2010)**

Jay Ippolito
Carol Pyles
Katharine Reardon
Shirley Rydell
A. Jordan Smith

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

L. Bruce Rabuffo 2013

**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

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

Susan Haley
Laurie Burnaby
Deborah Ludwig
Ann Collins
Justine Thurston
Barbara Wollan
Joan Getto
Daniel B. Walsh
Elizabeth Klein
Margaret Robbins
Diane Lewis
Julianne Mehegan

Lucinda Day
Henry Day
Joan Snowber
Thomas Bright
Suzanne Buchanan
Cynthia Wilkins
Irene Kane
Ann Burnaby
Leah Godfrey
Edmund Demko
Robin Stuart-Tilley
Lucy Jacobus

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Theodore C. Alexiades

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Police Chief (or Rep.)
Fire Chief (or Rep.)
Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)
Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)
Scott Peterson
Harold Goldstein (resigned 2/11)
James Costello
Leslie Kehoe

2013
2013
2012
2011

TREE WARDEN

Randy Sylvester, Supt. Public Works

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE

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

L. Bruce Rabuffo
Sandra Peavey
Susan Sullivan
Benedict Wilcox
John Tzimirangas
John A. Riley

VETERANS COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen)

William Ramsey

2013

Arthur Smith	2013
Daniel Evarts (Resigned 1/11)	2013
Ernest Sofis	2012
John Chapin	2012
James Claypoole	2012
Stephen Kelsh	2011
Maureen DeMenna	2011
Robert Beal, Jr.	2011
John W. McHugh	
Herman Messmer	
Scott McMillan	
Keith Jermyn	

**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)**

Robert Egan

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

Faith Burbank
 James Rodgers, Alternate
 Darrell Baker, Alternate

- Annual Town Meeting -
April 26, 2010

Registered Voters: 15,731

Attendance: 1,318

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 26, 2010. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m, a quorum being present. Andrew McElaney and Alexander MacMillan were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Rev. Kenneth Read-Brown of the Old Ship 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 funds to the Reserve Fund
11. Transfer funds from Stabilization Fund
12. Transfer Light Plant Investment Income
13. Insurance Receipts for Appropriation
14. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Administrative Fund
15. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Bldg 112 in Bare Cove Park
16. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Housing 80 Beal Street
17. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Veterans Housing
18. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Thaxter Park Boilers
19. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Memorial Bell Tower

20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Foundry Pond Dredging
21. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Time Capsule
22. Community Preservation Surcharge Reduction
23. Government Study Committee
24. Elimination of Certain Administrative Positions
25. Increase Board of Selectmen to Five Members
26. Establishment of an Audit Committee
27. Amend General By-Law re: Capital Outlay
28. Amend General By-Law re: Harbor By-Law
29. Traffic Signal at Main, Cushing and South Pleasant Streets
30. Terms of Office for Board of Directors of Lincolns Apartments LLC
31. Special Legislation for Industrial and Office Park Area Sewer Connection
32. Create Industrial/Office Park Sewer District
33. Appropriate Funds for application to MWRA
34. Accept Chapter 64L,§2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws
35. License for Use of the Iron Horse Parking Lot
36. Amend General by-Law re: Naming of Public Buildings and Public Lands
37. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Uses
38. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Former Mobil Station Property
39. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Fees
40. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Parking
41. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Outdoor Lighting
42. Amend Zoning By-Law re: South Hingham Overlay District
43. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Farmer’s Market
44. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Modifying Schedule of Uses
45. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Harbor Overlay District
46. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Recreational Field Overlay District
47. Hingham Affordable Trust Allocation Plan
48. Cable Television Public Access
49. Renegotiate Cable Television
50. Offset Receipts Account for Ambulance Service
51. Amend General By-Law re: Warrant distribution
52. Amend General By-Law re: False Alarms
53. Sale of the South Shore Country Club
54. Demand Fees for Unpaid Taxes
55. Amend General By-Law re: Town Clerk’s Fees
56. Special Legislation – Veterans Council Assistance Fund
57. Unpaid Bill of a Previous Year
58. Sewer Easement on Malcolm Street

59. Amend the Hingham Shipyard Tax Increment Financing Agreement
60. Street acceptance – Gardner Terrace
61. Street acceptance – Windsong Way

Article 1

VOTED: That Becky Weston, 84 Whitcomb Avenue, 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 to serve as Director for the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service 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; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Energy Action Committee; GAR Hall Trustees; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Board of Directors of Lincoln Apartments LLC; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Memorial Bell Tower 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; and Water Supply Committee be received, and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 4

VOTED: That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments

of the Personnel By-Law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any 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, 2010 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars 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, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Town Clerk¹ and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 and Grade 17, respectively, of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the request of the Board of Selectmen, at the annual rate of \$1,750.00 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,250.00 for the period of incumbency.

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.

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, 2010, 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

Article 7

VOTED: That, with the exception of \$450,000, 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, 2010, 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 1/2, 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. Moneys shall be spent primarily to compensate such inspectors for their services. The Building Commissioner, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during Fiscal Year 2011.

A Unanimous Voted

Article 10

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during the fiscal year 2010, or act on anything relating thereto?

No Action Taken

A Unanimous Vote

Article 11

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$577,486, for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2011 tax rate; and to meet said appropriation \$111,486 be transferred from the Stabilization Fund and \$466,000 be transferred from available reserves.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

Article 12

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$29,413.53 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 13

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$20,000 for use by the Department of Public Works to purchase a replacement vehicle.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 14

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 15

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$252,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the rehabilitation of Building 112 located at Bare Cove Park.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 16

VOTED: That the Town appropriate up to \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to be used to fund a portion of the cost of renovating a building at 80 Beal Street, which building, when renovated, would contain condominium units to be sold as affordable housing by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust (HAHT), the owner of the land and building at 80 Beal Street, such appropriation to be contingent upon the issuance of all necessary building permits and other permits required for the renovations described herein.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 17

VOTED: That the Town appropriate up to \$250,000 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve to be used by Father Bill's & MainSpring, Inc. (or a subsidiary thereof) for the partial funding of the development and construction of six (6) units of affordable housing located at 111-113 Fort Hill Street, Hingham with a tenant requirement for U.S. veteran status to the extent permitted by applicable law and funding agency regulations. Such appropriation to be contingent upon (i) receipt of or written commitment for the remainder of the funds needed to complete the Project from federal housing agencies, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or other funding sources; (ii) execution and delivery of mortgage and/or other documents protecting the Town's interest in the Property and, in particular, making every effort to secure for the Town a right of first refusal to acquire the Property as reasonably allowed by any private lender(s) and the State and Federal funding agencies; (iii) receipt of all necessary zoning and other permits and approvals required by the Town; and (iv) execution and delivery to the Town of a satisfactory Management Plan, Tenant Selection Plan and Service Plan by Father Bill's & MainSpring Inc. (or a subsidiary thereof). The sufficiency of each contingency shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") and, in the case of the Tenant Selection Plan and Service Plan, in consultation with the Hingham Veterans' Council and the Hingham Housing Authority. Resolution of all such contingencies must occur on or before June 30, 2011 or such later date approved by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation from the CPC.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 18

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$54,700 from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve, such amount to be expended under the direction of the Hingham Housing Authority, for replacement of two boilers at the Thaxter Park Housing Development.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 19

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$38,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve to be used by the Hingham Historical Commission to prepare a historic structures report and design documents to better define the scope of work and detailed cost estimate for the preservation and restoration of the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower, bells, "hand ringing" and chime apparatus.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 20

VOTED: That the Town appropriate up to \$162,500 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for partial funding of the dredging of Foundry Pond, such appropriation to be contingent upon receipt of the remainder of the necessary funds for the project from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other funds available to the Town, provided that such contingency is satisfied, or a written commitment for necessary funding is received, no later than June 30, 2011, unless such date is extended by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 21

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$1,216 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the purchase of a steel underground time capsule to commemorate Hingham's 375th Anniversary Celebration.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 22

VOTED: That the surcharge on real property imposed pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, be reduced from 1.5% to .005%.

A Majority Vote
Motion Lost

Article 23

VOTED: That the Town vote to direct the Moderator to appoint a Committee of seven citizens of the Town, knowledgeable in its affairs, one of whom will be designated by the Moderator as Chairman, to be known as the 2010 Committee to Review the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government (also known as the 2010 Government Study Committee, which Committee shall examine all aspects of local government organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and recommend changes in such organization and structure, consonant with the traditional values of the Town, and designed to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of government services; which recommendations shall be made in a form suitable for consideration at the next Annual Town Meeting, or subsequent Town Meetings, and to authorize the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the expenses of such Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 24

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to eliminate the following positions: Police Chief , Fire Chief, Harbormaster, DPW Superintendent, Town Accountant (CFO), Town Administrator, Light Plant Manager, School Superintendent, School Principals, and Safety Officers.

No Action Taken

A Unanimous Vote

Article 25

VOTED: That the Town increase the Board of Selectmen from three to five members effective with the May, 2011 Town election where one of the additional positions would be instituted with a term of two years, and otherwise terms would be established at three years.

A Majority Vote

Motion Lost

Article 26

VOTED: That the Town establish an Audit Committee to assist in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The voting members of the Audit Committee will consist of five citizens of the Town, of whom three members will be appointed by the Moderator and two members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The initial terms of appointment will commence July 1, 2010 and will be staggered as follows: the three members appointed by the Moderator will be appointed to terms of one, two and three years, respectively. The two members appointed by the Board of Selectmen will be appointed for terms of two and three years, respectively. Thereafter all terms will be for three years. No members may serve for more than two consecutive three-year terms, not including service for a shorter term or to fill a vacancy for the unexpired portion of a three-year term.

Under the direction of the Selectmen, the Audit Committee will ask the Town Administrator to issue, at least every three years, a Request For Proposals for an independent auditing firm to conduct, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, an annual audit of the financial statements of the Town . The Audit Committee will recommend to the Board of Selectmen the firm to conduct the audit.

The Audit Committee will supervise and review the conduct of the audit and its relationship with the Town. To maintain the independence and transparency of the Audit Committee, both in appearance and in fact, voting members shall be citizens of Hingham, volunteers, not otherwise employed by the Town or serving on a Town elected or appointed committee or board. The Town Administrator and the Town Accountant/Finance Director shall serve as non-voting members of the Committee. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall appoint two of its members to serve as liaisons to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee shall meet in public session at least four times per fiscal year; shall appoint a chairman annually with no individual member serving as chairman for more than three consecutive years; and shall periodically report to the Town at an open meeting of the Board of Selectmen on its activities and findings. The Audit Committee shall establish a charter for its work and annually review that charter with the Board of Selectmen.

A Unanimous Vote

Meeting Adjourned 10:47 PM

**Second Session
April 27, 2010**

**Registered Voters: 15,731
Reconvened: 7:06 PM**

Attendance: 1,293

Article 27

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 14, by deleting the current PART 2 and replacing it with the following:

"PART 2

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 - There shall be a Capital Outlay Committee (Committee), which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this Article 14 and be governed by the provisions hereof. Said Committee shall consist of five citizens of the Town, appointed as provided in the following sections, and the Town Accountant ex-officio.

SECTION 2 - The moderator shall appoint three members of said Committee. Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year, the moderator shall appoint one member to said Committee to serve a term of three years, commencing on the first day of the fiscal year next following the appointment.

SECTION 3 - The Chairman of the Advisory Committee, at or about the commencement of each fiscal year, shall appoint, from among the members of the Advisory Committee, two members of said Committee to serve a term of one year, beginning on the first day of said fiscal year.

SECTION 4 - Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the Committee, it shall be filled by the appointing authority which appointed the member whose position shall have become vacant. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the Committee shall hold office for the unexpired term of the person whom he or she succeeds.

SECTION 5 - The Town Accountant, as an ex-officio member of the Committee, shall not be entitled to vote on the making of recommendations to be included in its reports. The Committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 6 - It shall be the duty of the Committee to ascertain annually what capital outlays will be required by the Town during the next five

years. In making this determination, it may consult with Town, county, and state officials, and with other boards and committees of the Town. It shall publish and distribute to each voter an annual report and such further reports as it deems advisable, and shall include in such reports its recommendation for scheduling capital outlays and for the financing of such outlays as in its judgment cannot be, or should not be, paid for entirely out of current revenues."

A Unanimous Vote

Article 28

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 15 (Harbor By-Law) of the General By-Laws of the Town by deleting Article 15 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

ARTICLE 15 HARBOR BY-LAW

SECTION 1 - Authority and Enforcement

The Harbormaster has the authority to enforce this Article 15 and regulations adopted pursuant hereto; G.L. Chapter 60B: Excise on Boats, Ships and Vessels in Lieu of Local Property Tax; G.L. Chapter 90B: State Boating Laws; G.L. Chapter 91: Waterways; G.L. Chapter 102: Shipping and Seamen, Harbors and Harbor Masters; G.L. Chapter 130: State Marine Fisheries Regulations; G.L. Chapter 131: State Inland Fish Regulations; CMR 310: Department of Environmental Protection; CMR 320: Public Access Facilities; CMR 321: Division of Fisheries and Wildlife; CMR 322: Division of Marine Fisheries; CMR 323: Division of Law Enforcement; CMR 527: Board of Fire Prevention Regulations; and other applicable laws and regulations, to the full extent permitted by law.

SECTION 2 - Definition of Terms

As used in this Article 15, and in any regulations adopted pursuant to this Article 15, the following words shall have the following meanings, respectively:

"Anchor" - The holding of a Vessel in place by lowering a heavy weight into the water by cable, chain, line or other method.

"Channel" - a navigable route for the passage of Vessels, established by customary use or under the authority of federal, state or municipal law.

“Docking” - The making fast of a boat, raft, or float by means of cables, anchors, lines, chains, or other device or contrivances, to the ocean bottom, the shore, or a dock, slip, pier, or marina; meaning and intending that this phrase applies to boats, rafts or floats which are secured to the ocean bottom, as well as to boats, rafts, or floats secured to a dock or slip in a marina.

“Harbormaster” - The harbormaster, deputy harbormaster and assistant harbormasters duly appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

“Hingham Harbor” - The waters of the sea lying within the limits of the Town of Hingham.

“Hingham Waterways” - The navigable bodies of water within the limits of the Town of Hingham including, without limitation, the ponds, rivers, streams, seas, and oceans.

“Mooring” - A temporary, semi-permanent, or permanent anchorage installation, comprising an anchor, chain, and mooring buoy, or their equivalents.

“Person” - An individual; a receiver; a trustee; a partnership; joint venture; a firm; an unincorporated association; a syndicate; a trust; a corporation; or any other entity having legal personality.

“Skin Diving” - Swimming underwater with the aid of fins, mask, snorkel tube, or self contained apparatus for the assistance of breathing.

“Vessel” - The word “vessel” shall mean, inclusively, to the extent permitted by law, watercraft of every description, including but not limited to ships of all kinds, barges, sailing vessels, craft and powerboats of any type or kind by whatever means propelled, every object designed, adapted or capable of being navigated, towed or operated on water from place to place for the transportation of merchandise, people, or for any other purpose (except a seaplane), or other artificial contrivance, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, and as otherwise construed under Massachusetts and/or federal law.

SECTION 3 – Waterways Regulations

The Harbormaster shall adopt regulations governing the Hingham Waterways; Vessels on or in the Hingham Waterways, including but not limited to the anchorage, mooring, and/or operation of such vessels; and/or activities that take place on or in the Hingham Waterways; and to the extent said vessels and activities affect and/or are related to or directed to the Hingham Waterways, around the Hingham Waterways; to

the full extent permitted by law, including, without limitation, anchorage, moorings, floats, mooring waiting lists, docking, and shellfishing. These regulations shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval and then, if approved, to the Environmental Police for review and approval to the extent necessary. After review by the Environmental Police, the Board of Selectmen shall have the opportunity to consider any comments provided by the Environmental Police, and resubmit to the Environmental Police for approval to the extent necessary. Upon approval by the Board of Selectmen, and by the Environmental Police to the extent necessary, a notice shall be published in a newspaper in circulation in the Town of Hingham and copies thereof shall be made available through the Harbormaster's Office upon request. Said regulations may be amended from time to time in the manner hereinbefore set forth.

SECTION 4 - Wake Restrictions

No vessel shall exceed the speed of six (6) nautical miles per hour or be operated at speed which shall cause a visible wake within the confines of Hingham Harbor, except while engaged in water skiing or the use of personal watercraft in areas as defined on charts issued for such use by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 5 - Skin Diving

Any person skin diving in Hingham Harbor shall:

- (a) Obtain the written approval of the Harbormaster in advance, designating the permitted area;
- (b) Operate from a vessel occupied and under the control of at least one other natural person not less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- (c) Display a diver's flag consisting of a red field and a white diagonal stripe not less than twelve (12) inches square, held upright on a float or other similar device at a height sufficient to be visible to passing vessels; and
- (d) Tow said float and flag with him while he is on surface or submerged in water, unless for commercial purposes permission in writing is granted by the Harbormaster to display floats or flags in some other manner for the protection of divers in Hingham Harbor.

SECTION 6 - Water Skiing

No person shall operate a vessel in Hingham Harbor or in the Hingham Waterways of the Back River or Weir River (which are Areas of Critical Environmental Concern) while towing water skiers, aquaplanes or other similar devices except in areas defined on charts issued by the Board of

Selectmen, and in no event shall any such vessel be operated within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any beach or swimming float.

SECTION 7 - Obstruction of Channels

No private marker, mooring or anchorage buoy, lobster pot buoy, or other temporary or permanent marker may be placed in the fairway or channel of Hingham Harbor at any time without the express written permission of the Harbormaster. Any such marker or buoy, so placed in any fairway or channel in Hingham Harbor, shall be construed as a hazard to navigation, and shall be removed by the person causing it to be in place, upon the order of the Harbormaster, or may be removed by the Harbormaster, with no liability to the Harbormaster or the Town of Hingham, or the agents, servants, or employees of either.

SECTION 8 - Unauthorized Boarding or Moving of any Vessel

No person, other than the Harbormaster or a person acting with the Harbormaster's written consent, shall board or move any vessel in mooring or anchorage or molest any tender except in case of emergency or with the express consent of the owner or master of said vessel or as otherwise permitted by law.

SECTION 9 - Conformance with Existing Regulations and Disclaimer

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to conflict with the jurisdiction of the United States Government with respect to the enforcement of navigation, shipping, anchorage, and associated laws of the United States, or any lawful regulation of the Division of Waterways of the Department of Environmental Protection, or the Environmental Police or any of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The invalidity of any section or provision of this Article shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

SECTION 10 – Violation

Whoever violates any section or provision of this Article or any regulation adopted pursuant to this Article shall be liable for a penalty to be determined by the Board of Selectmen in an amount not to exceed fifty (50) dollars per day for each violation to the full extent permissible by law, and/or as otherwise authorized by law.

SECTION 11 – Effective Date

This Article shall become effective upon approval of the Director of Environmental Police and the expiration of five (5) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Hingham. The provisions of Sections 1 through 6 of the previously existing Article 15 as

in effect prior to the enactment of this Article 15 shall remain in full force and effect until the regulations to be adopted pursuant to Section 3 of this Article 15 become effective.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 29

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 and direct the Board of Selectmen to expend said funds to erect traffic lights at the intersection of Main, Cushing and South Pleasant Streets.

A Majority Vote Motion Adopted

Article 30

VOTED: That the following terms of office are hereby established for the members of the Board of Directors of Lincoln Apartments LLC, which was incorporated pursuant to the vote under Article 1 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held October 27, 2008: The initial terms of office of the members of the Board of Directors appointed in 2009 shall expire as provided below and thereafter the terms of office of the members shall in each case be three (3) years:

- (1) the member appointed by the Moderator - on June 30, 2010;
- (2) the members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, as designated by said Board – one member on June 30, 2011 and one member on June 30, 2012;
- (3) the members appointed by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust, as designated by said Trust – one member on June 30, 2011 and one member on June 30, 2012.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 31

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to: (1) petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation to permit the area encompassing all of the land in south-west Hingham that is included in

the Industrial Park and Office Park Districts, as well as the small residentially-zoned carve-outs on Abington Street, as shown on the map entitled 'Zoning Map – Parts A and C of Town of Hingham Massachusetts,' prepared by Coler and Colantonio and dated 2009, to connect to the Weymouth sewer system and/or the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) sewer system; and, (2) enter into permanent membership and become a permanent member of the MWRA for the supply of a supplemental public water supply for the Town of Hingham in accordance with Section 8(d) of Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984 and any successor legislation thereto, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into long-term contracts and/or agreements to carry out the foregoing and, further, to maintain and further such membership.

A Majority Vote

Article 32

VOTED: That the Town: (1) create a sewer district encompassing all of the land in southwest Hingham that is included in the Industrial Park and Office Park Districts, as well as the small residentially-zoned carve-outs on Abington Street, as shown on the map entitled 'Zoning Map – Parts A and C of Town of Hingham Massachusetts,' prepared by Coler and Colantonio and dated 2009, to be known as the Industrial/Office Park Sewer District; and (2) place such sewer district under the control of the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 33

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate up to \$15,000 for the design, engineering, and application for connection of a sewer district, encompassing all of the land in south-west Hingham that is included in the Industrial Park and Office Park Districts, as well as the small residentially-zoned carve-outs on Abington Street, as shown on the map entitled 'Zoning Map – Parts A and C of Town of Hingham, Massachusetts,' prepared by Coler and Colantonio and dated 2009, to be known as the Industrial/Office Park Sewer District, to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) sewer system.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 34

VOTED: That the Town accept Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, which provides for an excise of 0.75% on the sale of meals within the Town, the proceeds to be deposited into a New Stabilization Fund to be established by the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

Standing Vote
A Majority Vote
Yes 548
No 511
Motion Adopted

Article 35

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to enter into a license or other agreement relating to the use of the Iron Horse parking lot (Assessors' Map 50, key no. 50) on such terms as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the best interests of the Town.

2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 36

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by adding the following Article 40:

ARTICLE 40 - THE NAMING OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC LANDS

SECTION 1. Purpose:
This by-law is enacted to establish the process by which, in naming, renaming or otherwise designating public buildings and public lands, the Town seeks to recognize individuals, locations and/or events of significance in local history and local affairs.

SECTION 2. Definitions:
1. "Designate" - the act of calling by a distinctive title, term, or expression any public buildings or public lands as defined in this by-law.

2. "Name" – a word or phrase that constitutes the distinctive designation of any public building or public lands as defined in this by-law.
3. "Rename" – the act of redesignating any public buildings or public lands as defined in this by-law
4. "Public Building" – any structure, edifice or other facility owned or maintained by the Town of Hingham, or any department or agency thereof.
5. "Public Lands" – any real property owned or maintained by the Town of Hingham, or any department or agency thereof, including, but not limited to, playgrounds, parks, courts, athletic fields, intersections and medians, and private ways on public lands, but not including public ways regulated by Article 10 of the General By-laws.
6. "Features" – benches, bricks, flagpoles, plaques, parking spaces, trees, scoreboards, and signs or other markers located on public lands or within public buildings.

SECTION 3. Procedure:

1. The naming, renaming or other designation of any public building or public lands shall be by majority vote at an Annual Town Meeting. Once a public building or public lands have been named, they shall not be renamed unless there are exceptional circumstances.
2. Any proposed name or designation of any public building or public lands shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for its review and recommendation as to the appropriateness thereof. Following a duly-advertised public hearing, and with the advice of the Hingham Historical Commission, the Board shall forward its recommendation to the Annual Town Meeting.
3. No public building or public lands shall be named for any living person or shall bear the name of a commercial enterprise.
4. The naming, renaming or other designation of individual rooms, areas or sub-areas within a public building, or areas or sub-areas associated with any public lands, shall be by the department or agency having jurisdiction over the same, and paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this section shall not apply, provided that:
 - (a) such rooms, areas, or sub-areas constitute less than 25% of the public building or public lands at or in which the same may be located;
 - (b) the same shall not be named for any living person;
 - (c) no such room, area or sub-area shall bear the name of a commercial enterprise; and
 - (d) a duly-advertised public hearing is held at which such naming, renaming or designation is considered and acted upon by said department or agency. Any person objecting to such naming, renaming or designation by the department or agency may, within 10 days

thereafter, appeal the action in writing to the Board of Selectmen, which shall, after a duly advertised public hearing, approve or reject the action.
5. The installation and naming, renaming or other designation of features shall be by the department or agency having jurisdiction over the same. The Board of Selectmen may, after a duly-advertised public hearing, establish standards and specifications for signs, plaques, markers or other features to be erected on public property within the Town.

A Majority Vote

Article 37

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, at subsections 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, and 1.7, add the phrase "Subject to the provisions of IV-E, Multi-Unit Development."

