

# Select Board

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June 16, 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:

6:01 PM: 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

There were no minutes to approve.

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the Summer Solstice at World’s End to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday, June 21, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Mr. DiBona explained that the event would feature music, food trucks, and beer served by Vitamin C and Stellwagen with the same format and set up as previous years. Ms. Kelly estimated that 350 cars are expected at the event and have requested a police detail.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the one One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Vitamin Sea Brewing. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Stellwagon Beer Company, LLC for the Summer Solstice at World’s End to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday, June 21, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Mr. Snowdale advised that all of the information he had was covered in the previous motion.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the one One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Stellwagon Beer Company, LLC for the Summer Solstice at World’s End. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the July 2 All American Picnic to be held on Thursday, July 2, 2026 from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm with a rain date of Friday, July 3, 2026 from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.**

Mr. Piesco stated that they are expecting 3,500-5000 attendees and will have a fenced off beer garden area for a Widowmaker Brewing. Events for children will be available between 3:00pm-5:00pm. Food trucks will arrive at 5:00pm and music will begin 7:00pm-9:00pm. A police detail is scheduled.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the one One-Day) Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the July 2 All American Picnic. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

Mr. Piesco stated that this event is very similar to the previous events mentioned during this meeting featuring Widowmaker Brewing. A police detail is required and will have the same format as this event had in previous years.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the one One-Day) Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Stellwagon Beer Company, LLC for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics to be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

Mr. Piesco stated that this event is very similar to the previous events mentioned during this meeting featuring Stellwagon Beer Company. A police detail is required and will have the same format as this event had in previous years.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Stellwagon Beer Company, LLC for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics to be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

Mr. DiBona stated that this event information is the same as the above event.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the ((One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics to be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

This event is very similar to the previous events mentioned during this meeting featuring **Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc.**

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics to be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Vitamin Sea Brewing, LLC for the Weir River Farm Sunset Picnics. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the Summer Send-Off at World's End to be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday, August 23, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Ms. Scheck stated that this event is similar to the summer solstice event but expecting less attendees.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the Summer Send-Off at World's End. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the Fall Festival at Weir River Farm to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

Ms. Scheck stated that this is an all day event with food trucks as well. They expect about 1,200-1,500 throughout the day and will have a police detail on site.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve the Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Widowmaker Brewing Company, Inc. for the Fall Festival at Weir River Farm. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider approval of a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Stellwagon Beer Company, LLC for the Fall Festival at Weir River Farm to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to approve a Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages licenses to Stellwagon Beer Company, LLC for the Fall Festival at Weir River Farm. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.**

**Application for a Limousine License submitted by Loop Shuttle, 334 Rockland Street, Hingham**

Ms. Klein stated that she is personally involved with this company and handed over the lead to Mr. Ramsey.

Mr. Veysey stated that this would be a dedicated ride service for kids. Drivers would be 7D certified, local drivers and vetted with background checks including CORI/SORI checks, and fingerprinting. There would be an app available for parent to track their child during the transport. This is a locally owned and operated business.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a Motion to approve the issuance of a limousine license to Loop Shuttle, 334 Rockland Street, Hingham, in accordance with the application for a limousine license filed with the town of Hingham on June 10th, 2026, effective through December 31st, 2026, and to approve Doris McCann as the primary driver and Charles Veasey as an additional driver. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor. Ms. Klein did not participate in the discussion or the vote.**

### **Discussion of Center for Active Living Ideas**

Ms. Klein stated that they had decided to create a feedback form via email for the Center for Active Living and the feedback window had officially closed. Ms. Klein thanked all those who participated. Around 60 messages had been received. Ms. Klein shared the high-level themes that were received including: the use of existing buildings before constructing a new facility including the previous police station space and Hitchcock Shoe spaces, avoid Bare Cove Park development, reduce project cost and tax impact, consider a broader community multigenerational center, improve parking and operations at the current location, conduct additional public engagement needs assessments, improve transportation and senior services, and to consider a smaller phased/delayed approach.

