

Select Board

April 13, 2026

Present:

- Select Board: Mr. Bill Ramsey, Chair, Ms. Liz Klein, and Ms. Julie Strehle
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations
- Katie Dugan, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance

Call to order:

5:45 PM: Chair Ramsey called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held in person and/or remotely 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.”

No one indicated that they were recording the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 7, 2026. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the South Shore Unity Council’s Annual Juneteenth Celebration to be held at Hingham Harbor on Thursday, June 19, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Rich DiBona, Vitamin Sea Brewing, explained that the company will be providing and serving beer at the Juneteenth event.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the request for a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the South Shore Unity Council’s Annual Juneteenth Celebration to be held at Hingham Harbor on Thursday, June 19, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.

Consider the Agreement with TM Construction Management for the Lincoln School Apartments Kersey Community Room, Kitchen and Laundry Room Renovation Project

David Sequeira, Procurement Manager, explained that the project will be partially funded by a \$100,000 Massachusetts Office on Disability grant and will include ADA accessibility improvements to the community room, kitchen, and laundry room, along with related electrical and plumbing work. One bid was received from TM Construction Management, which has completed similar municipal projects. On April 8th the Lincoln School Apartments LLC Board of Managers voted in favor of the contract.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to authorize the Select Board Chair to sign the Agreement with TM Construction Management LLC for the Lincoln School Apartments Kersey Community Room, Kitchen and Laundry Room Renovation Project in an amount not to exceed \$367,440.00. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Potential vote to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters, Local Union 25

Jack Manning, Chair of the Personnel Board and Ashley Broyer, DPW Superintendent, explained that a longevity chart was added to the contract, along with an additional holiday.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters, Local Union 25 effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.

Vote to designate a portion of Parcel 106-0-3 as Article 97 replacement land in conjunction with the Route 3A project

JR Frey, Town Engineer, explained that a Town-owned parcel under Select Board control, consisting largely of undeveloped land adjacent to residences, conservation land, and portions of the landfill, is being considered as a potential mitigation option for Article 97 impacts related to the Route 3A project. He noted that, after retaining land needed for landfill operations and compliance, approximately 7.8 acres of upland, wetland, and possible vernal pool area would remain, which is contiguous with existing conservation land and has been identified as beneficial for conservation purposes.

JR added that prior approvals for project easements will be formalized at Town Meeting, allowing its transfer to the Conservation Commission at the Select Board's discretion.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion in accordance with Article 97, M.G.L. c. 3, § 5A, M.G.L. c. 40, § 15A , and all other applicable laws, to designate and to transfer the care, custody, management and control of approximately 8 acres more or less of the approximately 10.78 acre parcel shown as Assessor's Map 106, Lot 3 and known as 0 Hobart Street, which is presently held by the Select Board for general municipal purposes, and as shown on a conceptual plan on file with the Town Clerk provided that the definitive boundaries of said replacement land shall be determined by a Massachusetts land surveyor, to the Town of Hingham Conservation Commission as replacement land under said Article 97, and contingent upon final approval of an Article 97 petition and commencement of the Route 3A Project. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Discussion of 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 10: Transfer to the Reserve Fund

Ms. Dugan explained that this year's reserve fund request includes both school and municipal components. The school portion, being implemented for the first time under the MOU, applies to special education out-of-district tuition and contract services. After offsets such as circuit breaker funding, the request was reduced to \$579,075, about half of the original estimate.

On the municipal side, while \$800,000 is budgeted annually, total anticipated transfers are approximately \$2.1 million, driven largely by \$1.1 million in snow and ice, along with \$321,000 for workers' compensation and \$84,000 for unemployment. Additional requests include temporary accounting staffing, audit services, \$217,000 for legal services, \$41,000 for Select Board expenses, \$41,000 for Town Meeting costs, and \$200,000 for police and fire overtime, primarily on the police side.

Ms. Dugan noted the overall request has decreased and is conservatively estimated, with any unused funds returning to fund balance. Including a \$50,000 contingency, the total municipal request is about \$1.3 million; combined with the school request, the total reserve fund request is approximately \$1.9 million.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 10. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.

Appointments and/or reappointments (for a list of Talent Bank Applicants and Board and Committee vacancies, please visit [Hingham-ma.gov/SB](https://hingham-ma.gov/SB))

There were no appointments to be made.

Public Comment

No members of the public came forward.

Select Board/Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Mayo reported that a One Day Liquor License was issued to Hingham Arts Alliance for a concert at Ames Chapel on Sunday April 26, 2026 4-6 PM with 100 guests anticipated.

Mr. Ramsey noted that he attended the library open house on Saturday in his role as Select Board Chair and trustee liaison, noting it was a great event. He shared that he enjoyed his time in the role and is looking forward to transitioning it to Ms. Klein in the coming weeks.

Ms. Strehle and Ms. Klein thanked Mr. Ramsey for his work as Chair over the last year.

Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property

Declaration by Chair: Before I entertain a motion to go into executive session under item 13 of the agenda, I hereby declare that discussion of this agenda item in an open session may have a detrimental effect on the on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to enter executive session under M.G.L, c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation – Curran v. Hingham Public Schools. The Board will not reconvene in open session. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Documents:

1. Minutes – 4.7.26
2. Vitamin Sea One Day Permit packet
3. TM Construction Management LSA Packet
4. Hingham DPW MOA
5. Article 97
6. FY26 Reserve Fund