Item 2: At subsection 4.11A, replace the existing use description in its entirety with the following: "A drive-up bank teller or automated teller machine (ATM) operated by a bank or financial institution for the convenience of its customers."

Item 3: At Section III-A, 4.17, "Retail Group", add 4.12A "Health Club" to the list of uses that can be included in Retail Group.

Item 4: At Section VI, Definitions, amend the definition of "Consumer Service Establishment" to include Animal Grooming.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 38

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 the Waterfront Business District and including in the Official and Open Space District, the .51-acre property at 16 Summer Street, Assessors Map 51, Lot 3.

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

Article 39

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-D, Subsection 1, delete the last sentence in its entirety.

Item 2: At Section I-D, delete Subsection 4 (addressing fees) in its entirety.

Item 3: At Section I-J, delete Section 2 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

“2. Peer Review and Consulting Fees: The Provisions of Section I-F, 3 shall apply to all applications for a Special Permit A-3.

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

Article 40

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 V-A(2), after the first sentence ending in “...as specified below.”, insert the following new sentence: “Providing fewer or more parking spaces than required by this Section V-A requires a Special Permit A3.”

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

Article 41

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

At Section I-I, 4.i., add the following sentence: “All outdoor lightings plans shall be designed in accordance with the guidelines of the Illuminating Engineering Society of America.”

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Majority Vote
Motion Failed**

Article 42

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

To amend Section III-E (South Hingham Development Overlay District) by deleting, in their entirety, existing subsections 5 and 6, replace them with the following new subsections 5, 6 and 7, and re-number the following subsections accordingly:

5. Permitted Uses

The provisions set forth in Section III-A for the underlying Industrial Park and Office Park Districts shall apply, with the following exceptions:

A. When the underlying zoning district is Office Park

- i. Accessory Uses such as cafeterias, education and training facilities, and similar facilities designed for the use of on-site employees shall be allowed as part of any use permitted as-of-right or by Special Permit;
- ii. Automotive sales and service, as described at III-A (5.3), shall be permitted with a Special Permit A2.

6. Sign and Parking Criteria

The provisions set forth in Sections V-A and V-B shall apply throughout the South Hingham Development Overlay District.

7. Intensity

The provisions of IV-A (Schedule of Dimensional Requirements) shall apply, with the following exceptions

- a. When the underlying zoning district is Office Park
 - i. A Floor Area Ratio of FAR of .15 is permitted as-of-right; up to .25 may be permitted with a Special Permit A2.
 - ii. Building Height is limited to forty-eight (48) feet, but not more than four (4) stories; Building Height up to sixty (60) feet, but not more than five (5) stories is permitted with a Special Permit A-2.
- b. When the underlying zoning district is Industrial Park
 - i. 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.

ii. Building Height is limited to forty-eight (48) feet, but not more than four (4) stories."

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

Article 43

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, add a new use as follows: "4.24 Farmers' Market" to be allowed with a Special Permit A2 in the Official & Open Space District and prohibited in all other districts.

Item 2: At Section VI, Definitions, add after the term "Family", a new definition for "Farmers' Market" as follows:

"Farmers' Market

An occasional or periodic market held in an open area or in a structure where groups of individual sellers offer for sale to the public from booths located on-site "agricultural products" (fresh produce, seasonal fruits, and fresh flowers), freshly caught seafood ("seafood"), "freshly prepared foods" packaged for sale, "arts and crafts items", and beverages. To classify as a Farmer's Market, the following must apply:

(c) Agricultural products, seafood and freshly prepared foods must be grown, caught or prepared directly by the vendor or acquired by the vendor directly from an identified local producer. Freshly prepared foods (for example, baked goods, jams, dressings, salsa) must be locally produced and packaged.

(d) The majority of the vendors in the Market shall not be vendors of arts and crafts items. Any arts and crafts items must be created by the vendor offering such items for sale at the Market."

Item 3. At Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, add the following accessory use permitted with a Special Permit A1 in the Official & Open Space District and prohibited in all other districts:

"3.11 Outdoor Concession as an accessory use when supporting outdoor athletic field uses permitted or allowed under Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.5 and 3.7 (subject to Section III-I)"

Item 4. At Section VI, Definitions, add a new definition after the term "Non-conforming Use" as follows:

"Outdoor Concession

The sale of non-alcoholic beverages and snack foods from a counter accessible from the outside of a building or from a temporary outdoor location, providing no indoor seating and operating only during the hours that athletic activities are occurring at the site."

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

Article 44

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, modify the Schedule of Permitted Uses for the Office Park, Industrial, Industrial Park, and Limited Industrial Park Districts as set forth above in Item 1 of the foregoing Article 44.

Item 2: At Section VI, add the following new definitions:

A. Shopping Center: A group of three or more retail and other commercial establishments that are planned and managed as a single property.

B. Clinic: A facility providing medical, dental, surgical, psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic or other health care service with no overnight patient facilities.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 45

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

Item 1: By amending the "Zoning Map, Part A, Town of Hingham", as heretofore amended, to add the following parcels within the Hingham Harbor Overlay District: Assessors Map 39, Lot 8, Map 50, Lots 49, 50 and 51 and Map 51, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 58 and 59.

Item 2: By amending Section II-B to add the following: "6. Hingham Harbor Overlay District"

Item 3: By adding a new section after Section III-G as follows, and renumbering the existing Sections III-H (Nonconforming Uses and Structures) and III-I (Accessory Uses) accordingly:

Hingham Harbor Overlay District By-Law

1. Purpose

To promote access to and the use and enjoyment of the land and water along Hingham's inner harbor, while protecting and enhancing its cultural, scenic and natural character.

2. Objectives:

A. To provide for a variety of land and water based recreational uses, both passive and active, including pedestrian access along the waterfront and access to water uses such as swimming, pleasure boating and kayaking.

B. To provide appropriate public facilities including harbor master facilities, parking and restrooms;

C. To promote cooperation and a harmony of uses between privately and publicly owned parcels, including the dimensional and aesthetic design of structures on such parcels;

D. To promote and enhance connections between Downtown Hingham and Hingham's inner harbor.

3. Applicability

The Hingham Harbor Overlay District will include those parcels of land located along the portion of Hingham's inner harbor that extend from the northwesterly boundary of the parcel commonly known as Hingham Bathing Beach to the southeasterly boundary of the parcel commonly known as Steamboat Wharf, more particularly described as the following: Assessors Map 39, Lot 8; Map 50, Lots 49, 50 and 51; and Map 51, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 58 and 59.

4. Definitions

The following defined terms shall apply to this Section III-H. Other capitalized terms used in this Section and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in Section VI of this By-Law.

Marina – For the purposes of the underlying Official and Open Space parcels within this Overlay District, a marina shall constitute a berthing area comprised of slips, piers or attached floats.

Snack Stand –Within this Overlay District, a counter accessible from the outside of a building for the sale of non-alcoholic beverages and food and providing no indoor seating, which snack stand shall be accessory to the Water Dependent Use(s) of the lot on which it is located and not intended as a primary use. When determining parking required for the lot, the Snack Stand use may be considered under either a shared parking analysis or as a complementary use which is not deemed to create a parking demand separate from, or in addition to, the primary Water Dependent Use(s) on the lot.

Uses Accessory to a Water Dependent Use – The following uses are deemed to be accessory to a primary Water Dependent Use:

- (a) offices primarily providing services to a Water Dependent Use (such as harbormaster, other public safety, marina management or life guard offices), and related indoor storage;
- (b) public restrooms, including bathhouses; and
- (c) Snack Stands

Water Dependent Use – Each of the following uses shall be deemed a water dependent use for the purposes of this Section III-E:

- (a) marinas, whether privately or publicly owned or operated;
- (b) public boat basins (also referred to as the public mooring field);
- (c) other public or private commercial or recreational boating facilities, such as a sailing club, rowing club and/or other organized boating facility. A designated public launch area which allows the launching by an individual of a vessel from a trailer or “car-top” for day-use shall not constitute an organized boating facility;
- (d) public facilities for fishing, swimming, and boat launching; and
- (e) parks, esplanades, boardwalks, and other pedestrian facilities that promote use and enjoyment of the water by the general public and are located at or near the water's edge.

5. Permitted and Prohibited Uses

A. The permitted uses and uses allowed by Special Permit, as set forth in the Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, where the underlying zoning district is Official and Open Space, shall be permitted or allowed as applicable, in the Overlay District, except as set forth in this subsection 5.A and in subsections 5.C and 5.D below:

(1) The uses allowed under Section III-A, 3.5 (Public buildings and premises for government use), shall only be permitted as herein provided:

(c) Permitted – The uses described in subsections (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the above definition of Water Dependent Uses, provided, however, that public buildings supporting such Water Dependent Uses shall require a Special Permit A2 as provided in subsection (b) below.

(d) Special Permit A2 –

(i) Uses described in subsection (c) of the above definition of Water Dependent Uses

(ii) Buildings supporting a Water Dependent Use which house Uses Accessory to a Water Dependent Use

B. The permitted uses and uses allowed by Special Permit, as set forth in the Section III-A, Schedule of Uses, where the underlying zoning district is Waterfront Business, shall be permitted or allowed, as applicable, in the Overlay District, except as set forth in this subsection 5.B and in subsections 5.C and 5.D below:

(2) Special Permit A2 – A Snack Stand as an accessory use.

C. The use allowed under Section III-A, 4.18 is modified as follows for all parcels within the Overlay District:

(2) Upon the joint application by the record owner of each affected lot, the Planning Board may grant a Special Permit A3 to allow parking by employees, customers, or guests of a use operating on one lot within the Overlay District on an abutting lot within the Overlay District (“Abutting Lot”), provided that (1) service operations are not performed at the parking area and (2) the Planning Board makes a finding that such parking use will not result in or worsen parking problems on the Abutting Lot

D. The winter storage of floats servicing uses within the Overlay District is permitted (a) provided such storage does not reduce the required parking available for the uses on the lot during the period of such storage, and (b) subject to any rules or regulations promulgated by the Harbormaster related to float storage.

E. The following uses are prohibited in the Overlay District:

Personal wireless communications towers or antennae, except as may be required for public safety or marina operations, provided that such public safety and marina communications antennae shall be building mounted.

6. Dimensional Requirements

A. Where the underlying zoning district is Official and Open Space, the requirements of Section IV-A shall apply, except as follows:

- (1) The maximum height of buildings shall be reduced from 35 feet to the height set forth in Section 6.B.2 below; and
 - (2) The minimum rear yard along the waterfront shall be 10 feet from the existing sea wall or, if none, from the mean high water mark.
- b. Special Permit A3 for Waivers from IV-A Schedule of Dimensional Requirements. The Planning Board may grant a Special Permit A3 to waive strict adherence to the requirements of Section IV-A where the underlying zoning is Waterfront Business District, if it finds that such application will promote the purpose and objectives of the Hingham Harbor Overlay District, subject to the following:
- (1) If the area or frontage of the lot existing as of January 1, 2010 does not meet the "minimum lot size" requirements set forth in Section IV-A, the "minimum lot size" requirement may be reduced to no smaller than the lot size or frontage, as applicable, of the lot on that date.
 - (2) The "maximum height" of a building may be modified as follows: Maximum height shall not exceed two stories and 28 feet to the peak of the building, subject to the following:
 - (a) For the purposes of this Overlay District, the definition of Grade Plane in Section VI shall be modified by replacing the term "Finished Grade" with the term "Pre-Construction Grade".
 - (b) The maximum wall height of the building shall be 20 feet, inclusive of any elevated floors for flood resistant construction, it being the intention that the additional 8 feet of height shall be permitted only to the extent the design of the building includes a peaked roof.
 - (c) There shall be no occupiable space between the 20 foot maximum height and the peak. Any gables, cupolas, towers or related architectural features between the eave and the peak shall be for design purposes only.
 - (3) The "minimum yard dimensions" may be modified as follows:
 - (a) Front: May be reduced to 20 feet – measured horizontally at right angles to the sideline of the public way.
 - (b) Side: The side yard requirement may be modified to allow in the aggregate a total of not less than 40 feet, provided that the side yard dimension on any one side may be no less than 10 feet. A yard space of not less than 5 feet wide on each side shall be maintained open and not parked upon, including parking overhang, along the entire length of each side lot line. Where adjacent property is below the mean high water line, the rear yard limitation shall apply, even if the adjacent property is subsequently filled to raise it above the mean high water line.
- C. Public access commencing at the boundary of the lot and extending along the side and rear yards of the lot to the next boundary of the lot, adjacent to the water's edge, shall be provided, in order to contribute to continuous public access along the waterfront.

7. Design Review Criteria

A. Applicability. Any building located within the Overlay District which (1) is subject to site plan review or (2) requires a building permit and affects the exterior architectural features of a building or structure, shall be subject to Design Review by the Planning Board. The following alterations, unless subject to the requirements of Section IV-B, 6 shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection:

- (1) normal maintenance and repair of the building or structure; and/or
- (2) replacement of exterior materials, including roofing materials, shingles or clapboard, provided such materials are replaced with the same type of materials.

B. Submittal Requirements. The site plan or building permit application shall include a narrative description of the proposed work affecting the exterior of the building or structure, including a description of the materials to be used and depictions of proposed building elevations. For new or expanded buildings, the Planning Board may also require plans depicting the total square footage and dimensions of all buildings, the building elevations and perspective renderings, the exterior architectural features of the buildings, and the exterior materials to be used.

C. Peer Review. In connection with its review of such work, the Planning Board may engage professional consultants, experts or assistance consistent with the provisions of Section I-F (3) of the Zoning By-Law.

D. Criteria. The Planning Board shall consider the architectural and aesthetic consistency of the proposed project with the historic character of the Town and the objectives of the Overlay District, taking into account the scale, massing, location of buildings on lot, roof slopes, street façade, fenestrations, exterior building materials, and similar factors. Design criteria shall include: (1) the shielding of rooftop mechanical equipment and (2) the preservation of vistas and view corridors to the extent practicable.

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

**Motion to Adjourn Yes 647 No 393
Motion Passed
Meeting Adjourned 10:23 PM**

Third Session

Registered Voters: 15,731
Reconvened: 7:07 PM

Attendance: 2,007

Article 46

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

Item 1:

By amending the "Zoning Map, Part A, Town of Hingham", as heretofore amended, to add the following parcels within the Recreational Field Overlay District: (i) Assessor's Map 134, Lot 16, and (ii) a portion of Assessor's Map 124, Lot 32, comprised of 18.61 acres of land, more or less, as shown as "Map 124, Lot 32 (b)" on plan "Proposed Recreational Field Overlay District Plan, dated 3/1/2010, prepared by Tetra Tech, 10 Forbes Road, Braintree MA."

Item 2: By amending Section II-B to add the following in numerical sequence: "Recreational Fields Overlay District."

Item 3 By inserting prior to Section III-G, the following Section and re-number Section III-G and III-H accordingly:

Recreational Fields Overlay District

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to establish an overlay district which allows for lighting structures, accessory to active recreational fields, of a height in excess of that otherwise permitted by this zoning by-law, with minimal impact to the public health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding area.

2. Objectives

- (a) Provide for lighting sufficient for the safety of the players of the sport or sports to be played on the recreational fields;
- (b) Regulate the types, construction, installation and use of outdoor recreational field lighting devices consistent with applicable lighting industry standards;
- (c) Encourage lighting practices and systems that mitigate light trespass and glare in order to minimize impacts upon the natural and aesthetic qualities of the surrounding area, including the night sky; and

(d) Encourage lighting practices and systems that conserve energy while still maintaining the necessary safety, security, and utility of the recreational fields.

3. Location

The Recreational Fields Overlay District shall include the following parcels located on Ward Street: (i) Assessors Map 134, Lot 16, and (ii) a portion of Assessors Map 124, Lot 32, comprised of 18.61 acres of land, more or less, as shown on The Zoning Map, Part A, Town of Hingham.

4. Special Permit Uses

The Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit A2 for an increase in the height limits of this zoning by-law up to, but not exceeding eighty (80) feet, for light poles supporting luminaires, that illuminate recreational fields that are located on land owned by the Town of Hingham within the Recreational Fields Overlay District, and which are operated as a recreational use and meet the site criteria identified in Section 8, hereunder. In determining whether to grant a special permit, and in determining what conditions, in addition to the Planning Board site plan conditions, should be attached to the grant of a special permit, the Board of Appeals shall take into account the application's compliance with the standards set forth in this Section and its compliance with the provisions of Section I-F and I-G of this by-law.

5. Definitions

Certified Lighting Professional – A lighting professional that is certified by the National Council on Qualifications for Lighting Professionals (NCQLP) or a licensed professional engineer, architect or landscape architect having at least 3 years of sports lighting-related experience.

Direct Light – Light emitted directly from the lamp, from the reflector or reflector diffuser, or through the refractor or diffuser lens of a luminaire.

Foot Candle (fc) –A measure of light falling on any given surface. One foot candle is equal to the amount of light generated by one candle shining on a square foot surface one foot away. Foot candles can be measured both horizontally and vertically by a light meter, a device that measures the amount of light energy falling on a given surface.

Full Cutoff (FCO) –A luminaire which is fully shielded and also meets the IESNA glare requirement limiting intensity of light from the luminaire in the region between 80° and 90°.

Fully Shielded – Constructed in such a manner that no light emitted by the fixture, either directly from the lamp or a diffusing element, or indirectly by reflection or refraction from any part of the luminaire, is projected above a horizontal plane passing through the lowest direct-light-emitting part of the luminaire.

Glare – Light emitted from a luminaire with an intensity great enough to produce annoyance, discomfort, or a reduction in a viewer's ability to see
Indirect Light – Direct Light that has been reflected off the surface of any permanently constructed object other than the source luminaire.

IESNA – Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. A professional association of lighting engineers and lighting manufacturers generally recognized as the definitive source for illumination recommendations in the United States.

IES Photometric File - A collection of data that describes the flow of light at specific angles from the luminaire assembled by the manufacturer in the format developed by the IESNA.

Illuminance – The amount of light falling on a surface, measured in foot candles.

Lamp – The light source component of a luminaire that produces the actual light (i.e., the bulb).

Light Trespass – Direct or indirect light produced by outdoor lighting which shines outside the boundaries of the lot containing the luminaire.

Luminaire – A complete outdoor lighting unit or fixture including a lamp or lamps, together with the parts designed to distribute the light, to position and protect the lamps, and to connect the lamps to the power supply, but not including a pole on which the luminaire may be mounted.

Outdoor Lighting –The night-time illumination of an outside area or object by a single luminaire or a group of luminaires located outdoors.

Reflector, Reflector Diffuser, Refractor or Diffuser Lens – Device that alters the direction of and controls the distribution of light rays.

Shielded – A luminaire employing a protective device to prevent glare. The luminaire shall have a generally downward distribution of light and must have a top shield to minimize upward light.

6. Exterior Lighting Plan

The site lighting plan required under Section I-1, 4 shall be certified to be valid and correct by a certified lighting professional and shall also include the following information:

(a) The location, height, shielding type of all existing and proposed recreational fields' luminaires, and the wattage rating and type of all lamps in each luminaire.

(b) The manufacturer's specification data and technical drawings including the luminaire lamp wattage; photometric data showing that the luminaire is fully shielded, including an electronic copy of the IES photometric file, or a reference to the file location on the manufacturer's web site. Manufacturer's photometric specification that the luminaire is rated IESNA Full Cutoff (FCO) is sufficient to show that it is fully shielded.

(c) The data of previous sections (a) and (b) shall be organized into a table, with one line per luminaire.

(d) A light illumination test, conducted by a certified lighting professional, to demonstrate the pre-development condition. The lighting levels shall be calculated with a light meter positioned at the boundaries of the lot on which the light poles are proposed, at such locations as are needed to adequately determine the level of existing light trespass onto shall also include the following illumination or from adjacent streets and abutting lots.

(e) A photometric plan of the proposed recreational fields luminaires, showing the intensity of illumination expressed in foot candles at ground level within the interior of the lot and at the boundaries of the lot on which the light poles are proposed, at such locations as are needed to adequately determine the level of additional light trespass onto adjacent streets and abutting lots over existing conditions. The plan information in a table format: Minimum; Maximum; Average; Average to Minimum and Maximum to Minimum.

7. Lighting and Light Pole Standards

The following lighting and light pole standards shall also apply:

(a) The illumination of outdoor recreational fields shall be by fully-shielded luminaires, aimed toward the playing fields, and shielded in directions away from the playing surface so as to minimize glare, lighting and light trespass onto adjacent areas. Light poles for recreational fields shall only be as high as necessary to meet the requirements of the activities contemplated on the recreation facility, but shall not exceed a maximum height of 80 feet. Minimum front, rear or side yard setbacks must be provided which comply with the underlying zoning district setbacks.

(b) Illuminance Values. All lighting installations shall be designed to meet the maintained illuminance values as recommended by the IESNA for the level of activity contemplated at the recreational fields. The lighting levels for the recreational fields for competitive play shall be maintained at no more than 50 foot candles, average, with a 2.5:1.0 maximum to minimum uniformity ratio. Approved lighting shall include dual lighting circuits to each pole to allow adjustment of field lighting levels to 30 foot candles, average, with a 3.0:1.0 maximum to minimum uniformity ratio for practice or non-competitive play..

(c) Off-Site Light Trespass: The off-site light trespass as measured at any residentially zoned property line shall not exceed a maintained level of 0.1 foot candle and shall be at a level of 0.0 foot candles at a distance 25 feet beyond a residential property line. The off-site light trespass as measured at any non-residentially zoned property line shall not exceed a

maintained level of 1.5 foot candles at the property line and shall be at a level of 0.0 foot candles at a distance 75 feet beyond a property line. In all cases the intent will be to minimize footcandles beyond existing property lines to the fullest extent possible. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to property lines internal to the overlay district.

(d) Additional shields that are installed to control light trespass and glare as required herein shall be designed so that the parts of the shields that are exposed to the direct light of the luminaire and visible from streets, or abutting lots that are in residential use, shall have a matte black low reflectivity finish.

(e) Strobe and flashing lights and laser illumination are prohibited.

(f) Placement of pennants, streamers, banners, signs, advertising flags or similar items on light poles is prohibited.

(g) Placement of speakers, sound systems or similar devices on light poles is prohibited.

(h) Light poles shall be located at least 300' from any existing dwelling unit..

(i) Hours of Operation: The hours of operation of the recreational fields luminaires shall be determined by the Board of Appeals, provided, however, that recreational fields luminaires shall be turned off by the earlier of (1) one-half hour after completion of scheduled activities on the playing fields and (2) 9:00 pm on weekdays (Su-Th) and by 10:00 pm on weekends (F-Sa).

(j) After the installation of the lights, a post-development light illumination test shall be conducted at the property lines and shall demonstrate that there has been no undue light trespass at property lines, before the lights can be operated.

(k) The certified lighting professional shall submit an as-built plan that correctly reflects the as-built installation, and shall certify that the as-built installation conforms to the requirements of this By-Law and the Special Permit.

8. Special Permit Approval Criteria

In reviewing a special permit application under this Section, the Board of Appeals shall make findings regarding the following additional factors:

(a) The benefits, if any, that the additional hours of recreational fields operation will provide to the Town;

(b) The impacts, if any, on the abutting lots of the installation of recreational fields luminaires and the resulting extended operational hours; and

(c) The degree to which the proposal and the conditions required by the Planning Board in its site plan review decision, if any, mitigate such impacts.

2/3rds Vote Required

Ballot Vote Taken

Yes 1,002

No 884

Motion Failed

Article 47

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with the HAHT By-Law, adopted by vote under Article 21 at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, approve an allocation plan for any funds to be appropriated to the HAHT in FY 2010 and FY 2011; such allocation plan may include, without limitation, the following provisions:

(a) purpose-restricted funds which come to the HAHT in FY2010 or FY 2011 for designated purposes via Town Meeting appropriation shall be allocated according to those purposes;

(b) funds allocated by a previous Town Meeting shall continue to be allocated according to the plan approved at that Town Meeting.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 48

VOTED: That the Town encourage the Board of Selectmen to use the funds provided to the Town by cable companies pursuant to their respective franchise agreements for the continuation of public, educational, and governmental access cable television, including all services required to be provided by the Town to its residents under the agreements with the cable companies, and including the formation of a non-profit Access Corporation to provide some or all of these services if determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town.

A Majority Vote

Article 49

VOTED: That the Town recommend that the Board of Selectmen renegotiate the existing cable television license agreements with Comcast and Verizon for the purpose of reducing cable television costs to Hingham subscribers generally, and to the maximum extent permitted by Federal and state law.

**A Majority Vote
Motion Failed**

Article 50

VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of MGL C.44, §53E, to allow for annual operating costs of the Town's ambulance service to be offset, in part or in aggregate, with the use of fees received for such service.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 51

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws regarding warrant distribution.

**No Action Taken
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 52

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by adding the following Article 40, or act on anything relating hereto?

