

Hingham Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, April 27th, 2026, at 6:00 PM
Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, Room 138

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, 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. Vote Two Articles prior to Annual Town Meeting (ATM) – Article 22, Sale of 8 Short Street. Need to revoke due to a scrivener's error correction specifying proceeds would go to the Capital Stabilization fund. Unanimously approved.
3. Article 28, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) Capital Improvements. Per earlier discussion it was confirmed the full 18% rate increase (6% rate increases over three years for a total of 18%) has not yet been fully implemented. There is approximately 11% of the planned 18% rate hike yet to be applied to ratepayers' bills. Discussion ensued and Laura Burns of the Hingham Light Board suggested the Board should call a meeting and withdraw this Article and represent it at the anticipated 2026 Special Town Meeting with that clarification better communicated.
4. Vote to authorize Vice Chair Kevin Freytag to serve as AdCom Chair in Carol Tully's absence in the event a Monday (3rd) night of ATM proves necessary. Unanimously approved.
5. Motion to Adjourn – Approved

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