

HDIC Minutes – April 30, 2026

Members Present: David Bailey, Jeff Bellows, Mike Galvin, Chris Goode, Katie McHardy

Members not Present: Joe Cusker, Kate Schmidt

Staff – Art Robert

Presenter: N/A

Call to order: 8:35 AM

Co-Chair Bailey called the meeting to order.

Mr. Robert read the “Remote Meeting” statement governing remote meetings under state law. No participant noted they were recording the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2026

Vote: Mike Galvin moved, David Bailey seconded the motion. Vote 5 yea, 0 nay.

Discussion – Economic Development Strategic Plan - Updates

The group discussed plans to launch a new commercial property search tool on their website, with a target completion date of the next monthly meeting. They explored marketing strategies including creating a LinkedIn page, leveraging Mass Econ's newsletter, and potentially featuring it in the local online newspaper. The interface will be similar to other towns' implementations, with a prominent link on their economic development page. The project has financial support from the Chamber for 2 years, and they will track website traffic and user behavior to assess its effectiveness.

The meeting focused on planning events for Hingham250.org, including Revolutionary War commemorations, World Cup watch parties, and other community events. HDIC discussed challenges in coordinating across 60 boards and committees, but highlighted upcoming events including a Battle of Grape Island commemoration, cemetery tours, and potential World Cup viewing parties near the harbor area.

Economic Development Updates

- Art described presenting the town's Economic Development Strategic Plan to the South Shore Economic Development Corporation, an entity of the South Shore Chamber. Joined by David, the presentation was an opportunity to tell Hingham's story to a group wanting to focus on opportunities south of Weymouth. He stressed the chamber as a resource, going forward.
- Art described several upcoming opportunities:
 - 5/4 and 5/6 – Business meetings, alongside the Hingham Historical Society, to share Route 3A project planning and Rev250 plans
 - 5/12 – South Shore Chamber's Development Summit
 - 5/13 – Select Board's “All Chairs” meeting
 - 5/17 – Battle of Grape Island Commemoration

Adjourn – 9:25 AM

Vote: David Bailey moved, Chris Good seconded the motion. Vote 5 yea, 0 nay.