FALSE ALARMS

A. Definitions. For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

ALARM SYSTEM

Any assembly of equipment and/or devices that is designed to be activated, manually or automatically, for the purpose of drawing attention to the presence of a hazard, emergency, or dangerous situation, whether caused criminally or otherwise, to which the police are expected to respond.

ALARM USER

Any person or business entity on whose premises an alarm system is installed and maintained in the Town of Hingham, except for alarms that are installed in or on motor vehicles.

FALSE ALARM

The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or negligence of the user of the alarm system or his/her agent or employees that causes any signal or communication to be transmitted to the Emergency Dispatch Center requesting, requiring, or resulting in a response from the Police Department when, in fact, there has been no unauthorized entry or intrusion into the premises or attempted robbery or burglary at the premises. False alarms include alarm activation caused by non-criminal behavior that could have been prevented by simple preventative measures. Excluded from this definition shall be the activation of an alarm system by power outages, utility companies, or other external factors beyond the alarm user's control, including hurricanes, severe storms, or other unusual weather conditions.

B. False Alarm Fines. The following schedule of fines for false alarms shall apply, subject only to adjustment from time to time by the Board of Selectmen, after public hearing, as circumstances warrant:

(1) After the Emergency Dispatch Center has recorded three (3) separate false alarms within any 12-month period, commencing on the date of alarm registration, the alarm user shall be assessed the following fines:

(a) Residential Alarm Users

\$50 for the 4th, 5th, and 6th false alarms

\$100 for the 7th, 8th, and 9th false alarms

\$150 for the 10th and any subsequent false alarm, and a mandatory meeting with the Chief of Police or his/her designee to resolve the problem of repeated false alarms.

(b) Commercial Alarm Users

\$100 for the 4th, 5th, and 6th false alarms

\$200 for the 7th, 8th, and 9th false alarms

\$300 for the 10th and any subsequent false alarm, and a mandatory meeting with the Chief of Police or his/her designee to resolve the problem of repeated false alarms.

(2) Failure to pay the assessed fine within thirty (30) days shall subject the alarm user to court action for violation of a Town By-Law or the placement of a municipal charge lien on the real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, section 58, in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds until the fine is paid.

C. Audible Alarm. All alarm systems that emit an audible signal shall be equipped with a device that limits the length of the audible signal to no more than ten (10) minutes.

Any user of an alarm system that does not have such a device, or that has a malfunction that allows the audible signal to continue for more than ten (10) minutes, shall be assessed a fine of \$50. Failure to pay such fine within thirty (30) days shall subject the alarm user to court action for violation of a Town By-Law or the placement of a municipal charge lien on the real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, section 58, in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds until the fine is paid.

D. Registration. All alarm systems shall be registered with the Police Department annually. Failure to register annually shall subject the alarm user to a fine of \$50, payable and enforceable as stated above.

E. Unauthorized Alarm Activation. Any alarm system activated intentionally without prior notification of the Police Department shall subject the alarm user to a fine of \$150 for the first and each subsequent such alarm, payable and enforceable as stated above.

F. Exemptions.

(1) All Federal, state, and municipal buildings and properties shall be exempt from the provisions of this By-Law.

(2) No provision of this By-Law shall be construed to place an obligation on the Police Department to respond to an alarm.

**A Majority Vote
Motion Passed**

Article 53

VOTED: That no action be taken on this article.

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

Article 54

VOTED: That, effective May 1, 2010, the Town increase the charge for each written demand issued by the Collector by \$10.00, for a total demand fee of \$15 to be added to and collected as part of certain

taxes, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 55

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

- (d) For furnishing certificate of a birth, ten dollars.
- (e) For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of birth, five dollars.
- and
- (k) For correcting errors in a records of death, ten dollars.
- (l) For furnishing a certificate of death, ten dollars.
- (m) For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of death, five dollars.
- and
- (p) For issuing certificate of marriage, ten dollars
- (q) For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of marriage, five dollars.
- and
- (bb) For furnishing a certificate that a person is a registered voter, five dollars.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 56

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 design and designation of a place on the municipal tax bills or motor-vehicle tax bills, or to mail with such tax bills a separate form, whereby taxpayers may voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount of money, which shall increase the amount otherwise due, and to establish a Hingham Veterans Council Assistance Fund, the purpose of which is to provide support to all Hingham veterans and dependents in need, in keeping with the purposes of the Hingham Veterans Council.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 57

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,869.50 for an unpaid bill of the previous year.

**4/5ths Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 58

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Sewer Commission to accept an easement and/or abandon or modify an existing easement for sewer purposes at 20 Malcolm Street.

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

Article 59

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute amendments to the Tax Increment Financing Agreement dated May 18, 2004 between the Town, the Developers, and the Lessees (the "TIF Agreement"), the Economic Opportunity Area Application establishing the Hingham Shipyard Economic Opportunity Area #1, and the Tax Increment Financing Plan, all previously approved by the 2004 Annual Town Meeting (collectively, the "Documents"), extending the date of termination of the Documents for one year, to June 30, 2015, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit and execute any revisions to the Documents so extending the term of the Documents, and to submit such amendments to the Massachusetts Office of Business.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 60

VOTED: That the Town accept the laying out, as a town way, of a way beginning at the intersection of Gardner Street, extending 400 feet, more or less, in a Southerly direction, as shown on a plan entitled: "Roadway As-Built, Gardner Terrace, Hingham, Massachusetts, prepared by Sitec, Inc., 499 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, MA, dated September 28, 2009," and the name Gardner Terrace be given said way.

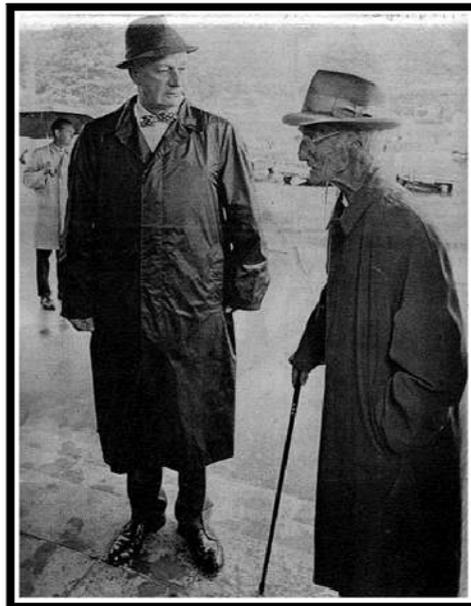
**2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 61

VOTED: That the Town accept the laying out, as a town way, of a way beginning at the intersection of Gardner Street, extending 500 feet, more or less, in a Southerly direction, as shown on a plan entitled: "As Built Plan, Gardner Woods, Hingham, MA, dated 9/30/08, prepared by Neil Murphy Assoc.", and the name Windsong Way be given said way.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 PM



On the right is " Bill Howard, "Mr. Hingham", to a great many old Hinghamites, retired Town Clerk who was accompanied by retired Police Chief Oscar Beck to the polls for Tuesday's Primaries (September 17, 1970). It sure was great to see Bill bright and able in spite of his 92 years." Photo courtesy of Tom Studley.

- Cash Appropriations -
Fiscal Year 2011

ARTICLE 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	374,540
Expenses	42,709
132 RESERVE FUND	
	550,000
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	384,872
Expenses	11,905
Capital Outlay	150,325
Audit	72,000
Information Technology	110,868
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	275,129
Expenses	11,587
Consulting	32,500
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	286,201
Expenses	43,867
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	
	225,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	25,500
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	158,739
Expenses	6,957

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	17,350
Expenses	15,855
171 CONSERVATION	
Payroll	152,397
Expenses	13,363
175 PLANNING BOARD	
Payroll	108,763
Expenses	27,296
176 BOARD OF APPEALS	
Payroll	88,845
Expenses	5,794
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	15,511
Expenses	5,333
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	167,018
Expenses	374,687
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	<u>12,395</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>3,785,998</u></u>
PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$365,851)	4,085,758
Expenses	298,500
Capital Outlay	102,500
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$294,541)	3,958,723
Expenses	327,868
Capital Outlay	82,000

230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Payroll (Overtime \$71,868)	474,263
Expenses	5,000
241 BUILDING COMMISSIONER	
Payroll	185,596
Expenses	3,810
Capital Outlay	12,000
244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Payroll	10,836
Expenses	475
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Payroll	9,064
Expenses	2,580
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	42,634
Expenses	3,700
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	105,860
Expenses	23,320
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	320,000
Street Lighting	136,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>10,190,487</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	28,372,142
Expenses	7,093,034
Capital Outlay	<u>321,000</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u>35,786,176</u>

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

410 SELECTMEN'S ENGINEERING

Payroll	0
Expenses	19,000

420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK

Payroll (Overtime \$57,856)	1,755,101
Expenses	336,958
Capital Outlay	240,000
Snow Removal	500,000
Resurfacing	353,835

430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING

Payroll (Overtime \$18,902)	413,533
Expenses	987,663
Capital Outlay	152,500

440 SEWER COMMISSION

Payroll	314,058
Expenses	237,526
Capital Outlay	75,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,505,368
Debt Service	54,156
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	107,017

The sum of \$2,303,125 shall be funded from
Sewer revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u><u>7,061,715</u></u>
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HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	273,587
Expenses	17,646

541 ELDER SERVICES	
Payroll	182,807
Expenses	58,608
Tax Work Off Program	12,000
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	
Payroll	50,150
Expenses	6,700
Benefits	223,000
545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,500
546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u>830,498</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,063,783
Expenses	244,603
Capital Outlay	20,000
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	61,263
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	15,553
Expenses	5,825
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Payroll	43,991
Expenses	4,578
692 CELEBRATIONS	<u>11,200</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	<u>1,470,796</u>
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	<u>1,801,473</u>

The total sum of \$1,801,473 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u>1,801,473</u>
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DEBT SERVICE

710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>7,544,207</u>
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(\$3,731,987 IS EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSITION 2 1/2)

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u><u>7,544,207</u></u>
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	6,754,462
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900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	905,216
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910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	2,953,736
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911 NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	15,257
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912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	300,000
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913 UNEMPLOYMENT	92,744
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914 EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAXES	<u>572,993</u>
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TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u><u>11,594,408</u></u>
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UNCLASSIFIED

901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	381,000

940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	
Claims and Incidentals	7,250
Total	7,250

TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>388,250</u>
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TOTAL ARTICLE 6	80,454,008
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Article 11	
Reduce 2011 Tax rate	577,486
Article 12	
Municipal Light return investment income	29,414
Article 13	
Other Post Employment Benefits Trust	25,000
Article 14	
CPC-General Reserve	50,000
CPC-Administrative Fund	
Article 15	
CPC-Historic Resources Reserve	252,000
Rehab Building 12-Bare Cove Park	
Article 16	
CPC-Housing Reserve	150,000
80 Beal Street Renovation	
Article 17	
CPC-Housing Reserve	250,000
111-113 Fort Hill St-Veterans House	
Article 18	
CPC-Housing Reserve	54,700
Thaxter Park Boiler replacement	
Article 19	
CPC-Preservation Historic Resources Reserve	38,000
Memorial Bell Tower Bells	
Article 20	
CPC-Open Space Reserve	162,500
Dredging of Foundry Pond	
Article 21	
CPC-Historic Resources Reserve	1,216

375th underground time capsule

Article 33

Sewer District connection 15,000
Design, engineering & application for district connection

Article 57

Unpaid bills previous year

7,870

82,067,194

- Annual Town Election -
Saturday, May 1, 2010

Moderator vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	TOTAL
Thomas ODonnell	469	515	575	546	546	396	252	3299
Bernard Manning	105	125	88	97	113	110	100	738
Blanks	45	51	73	53	44	37	70	373
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Selectmen vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Laura Burns	319	377	368	343	359	238	188	2192
Irma Lauter	257	261	316	318	294	267	199	1912
Bernard Manning	16	29	23	13	27	24	17	149
Russell Reeves	17	17	15	11	15	8	7	90
Blank	10	7	14	11	8	6	11	67
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Board of Assessors vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Mark F. Tyburksi	416	475	447	486	473	353	279	2929
Blanks	203	216	289	210	230	190	143	1481
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Treasurer/Collector vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Jean Montgomery	448	511	481	498	508	366	285	3097
Blanks	171	180	255	198	195	177	137	1313
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Board of Health vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Kirk J. Shilts	394	475	434	476	462	345	266	2852
Blanks	225	216	302	220	241	198	156	1558
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Light Board vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Walter Foskett	400	473	438	478	463	365	267	2884
Blanks	219	218	298	218	240	178	155	1526
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Housing Authority vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Stephanie McHugh	230	282	241	258	300	232	145	1688
Mary Pizzelli	232	239	281	251	238	164	150	1555
Blanks	157	170	214	187	165	147	127	1167
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

School Committee vote for three

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Chris. Gregoire	269	284	276	270	302	217	196	1814
Caryl Falvey	361	427	410	395	406	306	198	2503
Raymond Estes	321	380	348	302	348	246	167	2112
Bernard Manning	140	165	173	162	176	142	110	1068
Andrew Shafter	324	372	394	443	415	332	228	2508
Blanks	442	445	607	516	462	386	367	3225
Total	1857	2073	2208	2088	2109	1629	1266	13230

Planning Board vote of one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Susan Murphy	440	457	473	461	463	342	234	2870
Thomas Patch	126	167	157	145	155	139	109	998
Blanks	53	67	106	90	85	62	79	542
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Sewer Commission vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Edmund Demko	322	365	353	295	364	257	156	2112
Peter Coletti	214	219	244	286	238	195	155	1551
Blanks	83	107	139	115	101	91	111	747
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

Recreation Commission vote for one

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Thomas Belyea	248	276	308	287	295	212	138	1764
Robert Keyes	255	272	239	224	250	200	152	1592
Blanks	116	143	189	185	158	131	132	1054
Total	619	691	736	696	703	543	422	4410

- Special State Election -
Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Senator in Congress

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	TOTAL
Scott Brown	916	1095	1029	1154	1072	889	645	6800
M. Coakley	678	640	738	627	642	505	589	4419
J. Kennedy	5	5	9	11	11	3	9	53
Blanks	1	1	0	1	0	1	3	7
Total	1600	1741	1776	1793	1725	1398	1246	11279

- State Primary -
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Democratic Party

Governor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Deval Patrick	223	215	237	199	191	130	314	1509
Charles Baker (Write In)	5	2	1	3	0	0	0	11
Blanks	58	62	58	59	56	50	82	425
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Lieutenant Governor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Timothy Murray	230	227	225	205	182	129	306	1504
Blanks	56	52	71	56	65	51	90	441
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Attorney General

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Martha Coakley	232	224	235	204	189	133	328	1545
Guy Carbone	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Blanks	54	55	60	56	58	47	68	398
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Secretary of State

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
William F Galvin	230	224	226	207	186	136	316	1525
Blanks	56	55	70	54	61	44	80	420
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Treasurer

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Steven Grossman	167	172	179	152	148	122	254	1194
Stephen Murphy	73	74	75	81	62	41	102	508
Blanks	46	33	42	28	37	17	40	243
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Auditor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Suzanne Bump	147	140	140	130	128	88	193	966
Guy W. Glodis	58	68	56	69	64	57	87	459
Mike Lake	43	36	48	30	32	20	58	267
Blanks	38	35	52	32	23	15	58	253
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Representative in Congress

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
William Keating	177	178	159	151	142	112	256	1175
Robert O'Leary	100	90	117	99	96	64	122	688
Blanks	9	11	20	11	9	4	18	82
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Councillor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Chris Iannella	78	86	83	80	70	58	137	592
Stephen Flynn	137	134	129	109	114	84	181	888
Blanks	71	59	84	72	63	38	78	465
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Senator in General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Blanks	286	279	296	261	247	180	296	1945
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Representative in General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Garrett Bradley	247	243	262	229	218	143	309	1651
Blanks	39	36	34	32	29	37	87	294
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

District Attorney

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
John F Shea	199	191	180	173	160	111	289	1303
Blanks	87	88	116	88	87	69	107	645
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Sheriff

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Richard A Pond	192	191	172	166	157	110	268	1256
Blanks	64	88	124	95	90	70	128	689
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

County Commissioner

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Tim McMullen	196	189	173	163	158	110	275	1264
Blanks	90	90	123	98	89	70	121	681
Total	286	279	296	261	247	180	396	1945

Republican Party**Governor**

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Charles Baker	198	236	276	297	267	199	255	1728
Tim Cahill	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	6
Blanks	18	26	37	26	30	19	29	185
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Lieutenant Governor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Richard Tisel	173	208	228	254	235	172	232	1502
Keith Davis (Write In)	0	7	3	1	5	3	0	19
Blanks	44	49	85	68	57	43	52	398
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Attorney General

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
J McKenna (Write in)	32	33	27	33	40	30	19	214
Guy Carbone	12	7	13	10	4	6	4	56
Blanks	173	224	276	280	253	182	261	1646
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Secretary of State

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Wm Campbell	163	198	212	251	223	164	222	1433
Blanks	54	66	104	72	74	54	62	486
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Treasurer

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Karyn E. Polito	167	209	213	254	225	172	222	1462
Blanks	50	55	103	69	72	46	62	457
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Auditor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
M. Connaughton	171	200	227	258	227	183	218	1484
Kamal Jain	17	15	20	21	22	14	19	128
Blanks	29	49	69	44	48	21	47	307
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Representative in Congress

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
R Hayden III	13	20	33	14	15	11	33	139
R Kasperowicz	31	32	26	23	27	16	26	181
Joseph Malone	91	101	131	162	140	104	118	847
Jeffrey Perry	77	103	116	119	112	82	102	711
Blanks	5	8	10	5	3	5	5	41
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Councillor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Blanks	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Senator in General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Robt Hedlund	191	233	268	286	256	182	237	1653
Blanks	26	31	48	37	41	36	47	266
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Representative in General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Tim Finnerty	176	216	250	265	239	180	225	1551
Blanks	41	48	66	58	58	38	59	368
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

District Attorney

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Timothy Cruz	181	216	232	263	247	173	230	1542
Blanks	36	48	84	60	50	46	54	377
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

Sheriff

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
J McDonald Jr	168	196	224	250	229	165	222	1454
Blanks	49	68	92	73	68	53	62	465
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

County Commissioner

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Sandra Wright	168	185	207	245	215	164	221	1405
Blanks	49	79	109	78	82	54	63	514
Total	217	264	316	323	297	218	284	1919

- State Election -
Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Patrick & Murray	732	663	732	668	659	553	651	4658
Baker & Tiesi	778	917	882	990	917	740	517	5741
Cahill & Loscoco	116	125	139	105	85	80	136	786
Stein & Purcell	12	16	19	3	11	5	9	75
Blanks	8	8	5	8	11	10	10	60
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Attorney General

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Martha Coakley	949	948	989	930	906	749	852	6323
Jas McKenna	667	747	754	801	759	623	451	4802
Blanks	30	34	34	43	18	16	20	195
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Secretary of State

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Wm F Galvin	969	968	995	930	892	777	844	6375
Wm Campbell	598	675	675	739	698	537	409	4331
Jas Henderson	19	12	25	29	23	19	19	146
Blanks	60	74	82	76	70	55	51	468
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Treasurer

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
S Grossman	829	751	839	736	747	617	722	5241
Karyn Polito	748	911	871	963	872	715	552	5632
Blanks	69	67	67	75	64	56	49	447
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Auditor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Suzanne Bump	635	597	572	525	526	455	553	3863
M. Conaughton	830	958	978	1061	961	785	635	6208
N Fortune	58	59	88	50	63	34	29	381
Blanks	123	115	139	138	133	114	106	868
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Representative in Congress

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Wm Keating	805	748	807	745	745	607	683	5140
Jeff Perry	605	735	698	772	721	611	463	4605
M Lewis	121	130	151	140	111	87	81	821
Joe Van Nes	13	14	16	13	13	7	7	83
James Sheets	53	46	48	46	47	37	41	318
Blanks	49	56	57	58	46	39	48	353
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Councillor

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Chris Iannella	835	839	835	842	795	646	697	5489
J Payne-Thompson	560	609	621	620	594	499	425	3928
Blanks	251	281	321	312	294	243	201	1903
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Senator in General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Robt Hedlund	1229	1299	1323	1361	1238	1010	800	8260
Paul Kearney	319	325	339	299	335	279	361	2257
Blanks	98	105	115	114	110	99	162	803
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Representative in General Court

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Garrett Bradley	1007	952	1030	959	924	750	720	6342
Tim Finnerty	564	720	664	750	696	585	461	4440
C Chambers	37	23	54	34	30	21	51	250
Blanks	38	34	29	31	33	32	91	288
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

District Attorney

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Timothy Cruz	984	1127	1133	1203	1123	931	705	7206
John F Shea	539	490	502	436	423	362	510	3262
Blanks	123	112	142	135	137	95	108	852
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

Sheriff

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Jos McDonald	1155	1266	1192	1305	1208	981	867	7974
Blanks	491	463	585	469	475	407	456	3346
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

County Commissioner

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 6	PR6A	Total
Tim McMullen	736	720	730	689	657	533	640	4705
Sandra Wright	689	773	770	815	792	644	496	4979
Blanks	221	236	277	270	234	211	187	1636
Total	1646	1729	1777	1774	1683	1388	1323	11320

- Building Department -

The purpose of the Building Department is to protect the lives and property of the residents as well as visitors to the Town of Hingham, and contribute to the economic development through enforcement of the Massachusetts State Building Code and associated codes. This includes, but is not limited to the Town of Hingham Zoning By-Laws, National Electrical Code, Massachusetts Plumbing and Gas Code and the Architectural Access Board (Handicap Access Code).

In order to enforce these codes we review architectural plans, issue permits in a timely manner, perform inspections, answer complaints, and write violations when necessary. We respond to emergency situations, (fires, floods, storm damage and vehicle impacts) along with the fire and police departments. We have had a substantial increase in building permits this year, which has resulted in over 2,600 building inspections. This has also led to a significant increase in the plumbing/gas and electrical permits and inspections. We have instituted new fee schedules for the department; these include new re-inspection and Certificate of Occupancy fees, which are on par with other local jurisdictions.

With all of the new development there has been a large increase in "Annual Certificate of Inspections". This is mandated by the State for places of assembly that include, but are not limited to, restaurants, churches and commercial buildings. These inspections alone account for over 300 inspections on an annual basis.

In addition to all of the above, we have been working closely with the IT Department in developing a new computer based permitting program which will allow us to track permits during the application process and maintain consistency through the entire inspection process.

In spite of the challenges we have faced this year, we continue to strive to provide a high level of service to all.

Mark Grylls, Building Inspector

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1002	Building Permits	\$829,276
39	Final Cost Affidavits	60,477
528	Plumbing Permits	52,015
376	Gas Permits	19,675
1134	Electrical Permits	152,983
113	Certificate of Inspection	7,407
154	Occupancy	3,410
52	Re-inspection	2,725
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3,398		<u>\$1,127,968</u>

Summary

		<u>Estimated Cost</u>
38	New Single Family Dwellings	\$14,626,820
1	Mobile Home	10,000
137	Dwelling Additions	13,743,827
440	Dwelling Alterations	6,823,887
80	Commercial Alterations	8,532,071
1	Recreation Building	105,000
12	Foundations Only	476,000
4	Commercial Additions	8,154,172
3	New Office, Bank, Professional Buildings	11,880,954
31	Demolitions	217,600
20	Demolitions (non-residential)	124,300
36	Sheds	787,793
9	Garage Additions	335,200
1	Pools (above ground)	4,650
11	Pools (in ground)	515,650
93	Signs	281,997
5	Chimneys	23,327
14	Wood/Coal/Pellet Stoves	49,505
53	Temporary Tents	125,361
3	Retaining Wall	122,930
2	Antennae	165,000
1	Handicap Ramps	1,795
7	Other	208,183
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1002		<u>\$67,316,022</u>

- Conservation Commission -

In 2010 Eugene Babin resigned from the Hingham Conservation Commission after serving as a commissioner from 2000 until 2010. The Commission welcomed Alan McKenna, who was appointed to the Conservation Commission to fill the vacancy.

The Hingham Conservation Commission held 20 public meetings under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and acted on 64 Notices of Intent applications, 19 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 10 Requests for Extensions and 6 Enforcement Orders were issued to violators to stop un-permitted work in or near wetlands. The Conservation Commission drafted and accepted new Hingham Wetland By-law regulations. The new regulations replace the outdated 1987 Hingham Wetlands By-law regulations and brought the Hingham By-law into compliance with the current MA Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

The South Shore Baptist Church conveyed a gift of land through a conservation easement to the Hingham Conservation Commission. The land contains 4.93 acres and is adjacent to the church. The Commission also accepted gifts of land from Barbara Shea at 257 South Street, and John Jorritsma at 82 Fort Hill Street.