Ms. Strehle stated that it was important to know that the next steps would not be rushed and more time will be needed.

Tom Mayo stated that he has been working with the directors of the Senior Center on short-term improvements on the outside space to make room for facilities for residents to use. Two rooms in the old police station cleared out and will be made available for the senior center to access.

Josh Ross, 125 Wompatuck Road, Vice Chair for the Council on Aging, addressed the board about his concerns with the parking situation if spaces were expanded.

Tom Mayo responded that weekly schedule changes are being looked at as a possible solution.

Sarah Smithson, 18 Pilgrim Road, addressed the board stating that the parking situation and scheduling should be revisited.

**Appointments (for a list of Talent Bank Applicants, please visit [Hingham-ma.gov/SB](https://www.hingham-ma.gov/SB))**

**Vote:**

- Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Gina Marie Jameson -4th of July Parade Committee for a term ending December 31, 2026. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Colin McGee-Affordable Housing Trust for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2028. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Joseph Ruccio - Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Lauren Galvin and Mario Romania -associate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 1-year term ending June 30, 2027. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Jeffrey Long - Audit Committee for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Joanna Chmielinski, Michael Chaffee, and Claudia Eaton -Bear Cove Park Committee for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Carolyn Aliskey -Beautification Commission for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Stephanie Gertz, Emma Lee, and Jessica Foley - Commission on Disabilities for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint David Ellison- Community Preservation Committee for a 3-year terms ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Henry Hydel, Robert Mosher, and Thomas Robbie - Conservation Commission for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Leon Marion, Sarah Smithson, and Elaine Ward -Council on Aging for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint George Kay and Sue Sullivan -Country Club Management Committee for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Kathleen Nugent -Cultural Council for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Jeff Bellows -Development and Industrial Commission for a 5-year term ending June 30, 2030. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Robert Beal Jr. as a GAR Hall trustee for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion Marco Bora - Harbor Development Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Charlie Sickie and James Tian -part-time assistant harbormasters for the town of Hingham for a three-year term ending June 30,2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Elizabeth Dings and Robert Stansell -Historical Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Stephen Weiss -Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Sarah Carolyn, Martha Ryan, Jason Ryan, Michael Schilling, Paul Wasson, and Shawn Wegener-Memorial Bell Tower Committee for a one-year term ending June 30, 2027. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.
- Ms. Strehle made a motion to reappoint Philip Shoot and Michael Studley -Shade Tree Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.
- Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Dave Anderson -Weir River Water System Citizens Advisory Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

#### **Public Comment**

No members of the public came forward.

#### **Select Board/Town Administrator Reports**

Town Administrator for Finance Katie Dugan reported that Hingham had secured \$296,344 from the fair share amendment for FY26 winter remediation. She also noted that the FY27 property and liability renewal came in at a 7% increase rather than the budgeted 10%, resulting in a \$50,000 savings.

Mr. Mayo reported a critical water shortage in the Weir River water system, specifically the Turkey Hill and Accord Pond tanks, due to overconsumption and drought. He stated that a total outdoor water ban had been issued for Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset, prohibiting all non-essential outdoor water use to protect public health and firefighting capabilities. He emphasized the urgency of the situation for public safety employees who require adequate water for fire suppression.

Mr. Ramsey praised the recent mock town hall event for third graders.

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

**The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.**

Documents:

1. Vitamin Sea – Summer Solstice one day packet
2. Stellwagon – Summer Solstice one day packet
3. Widowmaker Brewing – All American Picnic one day packet

4. Widowmaker – Sunset Picnic One Day packet
5. Stellwagon – Sunset Picnic One Day packet
6. Vitamin Sea – Sunset Picnic One Day packet
7. Widowmaker – Summer Send Off One Day packet
8. Widowmaker – Fall Festival One Day packet
9. Stellwagon – Fall Festival One Day packet
10. Loop Shuttle Limousine License application
11. HCAL ideas packet
12. Select Board reappointments