

Pursuant to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §, § 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Town of Hingham Council on Aging to take place as follows:



Town of Hingham
Council on Aging
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
1:00 PM

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

Webinar ID: 856 3113 4195

Passcode: 02043

Website: <https://zoom.us/join>

Call in: 929 205 6099

And

In- Person

224 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

Attendees: Present: Joe Nevins, Sara Smithson, Josh Ross, Jean Silverio, Jennifer Young (Director), Karen Johnson, Elaine Ward. Cindy King. Megan Hansen.

Remote: Leon Merian

Not Present: Ethel Franks.

Minutes:

1. Call to order – Chair
 - a. Call to order at 1:00 pm.
2. Remarks - Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Guest Don Masters, 18 Gilford Road invited by Josh. Don is establishing a recent retiree group. Don sent a message out on Hingham Hub for folks in the 60s recently retired for support with loss of social well-being who want to create a group to exchange ideas and thoughts. 5 folks attended the first meeting before the holidays via Zoom. Second meeting 1/7/26 seven attended. A third meeting will be held here at the Center 1/14 at 11:00 am. The members of the new group are really interested in developing programming for the Center as well as developing other activities around town and the South Shore. Don will create a private FB page for the group.
 - b. A lot of activity coming up. Select Board meeting tonight. We, as board members, are encouraged to continue to share about what the new center means for us and for the community. Encourage new voices.
 - c. Encourage folks to show up and vote.
 - d. Last Advisory Committee meeting – mixed support.

- e. Jean mentioned that 25 folks from her book club list sent letters to the Advisory Committee and her hair dresser was asked by Brenda Black to ask her clients if they are aware of the plans for a new proposed center.
- f. Josh encouraged us to route folks to the website FAQs and video.
<https://www.hingham-ma.gov/1080/Center-for-Active-Living-Building-Projec>
- g. Outreach efforts will pivot the week before the Town Meeting on 4/27 and Voting on 5/2 to reach out to contacts with reminders to get out and vote.
- 3. Minutes of December 9, 2025
 - a. Will be voted on at our next meeting.
- 4. Committee Updates
 - a. Building
 - i. At 5:00 pm tonight. Voting on Article P to place the Construction of Center for Active Living Article on the Warrant – results of this vote will be shared with the Select Board meeting also tonight at 6:30 pm on the Warrant. Advisory Committee, ZBA and Planning Board joint meetings both start at 7:00 pm.
 - b. Outreach
 - i. Outreach action plan - CAL Connect will continue a couple of times a month or more often if necessary up until the Town Meeting.
 - ii. Information sessions – Josh has created a link that we can share – hosting an event at your home with friends.
 - iii. Writing letters and articles sharing your thoughts and feelings on this project
 - iv. Hingham Woods (2/19/26 and Meadows (3/25 or 3/26) meetings (poster board format). Coordinating these meetings with the Invest in Hingham group. There are 20 folks interested in hosting house sessions. Jan 26th and 27th are scheduled for the first 2 house sessions.
 - v. 3 Town sponsored information sessions will be scheduled in March.
 - vi. Town is finalizing the Tax calculator so residents can model the impact of taxes for their particular home
- 5. Appointment of COA member to SSES Board
 - a. We need someone from our Council on Aging to serve on the South Shore Elder Services board – Cindy has served at the Hingham Rep for past 3-4 years. There is no set term. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am. Cindy also serves on a subcommittee. Meetings are held in Braintree. Megan is interested and will talk to Cindy.
- 6. Future Meeting Schedule
 - a. We will extend the meeting by 30 minutes beginning with the next meeting on February 10th.
- 7. Other Business - Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance
 - a. Director's report submitted.
- 8. Future Agenda Items
 - a. None.
- 9. Public Comment
 - a. None
- 10. Adjournment
 - a. Elaine Motion to adjourn, Cindy second. All in favor.

This meeting is being held remotely/or in person as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 and all other applicable laws temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this

meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.