In 2010 the Hingham Conservation Commission installed Conservation land signs at Amonte Meadows Conservation Area, Accord Brook Conservation Area, Broad Cove Conservation Area, and Old Swamp River Conservation Area. These signs will assist the public to locate and enjoy Hingham's Conservation Properties.

Path widening projects on Hingham conservation properties moved forward with the help of two very hard working senior volunteers, Edy Cox and Kathy Lincoln. The Mildred Cushing Woods conservation land on Cushing St. received path widening and woodchips spread, Moore Brewer Park received vistas openings around the pond, trash removal, invasive plants removed, and path widening, Brewer Reservation on Hobart St. received path widening, trash removal and invasive plant removal.

The Conservation Commission has worked in collaboration with the Hingham Harbormasters Office in the review of the Hingham Harbor boat basin dredging project and dock and pier reviews. The Hingham Conservation Office has aided and attended Boston Harbor Geographic Response Plan Project. During these meetings Hingham provided critical migratory and spawning habitat areas to be protected in the case of a

hazardous spill in or adjacent to Hingham Harbor. This included identifying areas where emergency booms should be placed to protect critical marine habitats.

In the spring of 2010 the Conservation Office set up a fish trap at the Foundry Pond fish ladder to compare herring counts obtained in 2009 herring run. Due to high stream velocities the trap was removed to protect the migrating fish and no count was taken.

The Town of Hingham Conservation Department is working with the MA Division of Marine Fisheries and MA Coastal Zone Management to restore smelt spawning habitat in the Weir River below the Foundry Pond Dam. In 1998 a new dam was built at Foundry Pond. During construction the builders graded the river bottom and destroyed the rippling channels where the smelt lay their eggs. This restoration project involves rebuilding a small island at the base of Foundry Pond Dam. Two deeper channels will be cut around the base of the island creating more consistence flows of rippling water in the channel. This will attract the Rainbow Smelt to the channel and allow their eggs to remain submerged until they hatch.

The Hingham Conservation Department working in conjunction with Derby Academy and Coastal Zone Management was selected for funding with a grant award of \$45,000 for hydrodynamic modeling of Broad Cove from the Gulf of Maine Council. This money will be used to evaluate restoring the original flushing capacity to Broad Cove. Broad Cove is adjacent to Hingham Harbor and has lost an estimated 50 acres of saltmarsh habitat to the invasive phragmites weed. This restoration grant award will be used for evaluating engineering options and detailing the impacts of restoring flows into the cove.

<u>Conservation Commission Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Charles Berry, Vice Chair	2011
Daniel Coughlin	2011
Nina Villanova	2011
Scott Thompson McIsaac	2012
Alan E. McKenna	2012
Robert Perry	2013
Carolyn Nielsen, Chair	2013

W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer
Abigail Childs, Assistant Conservation Officer – Part Time
Linda Morash Defreitas – Conservation Secretary
Regina Hickey – Wetlands Clerk – Part Time

- Personnel Board -

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this annual report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2010.

Calendar 2010 saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board classified and established job descriptions for the following positions: Associate Librarian-Technical Services, Project Engineer Administrative Assistant, Assistant Project Engineer/Inspector, Inspector of Buildings, Director of Community Planning, Administrative Secretary for the Affordable Housing Trust, Public Works Department General Foreman, Public Works Supervisor, Library Business Administrator, Veterans' Department Benefits Clerk, Seasonal Golf Course Groundskeeper-Level Two, Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent and Seasonal Golf Course Teaching Assistant. We adjudicated two DPW union grievances and two Fire Department union grievances that were not satisfactorily resolved at a preliminary level.

The Board approved requests that people selected to fill the positions of Inspector of Buildings and Associate of Library-Technical Services be placed on a step in the applicable salary scale above the minimum step, in each case based on their prior experience

The Board also worked with the various Department Heads in approving thirteen vacation carry-over requests. The Board approved a request for an extension of sick leave for one employee.

The Board approved a four step miscellaneous compensation schedule for seasonal employees of South Shore Country Club.

Last calendar year also saw our committee prepare for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. In anticipation of the fiscal '10-'11 year that began on July 1, 2010, we recommended that there be no change in the general wage increase for Hingham employees not covered by a collectively bargained labor agreement effective July 1, 2010. This was approved by the 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 the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

During calendar year 2010, the Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed one year successor labor contracts with the unions which represent the Police Patrol Officers, the Police Superior Officers and Library Staff; all three contracts provide that, for their term,

2010 -2011, there will be no change from the 2009-2010 wage scale. The Board ended calendar year 2010 with unconcluded negotiations for successor contracts to those which expired on June 30, 2010, covering Fire Employees and Department of Public Works Employees. Negotiations with the union which has represented Dispatch Employees have been held in abeyance, pending further developments regarding the establishment of a Regional Dispatch Center.

Michael Puzo, Chairman
Marie Harris
William D. MacGillivray
David Pace
Nelson Ross

- Hingham Planning Board -

The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2010.

In the months leading up to the 2010 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 45 resulted in the creation of the Hingham Harbor Overlay District, crafted jointly by the Harbor Task Force and the Hingham Planning Board with the goal of allowing for expanded uses and dimensional relief while protecting the Harbor's unique character. A petition article to allow for outdoor lighting at the Ward Street Fields (Article 41) requiring a 2/3 town meeting vote was narrowly defeated following a spirited and thoughtful town-wide debate. In response to the continuing economic downturn, the Planning Board worked closely with the Zoning Board of Appeals to review and update the uses permitted in the Town's industrial and office districts, with the goal of expanding those uses permitted by-right and with a special permit in these districts.

The Planning Board reviewed and endorsed sixteen 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. There was one new residential subdivision proposed in 2010. Construction of new homes, roadways and other improvements within already approved subdivisions continues to progress slowly due to the current economic slow-down.

Commercial development continued apace, as new construction and tenant fit-ups continued at the new developments at the Hingham Shipyard and Derby Street Shoppes, and in commercial districts throughout the Town. The Board conducted 17 Site Plan Review hearings, and issued 14 Special Permit A3's for requests for parking waivers from the Town's off-street parking regulations. The Board worked closely with the Zoning Board of Appeals on the permitting associated with the construction of a 73,839 square foot, 3-story medical office building to be located at the entrance to the Industrial Park at 2 Pond Park Drive. The building will house all of the bone and muscle-related services for South Shore Hospital, and will include physician's offices, a diagnostic imaging suite, an outpatient surgical center, and a pain clinic. Another healthcare facility permitted during 2010 was the 64-unit, 51,200 square-foot health care and assisted living facility for individuals with early and mid-stage memory disorders, to be located on the corner of Beal St. and Sgt. William B. Terry. Finally, Fort Hill Housing, Inc. came before the Board with application to demolish the existing 2,412 square foot dwelling at 111 Fort Hill Street and replace it with a 2,800 square foot, 6-bedroom facility for disabled veterans.

Of particular interest to Town officials and the public was the application for a Special Permit A1 and a Special Permit A3-parking permit for the Ward Street Turf Fields Fund. The compromise resolution to what turned out to be a controversial application was arrived at only after multiple hearings with the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, which allowed for the expansion of the existing fields with the creation of an additional field on adjacent Town-owned land, and significant improvements to on-site parking and circulation.

The Planning Board also conducted Site Plan Review for expansions and modifications to other long-standing Hingham institutions, including the Hingham Institution for Savings and the Old Colony Montessori School, which are proceeding successfully despite the economic slow-down.

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, 2010 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.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011, Hingham Planning Board member Susan Murphy announced her resignation after eleven years of service on the board. The Board is immensely grateful for the wealth of legal expertise and tireless efforts provided by Ms. Murphy during her term, which spanned an era marked by rapid growth and change in the Town brought on by outside development pressure. Ms. Murphy also spearheaded a much-needed, multi-year effort to update and clarify the Zoning By-Law. Ms. Murphy served as Planning Board liaison to numerous sub-committees including the Hingham Development and Industrial Committee (HDIC), and the Harbor Task Force, which she chaired during 2009-2010. The Board wishes Ms. Murphy continuing success in her new role as special counsel to the town on its real estate related legal matters.

The Planning Board was fortunate in the interest shown by a number of well qualified residents to serve on an interim basis as a Board member during the months leading up to the Town election in May 2011, at which time they are free to run to serve the remaining four years of Ms. Murphy's five-year term. At a joint hearing of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, following interviews, and by unanimous vote, the Planning Board was pleased to welcome William Ramsey, a lifelong Hingham resident, as its newest member.

Paul K. Healey, Chairman
Sarah Corey, Clerk
Judith Sneath
Gary Tondorf-Dick
William Ramsey

- 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 2010 a total of thirty-one applications were received, resulting in sixty-one hearings being held. The Board of Appeals granted seven 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 a residential Variance to maintain the existing dwelling during construction of a new dwelling on the same lot, and reconstruction of a retaining wall at Wilder Hall on Main Street. In September, after numerous hearings had been held, the Board allowed the withdrawal of a use Variance application to create a residential lot for a single family dwelling in Business District A on Bank Avenue.

The Board heard applications on eighteen 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 construction of a Bone and Muscle Center in the Industrial Park, construction of a memory care center at the corner of Beal Street and Sgt. William B. Terry Drive, construction of TD Bank on a portion of the land previously occupied by Weber Dodge on Lincoln Street, to maintain an outdoor seasonal Farmers' Market at the Bathing Beach parking area on Otis Street and to allow Derby Street Shoppes to hold seasonal activities at Hidden Pond on their site; many of these hearings were held jointly with the Planning Board. Also approved after many public hearings and plan changes was the construction of one natural grass athletic field adjacent to the existing lacrosse field known as Margetts Field on Ward Street.

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:	31	
Hearings:	61	
Special Permits:	18	(13 granted with conditions, 1 granted, 4 withdrawn)
Variances:	14	(5 granted with conditions, 2 granted, 6 withdrawn, 1 dismissed)
Appeals:	1	(1 denied in part)

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

Industrial Park Road	Pond Park Road	Research Road
Carleton Road	Nichols Road	Hemlock Road
White Horse Road	Nutty Hill Road	Middle Street
Station Street	Mill Street	Knoll Road
Home Meadows Lane		

Main Street (from Short St. to South St.)
Water Street (from Main to Railroad Tracks)
North Street (from Mill St. to South St.)
Central Street (from South St. to Elm St.)

Sidewalk Reconstruction:
North Street (Mill St. to South St.)
Water Street (Main St. to Railroad Tracks)
Mill Street

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. Installed, repaired, and maintained 3,100 traffic and street signs.

Vehicle Maintenance: The new facility allows us to maintain the DPW's and Transfer Station's equipment safely and more efficiently. This equipment includes 10 Dump Trucks with sanders and plows, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ -Ton Pickup Trucks with 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: (40.3" of snow): 9 Snowplow Operations, 28 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2010 Catch Basin Cleaner, 2010 GMC Sierra 2500 pick-up truck.

Tree and Park Division:

Tree Plantings: 22

Tree Removals: 96

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.

We welcome the formation of the new Shade Tree Committee and its appointed members. We look forward to working with them in defining what species of trees will be most compatible to the future design and growth of Hingham's public landscapes.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated Sargent Cherry Tree which was planted on Jackass Park for the Annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was named as a Tree City USA for the 22nd 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 6,669 Tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 905 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England recycling in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,320 tons of mixed recyclables, 3,375 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 5 Tons of tires, 2,650 gallons of motor oil, 220,420 pounds of electronics, and handled 360 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 305,080 cans and 84,385 plastic bottles for a total of \$22,718 to 30 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 June of 2010 the scale went into service to weigh the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2010, the revenue from the scale was \$16,349 which is on track for a three year payoff. The DPW and Transfer Station have

had all Transfer Station Permits (stickers) updated and changed from blue to red.

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 continues to be refurbished in the Recycling Building.

New Equipment: Vehicle Scale, John Deere 544J Frontend Loader.

Interdepartmental:

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.

I would also like to thank all of the employees involved in the re-organization of the DPW and Engineering. This re-organization has allowed the department to be more efficient and cost effective. I would like to congratulate Mike Mullin the new DPW Supervisor and the new General Foremen Jeff Handrahan.

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 \$482,208 to the Town's fiscal 2010 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 and negotiating a wind deal with a developer in Maine 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 and this year installed energy monitoring equipment at the Library and Town Hall that provides information on energy use and ability to save energy by make decisions timely.

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 6.0% increase in electricity sales for 2010. The system peak load for the 2010 calendar year was 53.4 MW, which set an all-time record demand level. The energy sales were impacted by the very warm summer temperatures and the addition of more customers in the commercial sector.

The Light Plant completed a significant maintenance program during this year to address some of the older infrastructure in Town. This work will help the Light Plant maintain the high level of service reliability that the customers of the Light Plant are accustomed to. The Light Plant also pursues a very aggressive targeted tree-trimming program, which is the largest cause of power outages in the Town.

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 Kevin J. Bulman, Vice Chairman John A. Stoddard Jr., and Secretary Walter A. Foskett, 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

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

- Sewer Commission -

While the sewer extension projects in lower Central and Thaxter Streets were carried out in 2009, the final tasks of paving and line painting were accomplished in 2010. These combined projects have provided potential sewer connections to eleven additional properties in the Hingham/ North Sewer District.

When the first phase of the Weir River Sewer project was completed in 1998, it was understood that the town would be responsible for the grinder pump units for ten years. In 2010 the Sewer Department began to implement the turnover of the equipment to the homeowners. The Sewer Commission felt that, given the age of the units, it was in the best interest of the property owners to be sure that the equipment was in top working order before handing it over to them. Therefore, the upgrading of the operating systems of the grinder pumps at 74 residences in the Weir River Sewer District, begun in 2009, was completed in 2010. Every residence with this equipment was given the option to take advantage of this upgrade at no cost to the homeowner.

The State Division of Occupational Safety (DOS) conducted a system wide survey of our operations in October. While Hingham was praised for being ahead of many of its neighbors in terms of on-the-job safety, suggestions were made regarding the use of new procedures and equipment to make sewer operations even safer. The equipment was purchased, and the new safety measures began to be phased in. Additional procedures to ensure a safe work environment will be implemented in 2011 completing the improvements suggested by DOS.

A break in the main sewer line, installed in 1958, between Hingham and the MWRA occurred on August 13. The cause of the break was a failed coupling. While there was no way to predict that problem, the age of this infrastructure and a history of earlier breaks made a future emergency a realistic possibility. Knowing this, the Sewer Commission began taking steps over a number of years to minimize the likelihood of additional breaks in that Route 3A line. The 2002 Town Meeting approved \$980,000 to repair or replace the line. However, in the interest of keeping costs as low as possible the Commission decided to take a stepped approach to the problem by having air and vacuum relief valves installed to cure a basic design problem. In addition, access man-holes for future work were installed before Mass Highway completed its repaving of Route 3A. Those steps helped to reduce the number of breaks occurring in that line, but the recent problem has reopened the

possibility of proceeding with the next step which would be installing a cured-in-place lining.

Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) of extraneous water into the sewer system, often extremely difficult to pinpoint, continues to be a serious and expensive problem for all municipalities. In 2010 the Sewer Department began discussions regarding a program to perform a system-wide analysis and cleaning of our sewer infrastructure. This inspection of every part of the sewer system would produce a criticality list that would enable the Sewer Commission to prioritize and plan for future sewer repairs such as the lining mentioned above. In addition and possibly more importantly, it would identify sources of I/I and allow the department to reduce or eliminate this on-going problem. The Commission plans to reach a decision regarding an underground asset assessment in 2011.

The Sewer Commission would like to remind sewer users that the introduction of extraneous water (I/I) and/or fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the system causes excessive wastewater treatment and repair costs. Homeowners in the sewer districts who use sump pumps can aid the effort to reduce I/I 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. While there is a program 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. Your assistance in these areas is greatly appreciated.

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 -

Emergency Preparedness is a responsibility of every citizen and being prepared before an event occurs is essential. Every family should be prepared for the following type events:

Coastal Storm	Drought
Earthquake	Extreme Heat or Cold
Flooding	Hurricanes
Thunderstorms	Pandemic
Power Outages	Loss of Heat
Roof Collapse	Tornadoes
Blizzards	Water Supply Emergencies

A Disaster Supply Kit is the first step in protecting yourself and family. Information as to how to put a kit together is available through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency FEMA or the American I Red Cross. The Federal Emergency Management Web Site <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/> is also an excellent resource for emergency planning. You may also contact the Hingham Fire Department directly at 781-741-1480 for assistance.

In April, the Local Emergency Planning Committee held its annual all day Table Top Exercise. This year's subject was earthquakes. There were over 30 participants and much was learned. This event is made possible through the Hingham Board of Health and I cannot thank them enough for their assistance. Our Community Emergency Response Team continues to be active and they are utilized several times each year. We also remain active with our local Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) Communications networks. This is a group of volunteers who provide an additional level of communications should it be needed during times when our normal communications may not be available.

Again I cannot emphasize enough the importance of being fully prepared for that unexpected situation where help may not be immediately available. 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
Robert Olsson, Deputy Director

- Fire Department -

2010 was the busiest year on record for the department with 3898 emergency responses. Not included in the response total are the 100's of inspections we do each year and the permits we issue. We are responsible for oil burner inspections, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detector inspections and sprinkler system inspections. We also assist with occupancy permits for new construction and plans review. We inspect and maintain over 700 hydrants. Currently we maintain over 2000 burning permits so that residents may burn brush from January 15th through May 1st.

In February the department took possession of a Foam Trailer as the result of a Homeland Security Grant. The trailer contains 500 gallons of foam concentrate and significantly increases our ability to handle incidents involving large quantities of flammable liquids. Also in February, Firefighter David Nickerson was deployed to Afghanistan for 12 months. We are all very proud of Dave's service to our country and he is looking forward to returning to his position in the department as a firefighter paramedic.

The rain storms of March and April were unprecedented and created challenges for several town departments. Many areas of town were flooded well beyond normal levels as well as numerous cellars and basements. Although the department no longer provides pumps for private dwellings, we do encourage anyone who has concerns with regard to water in their basement to call us so that we may assist them with utility disconnects and offer advice and direction as to how to resolve the problem. We also assisted in pumping several outside areas in Hingham that normally do not flood.

Work on the four town dispatch center continues and considerable time has been spent by fire department personnel in planning and preparing for it. We expect it to be operational during the summer of 2011.

We continue to partner with our surrounding communities in both providing and supplying Mutual Aid. Our primary Mutual Aid Partners are Hull, Cohasset, Norwell, Rockland and Weymouth. All of the communities provide both fire apparatus and ambulances when requested and we provided the same services when necessary. Mutual aid is an integral part of today's Fire/EMS Service Delivery System. No community could survive without it and Hingham is no exception.

In December the department took possession of a new utility type pick-up truck. Working with the Capital Outlay Committee, we were able to keep our old vehicle and that will be converted to a brush truck so that we will have a smaller type response vehicle that better serves our needs when responding to brush, grass and other type outside fires throughout town.

Again I urge everyone to make sure you have working Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide alarms in every level of your home. Unfortunately, Carbon Monoxide incidents are on the rise. Carbon Monoxide is known as the "Secret Killer." We frequently find homes with Carbon Monoxide levels that are unsafe. A simple and inexpensive detector can prevent a tragedy. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors every seven years. Should you require assistance with installation or replacement, please call us.

The department was proud to participate in several of the 375th Anniversary Events as well as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. We continue to support several other large scale events such as the Fireworks, the Fourth of July Parade and Christmas in the Square.

Captain Michael Riley, Captain Joseph Mortland and Lt. James Johnson retired during the year. Each retired with over 30 years of service. They leave the department with the best wishes of their associates.

Sadly I have to report the loss of two retired members. Lieutenant John Tramontana and Firefighter Richard Whiting. Both served the department with distinction.

I would be remiss if I did not wish Police Chief Taylor Mills a safe and productive retirement. The co-operation that exists between departments is exceptional. No small amount of credit goes to "Tab" who has gone well beyond the call of duty to assist all of us both on a professional and personal level.

Mark Duff
Fire Chief

- Police Department -

2010 has been a year of both significant challenges and accomplishments for your Police Department. While thoroughly challenged/beaten by the global economic collapse (the loss of \$343,000 in 2 budget cycles as well as all grant monies) we remained unbowed and rose to the task at hand. With virtually every segment of our duties and services under pressure and on the increase we continue our excellent response times and service deliveries. Due to the complexity of our structure and various missions, coupled with the difficulty inherent in our Civil Service hiring process, we always seem to be short-handed. Additional personnel will be an imperative for the immediate future to ensure our collective (citizen & Officer) safety/security and the expected level of community services.

While the challenges remain, the accomplishments do as well and this is once again a testimony to the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of the Hingham Police Department! The D.A.R.E. Program and our Citizen Police Academy remain the corner stones of our Community Policing effort and the addition of our R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Program has been well received at all levels of our community (Elementary Schools to the Senior Center). Recently in 2010, Class XXXV of the Hingham Citizens Police Academy was graduated, bringing the total number of graduates to over 700. Additionally, with our partnership at Linden Ponds, there are now 170 active members of the C.P.A. Alumni organization. This group is consistently offering the Police Dept. both financial and volunteer support for all our programs. Linden Ponds residents, after making our K-9 Program viable through their incredible generosity, have continued that support and sustain a large portion of our other community efforts. My most sincere thanks to all our C.P.A. graduates for their interest and enthusiasm, but a special thanks to all the Alumni for their generosity and continued support!

The difficult financial climate notwithstanding, we have continued our march in 2010 toward a Regional Dispatch Center through successive grants from the State E-911 Board. The genesis of this project occurring under the leadership of former Town Administrator Charles Cristello, the South Shore Regional Emergency Communication Center will come on line in mid 2011. This Communication Center will serve the Towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Norwell. It will be a model for the future in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and another shining example of Hingham's enlightened leadership. I would be remiss if I did not recognize Senator Robert Hedlund and Representative Garrett Bradley for their tireless support for this project and the Special Legislation

necessary to make it happen! I believe that this Center will enhance Public Safety in our community, while offering our Taxpayers a measure of relief at the same time. Many thanks to our dedicated and talented Dispatch Professionals for your indulgence during this process and I anticipate you will be rewarded with a "State of the Art" facility in which to continue your invaluable service to our community.

As always, there are many thanks to share with all those people and committees who volunteer to support us and our Town Government. The Advisory Committee, the Capital Outlay Committee, the Personnel Board/Human Resource Director and our Town Administrator are all integral components to any successes for which we lay claim. One and all, please accept my most sincere thanks for your friendship, support and guidance. Additionally, behind the scenes, there are some other individuals who need to be recognized and are frequently overlooked. I have previously described my civilian staff as the, "Interface between the Department and the Public," but in reality they are much more! Jan Jacobson (my Assistant), Karen Hewitt (our Records Supervisor) and her Assistant Marietta Malone, are critical assets in our mission to provide efficient and professional service to the public. Without their diligent efforts, interpersonal skills and attention to detail, countless hours of Police Patrol Services would be wasted. You all have my utmost gratitude, for your professionalism, for your work ethic and for your friendship.

Finally, I would like to share with you that it is my intention to retire from the Hingham Police Department effective June 30, 2011. I was blessed to be born into this special community and my wife and I were privileged to raise our children in its warm embrace. It has been an honor to serve this citizenry for 34 years and a privilege to serve with the fine men and women who distinguish our Police Department. Please rest assured that you could not find yourself in the hands of a more professional, talented and dedicated Police Force anywhere. They are one of the Town's most precious assets and enduring strengths for a bright and secure future.

Taylor A. B. Mills, Chief of Police

- Harbormaster -

As the newly appointed Harbormaster, I am grateful for the support and input from citizens and the boating community throughout this busy year. Numerous public hearings, Harbor Development Committee Meetings, and Harbor Planning Task Force Meetings were held to solicit public input on new Harbor By-Laws and mooring plans. The adopted By-Laws better address the issues the Harbormaster encounters in Hingham waters. The mooring plans organized vessel placement, and safely maximized the number of boats moored; 231 in the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin and 41 in the Worlds End Mooring Area. These mooring areas were an enormous success in the eyes of the mooring permit holder and also proved to be aesthetically pleasing.

We were awarded two noteworthy grants in 2010. The Department of Environmental Protection, Waterways Division through their Rivers and Harbors Program awarded \$50,000 to perform a full condition survey of the Inner Harbor, develop mooring plans in the Weymouth Back River, and locate sites for future car top boat access. The Outer Harbor Mooring Area's (Hingham Yacht Club Area) mooring plan, also funded by Waterways Division in a previous grant, is well on its way to completion and will be implemented in the spring of 2011. The Hingham Harbormaster, Quincy Police, and Weymouth Harbormasters were awarded a Port Security Grant from the Federal Government totaling \$1.9 million. Hingham's appropriation will be used to purchase a new patrol vessel, support vehicle, and other necessary equipment for law enforcement and search and rescue. This award is the result of many years of coordinated efforts amongst our tri-town unit and the United States Coast Guard to provide necessary waterborne services during a time of shrinking budgets, under staffed departments, and aging resources.

