

Select Board

June 2, 2026

Present:

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

Call to order:

6:00PM: Chair Klein 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.”

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 5, 2026. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 12, 2026 (Goal Setting). Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

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Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 13, 2026. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 19, 2026. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Pride Month Proclamation

The Select Board read aloud a proclamation to proclaim June 2026, as Pride Month in the Town of Hingham.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to proclaim June 2026, as Pride Month in the Town of Hingham. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Juneteenth Independence Day Proclamation

The Select Board read aloud a proclamation to proclaim June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Independence Day in the Town of Hingham.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to proclaim June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Independence Day in the Town of Hingham. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Application for an Entertainment License submitted by Eat Well, Inc. d/b/a Caffè Tosca, 15 North Street, Hingham, Gregory Acerra, Manager

Mr. Brian Barry, Caffè Tosca, explained that the application is for a casual one-person acoustic musical performance during Sunday brunch, with the possibility of additional performances on Friday evenings. Proposed performance hours are Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with performances taking place both indoors and outdoors. Mr. Barry stated that notices to the abutters regarding the application were sent in April.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the request of Eat Well, Inc., doing business as Caffè Tosca, located at 15 North Street, Hingham, for an Entertainment License in accordance with the license application filed with the Town of Hingham on April 14, 2026. The license authorizes small acoustic ensembles to perform within the restaurant and on the patio on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- Performances shall be limited to no more than a three-piece acoustic ensemble.
- Music shall be maintained at a volume appropriate for background entertainment and compatible with a pleasurable dining experience.
- The permitted hours may be further limited, or the license may be suspended or revoked, in the event of noise or crowd-related complaints.

Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Consider the Agreement with Preferred Mechanical Services, Inc. for Hingham Town Hall Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Maintenance and Repair Services

Mr. David Sequeira, Procurement Manager, stated that bids for the project were advertised on April 29, 2026, and were due on May 13, 2026. The contract award was based on the lowest responsive bidder using an aggregated hourly rate. Three bids were received from reputable firms, all of which participated in a site visit. The difference between the lowest and second-lowest bids was just over \$24,000. The new contract would begin on July 1, 2026. Mr. Sequeira recommended awarding the contract to Preferred Mechanical Services, Inc., which has been servicing Town Hall since 1998. The contract would be funded through the Town Hall Maintenance and Repair budget. The initial contract term is 24 months, with an option for the Town to extend the agreement for one additional year. The total not-to-exceed contract amount is \$150,000, including the optional one-year extension should the Town elect to exercise the 36-month term.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the Agreement with Preferred Mechanical Services, Inc. for Hingham Town Hall Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Maintenance and Repair Services. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MBTA Bus Route 220 Operations on Shipyard Drive**Appointments (for a list of Talent Bank Applicants, please visit [Hingham-ma.gov/SB](https://www.hingham-ma.gov/SB))**

Mr. Robert stated that this discussion was a follow-up to a meeting held the previous summer, during which the MBTA sought the Town's support for proposed changes to Route 220 bus service. The changes included eliminating two bus stops along Route 3A in the Hingham Shipyard and replacing them with stops that directly serve the MBTA Commuter Ferry Terminal. Mr. Robert explained that regular bus service to the ferry terminal were provided until 2019 but was reduced for several years. Due to increased ferry ridership and renewed interest among commuters, the MBTA proposed restoring full bus service to the ferry terminal. With the support of the Select Board, the MBTA implemented the route changes in August 2025. As part of the follow-up review, the Police and Fire Departments were asked to

provide feedback on the impacts of the service changes. Mr. Robert reported that Route 220 ridership has remained relatively consistent since the route modification was implemented. Bus speed data indicates that vehicle speeds have moderated somewhat over time. Mr. Robert noted that inbound buses have tended to travel at higher speeds due to traffic patterns and that the MBTA had been monitoring bus speeds. Representatives of the Police Department reported receiving two calls related to the route changes during the past year. Sergeant Kilroy stated that the Police Department has received relatively few complaints and has worked with the MBTA and the Town's Engineering Department following the December 8 incident to address concerns about bus speeds.

