

Hingham Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 25th, 2026, at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Third Floor, South Meeting Room

In Attendance: Carol Tully, Chair, Kevin Freytag, Vice Chair, Ted Ciolkosz, Secretary, Brenda Black, Ben Burnham, Tina Sherwood, Jerry Seelen, Brian Stack, David Leiphart, Elaine Cusker, Michael Herde, Mary Power, John Germain, Steven Pohl, Alan Macdonald

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and read the following statement. 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.
2. Warrant Articles – FF, Transfer for Health Care Subsidy was presented by liaison Steven Pohl with two options. Alternative A requests the transfer of funds for a 1.4mm one-time subsidy and the funding of a study to better determine a permanent, long-term solution. If that vote fails, Alternative B would be voted, which requests 100k for the study only. If that should fail, a vote of “no action” would be considered. Steven then recommended a motion to vote on Alternative A which failed 9-4 with Ben Burnham abstaining. Steven then recommended a motion to vote on Alternative B (100k for the study only) which passed 12-1 with Ben Burnham abstaining and Brenda Black voting no and wishing to be recorded.

Article F, Budgets. Chair Carol Tully made a motion to recommend the General Government budget in the amount of \$7,425,416. Steve Pohl requested to hold reserve fund line 132.

Motion made to recommend FY27 reserve fund in the amount of \$854,6089, motion passed with Steve the lone no vote and requesting to be recorded. Motion made to recommend the General Government budget including the reserve fund just voted in the amount of \$7,425,416 which was unanimously approved.

Next, the Public Safety budget at \$21,454,224 was unanimously approved.

Education budget at \$73,880,041 with Ben Burnham and Jerry Seelen abstaining, Steve Pohl voting no and asking to be recorded was majority approved by the remaining 11 voting members.

Public Works budget of \$12,817,359 was unanimously approved.

Human Services budget of \$1,073,368 was unanimously approved.

Culture and Recreation budget of \$ 3,129,887 was unanimously approved.

Enterprise Funds budget of \$17,784,669 was unanimously approved.

Debt Service of \$13,893,125 was unanimously approved.

Group Insurance budget of \$9,700,640 had Ben Burnham abstain (reference line 900) with remaining voting unanimously in favor to approve.

Employee Benefits of \$19,848,370 was unanimously approved.

Unclassified budget in the amount of \$1,753,379 was unanimously approved.

3. Housekeeping – Vote Article GG, route 3A Project at next meeting to update certain terms in commentary. Article K should be available to vote 04/14 and 04/26 is scheduled for the Town Moderator meeting prior to ATM. Call for members who would like to consider volunteering for AdCom leadership. End of Year party dates under consideration are 06/07 or 06/14. Ted Ciolkosz to follow up with Hingham Historical Society on availability.
4. Motion to Adjourn – Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted by Theodore D. Ciolkosz, Jr., Secretary