Your Harbormasters continue to provide the best services to our community and the boating public. Partial funding for the Assistant Harbormasters was restored and the Deputy Harbormaster was funded for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year. We logged over 500 calls for service, a 27% increase from the previous year.

Calls for Service Summary			
	1999	2009	2010
Search and Rescue	69	55	53
Medical Emergencies	6	7	7
Law Enforcement	30	131	210
Municipal Aid	25	10	15
Pump Outs	110	290	325

Our tasks as Harbormasters are broad, diversified, and often unseen by the community. We are proud to exhibit such dedication, efficiency, and hard work. Summing up this year, we generated \$297,020 in mooring permit, moored float, and other fees while operating within a trimmed budget of \$137,062. Our pump-out boat removed 6,661 of septic waste from 325 boats between May 15 and October 15.

The number of annually harvested shellfish has declined steadily over the last few years. Our annual grant funded seeding of the shellfish beds has aided in moderating the decline in the annual harvest numbers. 1,197 bushels of soft shelled clams were harvested from our conditionally restricted shellfish resource requires year round administration and enforcement.

Shellfish Harvest Counts		
Location	2009	2010
Weir River	191	306
Inner Harbor	805	847
North Beach-Crow Point	14	0
Stoddard's Neck	136	44
Hingham Back River	111	0
Stoddard's Neck Cove	0	0
Total Bushels	1239	1197

Langley Island caught fire from an improperly extinguished campfire, burning roughly 1,500 s.f. of natural habitat. The fire was extinguished by Marine II, our patrol boat equipped with fire monitor and firefighting equipment. Three incidents involving the commuter boats occurred, one requiring all passengers to be evacuated by boat as the vessel sank off Hull. Hurricane Earl posed a significant threat to the northeast. Luckily it

passed with high winds and tides affecting us for just a short period of time. The fall storms caused more damage to the waterfront and left our shores littered with debris and unclaimed floats and small tenders.



As Harbormaster, I serve as Treasurer on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Harbormaster's Association. In 2009 I was a Governor's appointee to the Massachusetts Harbormaster Training Council. Deputy Harbormaster, Mark Brennan is Vice President of the South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Harbormaster's Association and serves as the Chairperson of South Shore Chapter Training Committee. He instructs multiple Safe Boating Courses each year at no cost to the public. Your Harbormasters are honored to be the waterfront representatives of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at harbormaster@hingham-ma.com. or reached at 781-741-1450. If you have an emergency or need immediate assistance please call dispatch at 781-749-1212.

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

- 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.

2010 was an extremely busy year for the Traffic Committee.

A crosswalk was installed at Water Street and Station Street based upon the request of merchants located in the 59-61 Water Street location to improve pedestrian safety.

Area residents came before the Traffic Committee to request a traffic light with a pedestrian signal be installed at Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Rte. 3A) and Kilby Street to enable children and their parents to walk to East School. Due to budgetary constraints, it was determined that the safest solution is to bus the children who live on the other side of Rte. 3A which is the current practice according to Dorothy Galo, Supt. of Schools.

A recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen to make the connector roadway from Fort Hill Street onto New Bridge Street one way in a northeasterly direction. It was determined that this roadway is not sufficient in width for safe two-way travel.

A request was made by the HDIC to allow MBTA buses to turn left from Water Street onto Summer Street (Rte. 3A) in order to connect buses to the commuter boat dock at the Shipyard which is where the Inter Modal facility is being constructed by the MBTA. Committee members unanimously determined that allowing left turns from Water Street onto Rte. 3A would be extremely dangerous due to the requirement of crossing four lanes of traffic along with heavy traffic volume in the area and therefore could not be recommended.

Hingham Center resident Declan Boland came before the Committee regarding the issue of speeding and unsafe traffic volume in Hingham Center. After discussion, it was decided that the best course of action would be to use the Traffic Radar Trailer to discourage speeders as well as placing the area on the Traffic Hotsheet for increased speed enforcement.

By request of Patricia Coyle of the Bare Cove Park Committee, speed limit signs were installed on Bare Cove Park Drive by DPW. These two signs are for 20 MPH and are located near the field. It should be noted however, that these are suggested speed signs and cannot be enforced.

Bulow Road residents came before the Committee to address the problem of traffic speed and increased volume on their street which is often used as a cut-through to avoid the traffic lights on Rte. 3A and to avoid the speed bumps on Beal Street. Residents requested that their street be made one way or limit access during peak hours. After much discussion and a traffic study, it was determined that speeding is not an issue and that volume is not significantly higher at peak times resulting in the fact that additional measures are not warranted based on the evidence of the study conducted by Sgt. Horte.

An all way stop sign at Ward, High and French Streets was proposed. It was determined that the layout and topography of the area are problematic and poorly suited for stop signs. Major reconstruction of the area would need to be done in order to make stop signs feasible but the cost would be prohibitive.

A crosswalk was installed at Kilby and Summer Streets in the interest of pedestrian safety and in light of the fact that it is on a walking route to East School. It was determined that the site met all criteria necessary to install a crosswalk which was installed after a unanimous vote from the Committee.

Kilby Street resident Carole O'Connell requested signage at the Rte. 3A Rotary to ensure proper traffic flow and safety. Since Rte. 3A is a State Road, a letter was sent to Mass. Highway/Dept. of Transportation recommending that they take another look at the area and the possibility of installing signs approaching the Rotary to simplify entering and exiting properly for motorists.

The Traffic Committee was charged with reviewing the intersection of Main/Cushing/South Pleasant Street by the Board of Selectmen in regards to the need for a traffic control device. The Traffic Committee was assisted in this endeavor by Coler & Colantonio (a traffic engineering company hired by the Town). After much discussion and review of the data collected, it was determined that a roundabout would slow traffic in all directions with deceleration, acceleration, air quality issues from traffic stopping, braking, etc. As for a traffic signal, this would mainly benefit Cushing Street traffic and would result in delays and backups for

Main Street traffic. Retired Traffic Engineer and former Planning Board member Richard Cook offered his assistance in analyzing the data. Mr. Cook concluded that there is no evidence of the need for a traffic control device based upon current traffic volume and the number of accidents to justify the installation of a traffic control signal at this intersection. The Traffic Committee by a vote of 7-1 agreed with the findings and conclusions set out in the report which was sent to the Board of Selectmen. The report states that after analyzing all data, the Committee determined that the safety concerns raised by Article 29 of the April 2010 Town Meeting to justify the installation of a traffic signal are unsupported by the facts. The Traffic Committee recommends that no action be taken at this time in regards to the installation of a traffic signal. It is recommended however, that the issue of this intersection be referred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board is in a better position to analyze the growth of South Hingham and its impact on the roadways in South Hingham, most notably Cushing Street.

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. Steven Dearth, 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
Leslie Kehoe
Harold Goldstein
Scott Peterson
James Costello

- 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 two members to 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.**

The Trust was advised in mid 2009 that the Amego property at 80 Beal Street was for sale. This site was a former group home on three 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 creating 2-3 affordable home ownership units. Last June, the Trust issued an RFP for design, engineering and permitting services for this property. A Hingham firm, Strekalovsky Architects was awarded the

contract. The state and local permitting process will begin in early 2011.

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.

Tim White, Chair
Blake Auchincloss
Kevin Connelly
Susan Crowley
James O'Brien

Laura Burns
Gretchen Condon
Rev. Gary Ludwig



The Belted Galloway, seen at Weir River Farm, is a rare breed of cattle originating from Galloway in South West Scotland. The white belt that distinguishes these from the native black Galloway may be a result of cross breeding with Dutch Lakenvelder belted cattle. Raised for their quality marbled beef, they are sometimes purchased to adorn pastures due to their striking appearance. In the U.S. they are informally known as "police car cows", "panda cows" or "Oreo cows".

- Bare Cove Park Committee -

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall. Dates and times are posted on the on-line Events Calendar and on the Town Hall bulletin boards. The public is welcome to attend. Hingham's website also has information about the Park, including Committee members, history, Park regulations, a printable map, dog etiquette, and a photo gallery.

In February, the Board of Selectmen formally recognized the addition of 15.37 acres to the northwest side Bare Cove Park. Updated Visitors' Guide and Kiosk maps showing the new acreage were available in June.

After the success of the Park's 35th Birthday at the Dock House last year, Park Ranger Scott McMillan worked some magic with paint and elbow-grease to spruce up the interior, and the Committee voted to install a display here, with maps, photos and artifacts from the days when the land belonged to the Navy. The "Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia Display" welcomed the public one Sunday morning each month from July through October. We plan to do this again in 2011.

For the 375th Anniversary celebration, the Park honored Veterans and the Conservation Movement during "The 20th Century" events in July and August. Veterans and civilians who worked at the Depot attended the Military Color Guard ceremonies at the Dock House on the anniversaries of the end of the Korean Conflict and VJ Day. A WWII veteran who was stationed at the Depot tossed a wreath into the Back River in memory of his friends who were lost when the YF-415 exploded in Massachusetts Bay after it left the Dock House on May 11, 1944.

Dr. Greg Mertz of the New England Wildlife Center and former Committee Chairman Ron Clough each led a guided nature walk – in Tucker's Swamp and out to Indian Point. Guests saw an osprey circle its nest-platform at the Fresh River, learned some history and lots of fun facts about nature.



Marilyn Harrington, Patti Coyle and Brooks Robbins joined Ron Clough (left) for a walk to Indian Point.

The 3rd "End of Summer Classic Road Race" held in the Park in August drew almost 500 runners. The South Shore Model Railway Club again sponsored the race, and donated \$7,100.00 to the Friends of Bare Cove Park cash account maintained by the Town for the Committee.

Frank Sheltry, a Park Committee member for 22 years and Hingham's 2002 "Citizen of the Year", passed away on September 15th at 90. His family and friends would like to have a tree planted in his beloved Park to honor Frank; we plan to do this in Spring.

The Park's truck, affectionately known as "Thumper", turned 21, and is really showing its age. Unfortunately, the truck didn't pass inspection in the Fall; the estimate to get it back up to par is over \$8,000. Putting that kind of money into a vintage truck isn't a very responsible use of



Ranger Scott McMillan with "Thumper"

public funds, so we hope that a used truck from DPW will become available, maybe by Spring. A truck is an integral part of maintaining public safety in the Park, not only as a vehicle used by our Ranger to patrol almost 500 acres and haul materials and debris, but also to plow the roads and paths in the winter.

Hundreds of visitors come to the Park each day, year round. Ranger Scott, with assistance from the DPW, 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, Scott continues to remove intrusive, non-indigenous vegetation. Volunteer gardener Barbara Nicosia made sure that the Triangle Garden was again a beautiful landmark in the Park, even during this summer's drought. We're lucky to have Hingham Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger in the Park often; she continues to educate dog owners and enforce the law to keep Bare Cove Park a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Over the years, thanks to the support of Hingham taxpayers and help from volunteers and Mother Nature, most of the old Depot buildings are gone and the Park becomes more beautiful every day. Come and see.

Committee: Paul Doyle (Chair), Patti Coyle (Vice-Chair), Ted Matthews (Treas), Peter Cotter (Sec'y), Chuck Harvey, Jim O'Hare, Barbara McMullan, Joe Roper, Eric LeClair.

- Trustees of the Bathing Beach -

Our symbiotic relationship continues with the Hingham Farmers' Market. The Market had a successful season in 2010 and our contract with the Hingham Farmers' Market paid for the much needed striping of the parking lot and more.

In September, there was a goose hunting incident while a church picnic was in progress. Fortunately the Hingham Police Department has explained that, according to a town ordinance, hunting is not allowed at the Bathing Beach.

Also in the fall, a movie company used the Bathing Beach parking lot as a staging area for their film. Their financial contribution has benefited the Bathing Beach and the Town.

The Bathing Beach continues to be an area of mixed use for swimming, picnics, parties, family reunions, weddings, picture taking, a crafts fair and other activities.

Once again the winter storms have caused serious erosion. Repairs must be done to the beach in the late spring. We are grateful to the Public Works Department for already shoring up the corner of the parking lot which had been undermined by the first major storm of the season.

We thank the following people: Jeff Pizzi, who again volunteered his time to help with plumbing problems at the bath house; Robert Egan for building a new ladder for the raft; David Hardy for helping to untangle the string of swimming floats after the first winter storm; and Harbormaster Ken Corson for placing the raft in the spring and pulling it out in the fall.

F. Peter Fee
Thomas Foley
Joan Williams

- Beautification Commission -

The Hingham Beautification Commission, now in its 6th year, continues to carry out its mission. This in spite of the challenges of operating without a budget, severe drought conditions and maintaining our membership and volunteers. For the most part, new gardens have been made possible by the use of donated plant material from our members' gardens. We continue to rely on the Department of Public Works to prepare and mulch the various sites and we are grateful for their assistance with the heavy work.

This year, additional plantings were added to Cherry Tree Park at the junction of North and South Streets. That area was further enhanced with the dedication of the new Founders Park across the street, a gift to the Town from the Garden Club of Hingham. Both serve to beautify that whole corner and hopefully create a welcoming stopping point for people strolling downtown. The island at Cushing and Main was planted this fall.

Cold Corner, Morton's Cove and all of the train crossings, including French Street, Water Street, Summer Street, Kilby Street and Glastonbury are now well established and bloomed prolifically this past summer. The containers on South Street and at the corner of Lincoln Street and 3A continue to be stocked with seasonal plants and are cared for largely by Rose Durkin and her volunteers.

The traffic island plantings at Kimball Beach Road, Scotland Street at Main, Otis Street at Rte 3A and North Street at Tedeschi's are kept beautiful by combinations of neighbors, BCH members and volunteers. Linden Ponds continues to maintain the islands on Leavitt Street at the library. To all, we are thankful for your interest and support.

It literally does "take a village" to plan and maintain all that is being done to keep Hingham beautiful. We welcome anyone who wishes to take part, as much or as little as they want, in helping the Beautification Commission go forward with its work. It is both gratifying and fun!

Alyce Nobis, Chairman
Patricia Bray
Rose Durkin
Jerry Elsdon
Dottie Manganaro

Kathy McCann
Laura Spaziani
Avis Studley
Barbara Swanson

- Cable TV Advisory Committee -

During the first part of 2010, the Committee focused on updating and enhancing the Town's ability to broadcast meetings over the Government Access Channel. Funds for this were provided by capital payments and operational support payments made to the Town by Comcast and Verizon as part of their franchise agreements with the Town. Comcast began paying the Town 4.5 percent of its Hingham cable subscriber revenues in August 2009 for operational support, and Verizon began paying the same percentage in January 2010. The money provided to the Town by Comcast and Verizon can only be used to support Public, Educational, and Government ("PEG") Access cable television, and is not available for the General Fund.

The first order of business for the Committee was to get the Government Channel operational in Town Hall, to set up the Bulletin Board on Channel 10, and to have a Town employee assigned and trained to operate the channel. Cable funds were approved to fund 10 hours a week for a Town employee to run the Government Channel. The Committee prepared a job description, and operations began.

Early in the year, the Committee solicited bids for the upgrading of recording and broadcast equipment in the Selectmen's Meeting Room to improve the quality of Selectmen's meeting broadcasts and to enable live broadcasting of the Selectmen's meetings. All new equipment had to be installed in order to bring the quality of the broadcast up to acceptable standards. In March, the new broadcasting equipment was installed in the Selectmen's Meeting Room for a price of approximately \$24,000. This equipment supports both live broadcast of the Selectmen's meetings and recording of the meetings for future broadcast. In April, the Government Access channel began live broadcast of Selectmen's meetings over Comcast Channel 10.

Also in April, the Committee recommended that cable funds be used to repair equipment at the High School so that Town Meeting could be recorded for broadcast. This was accomplished in time for Town Meeting.

Several meeting rooms in Town Hall were wired to allow live broadcast as well as delayed broadcast of meetings, and the Committee prepared a Request for Proposals to purchase portable studio equipment for these broadcasts. Following the purchase of this equipment, sometimes referred to as a "studio-in-a-box," several persons were trained to use it, and recording of some Committee meetings began. This equipment can

also be used to produce video of meetings held in remote locations for later broadcast. In December, the School Committee meeting held at the Middle School was recorded using the studio-in-a-box and was later broadcast over the Government Access channels on both Comcast and Verizon.

In May, at the Committee's and Selectmen's request, Comcast installed a third channel located at Town Hall for broadcast of Public Access programming, Channel 97. Shortly thereafter, Verizon installed its Channels 30 (Government) and 31 (Public Access) at Town Hall. Verizon also installed a feed from the Library to Town Hall as required by its franchise, so that events at the Library can be broadcast over both Verizon and Comcast PEG channels. The Public Access channel on both Comcast and Verizon has a Bulletin Board for non-profit organizations in Hingham to use for providing notice of their activities to Hingham residents. The Public Access channel has also been broadcasting programming provided by the resident-run television channel at Linden Ponds and programming obtained at no cost from the Massachusetts Medical Society, as well as a limited amount of resident-submitted programming. Public Access programming will be taken over by the non-profit corporation, Hingham Access and Media.

The Committee recommended the purchase with cable funds of equipment to upgrade the Educational Access channel to a digital format. This is Channel 22 on Comcast and Channel 29 on Verizon. This equipment was installed at Hingham High School in time for the start of the school year in September. This equipment also allows remote programming of the Educational Access channel from computer stations located outside the Educational channel studio, making the channel more efficient to operate.

At the Committee's request, the Board of Selectmen funded with cable operating funds both a television production class at the High School to contribute programming content for the Educational Access channel and a \$2000 per year stipend for the media teacher to operate channels 22 and 29.

During the summer, the Committee recruited a volunteer college student to film a public service announcement by Police Lieutenant Michael Peraino for broadcast on the Government Access channel.

In June, the Committee prepared and submitted, through the Town's cable attorney, a request to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable to reduce Comcast's 2010 cable rates in

Hingham by the \$27,500 payment Comcast made to the Town in 2009 in return for the Town relinquishing its use of Comcast's Norwell studio four months early. Comcast included that payment in its 2010 rates. Hingham's request for this rate reduction was denied by the Department in November.

Following the 2010 Town Meeting, which approved the establishment by the Board of Selectmen of a non-profit corporation to operate the Public Access channel, the Committee prepared by-laws, articles of organization and a draft operating agreement with the Town for a non-profit corporation, to be named Hingham Access and Media ("H-CAM"). That corporation has been established.

Sandra Peavey, Chair
Eric Connerly
James Dellot
Eric Dresser

Katy Gallagher-Wooley, School Rep.
Joshua Gates
Robert Kirk



*Pete MacIntyre filming Jim Dellot, President of H-CAM
at the South Shore Country Club for the Public Access Channel
on Cable TV*

- Community Preservation Committee -

Nine 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 15th based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2011 is approximately \$9,997,367 including a total of \$4,007,822 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 projects in all three Community Preservation Categories to 2010 Town Meeting. Three Historic Preservation projects were proposed for Town Meeting approval: (1) restoration of the Bare Cove Park Fire Museum building (\$252,000); (2) completion of a structural analysis, and preparation of scope of work and estimated cost documents to stabilize the Memorial Bell Tower for future restoration of the bells (\$38,000); and, (3) purchase of a time capsule to preserve documents and artifacts in celebration of the Town's 375th Anniversary (\$1,216). In the category of Open Space and Recreation, the Committee recommended funding a project to dredge Foundry Pond (\$162,500), contingent upon receipt of state matching funds for the remaining 75% of the project cost. Finally, Town Meeting was asked to consider three Community housing projects: (1) creation of 3 – 4 affordable units at 80 Beal Street (\$150,000); (2) creation of 6 affordable units on Fort Hill Street specifically for Veterans (\$250,000); and, (3) the purchase of two new boilers for Thaxter Park (\$54,700), to be expended only if the state did not replace the boilers.

As of the writing of this report, the Community Preservation Committee is proposing four projects for 2011 Town Meeting approval. To address those recommended appropriations, at the end of FY 2011 Hingham's Community Preservation Fund will have approximately \$1,583,000 available and a projected amount of \$198,000 to be added in October 2011 when the state match is delivered.

The Committee wishes to thank Phil Edmundson for his contributions to Community Preservation during four years of service, including two years as Chair. The Committee also thanks Sarah Dewey for serving as the Historical Commission appointee for two years, and for her commitment to historic preservation. Finally, the Committee welcomes new Historical Commission appointee Robert Curley, Jr. and Selectmen appointee Christopher Burns.

Community Preservation Committee Members

William Reardon, Chair (Moderator Appt.)
Sally Weston (Moderator Appt.)
John Kelleher, Vice Chair (Selectmen Appt.)
Chris Burns (Selectmen Appt.)
John Riley (Selectmen Rep.)
Dan Coughlin (Conservation Commission Rep.)
Bob Curley (Historical Commission Rep.)
James R. Watson (Housing Auth. Rep.)
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)
Andrea Young, Administrator



During World War II the fence surrounding the Hingham Centre Cemetery was removed for the war effort. A portion of the fence has now been restored with funds from the Community Preservation Fund.

- Country Club Management Committee -

The Country Club Management Committee is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2010.

Jay McGrail, Director of Operations, Joe Keefe, PGA Golf Professional, Chris Riley, Assistant Golf Professional and Jake Silva, Golf Course Superintendent continue to improve the golf course, the facilities and the recreational opportunities available at South Shore Country Club ("South Shore") for the families of Hingham to use and enjoy.

We are pleased that our golf membership base is still growing (we now have a waiting list). Also, again this year, we have had an increase in the number of golf rounds played on our course. We believe this reflects the improving condition of our golf course and the enhanced value of our golf programs. Further positive recognition came this year with requests that South Shore host several important regional amateur golf events. As an example, this summer we will be hosting the Mass Golf Association 2011 MGA Public Links Championship.

We are also especially proud of improvements achieved this year in our professionally run junior, and adult golf programs, our upgraded driving range and practice areas, our expanded beginner and advanced swimming lessons, and our enhanced dining and banquet facilities. We also continue to offer tennis instruction and candlepin bowling for kids and adults.

This year, we began two new ventures to better utilize our facilities in the winter months. In addition to opening the course for year-round golf, weather permitting, this November, we installed two "state of the art" indoor golf simulators and opened a golf and sports bar and restaurant ("The Tour"). Seasoned golfers and beginners can now play golf on over 30 different and challenging golf courses or work on their game on the simulator practice range. The golf simulators also allow us to offer private golf lessons year-round. The Tour offers pub food and big screen TV's to watch sporting events while using the golf simulators or playing darts.

Last winter we completed a major renovation of our ballroom and restaurant (Greenside Grill and banquet facilities). In order to introduce these renovated facilities to the Town, an open house was held for all Hingham residents. The open house included: a ribbon cutting ceremony involving the Board of Selectmen and other town dignitaries, tours of the facilities and complementary food and beverages.

Raffael's, the operator of the Greenside Grill, The Tour and the event and banquet facilities at South Shore, had a banner year, including the first events in our brand new Outdoor Pavilion. The Greenside Grille, open to the public for Lunch, Dinner & Sunday Brunch has customers coming in both day and night to enjoy the refurbished outdoor patio, main dining room and the piano bar. The Greenside Grill also serves as the 19th hole for golfers (and others), serving beverages and food before and after a round of golf.

Our outdoor pool had its best year on record. We signed a new three-year contract with the South Shore YMCA, allowing us to provide more efficient scheduling of swim lessons and open swim times. Improvements, such as a complete repainting and clean up of the locker rooms and the addition of a protective, permanent sunshade area, also enabled us to continue to grow our pool membership base and increase swim team participation.

Finally, we also experienced a significant increase in community activities and events, including: our annual Kite Day Festivities, in the Spring; our new annual Halloween Hayride Extravaganza and Party, in the Fall; and our Fourth Of July Parade Golf Outing/Fund Raiser, in the Summer. (We welcome suggestions from town residents of other activities that will increase utilization of our facilities by the community).

We have highlighted just a few of the exciting recent developments occurring here at South Shore and we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in 2010. We anticipate an even more exciting 2011, at your South Shore Country Club.

The Country Club Management Committee

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

- Hingham Cultural Council -

The Hingham Cultural Council awarded \$6,431 in 2010 to support the arts and artists in our community. Eighteen grants, ranging from \$100 to \$1000, were awarded. Recipients include:

- Hingham Public Library
- Hingham Downtown Association
- South Shore Education Collaborative
- Foster School and East School.
- The South Shore Conservatory,
- James Library, Norwell
- Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra
- Fine Arts Chorale
- North River Arts Society
- Old Ship Church Concert Committee
- Second Parish Art Show
- Second Parish Spring Concert
- Broad Cove Chorale
- Abigail Adams Historical Society
- Hingham Historical Society
- South Shore Art Center,
- Hingham Senior Center
- Massachusetts Audubon, South Shore Sanctuaries

This year's allotments were generous because we were able to release funds that were not claimed from previous grants. Next year the Hingham Cultural Council will not have as much money to distribute. Our council has decided that we should work to raise additional funds.