Lynn Green, 23 Shipyard Drive, Unit 305, addressed the Board regarding the impact of the MBTA Route 220 bus service on Shipyard residents. Ms. Green stated that more than 60 buses travel through the Shipyard each day and noted that she has contacted the MBTA on numerous occasions to express concerns about bus speeds. Ms. Green also raised concerns regarding vehicle emissions, the impact of bus traffic on the condition of the roadways, and the alignment of the Route 220 bus schedule with the MBTA Commuter Ferry schedule. She stated that the bus and ferry schedules do not adequately coincide, limiting the effectiveness of the service. Ms. Green requested a three month look back from the Board.

Ruth Anne Styles, 23 Shipyard Drive, Unit 402, addressed the Board regarding the speed of MBTA Route 220 buses traveling through the Shipyard. Ms. Styles expressed safety concerns about buses traveling near the pedestrian crosswalk that extends from the area near the movie theater to The Beth. She emphasized the need for motorists, particularly bus operators, to exercise caution in this heavily traveled pedestrian area.

Kathy Maloof, 10 Shipyard Drive, Unit 316, addressed the Board regarding the data presented on the MBTA Route 220 bus service. Ms. Maloof stated that not all of the data requested by Shipyard residents approximately six months earlier had been provided and requested that additional, more specific data be collected from the MBTA and made available to residents. Ms. Maloof expressed her view that the Board and the Town should continue to support Shipyard residents in addressing concerns related to the Route 220 bus service. She requested that the Town collect and present the additional data within the next six months to allow for further evaluation of the route's impacts. Ms. Maloof also requested that the Town assume responsibility for the cost of snow removal on Shipyard Drive. Ms. Maloof also expressed concerns regarding the ferry schedule and bus schedule.

Valerie Cahill, 31 Main Street and 23 Shipyard Drive, addressed the Board regarding her concerns in regards to the bus speeds and narrow roads including the rotary in the Shipyard. Ms. Cahill stated that she is concerned with the safety of patrons and residents. Ms. Cahill expressed concerns about the impact of moving the bus stop from near Stop n' Shop to the Shipyard on disabled/handicapped riders.

Public Comment

No Members of the public came forward.

Select Board/Town Administrator Reports

One-Day permits that have been approved by the Select Board Office

“Spirits of the 76” at Ames Chapel (Requested by the Hingham Cemetery Cooperation) - taking place on Friday June 5, 2026 from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Estimated 85 person attendance and a police detail is a required and has been scheduled.

St. John’s “Summer Fest” on Sunday June 7, 2026 with an alternate date provided for Sunday June 14, 2026 from 4:00pm-7:00pm located at the Parish. Estimated 120 person attendance and a police detail is a required and was scheduled.

Hingham Harbor Development Committee Oyster and Champagne Fundraiser for the July 2nd All-American Picnic Event. Fundraising event scheduled for Saturday June 13, 2026 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Bathing Beach Community Rooms. Estimated attendance is 48 people with no police detail required.

Hingham Harbor Development Committee July 2nd All-American Picnic Event on July 2, 2026, 3:00pm-9:00pm, at the Bathing Beach Community Room. Estimated attendance is 48 people with the broader event held outside.

Mr. Art Robert addressed the Board to share that the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation awarded the town a \$1 million construction grant for building out the proposed rotary in Hingham Center.

Mr. Ramsey addressed the Board to acknowledge the passing and memory of Jill Droan, the longtime Director of the Hingham Recreation Department.

Ms. Klein expressed thanks to Shannon Burke and all who assisted in the Memorial Day Ceremony and provided a message of congratulations to the Hingham High School graduating class of 2026.

Ms. Strehle made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

The Select Board meeting adjourned 7:14pm.

Documents:

1. SB Minutes – 5.5.26, 5.12.26, 5.13.26, 5.19.26
2. Juneteenth Proclamation
3. Pride Proclamation
4. Caffè Tosca Packet
5. Preferred Mechanical Services Agreement
6. MBTA 220 Bus Presentation