The Hingham Cultural Council's guide lines are as follows:

- All grant applicants must have a local sponsor.
- Priorities include arts and cultural events held within Hingham or the immediate area to benefit Hingham residents.

We welcome any suggestions that would improve these guidelines.

Emily Hutchinson, Co-Chairperson
Jane Shute, Co Chairperson
Sandy Asher
Trish Baggott

Tom Barber
Susan Luery
Gary Nisbet
Jill Powell

- Development and Industrial Commission -

In 2010, the Hingham Development and Industrial Commission (HDIC) was actively involved in issues relating to the waterfront, the downtown area and the South Hingham Overlay District.

This past year, we saw the completion of new brick sidewalks on North Street and are awaiting the installation of new lightpoles along the "harbor stretch" of that Street in 2011. We will continue wrapping up downtown Greenbush mitigation projects such as pole removal and underground wiring connections on North and Mill Streets, which are already well underway.

Our general focus in the downtown area in 2010 was aimed at promoting economic activity. In 2009, we worked closely with the Planning Board and the ZBA to create special permit requirements for 1st floor office uses in the downtown. These requirements have led to an increased number of first floor retail establishments and greater economic growth in downtown. Additionally, the HDIC was an important supporter of the Hingham Meals Tax that has generated large revenues for the Town in 2010 while sharing the very small burden of the tax with non-resident restaurant goers.

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 on Wednesdays during the summer of 2010. The Saturday Farmers' Market, located at the Hingham Bathing Beach Parking Lot, continued to also thrive and grow in 2010.

As a note, the HDIC was actively involved in harbor development discussions in 2010 as a member of the Harbor Task Force. The Harbor Task Force, consisting of representatives from the HDIC, Planning Board, Harbor Development Committee, Bathing Beach Trustees, Selectman'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.

During this time, the HDIC voted separately to support, in principle, the permitting of small food establishments at the harbor, both in the area closest to 3 Otis Street and in the area of the Hingham Bathing Beach Restrooms. We indicated that our preference was in the area of 3 Otis

Street as a long-term goal of the HDIC is to create a closer relationship between the Harbor area and the downtown area.

One of the most significant issues that the HDIC worked on in 2010 was development of the new MBTA Intermodal Transport Center at the Shipyard and discussion regarding the transit routes, (bus, train and boat) that serve Hingham. In 2010, we formed HITS, the Hingham Intermodal Transit Subcommittee, to work closely with the MBTA to insure that these transit lines are efficient, serving the community in the largest way possible, and are truly intermodal.

Finally, the HDIC continued to receive input from property owners to look for ways to improve the economical viability of the South Hingham Overlay District. The potential creation of a separate sewer district in that area was discussed and continues to be considered to determine its viability. The Planning Board is managing this process with assistance from the HDIC

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

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

- 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."

On March 23, 2010 the Department turned 40 years old. To commemorate this birthday, Reflections - A Concert for All Ages was held in the Sanborn Auditorium on Sunday, March 14. The Bartholomew, Cappers & Waynen Trio and the O.P.A.L.S. played to a full house. The audience further enjoyed the afternoon when Governor Deval Patrick stopped by to extend his congratulations and give the opening remarks. Other spring events to commemorate this mile stone included "A Celebration of the Arts" during May and an Ice Cream Social in June. All three events were enjoyed by all ages and gave Elder Services the opportunity to share its history with the community and look towards the future as the older population increases in unprecedented numbers.

During 2010, 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 2010, the Department provided 5981 one way trips to 308 different individuals.

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, the Board worked to complete the Long Range Plan that provides guiding principles, goals and objectives for the

programs and services offered by Elder Services and includes a work plan for the upcoming five years. The Plan was presented at a public forum in July and changes suggested from the forum have been incorporated in to the plan.

One of the newer initiatives undertaken by Elder Services during the fall of 2010 was the implementation of the Wisdom Works Program, a job search training program for older adults. This program is part of a statewide initiative spearheaded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and under the leadership of local volunteers provides hands-on-training experience on how to find employment in today's job market. By the end of December, 17 individuals had participated in the program and we look forward to continuation of Wisdom Works in 2011.

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 2010, these volunteers numbered 168 and worked 10,410 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 Anne Condon, Bill Scott and Steve Waynen for their years of service on the Board.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director
Thomas Hickey, Chairman
Joanne Pollick, Vice Chairman
Norma Jackson, Treasurer
Patricia LaLiberte, Secretary
Katherine Bennett
Leah Godfrey
Chrisanne Gregoire
Peter Hanson
Susan Kiernan
Arthur LeMay
Ann Manning

- 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 2010, the Committee:

-worked with town management to explore prioritizing municipal properties that warrant an energy audit, in order to recognize areas where buildings can benefit from equipment replacement or improvement to yield energy savings and attendant cost savings.

-reviewed a wind energy by-law presented by a town resident and developer. While the by-law was not optimal in our estimation for the town, it prompted discussion (ongoing) regarding the appropriateness and necessity of a by-law applying to commercial scale wind power.

-determined with town management that energy efficiency improvements through the method of performance contracting are not optimal financially for the town, but that methodical auditing is necessary to understand where cost saving strategies may lie. Also determined with Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant that cogeneration (heat and power) is not advantageous at the library or high school.

Goals for 2011 include:

- To secure funding to initiate energy efficiency initiatives.
- To prioritize with the Town Administrator and School Business Director opportunities for energy efficiency measures.
- To educate the residents and businesses of Hingham about energy rebates, audits and opportunities available from the federal and state governments, as well as our municipal electric utility, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, and natural gas utility, National Grid.
- To set an emissions reduction target based on realistic and feasible actions, including education and outreach initiatives (see above).

- 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

Energy Action Committee:

Turner Bledsoe

William Donovan

Otto Harling

Pam Harty, Chair

Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

Virginia LeClair

Brad Moyer

School Business Director, ex-officio

Town Accountant, ex-officio



The two new indoor golf simulators at the South Shore Country Club, an experience enjoyed by many since inception. Take the challenge and also visit the newly opened Sports Bar and Restaurant, "The Tour".

- Fourth of July Parade -



Theme - Happy 375th Birthday Hingham

Grand Marshal - Tom O'Donnell

Button Winners - 1st Place Felicia Bornstein, Plymouth River School

Runners Up - Lucy Collins, Foster School & Gillian Mehigan, East School

Planning for the birthday celebration began in August 2009 honoring the request of the 375th Committee to dedicate the parade to Hingham's 375th Anniversary!

The Parade Committee had many special surprises this year, including one that arrived under the cover of darkness. At the request and cost of the Parade Committee, late one June evening the DPW painted the center line along the parade route from the beginning on Middle Street to downtown's Main Street red, white and blue. Residents were extremely surprised and delighted upon discovering this patriotic display. The Townspeople were abuzz with enthusiasm and anticipation of the 4th of July events to come. Smiles of joy on the young and old alike abounded.

Due to the 4th falling on a Sunday this year, the starting time was shifted close to noon, rather than the traditional 10AM kickoff. Because of the heat and midday start, we alerted the record >1,000 participants to hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate some more. Thank you to Aquarion for providing water during the event. Nearly 25 floats were crafted for the parade and the Bare Cove Fire Museum brought out their best! Rather

than a few pieces of equipment, they brought so many that we had to line them up on Pond Street, and they nearly filled the street!

Due to the sheer size of the set up, we were both grateful and thankful that one of our parade partners, South Shore Country Club, has a fleet of golf carts – we needed them! Many floats were staged at Haley Field, where if you happened by early, you may have seen a mini-concert performed by The Normal Band, as they entertained fellow floats waiting for their alignment and moment to be released onto Rt. 228. The raucous pre-parade atmosphere at Haley Field really captured the feeling of the day.

Bob Fournier was spectacular in his role as Hingham's own Town Crier announcing the newly signed Declaration of Independence throughout the parade route, while standing on a replica of the Old Massachusetts State House Balcony where the first public reading in Massachusetts took place. Thanks to Paul & Lynn Bonanno for the design and Glenn Olsson for the construction of the float.

Both Uncle Sam and our own Paul Revere were also at the front of the parade, continuing the all American feeling we tried to capture. Thanks to Pleasant Meadow Farms for the horses and Mr. Morgan for his great rendition; he was accompanied by many family members, including his grandsons (Matt and James DeMenna) flanking him on horseback.

Our Grand Marshal, the esteemed Tom O'Donnell, was once again transported in a Saab provided by Fred Shaw of Shaw Saab – Thanks Fred! Ginny Gray showed off our button winners in her special baby blue Saab convertible. Way to go Ginny!

Special performers this year travelled all the way from Philadelphia, PA - the world famous Ferko String Band. They are regular participants in the Philadelphia Mummers Parade as well as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Their elaborate sequined costumes and outstanding music entertained all. The Hallamore Clydesdales from Lakeville, MA were breathtaking as they pranced along the parade route to the awe of the thousands of spectators.

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. Marching groups representing town youth and high school athletic teams, militia and

military groups, old time baseball players, as well as everyone's favorite, the Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band!

The Sr. Boston Crusaders Drum & Bugle Corp and the The 7th Regiment Drum & Bugle Corp from CT once again had us tapping our toes and marching to the beat as we enjoyed the melodic sounds of the horns and the beat of the percussionists.

The Cohasset Selectmen marched along side the Hingham Selectman in honor of their long ago history as being part of Hingham.

The Sponsor Billboard Float was made possible by Jack Dean of Color Max Graphics; Ross Rosano, R.W.Rosano Corp of Cohasset, provided the truck; Mike DeNatile of Scituate and president of All American Sports Group, LLC Canton, MA provided the turf for the float; and the beautiful flowers and shrubs donated by Williams Landscaping in Cohasset.

Due to the importance of this year's commemorative event, the Committee realized that extra special performers would increase the cost of the parade significantly. Through the numerous fundraising efforts throughout the year, the businesses and residents of Hingham really came through with flying colors! We were able to raise nearly \$45,000, which is the approximate cost spent on this year's magnificent event! Fundraising efforts this year included, proceeds from annual button sales with thanks to the Hingham/Hull Rotary for their dedication to selling the buttons on parade day. The annual direct mail requests to local business resulted in many corporate sponsors, including AW Perry, once again was our lead sponsor – a big thanks!!

New fundraising events this year included a night of Cocktails and Silent/Live Auction at Tosca; our first direct mail request to Hingham's residents was included in the Hingham Light June billing, which also provided key information for other town activities around the 4th. Over 200 residents responded, and many gave more than the requested \$10 donation. A huge thank you to the staff at Hingham Light, and a big thanks to those generous residents!

We've already started raising money for the 2011 event with a fall golf tournament at South Shore Country Club this past October. The amazing folks at the SSCC pulled off a great tournament, while bringing back an old tradition – the South Shore Four Ball! Nearly 100 participants came out on as morning that made it feel closer to The Old Course, St. Andrews rather than South Shore Country Club! Look for that to be an annual success.

It is the responsibility of the Fourth of July 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 floats, marchers, and bands are provided by different organizations. 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. New fundraising ideas are developed annually, and please donate when you get a chance – or even send in a random check; we like those surprises.

The small group listed below does a wonderful job and whose hard work is enjoyed by more than 10,000 people each year, and we are always looking for assistance.

Mary Ann Blackmur, Co-Chair
George Ford (Uncle Sam)
John Shreenan
Mary Ellen Lahiff
Margaret Costello
Virginia Spannagel
Carrie Murphy
Cassie McDermott
Susan Hagstrom
Jim Drew

Jim Murphy, Co-Chair
Ginny Gray
Jack Reader
Stan Blackmur
Sue Drew
Cyndy Tonucci
Laura Fisher
Jill Powell
Ruth Potter
Glen Olsson



The Ferko String Band from Philadelphia. This special unit participates regularly in the Philadelphia Mummers Parade and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

- 2010 Government Study Committee -

At the 2010 Town Meeting, voters directed the Moderator to appoint a Committee of seven citizens, knowledgeable in Town affairs, one of whom was designated by the Moderator as Chairman, to be known as the 2010 Committee to Review the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government.

The Committee was authorized to "examine all aspects of local government organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and recommend changes in such organization and structure, consonant with the traditional values of the Town, and designed to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of government services; which recommendations shall be made in a form suitable for consideration at the next Annual Town Meeting, or subsequent Town Meetings." \$10,000 was appropriated for the expenses of the Committee.

This effort follows a trail blazed by earlier government study committees in 1990 and 1999, each of which recommended reform and restructuring proposals adopted at subsequent town meetings.

During its first year, the Committee has gathered information from Town boards, departments and committees, seeking suggestions as to areas where we are doing well and areas where improvements might be made. We have met twice with the Board of Selectmen, and with the Moderator in public sessions at which others have been encouraged to participate. A website has been established, listing all reports and suggestions received to date. In addition, a broader survey of public opinion will be undertaken this Spring.

We have met with a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association to explore alternatives considered in other cities and towns which have recently reviewed and revised their governmental structure. Data from these communities, and others with which we traditionally compare ourselves, have been collected in order to discern emerging trends.

The Committee plans to review alternatives and, where deemed appropriate, recommend changes to the voters at the 2012 Town Meeting. We note that the League of Women Voters and others have

submitted certain relevant proposals for consideration at the 2011 Town Meeting, on which we may take a position.

Judith M. Cole, Chair
Philip J. Edmundson
Edna S. English
Scott C. Ford
Irma H. Lauter
Alexander Macmillan
Eva Marx



Hingham Town Meeting, 1941. Standing are Town Clerk William L. Howard, who served from 1931 to 1967, and Moderator Arthur B. Whittemore. Seated third from right is William L. Foster who served as selectman for 40 years, from 1905 to 1945, longer than anyone in the history of the Town. The picture is from "This is America" (pub. 1942) by Eleanor Roosevelt, who observed: "It is said that at one time the average Hingham voter at a town meeting could trace his ancestry back farther than the average member of the House of Lords. The statement is no longer true, if it ever was; but a least the town meeting, that fine tradition of American democracy, goes on undiminished." (The E. Howard clock on the wall is still ticking in the Selectmen's Office)

- 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 Sail 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. In support of a Social Studies enrichment activity, the G.A.R. Hall hosted 216 students from Hingham High School's 10th Grade. They attended a presentation given by two Veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The topic was about the Cold War Era with a question and answer session. Memorabilia was also on display for students to view.

Trustees

Scott McMillan
Keith Jermyn
Sephen Kelsch
Ernest Sofis, Historian



Students fill the GAR Hall listening to Veterans recount events of the Cold War Era

- Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund -

At 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". According to the provisions of the bequest, the funds would be held by the Town Treasurer and invested "in investments lawful for savings banks in Massachusetts".

The present recession has affected the investments and therefore only one check in the amount of \$500 was distributed in 2010. At present there is \$234.09 available for distribution.

It is hoped that 2011 will bring renewed growth to the fund.

Becky Weston
Tereza Prime
Louis Belknap



Viewers at the Second Parish Art Show. The Junior Division (shown here) is partially funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

- Harbor Development Committee -

Waterfront access and Hingham Harbor related issues continued to receive increased citizen involvement during the past year as several initiatives were discussed and introduced by our Committee, the Selectmen created Harbor Development Task Force (on which the Committee is represented) and through the continued efforts of Harbormaster Ken Corson.

The dredging of the Inner Harbor was completed in February of 2010 and a new mooring plan was implemented based on the Harbormaster's efforts working with Coastline Engineering to optimize the number of moorings and in segregating power boats from sail boats and vessels by size. The end result of these efforts was that there are now 230 moorings in the Inner Harbor vs. the 160 that previously existed and despite this drastic change/increase there were minimal issues with the public from this change. The Harbormaster also optimized the mooring field for the waters off World's End which have always been an extremely popular destination for groups of boaters particularly on weekends. These mooring optimization efforts resulted in increased net revenues to the Town, significantly shorter waiting lists and improved utilization for boaters with less navigational conflicts. The Committee worked with the Harbormaster in the fall of 2010 and held a public hearing to discuss an optimization plan for the moorings located on the public tidelands off the Hingham Yacht Club to similarly segregate vessels by type/length/draft etc. while minimizing navigational issues. This plan should come to fruition in 2011.

The Harbor Development Committee was represented at the Hingham Harbor Planning Task Force meetings this past year by members Nick Amdur (this Committee's former Chairman) and Alan Perrault. The Selectmen established the Task Force in 2009 to create a new study group represented by those elected and appointed Town Boards, Committees and employees with various stakes in the Inner Harbor such as the Planning Board, the Town Planner, the Bathing Beach Trustees, the HDIC, the Harbormaster, the Selectmen and our Committee. Through this group's efforts this past year, several initiatives that our Committee has championed were instituted including a trial geese control management program, zoning changes which allow more flexibility for non-conforming lots, permitting accessory use snack shops on both public and private parcels, etc.

It was the consensus of the Task Force and Board of Selectmen that certain topics fielded by the Task Force in 2009-2010 should be vetted

further by our Committee going forward. To this end, in the Fall of 2010 our Committee established our own "task list" of short and long term initiatives for the Harbor and the Waters of Hingham. These topics include:

- Undertake a full feasibility study on the Town Marina concept.
- Continue to monitor annual contributions to the dredging fund and ensure that we are prepared for the next inner harbor dredging cycle.
- Assess the cost, benefits and impacts of a waterfront boardwalk with and without a pedestrian bridge between Whitney Wharf and 3 Otis Street.
- Analyze the potential establishment of an enterprise fund for Hingham Harbor.
- Partner with other committees, organizations and private companies to sponsor kayaking programs and work to improve "car-top" boating access.
- Improve access to Steamboat Wharf, the Back River and the Bouve Property and linkages between Whitney Wharf, former Mobil Station property and Veteran's Park, also between Hingham Square and the Inner Harbor.

The Committee would like to note the significant contributions made on our behalf during the past several years by former members Nick Amdur, David Beal and Adrienne Ramsey.

Committee Members:

Alan Perrault, Chairman
Chris Daly, Secretary
Robert Mosher
David Fenton
Bryan Sweeney
Justin Woollacott
Michael Brazis
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 Susan Rowe 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.

In addition to our current mandated responsibilities the State Department of Environmental Protection has announced that local Boards of Health will assume the responsibility to permit and inspect landfills, transfer stations and recycling centers which had previously been the responsibility of the D.E.P. within the next two years. During the next two years, D.E.P. will offer solid waste trainings to Boards of Health to help with the transfer of responsibility.

The Health Department Staff spent time this year developing emergency response plans for Homeland Security. During this year the Hingham Board of Health along with the Scituate, Cohasset, Hull, Norwell and Hanover Boards of Health conducted a regional flu immunization clinic at the Hanover Mall. The purpose of this drill was to train and test a regional emergency dispensing site.

The Board assisted the Hingham Sewer Commission, this year, through the adoption of Fat, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) regulations which establishes wastewater discharge and recovery requirements for commercial businesses that generate fats, oils or grease and discharge into the municipal sewer system.

Permits issued in 2010 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Farmers Market... ..25 .	Food Establishment. 143
Retail Food..... 65	Store Milk 87
Catering..... 4	Frozen Desserts..... 13
Residential F.S..... 4	Mobile Food Service .. 13
Milk Vehicle..... 2	Septage Haulers 43
Rubbish Haulers 18	Septic Installers..... 45
Tanning Salons..... 3	Funeral Directors 2
Semi-Public Pools 11	Pool Constr.Permits .. 15
Trailer Parks..... 1	Day Camps 18
Septic Permits 100	Variance Appl. 48
Building Permits..... 302	Treatment Plant 225
Soil Evaluations. 53	Tobacco Sales 22
Animal Permits 12	Private Well Permits.. 22

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



Abby Childs has her blood pressure tested by Public Health Nurse Kathy Crowley. Residents may take advantage of this free service at the Board of Health office on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. and by appointment.

- Historic Districts Commission -

Preservation of Hingham's historical and architectural assets is essential to maintaining the character of the Town. Because of the efforts of many who have valued the historical importance, architectural style, and the interior features of the Town's historic 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 design review in historic districts. Enabled by the passage in the 1960's of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act, and locally 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 and Administrator review hundreds of applications from property owners seeking approval for exterior work on properties in historic districts. Applications for maintenance or repair are reviewed and approved immediately. Applications for changes to the exterior of an historical property require a public hearing. The Commission's objective is to help applicants meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of the original structure. The Commission uses guidelines established by the United States Secretary of the Interior to determine the appropriateness work of proposed in historic districts. The Historic Districts Handbook, available at no charge from the Historical Commission office, further defines the guidelines for exterior work on properties located in a district. *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts* 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 includes an architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, and a resident of an historic district, each of whom brings preservation-related knowledge and experience. The public is welcome to attend Commission hearings held monthly at Town Hall on Thursday evenings as scheduled. The Commission Office, on the second floor of the Town Hall, is open

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 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.

The Commission wishes to thank former Chairman Scott Ford for his extraordinary leadership and his commitment to the principles and practice of preservation, former Vice-Chair Ben Wilcox for sharing his expert knowledge of building construction and historic structures, and Elaine Marcell for her service and her dedication to maintaining the integrity of the Town's historic streetscapes. The Commission welcomes new appointees George Ford, John D'Angelo, and Marty Saunders.

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

Susan Berry, Chair	Arthur Choo, Jr.
Chuck Clutz	John D'Angelo, Vice-Chair
George Ford	Winston Hall
Nancy MacKay	Marty Saunders
John McCoy	Bill Tuite

ADMINISTRATION

Andrea Young, Administrator
Leah Godfrey



The late Hingham historian John P. Richardson (1936-2011), amidst his treasures at 99 Fort Hill Street. John is holding a 17th century milking stool made from a tree root by Samuel Lincoln, ancestor of Abraham Lincoln.

- 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 former Chair Alexander Macmillan for his long-time commitment and many contributions to preserving the Town's historical and architectural assets, to former Vice-Chair Sarah Dewey, for her service in the pursuit of preservation, and for acting as liaison to the Community Preservation Committee, and Arlyn Vogelmann for contributing her expertise in architectural history and architectural design. The Commission welcomes new members Robert Curley, Jr., Huck Handy, and Steve Swett .

The Historical Commission meets the first Monday of the month at Town Hall. The office is on the second floor and is open Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Virginia Tay, Chair	Robert Curley, Jr.
Thomas Willson	Huck Handy
Beth Rockoff	Steve Swett
Noel Ripley, Jr.	

ADMINISTRATION

Andrea Young, Administrator
Leah Godfrey

- Long Range Waste Disposal Planning and Recycling Committee -

In 2010, The LRWDPR Committee continued to focus on increasing resident awareness of the cost of waste disposal and the savings generated for Hingham through consistent recycling. The Committee prepared educational information on recycling and composting for display at the Hingham Library and wrote articles for the Hingham Journal, including an article on the SWAP area to help educate residents on matters related to its operation, hours, and limitations. The Committee co-sponsored a lecture on Recycling and the SEMASS facility where the town's waste is taken to be burned in a waste to energy plant, and participated in educational events at the Derby School Fair and the Town Open House. The Committee now has bulletin board display space on the first floor of Town Hall where information about waste reduction strategies and what can (and must be) recycled will be available for town residents.

During the past year, the Committee also worked to facilitate residents' understanding of and transition to updated Rules and Regulations for the Transfer Station, the new permitting system (access stickers), and the new scale. In addition to writing informational articles for the Hingham Journal, the Committee held a public meeting where residents were invited to learn more about the updated regulations and reasons for them, ask questions, and receive direct answers.

In April 2010, the Committee was charged by the Board of Selectmen to conduct research regarding ways the town might increase revenue through waste and recycling operations. From May through October 2010, the Committee performed extensive survey research of how "benchmark" and other local towns are handling the costs and potential revenues from waste and recycling operations. Five models were identified. The Committee provided education and sought resident input regarding possible models for Hingham through the "Talking Trash" presentation, a survey on the Town's website and a public meeting. The Committee then presented a report to the Board of Selectmen on November 30, 2010. Should the town decide to change its current system, the following models were recommended in this order: 1st - Permitted Access with Itemized Fees model; and, 2nd - Pay As You Throw model. The full research report and summary of resident responses to the survey can be found on the town website (see the Department of Public Works or the Long Range Waste Disposal Planning and Recycling Committee's webpages).

The Committee is pleased to report that the new stickers and permitting process have been implemented smoothly, with stickers being issued at the DPW office weekdays and one Saturday per month. From June 2010 through January 2011, 3,570 stickers were issued to residents at no cost, 329 residents purchased additional stickers for their household's vehicles, 155 commercial stickers were issued to residents with commercial trucks, two (2) permits were issued to non-residents with commercial trucks for a fee, and one permit was issued to a resident commercial waste hauler. The goal of the new permitting process is twofold: (1) to insure access to the Transfer Station is limited to current town residents to bring their household waste and recycling at no added cost; and, (2) to insure that those with commercial waste are accurately charged for the disposal of their Construction & Demolition waste ("C&D"), Bulky waste, and/or Yard waste (via the scale). Total receipts for access permits/stickers from June through December 2010 were \$16,175.

By the end of May 2011, all vehicles entering the Transfer Station must display the new permit stickers or show a paper permit. Residents will have the option of disposing of C&D or bulky waste in excess of the weekly maximum by using the scale to assess the fee for the additional waste. Residents with commercial trucks and the handful of non-residents with commercial permits will continue to pay fees for disposing of C&D/Bulky waste and Yard waste. Revenue from commercial and household use of the scale reached \$35,000 in 2010. The scale is generating revenue as expected and the Transfer Station is on target to meet the three year payback of the capital expenses for its installation.

Despite a very slight decrease in household waste tonnage (down 4 tons compared to 2009), Hingham's costs to dispose of household waste rose \$22,000 in 2010 due to the increased disposal cost per ton in our contract with SEMASS. The LRWDPR Committee is pleased to report that the town has successfully negotiated a new contract, beginning 1/1/11, which reduces our disposal rate from \$104 per ton to \$80 per ton for the year, with small yearly increases over the 10 year period of the new contract. In addition to these cost savings, the town should expect to see some reduction in waste tonnage with the tighter system of access permits, once the system is fully implemented as of June 2011. Construction and Demolition/Bulky waste tonnage increased by 92 tons from 2009, due to sharp increases in materials brought in after the floods of spring 2010. After the scale was installed, Construction and Demolition/Bulky waste tonnage for the last six months of the year was down twenty tons compared to 2009, demonstrating that the scale has

brought in revenue from disposal of residents' commercial waste but has not increased the total amount of such waste brought to the Transfer Station.

The Committee notes with concern a continued decrease in Hingham's recycling tonnage over the course of the past year. Although in 2010 household waste tonnage was down by 4 tons, recycling tonnage was down 47 tons compared to 2009. Plastics and glass recycling are up, but paper and cardboard recycling are down. As paper comprises the single largest portion of household waste, increased focus on sorting and recycling all paper and cardboard is a priority for the coming year. In addition to more consistently following the Commonwealth's laws requiring these materials be removed from the waste stream, increased paper and cardboard recycling will both reduce the town's waste disposal costs and yield increased revenues as our town receives payment for these recycled commodities. An important goal for the Town in 2011 will be to improve our overall recycling rate, especially our paper and cardboard recycling rate.

The Committee would like to recognize the ongoing efforts of the Hingham Schools to reduce waste by increasing recycling (all schools) and composting of food waste (three schools have composting systems for their cafeteria food waste in place and two others are doing pilot projects). The schools have systems in place for consistent recycling of the following materials: paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, ink and toner cartridges, glass and metal containers from their kitchens, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts. Each school also holds drives to collect and donate, for re-use, such materials as coats and other clothing, sneakers, soccer uniforms and cleats, costumes, books and other media.

The Committee's goals for 2011 include: focusing on educating residents about the importance of consistent paper and cardboard recycling; focusing on education about "pre-cycling" or reducing waste at the point of purchasing materials; focusing on education about home composting of organic materials (food waste and yard waste, another waste reduction strategy); implementing a more visible and consistent recycling program at Town Hall; and establishing a "work payback to the town" system for the youth groups who receive proceeds from the deposit bottles and cans collected at the Transfer Station.

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Help Hingham Save,
RECYCLE!

- Massport/Logan Citizens Advisory Committee -

Noise Relief for Hingham and the South Shore

You may not have noticed recently that the skies are much quieter over Hingham than they used to be.

This is a result of a 30-plus year collaboration between the FAA, Massport and the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) which includes Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and another 35 communities around Boston. This collaboration was not always smooth and in fact, at one stage litigious but, at least for Hingham, we finally seem to be on the right flight path.

Hingham has an average in excess of 450 flights daily not including the high altitude flights to and from Europe. We have been plagued with almost continuous noise from aircraft overflights for many years, with nearly 80% of departing flights and 30% of arriving flights crossing the town. While one might think a little bit of noise is only a momentary inconvenience, medical studies are highlighting a trend that noise can cause medical issues – particularly related to repeated sleep interruption.

On November 18, 2010, the FAA implemented the last of the recommendations of the CAC under Phase 1 of the Noise Study to reduce noise from aircraft arriving at and departing Logan International Airport. Aircraft departing Logan will now cross the shoreline over Hingham and on the South and North Shores approximately twice as high as before and be more equitably dispersed on the South Shore from Hull in the north to Marshfield in the south. The FAA has also implemented a precision guidance system (RNAV) that routes aircraft on highly accurate tracks.

The effort to obtain noise relief began 10 years ago when the towns of Hull, Hingham and Cohasset joined several lawsuits against the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) in opposition to the implementation of a new runway (14/32) and new taxiway at Logan. Hingham appropriated \$100,000 while Hull and Cohasset appropriated additional amounts to support the suits. In addition, Hingham and Cohasset citizens formed the South Shore Jet Pollution Council (SSJPC), a grassroots organization that independently pursued legal and administrative remedies. Meanwhile, CAC submitted a set of recommended flight patterns to the Federal Aviation Administration and Massport that had been proposed by members from Hull, Hingham and Cohasset to reduce noise on the North and South Shores.

In November 2003 Judge Margot Botsford of the Superior Court of Massachusetts found in favor of the Massachusetts Port Authority and against the communities and authorized the construction of runway 14/32. While deeply disappointing, the one ray of hope was a requirement in Judge Botsford's Final Judgment that mitigation measures specified in the FAA's Record of Decision (ROD) of August 2002 be implemented and enforced. That ROD contained specific language that required Massport and the FAA to engage in a study with the following language: "FAA's preliminary assessment of proposals by South Shore communities indicates that changes in flight tracks and possibly other proposals may be feasible," and that the "FAA, Massport, and the CAC (which includes the South Shore communities) will work jointly to develop the scope of a noise study that will include enhancing existing or developing new noise abatement measures applicable to aircraft overflights." Now after ten years, innumerable disappointments, thousands of hours of dedicated work by Massport, the FAA and consultants from Landrum & Brown & Ricondo, countless hours by citizen volunteers and the CAC, and \$8 million dollars later, the first phase of the noise study is complete. It is a pleasure to report that we believe it has accomplished its goals and should be judged a success.

This is only the end of Phase 1 (of 4). The next phase reviews how noise can be minimized for the communities surrounding Logan using creative solutions such as minimizing engine use on the taxiways, new flight paths, continuous descent, adopting greater technology, new procedures etc.

For Hingham, our final challenges are to minimize those pesky over flights when the wind is from the northwest and aircraft fly too low to land on Runway 33 – particularly at night. In addition, we need to be vigilant in monitoring the success of the program to make sure we don't see erosion of the recommendations and over flights return to their previous levels.

For more information, please go to www.bostonoverflightnoisestudy.com. Should you wish to monitor which aircraft are making noise, or indeed register a complaint, please go to www.massport.com/environment. You may also call Massport's Noise Complaint Line at (617) 561-3333.

Declan Boland – Hingham Representative to CAC and CAC Secretary.

- Hingham Memorial Bell Tower -

Over the years, the Bell Tower has attracted numerous visitors, many from England, to watch and participate in the fascinating art of change-ringing bells. Unlike other years, this year there were no large groups that came, which probably could be attributed to the economy.

Recently a structure study was done on the tower with the possibility of some renovations in the near future. This study was imperative to know just what improvements needed to be done in order to preserve this wonderful landmark whose 100th anniversary will be celebrated in 2012.

Weekly ringing is done on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Committee extends a welcome to all who would like to try their hand at ringing or just wanting to know more about the Tower.

Kenneth W. Drescher
Joan Getto
John McKendry
Martha Ryan
Ann Shilhan
Michael Shilhan
Dorcas Wagner



John McKendry, Ann Shilhan and Joan Getto working the ropes on a Tuesday night.

- Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project -

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 2010 season began with a high water table and above average spring rain fall. Plymouth County was declared a federal disaster area because of the spring flooding in March and April. As we expected the initial requests for spraying were numerous but we were prepared for a busy season, not knowing it was going to be the worst Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) threat in 100 years. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding were accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Over 11,000 acres were aerial laticided using the Project plane. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 3, 2010 and ended on September 18, 2010. The Project responded to 16,641 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). Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, ten Plymouth County towns were elevated from "Low Level " or "Moderate Level' for EEE Risk" category to "High Level" EEE risk category. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. An aerial intervention was needed to effectively reduce human biting bridge vector mosquitoes as well as enzootic transmission of EEE. Governor Patrick, announced aerial spraying would take place on August 4, 5, & 6, 2010 in southeastern Ma. Communities sprayed within the district included Lakeville, Bridgewater, Carver, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Pembroke, Duxbury, Kingston, Plympton, Middleboro, Rochester and Mattapoisett to help prevent further spread of EEE infected mosquitoes. In 2010 there were two human cases, one lived within the county the other traveled within the county. Two horses died as a result of contracting EEEV in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of four isolations of WNV mosquitoes were found. *Culex pipiens* bird biters were trapped in Halifax on 6/30, and Brockton on 8/11 and *Culiseta melanura* in Plympton on 9/1 and Lakeville on 9/20 . We are also pleased to report that in 2010 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 59,251 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

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.

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. 3,076 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 June and the last in September. During the summer 2,566 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. Last year a total of 45 inspections were made to catalogued breeding sites.

Water Management. During 2010 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 400 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.

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 three days with more than 879 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district was generally *Culiseta melanura* and *Coquillettidia perturbans*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Cq. Perturbans*, *Ae. vexans* and *Cs. melanura*.

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

Anthony Texeira
Superintendent

- Public Library -

As we take stock of the past twelve months it is possible to sum it up in one word - challenging. The on-going fiscal crisis has changed the economic and political realities for communities across the Commonwealth. The Town of Hingham, and by extension its public library, have been given no dispensation from the ravages of the deep national recession. Losses of personnel, curtailed operating hours and shrinking book budgets featured in the Library's 2010 budget. And, for the first time since the decades old State Library Aid program began, HPL required a waiver from the minimum standards to participate in the program. HPL met the program's open hours and materials expenditure requirements but did not comply with the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR). The MAR is a minimum budgetary appropriation made through Annual Town Meeting. HPL will need to apply for another waiver for the same deficiency in 2011.

It would be all too easy to look at this landscape and see only gloom but that would be disingenuous. There is much about which to be positive. Library usage is at record levels as the economy has shifted residents to the affordable services of the library and allowed a broad segment of the community to "discover" or "re-discover" its resources. The Circulation Department remained as busy as ever during 2010, with staff working diligently to assist the 271,419 patrons who walked through the doors. During 2010, staff assisted patrons by checking out 437,914 items; filling 43,090 holds; handling 117,443 items in delivery; and registering 1,485 new patrons. Over 9,250 individuals ranging in age from pre-schoolers to senior citizens attended programs and special events. The Reference Department fielded over 5,600 requests for information. The Cataloging Department classified and added nearly 16,000 books and other materials to our collection. This is a major accomplishment in light of the Cataloging Department's serious understaffing. Volunteers gave generously of their time and talent contributing 5,343 hours to keep the Library running efficiently.

Residents gave generously and in record amounts to the 2009/2010 annual New Century Fund Drive. The Library Trustee's Development Committee also ran a successful On-line Auction, and cooperated with Hingham Newcomers Club to hold a Holiday Stroll fund-raiser at Derby Street Shoppes. This Committee also secured a Comcast literacy grant on behalf of the Children's Department. In many respects, 2010 was not a favorable one from a municipal budgetary perspective but it was one of the strongest on record for use and for private philanthropic support.

In 2010 the Library lost 1.5 fulltime positions. These reductions were accomplished without layoffs by not filling vacant positions. While productivity and expertise were lost through the reductions, a talented and hard-working staff mitigated the losses and successfully focused on keeping service strong.

The Library also lost municipal funding for Sunday hours in 2010. Sunday, as many of our patrons can attest, is a very busy, in-demand day. The typical four hour Sunday afternoon transaction and foot traffic counts are equivalent to eight hours on a weekday. However, losing Sunday hours would be more than a simple quantitative reduction of access. Because Sundays are characteristically the most family friendly day in Library's schedule, the Library Trustees recognize a qualitative diminution of service will occur without a sustainable remedy in place.

Remarkably our residents were shielded from the impact of the 2010 Sunday funding reduction by receipt of a generous \$46,000 donor-directed grant from the Rhode Island Foundation. As a result of this grant, the Library opened 27 Sundays and card-holders borrowed 24,639 items and made 13,578 unique visits. On a typical Sunday over 500 hundred individuals visited and borrowed 913 books and other library materials. The Board of Trustees is grateful to the anonymous donor for making a qualitative difference in the life of our community.

In 2010 the Board of Library Trustee's Long Range Planning Committee [LRPC] under the able leadership of David Mehegan completed a new Long Range Plan for the years 2011 – 2015. The Plan presents a forward looking blueprint of how the Library will deliver its services in the coming years and evolve as the traditional print and the newer digital worlds are bridged. The LRPC adapted the Public Library Association's "New Planning for Results" planning tools to its needs and incorporated "community forums" [focus groups] to obtain input from residents. The LRPC also used the donated services of New York-based Reach Advisors to conduct an on-line patron survey that gave the LRPC excellent insight into the needs and interests of many of the Library's core users. Reach Advisors specializes in analyzing the use patterns of museums and other cultural institutions. Both the forums and the Reach Advisors survey underscored the importance of the library as community gathering place. Children's literacy development and life-long learning for adults also placed highly among participants. The entire Plan and appendices can be found on www.hinghamlibrary.org. The LRPC consists of Chairman David Mehegan and Trustees Michael Barclay, Arthur T. Garrity, Jr., Harold S. Goldstein, JoAnn Mitchell, A. Stedman Murdy, and Susan Rabuffo. Library

Director Dennis R. Corcoran and Board President Charles Abbott are ex-officio members.

In recent years the Library has seen a growing interest in its life-long learning offerings. Life-long learning is the provision of opportunities for people of all ages to acquire and update abilities, interests, knowledge and qualifications. Life-long learning activities promote the development of knowledge and competences to enable each citizen to adapt to the growing knowledge-based society and actively participate in all spheres of its social and economic life. Activities have included author visits, lectures, discussion groups and concerts. Reference staff continue to offer small-group and one-to-one tutorials on the use of computers, online library resources, and genealogy. The Reference added instruction in downloadable audio and eBooks, technologies in which the library is becoming more heavily invested. Staff also provides reader advisory service to patrons and offer book talks both within the library and for groups at other venues.

Somewhat more formal learning opportunities are offered to learners age 50 and older through a partnership with the Osher Life Long Learning Institute [OLLI] located at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. In 2010 OLLI began offering mid-day lectures and several courses per semester at our Library. Residents can participate in OLLI programs at HPL without cost on a space-available basis.

Even preschoolers participate in life-long learning at HPL. The ever-busy children's library staff under the guidance of Anna Byrne is delivering Spanish language story hours through a partnership with Su Esquela Language Center of Cohasset. The children listen to native speakers and practice simple phrases.

Library staff undertook a major planning process for HPL's historical collection by engaging the Inlook Group of Portsmouth, NH as consultants to provide detailed information on the collections and recommendations for enhancing access to them and assuring their preservation. The consulting work was funded by a Community Preservation Act grant and produced "Master Plan for the Preservation and Access to Hingham's Historical Collections". In addition to the Library the planning process included the Hingham Historical Society, Hingham's Town Clerk, Hingham Historical Commission/Historic Districts Commission and the Hingham School Department. Reference Librarian Anne Dalton took the lead role for the Library throughout the planning process. The Master Plan is available for review from the Reference Department.

In 2010 the Library was one of three municipal buildings studied by Hingham Municipal Light Plant [HMLP] for the potential implementation of a combined heat and power (CHP) installation. The other buildings included in the study were Hingham High School and Hingham Middle School. HMLP hired energy consultant Source One of Boston, MA to conduct the study. CHP is a process combining the thermal and electric delivery systems used by a building into one process. CHP can be significantly more efficient with fuel use than traditional methods if consumption patterns allow for effective use of waste heat. The study concluded none of the buildings analyzed were candidates for a cost-effective and practical implementation of CHP. In the Library's case, Source One recommended the replacement of the 1965 vintage boilers with high efficiency, modulating boilers to reduce natural gas usage. The Library is carrying forward a request to replace the aging boilers in its Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Plan. The report also encourages evaluation of a solar photovoltaic [PV] installation to make domestic hot water. The PV option will be investigated further by the Library Director in Fiscal Year 2012. The Library Trustees are grateful to HMLP for undertaking this study.

A number of notes of appreciation and recognition are in order. To Joan Newell for her on-going leadership as our Volunteer Coordinator; to Adrienne Richards for guiding our used Bookstore and the Home Delivery service; to the Garden Club of Hingham for landscape maintenance and floral presentations; to Trustee Edna English, Business Administrator Joan Allen and Library Technician Jill Blair for their superb management of the New Century Fund drive; to the late Mary Niles for her support and encouragement; to the Board of Library Trustees for their guidance and collective vision; to the Library staff for its energy and creativity in meeting the challenges of maintaining service excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis R. Corcoran
Library Director

- Hingham Public Schools -

As of October 1, 2010, there were 4043 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 48 students over October 1, 2009. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 59 pre-school students in the integrated program, 50 out-of-district students (special education), and 2 vocational students.

June 2010 represented the end of the first year of operation of the new East School. The near capacity enrollment of 634 students (PK-5) enjoyed a productive enrollment in their new learning environment. Resolution of punch list items and the audit process with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) continued through fall 2010. The \$26.6 million dollar project was reimbursed at approximately 40% by the MSBA. During summer of 2010, the School Building Committee also oversaw the third and final phase of town-funded (\$7,000,000) renovation projects at Foster and Plymouth River Schools. Third phase projects included window and door replacements, and the purchase of 14 Smart Boards.

The 2010 Town Election saw Raymond Estes and Andrew Shafter elected to the School Committee. Linda Hill and Barbara Cook were elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, in May 2010. Leadership changes in 2010 included the appointments of Lynne Petrowski as Director of Food Services (a position shared with the Cohasset Public Schools), Katie Roberts as the Resource Teacher for Science K-12, and Deborah Whiting as Resource School Nurse. In late 2010, John Ferris was appointed to replace David Killory as Director of Business and Support Services (a position that Mr. Killory held for 11 years), effective in January 2011.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2011 (school year 2010-2011) was approved in April 2010 at \$36,426,176 (including \$321,000 in capital funds). That figure includes a town meeting appropriation and the use of federal stimulus dollars in the amount of \$961,000.

Hingham students continued to perform above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2010 MCAS. The percentage of Hingham students performing at the proficient or advanced levels increased in grade 3 reading and math, grade 4 English/Language Arts (ELA), grade 5 ELA, math, and science, grade 6 math, grade 7 ELA and math, and grade 8 ELA, math, and science. At grade 10, 93% scored proficient/advanced in ELA, 88% in math, and 89% in science, with 42% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 67% scoring advanced in math. All members of the Class of 2010 passed both the ELA and math MCAS

required for graduation. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) reports released by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) indicate strong individual student growth in grades 4, 5, and 10 ELA and in grades 5 and 10 in math MCAS tests.

All six schools and the district as a whole met the 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets issued by the DESE in ELA and math for the aggregate. Hingham Middle School, however, did not meet AYP targets for the first year in ELA and math for a subgroup. In addition to the District, Hingham High, East, Foster, and Plymouth River Schools met the AYP targets in ELA and math for all subgroups. South School met the improvement targets in ELA and math for a subgroup and will be removed from the "in need of improvement" status if the subgroup makes AYP for a second consecutive year. Hingham Schools received DESE commendations as follows: Hingham High School for High Growth, Hingham Middle School for Narrowing Proficiency Gaps, and Plymouth River School for High Growth and Narrowing Proficiency Gaps.

On June 5, 2010, 245 students graduated from Hingham High School. Of these graduates, 93% plan to continue their formal education. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2010 include: 2 National Merit semi-finalists, 8 National Merit commended students, 48 Advanced Placement Scholars, and 43 members inducted into the National Honor Society. At the twelfth annual Senior Awards Night, 202 members of the Class of 2010 were honored. More than \$271,000 in local scholarship money was awarded to these graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or 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 2010 as 25 teams participated in MIAA post-season competition. Four teams won league championships including boys' spring track, girls' tennis, boys' tennis, and boys' soccer (Patriot League Champions for the third year in a row). The boys' ice hockey team won the Division IA Super 8 State Championship, the first time that Hingham has won this championship and only the second time that this accomplishment has been achieved by a public high school. The girls' ice hockey team made it to the Division I semi-finals and was named the recipient of the prestigious Mulloy Award for Sportsmanship. The boys' and girls' tennis teams won MIAA Division II South Sectional Championships with the boys going on to win the State Championship and the girls coming in second. The boys' lacrosse team became an EMass finalist in the MIAA tournament. HHS students

and coaches won numerous individual honors as well during the 2010 seasons including Coach of the Year honors for ice hockey coach Tony Messina (The Boston Globe) and head football coach Paul Killinger (Eastern Massachusetts Association of Interscholastic Football Officials).

Student enrollment at the middle school has grown again this year by 32 students. Projections continue to show an increase for the next five years. During 2010 the Master Plan Review Committee confirmed the need for both additional space and renovation to the existing facility at the middle school. In order to address enrollment and physical plant concerns, the Massachusetts School Building Authority has notified the town of its willingness to work with the town to develop a feasibility study for solutions to problems of inadequate space and aging conditions at the middle school. Once again, during the 2010 school year school administrators worked creatively to accommodate the larger number of students, focusing special attention on scheduling and traffic flow measures to mitigate hallway crowding and enhance safe movement of students (particularly at passing times and the end of the school day).

As a result of restricted budget resources, the School Committee approved the implementation of an optional middle school student activity fee in an effort to maintain after school programs as well as an increase to existing high school athletic fees. In both instances, a fee schedule was developed to assist families with more than one child participating in these programs.

Elementary schools continue to enhance instruction in literacy, math, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives including Response to Intervention (RTI) models of targeted instruction, updated curriculum materials, technology support, tutoring, family celebrations, book clubs, literacy and math nights, involvement with the community, enrichment programs, and service projects. Elementary schools have designed, posted, and trained staff in school-specific behavior matrixes in order to create safe, productive learning environments that foster responsibility and respect.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed "An Act Relative to Bullying in Schools" on May 3, 2010. In accordance with this new legislation, a district Bullying Prevention Task Force developed and the School Committee approved a Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan with the theme The Three R's: Respect, Responsibility, and Relationships. The plan was submitted to DESE in early December. The School Committee approved a new bullying policy and procedures for its implementation were developed by the school administration. Extensive

bullying prevention and intervention training sessions were conducted for all staff, students, and parents and training on the "Plan" will continue in 2011.

The School Committee also adopted a newly revised district-wide mission which incorporates HPS Core Beliefs. The mission and core beliefs were developed during a yearlong process and included input from administrators, educators, parents, and other community members.

The Hingham Public Schools continued to benefit from strong and long-standing community partnerships in 2010. The cooperative efforts and generosity of parents, PTO's, booster and other community groups, civic organizations, the Hingham Education Foundation, and the Hingham Sports Partnership again assisted the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving its goals. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge their appreciation of the many community efforts that serve to support the excellent facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

DOROTHY GALO, Ph.D.
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- 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 involved the development of a new consolidated facility for the DPW and the development of four new athletic fields and a skateboard park. The Cold Storage Building and the Sand and Salt Building were completed in 2008. The New DPW Maintenance and Administration Building was completed in 2009. The Carlson Athletic Fields were completed and opened in the Spring of 2010. During the Fall of 2010, construction of the skateboard park commenced. It is expected to be completed and open for use by the Winter/Spring 2011. Upon completion of the skateboard park, the Committee's nine year assignment will have been completed.

Public Works Building Committee

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Karl Willner



The Skatepark on Bare Cove Park Drive opened on schedule in late winter 2011.

- Recreation Commission -

The Hingham Recreation Department is an integral part of the community with the Recreation Center attracting residents of all ages and interests. 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 had a successful 2010 Summer Program. There were more than 1300 children who attended the Pre-School, Playground, and Teen Extreme Programs. The popular Summer Program includes sports, field games, swimming, arts and crafts, field trips, and is staffed by an experienced and enthusiastic group of counselors. The 2010 Summer Program also featured a new and exciting series of entertainers including brand new dance and yoga instructors. 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 foster a sense of belonging. Furthermore, in an attempt to offer the benefits of the Summer Program to a larger number of residents, the Recreation Department developed the Teen Xtreme program. This brand new program offers middle school aged Hingham residents the opportunity to get out of the house and join Recreation staff on a number of Xtreme fieldtrips including Water Country, Fenway Park, and the Boston Aquarium. Due to its success in the summer of 2010, the Teen Xtreme program will be offered again in 2011 and will hopefully become a permanent feature of the Recreation Summer Program.

The Recreation Department saw a number of upgrades in 2010, including the adoption of new Recreation software. By digitalizing its registration process, the Recreation Department is now able to offer customers with more convenient and efficient service. One major benefit of the new software is the elimination of the Summer Program lottery. Online registration will greatly increase the department's ability to manage the Summer Program and make communication with customers simpler and more efficient. In addition to increasing the ease of facility and program management, the new software has allowed the department to substantially reduce its paper usage. Thus the move to online registration has proved itself to be just as environmentally friendly

as it is user friendly. While improving the management of Recreation facilities, the department has also placed a great amount of focus on the maintenance and improvement of those facilities. In 2010, Cronin baseball field underwent considerable renovation. With 1400 square feet of new sod, 2 tons of new infield mix, and a new pitching mound, the field is now prepped and ready for the 2011 baseball season.

July 4th, 2010 marked the 52nd annual 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, and fund capital projects. 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.



Cronin Field Renovation 2010



14,000 square feet of sod



Cronin Field – Renovation Completed

Respectfully submitted, Mark Thorell, Recreation Director
Recreation Commissioners
Frank Jones, Chairman Paul Paget
Budd Thorne, Vice-Chair Trevor Byrne
Tom Belyea, Secretary

- Hingham Scholarship Committee -

The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets for the calendar year 2010 ended with a balance of \$3,261,164 compared to year-end balance in 2009 of \$2,971,412, an increase in total market value of approximately 9.75%. This includes investment returns plus capital additions and scholarship disbursements. If the distribution to scholarship recipients during the year were added to investment returns, present and future scholarship beneficiaries enjoyed approximately 14.57% return for the year.

During 2010 market returns were positive for many asset classes: The Standard and Poor's 500 index was up 15.06%, The BarCap Aggregate Bond Index was higher by 6.54%. A simple weighted average of the two broad asset classes mentioned above in a 60/40 mix similar to Scholarship guidelines would imply a "balanced" portfolio return on the order of 11.65%.

At the beginning of 2010, the portfolio was constructed with an asset mix of approximately 71% equities and 29% bonds and money market instruments. The committee feels that the perpetual nature of the fund combined with the low levels of yields in the bond market justifies the investment in stocks at the high end of Scholarship guidelines (65% to 75%). The current asset mix continues to reflect this view.

Income from the fund provided scholarships to 173 students who graduated from Hingham High School in June 2010, totaling \$144,000 (last year 173 students received awards totaling \$124,000). The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975 and in the intervening years a total of over \$1.9 million has been awarded to Hingham High graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

During 2010, the committee continued to implement the guidelines set forth in the Investment Policy Statement for the Scholarship Fund, formalized in 2005.

The fund received new contributions from citizens and friends of the Town of Hingham during the year of \$1,197. New contributions are always welcome to the fund in any amount, 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 function properly without the efforts of the professional employees of the Town of Hingham, specifically Nancy Leahy of the Treasurer's office who handles the many administrative details involved with donations and distributions during the year.

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
(By Selectmen, Art 26 ATM 1975)	
Thomas Hagstrom, Chair	2013
Kurt Weisenbeck, Clerk	2013
Roger Nastou	2013
Matthew Welch	2013
Andrew Shafter	2012
Clay Graham	2012
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer (ex-officio)	

- Hingham 375th Anniversary Committee -

In September of 1635 Hingham was named the 12th town in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. To honor the 375th anniversary of this occasion, the Selectmen of the Town of Hingham appointed a Committee to present a year-long series of events designed to highlight the Town's history and its current place in time.

Therefore, beginning in September 2009 with a grand opening event at the "Old Ordinary" and culminating in September 2010 with an all town "Old Fashioned Picnic" on Hingham Harbor, approximately 53 public informational, educational and historic public programs took place. The Committee would like to thank the many generous and enthusiastic volunteers and supporters from all corners of the community who helped to make this possible. They included the Hingham schools, institutions public and private, the commercial and industrial entities, clubs, societies and houses of worship, as well as citizens, neighbors and friends of all ages who participated in the fun of looking at our town through the eyes of those who came before us, experiencing the beauty and resources around us in the present, and imagining what the future might hold for those who follow.

Details, photographs and records of the 375th Anniversary year may be found at the Hingham Historical Society, Town offices and in the archives of local magazines and newspapers, as well as in either of the two official publications which bracketed the celebration. The colorful Hingham Commemorative Book, presented at the opening event, offers a snapshot of Hingham on the eve of the year. A second publication, Hingham's 375th Anniversary, was printed in October 2010 and generously distributed to every household in Hingham by Gatehouse News, Community News Corporation and the Hingham Journal.

On October 29th, the Committee and Town Officials met on the grounds of the Hingham Public Library to bury a time capsule containing 375th Anniversary memorabilia and records. A granite shaft engraved "375th" was sunk in the ground to locate the sites of this capsule and that of the "350th" anniversary.

The Committee is happy to report that no town funds were expended in fulfillment of its mission. All events were paid for through the sale of commemorative items and generous gifts of individuals and participating organizations. We thank the Town and its leaders for their support in this

celebration year and for giving us the opportunity to stop a moment, and focus on our good fortune to be part of Hingham's living history.

Justine L. W. Thurston,
Chairperson
L. K. Burnaby, Treasurer
Meg Robbins, Secretary
Thomas Bright
Suzanne Buchanan
Ann Burnaby
Ann Collins
Henry Day
Lucinda Day
Edmund Demko
Joan Getto

Leah Godfrey
Lucy Jacobus
Irene Kane
Elizabeth Klein
Diane Lewis
Deborah Ludwig
Julianne Mehegan
Joan Snowber
Robin Stuart-Tilley
Daniel Walsh
Cynthia Wilkins
Barbara Wollan



Photograph by Ralph Granata

- Veterans' Services -

The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115. Following a decline in the number of clients served during the first half of the year, the trend reversed during the second half, due primarily to returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Department also is charged with the responsibility for arranging and managing the Town's Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies as well as the annual graveside memorial ceremony for the Town's Medal of Honor recipient, Herbert Lewis Foss. Navy Captain Peter Finney was the featured speaker for the Memorial Day observance at the High School, and Navy Rear Admiral John R. Hines, the featured speaker for the Veterans' Day ceremony at Town Hall. In response to numerous citizen requests, the Veterans' Day venue was modified so that the major portion of the ceremony was conducted indoors in the Sanborn Auditorium.

During the autumn, the then Veterans' Services Director, Michael Cunningham, resigned in order to accept a similar position for a newly-established regionalized office serving veterans in Randolph and Milton. The Board of Selectmen appointed Navy Chief Petty Officer Keith A. Jermyn to replace Mike as the 'interim' Director; in December, Keith was appointed permanent Director by the Board of Selectmen.

Town Meeting approved the appropriation of up to \$250,000 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve for partial funding of the development and construction of six units of affordable housing on Fort Hill Street for qualifying veterans, subject to satisfactory execution by Father Bill's & MainSpring, Inc. (FBMS) of four contingencies jointly established by representatives of the Fort Hill Street residents, the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust, the Veterans' Council, the Advisory Committee, and the Community Preservation Committee. FBMS has since acquired the property and begun the permitting process. Late in December, the Town had two additional reasons to celebrate. First, the State Legislature passed the special legislation requested by Town Meeting to enable citizen contributions with their tax-bill payments for veterans in need. The Town Veterans' Council will administer the fund for all contributions received. Second, the 1058th Transportation Unit's veterans—who had a rousing send-off by the Town's citizens on a cold, wintery morning in January—returned home from the Middle East just in time for Christmas. As in January, the Town's citizens and

employees showed their enthusiastic appreciation for their veterans' sacrifices by turning out in large numbers all along the route from south Hingham to the Armory.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town committee members and all the Town's citizens who have provided such strong support to our veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A. Jermyn, Director
Hingham Veterans' Services



Sending off the troops in the early morning January 11, 2010 - safely returned on December 24, 2010.

- Wastewater Master Planning Committee -

The Wastewater Master Planning Committee has been charged with developing a Wastewater Management Plan for Hingham and, in 2004, Town Meeting allocated \$400,000 for this purpose. Development of a plan has not been a simple process, due to the numerous issues and government authorities associated with wastewater generation and disposal. However, the Committee is pleased to report this year that the Waste Water Management Plan was finalized and approved by the Committee after a final Public Hearing held on April 22, 2010. This process has been an unusually successful collaborative effort between the Sewer Commission, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Water Supply Committee, accompanied by significant input from the Advisory Committee and the public. The Committee would also like to thank Community Planning Director Katy Lacy for her significant assistance to the Committee and commend her for her substantial contributions to the final Plan.

The concluding Wastewater Management Plan development work of the Committee focused on refining two elements of the Plan that will provide both immediate and lasting value to Hingham.

The first element is a Policy section that will provide guidance to all Hingham development boards and committees when making decisions that affect wastewater generation and disposal in Town. To quote Section 6 of the Final Report, "[The plan] outlines the jurisdictional responsibilities involved in implementing wastewater-related policies, describes a set of core wastewater principles and provides a number of targeted recommendations that may assist town officials and the general public in framing, evaluating and reaching such decisions in the future." This Section will help decision-makers and Hingham residents organize future evaluations of wastewater related projects as well as leverage the considerable amount of technical and analytical information contained in the Plan.

The second element that Committee focused on was a further extrapolation of the Recommended Alternative of the Plan. To quote the Plan again: "The recommended plan consists of installing a centralized wastewater collection system in the Industrial Study Area...with the primary intent of including all industrial and commercially zoned land in this portion of south Hingham...[the] industrial zoned area in the southwest corner of Hingham located adjacent to Weymouth and Rockland along Route 3."

This alternative will provide a foundation for accelerating the development of local business and industrial enterprises that will make a significant contribution to the tax and employment base of the town, and do so with minimal negative environmental impact. Town Meeting in 2010 passed Articles 31 and 32 that established the Industrial/Office Park Sewer District as a first step in achieving this goal. Further work is currently underway to plan in greater detail the implementation of wastewater system improvements in the new district.

The remainder of Hingham that is not in the current or proposed sewer districts will continue to be served by on-site sewage disposal systems with an enhanced management program. However, the plan is not intended to limit the opportunity for implementing other wastewater management alternatives in identified study areas if new, more cost-effective technologies emerge over time, and neighborhood and town interest is sufficient to pursue them.

Although the Master Plan has been finalized, the Committee will continue to operate at least through 2011/2012 in the event that consultation from a broad, representative base of town committees is required in the initial implementation phases of the new Industrial/Office Park Sewer District.

Respectfully submitted,

Mathew MacIver, Chairman
Kirk Shilts
Charles Berry
Richard Hull
Frank Mahony, Jr.
John Riley
Michael Salerno
Gary Tondorf-Dick
Mark White
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 works with Aquarion Water Company (Aquarion), the public water supplier for the Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset Water District, to ensure that we have sufficient water to satisfy the Town's current and future household and commercial development needs.

The year 2010 was a strange one. There was no shortage of water (as of the end of October, precipitation for the previous 12 months was 110% of normal) but the town was under an outdoor watering ban for most of the summer. The problem was that while rainfall on average was adequate, the town suffered several hot and dry periods that stressed the water system. Many home irrigation systems have rain sensors or moisture sensors to prevent unnecessary watering. But when there is no rain and the turf is dry, virtually all the sprinkler systems will turn on at the same time. The result is the system cannot maintain needed water pressure for homes and hydrants.

The Committee has discussed another option to a watering ban for 2011: restricting sprinkler systems to twice a week odd-even watering for the whole season beginning in about April. In this region, twice a week watering is more than adequate to maintain a lawn, and that system would make unnecessary any restriction on hand-held garden hoses. It would also solve the water pressure problem. We will continue discussing and refining this option in the hope of avoiding more stringent restrictions in the summer.

Several years ago, the Committee supported a water company proposal to increase water supply for this district. The Board of Selectman opposed to plan and it was not implemented. There are no current plans to consider applying to the state for an increase in water supply. 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.

The State now limits Aquarion's maximum water withdrawal to the average level of consumption 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.

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.

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

- Weir River Estuary Park Committee -

The Tri-town Weir River Estuary Park (WREP) committee works to protect, link, and restore a 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. All the tri-town park properties are connected by the Weir River estuarine waters. (See attached map or visit committee web-site)

Weir River Estuary Park Advancements in 2010:

- Open Space Plans (OSP) for Town of Hingham and Cohasset were written to include current and proposed public and private WREP properties adjacent to Weir River Estuary. These plans can help each community acquire lands for resource protection and resource restoration through grants and other funding sources. The WREP submissions are based on the Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan priority guidelines for estuarine protection, www.hingham-ma.gov/conservation/index.html
- WREP Resource Management Plan & Forum preparation for 2011
The goal is to develop a cohesive community vision for the WREP, it's place within the coordinated tri-Town waters, and management needs prior to writing a WREP Resource Management Plan which follows ACEC guidelines. The WREP committee has been meeting with Hingham and Hull Harbormasters, Bare Cove Park and Hingham Harbor Development committees, the Conservation Commission Agents, the State representatives for the ACEC Program, South Shore CZM coordinator, and MA Fish & Wildlife.
- Habitat Restoration at Straits Pond, Hull & Cohasset
With MassHighway's completion of the West Corner culvert and bridge project, a new computerized system to open and close the tide gates provides control for the flow of water to and from Straits Pond. The new water flow protocols have been vital in eradicating the former scourges of midges and huge algae mats which impoverished and polluted the habitat. Now a healthy productive resource enhances the quality of estuarine and human life within the Weir River Estuary.

In October 2010 a formal ceremony was held at the new culvert, which is designed to look like a bridge, to celebrate the opening and name the new tide gates after Lawry Reid of Hull. Lawry founded the Strait's Pond Watershed Association and was

instrumental in initiating the culvert project and obtaining all the local, state, and federal support necessary, a total \$2.5 million.

- Entrance Property to Weir River Woods, Hull (See map)
The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) received a \$75,563 matching grant from the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services, which allowed TTOR to purchase a Conservation Restriction, held jointly with the Hull Conservation Commission, on the Chatham Street entrance to the Weir River Woods. By the end of 2010, thanks to many people, the Hull Land Conservation Trust (HCLT) had raised over \$255,000, including this grant, with <\$26,000 left and currently being sought.
- Education, Passive recreation and Access points
Throughout the year, HLCT provided tours in the Weir River Estuary, including outings on the first Saturday morning of the month, an annual July sunset paddle, and field trips for Scouts and school children. Water access is from Steamboat Wharf, Hull, where kayaks can be rented. Most estuarine land tours begin at the Estuary Center at 333 Washington Boulevard, Hull.

Goals for 2011

- Achieve an alliance of shareholder's interests through a 'forum' to complete a WREP Resource Mgt. Plan which coordinates tri-Town and ACEC guidelines, communicates and educates for integrated resource protection, conservation, and use.
- Advance the Rockland Street bridge project and bike-pedestrian path with Mass Highway, the Greenbelt Bike Path proponents, and the Town, including signage.

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, TTOR, HCLT, Straits Pond Watershed Ass., 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 fourth Tuesday 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 or committee web-site.

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 year ended June 30, 2010 for the Town of Hingham, MA 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, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as a discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System 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 2010, 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 aid to schools. These school aid cuts were replaced with federal stimulus funds and reported separately outside of the general fund.

Long-term Financial Planning. The Finance Director's role includes working 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. Due to current economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending has been 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 a level of no less than 14% and no more than 18% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves

increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

Internal Controls. Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee shall assist in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee will supervise and review the conduct of the audit and its relationship with the Town.

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 shorter investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator.

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 County 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 or 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, 2009. This was the fourteenth 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, 2010 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 Mgt. & Budget's Circular A133.

Acknowledgments. A special gratitude is owed to Michael Nelligan and James Powers, partners at Powers & Sullivan, whose attention to the fiscal year 2010 financial statements was invaluable.

We want to express our appreciation to the accounting personnel, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Kate Richardsson, and Lynn Phillips for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this CAFR; and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Additional Information. Hardcopies of the CAFR are available in the Town Accountant's Office or online in PDF form at: http://www.hingham-ma.gov/accountant/documents/Town_of_Hingham_CAFR_2010.pdf

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO
Interim Town Administrator/Finance Director

Susan M. Nickerson
Interim Town Accountant

- Board of Assessors -

The year 2010 was a busy year. The staff handled 176 abatements, followed up on 650 building permits, performed 1,000 cyclical inspections (Department of Revenue requires that every parcel be inspected for quality and accuracy every nine years) and processed 289 sales. This resulted in an increase in the tax rate of 2.8%.

The tax increase is attributable to two factors: (1) the total value of real estate in Hingham decreased 1%; and (2) the town voted last year to raise the levy only 1.8%, versus the 2.5% allowed by law, in order to help keep taxes lower.

In December, after 12 years, Director of Assessing Lane Partridge resigned to become the Director of Assessing in Concord, Mass. We are sad to see him leave and wish him well in his new position.

We are fortunate that Lane left a very well trained staff so there will be no drop in effective handling of the processes. Kathy Collins, who has been Lane's assistant for many years, Rick Nowlan, Sandra Alger, Tania Layden and Bob Abbott will continue Lane's tradition of service.

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman
Mark Tyburski
Michael Shaughnessy

- Hingham Contributory Retirement Board -

The Annual Report for Fiscal 2010 contains the financial statements as well as membership statistics report, a list of new members and a list of members that retired in 2010.

The Retirement Board in fiscal 2010 vetted various professional financial advisors and selected Fiduciary Investment Advisors, LLC (FIA) to assist the board in establishing an investment policy and asset allocation plan. FIA will monitor our investment performance and advise the board accordingly.

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, 2010** (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash - Citizens Bank	307,496.27
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Investments – PRIT CASH	39.59
Investments - PRIT CAPITAL	72,914,287.35
Accounts Receivable	41,487.44
Sub Total	73,263,310.65

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	-18,936.25
Sub Total	-18,936.25

FUND BALANCES

Annuity Fund	-17,771,307.50
Annuity Reserve Fund	-6,224,241.25
Military Service Fund	-14,402.34
Pension Fund	-1,755,447.69
Pension Reserve Fund	-39,956,837.97
Sub Total	-65,722,236.75

REVENUES

Investment Income	-1,931,099.94
Interest not Refunded	-602.58
Realized Gain	-1,798,589.38
Realized Loss	57,994.00
Unrealized Gain	-13,206,302.14
Unrealized Loss	8,037,561.71
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Members Deductions	-2,045,395.90
Transfers from Other Systems	-40,496.68
Members' Make Up & Re-deposits	-39,325.07
Pension Fund Appropriation	-3,159,968.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-5,183.19
3(8)(c) Reimb. From Other Systems	-141,255.10
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-126,693.99
Member Payments from Rollovers	0.00
Sub Total	-14,399,356.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	67,644.76
Consultant Fees	46,708.90
Management Fees	314,847.52
Legal Expenses	4,886.25
Medical Expenses	0.00
Fiduciary Insurance	4,736.00
Service Contracts	7,331.80
Professional Services	27,190.50
Education and Training	1,489.09
Administrative Expenses	6,648.62
Furniture and Equipment	1,992.76
Travel	261.02
Annuities Paid	852,396.44
Pensions Paid	4,846,369.37
COLA's Paid	124,664.32
3(8)(c) Reimb. To Other Systems	126,623.95
Transfers to Other Systems	308,946.76
Refunds to Members	134,480.54
Option B Refunds	0.00
Sub Total	6,877,218.60

NEW MEMBERS 2010

Sheri Boretti	Joan M. Barrett
AnnaRose, Brady	Michelle C. Jacobs
Tara A. Grosso	Stephen Girardi
Ilse Grossler	Ava R. Derman
Brenda E. Coronella	Emily R. Garr
Benjamin T. Campbell	Janet S. Brown
Margaret T. Brennan	Sonya E. Fairhurst
Kelly M. Kwiatkowski	Annemarie Marabello
Shannon J. Martin	John J. McCarthy
Sarah Donovan	Mary-Courtney H. Whanond
Hayley A. Wells	Sara A. Van gulden
Molly D. Trisler	Kenneth F. Strone
Wendylynn Sheppard	Christopher S. Perry
Catherine M. O'Neill	Elisa M. Nelson
Richard J. Moulton	Molly M. Keif
Lauren T. Draper	Janice L. MacDonald
Jennifer A. Benoit	Susan R. Rowe
Mark F. Brennan	John P. Marquardt
Nicholas S. Smith	Katelin McLaughlin
Ryan E. Ross	Michael M. Rockoff

RETIRED MEMBERS 2010

Richard H. Amonte	Curtis R. Campbell
Robert J. Cronin	James E. Johnson
Edward P. McDonald	Paul J. McMahon
Richard E. Morgan, Jr.	Joseph A. Mortland, III
Michael J. Riley	Virginia C. Thursby

DECEASED RETIREES 2010

Sandra L. Carlson	Joseph E. Chase
Mary T. Coughlin	Adele M. DeVito
Thomas L. Halpin	Martin Shaughnessy
John F. Tramontana	Richard S. Whiting

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2010

Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	539
Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year	113
Enrolled during current year	40
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
SUBTOTAL	40

Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	31
Retirements	10
SUBTOTAL	41
Active Membership Dec. 31, current year	560
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year	91
Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	264
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	11
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	2
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
SUBTOTAL	13
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	5
Termination of Survivors Benefits	0
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	5
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	
Superannuation	210
Ordinary disability	3
Accidental disability	9
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	10
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	2
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	12
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	11
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, current year	272
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary	
and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	923

- Treasurer Collector -

Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2009	41,451,895
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2010	171,463,268
-Total Paid on Selectmen's warrants.....	(177,965,171)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2010	34,949,992

Investment Income for all funds.....697,732

During Fiscal Year 2010 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2010 Real Estate Tax	59,686,174
2010 Community Preservation Surcharge	776,365
2010 Personal Property Tax	1,022,637
2010 Boat Excise Tax	87,258
2010 Motor Vehicle Tax	2,634,681
2009 Motor Vehicle Tax	393,321
2008 Motor Vehicle Tax	1,925
Betterments-Paid in Advance	91,493
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	224,874
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest	2,896
Sewer Use Liens.....	201,433
Payment in Lieu of Taxes – BLCS.....	<u>556,265</u>
Total	65,679,322

There were 10 new tax liens secured in fiscal year 2010 bringing the total parcels in tax title to 74. Over the course of the year, 14 liens were redeemed and \$277,423 in tax lien revenue was collected.

In October 2009 the town issued a general obligation bond in the amount of \$38,565,991 at a true interest cost of 3.37% and a \$3,700,000 refunding bond at a true interest cost of 2.19%.

The total outstanding long term debt as of June 30th was \$71,544,570. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The total outstanding short term debt was \$0.00.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Treasurer Collector's office for their dedicated support and assistance throughout the year.

TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER –
As of June 30, 2010

Trust Fund	Balance 6/30/09	Balance 6/30/10
375th Anniversary	103,896	33,606
Aid to Elderly/Disabled	11,168	11,952
Affordable Housing Trust.....	509,757	84,098
Buttonwood Tree	2,646	2,648
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	61,000	61,253
Education	12,029	13,161
Escrow Acct - Wastewater Treatment Plant.....	48,268	48,309
Federal Withholding	13,688	13,699
Foundry Pond	6,897	6,915
Fourth of July.....	50,268	55,787
Hannah Lincoln Whiting	16,088	16,103
Hingham War Memorial	9,770	9,779
Light Depreciation	3,505,983	4,203,831
Light Reserve Stranded Costs	1,741,160	1,900,107
Light - Customer Deposit.....	984,292	986,173
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan Program	66,837	66,013
MWRA Collateral Loan.....	15,952	15,848
Medical Insurance	414,822	192,710
More-Brewer	83,941	84,013
OPEB Trust (Light)	1,470,420	1,472,677
OPEB Trust (Town).....	325,470	317,133
Open Space Conservation	138,658	63,504
Preservation Projects	123,287	112,154
Preservation Projects - Greenbush	810,622	811,315
Scholarship	2,581,065	2,885,691
Stabilization	596,457	597,372
USLST – War Memorial - Shipyard	1,343	1,344
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account	4,551	1,187
Total	13,622,394	14,068,382

Jean M. Montgomery
Treasurer Collector

