

HDIC Minutes – June 25, 2026

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

Members not Present: N/A

Staff – Art Robert

Presenter: N/A

Call to order: 8:35 AM

Co-Chair Galvin 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 – May 28, 2026

Vote: Galvin moved, Goode seconded the motion. Vote 6 yea, 0 nay.

Select Board Goals – Next Steps

The meeting focused on reviewing FY27 Select Board goals and potential HDIC involvement. Galvin focused on three main categories, including investing in the community, financial stewardship, and effective communication, with approximately 20 specific items across these categories. The group discussed how the HDIC could support these goals, with Art explaining that while the Select Board identified these goals after reorganizing and recent town meetings, the HDIC could help advance them by finding relevant connections to their mission and activities. Members discussed communication, in terms of connecting with the business community, Galvin concluded the discussion by asking members to identify items for focus. He also expressed interest in inviting the HDIC’s Select Board liaison to a future meeting.

Economic Development Strategic Plan – Recent Meetings and Events

Robert described content of the South Shore Chamber’s June 12 Economic Development luncheon, where the mayors of Quincy, Braintree, and Weymouth discussed projects in their communities. He noted that all three did not have to recruit the projects, an indicator that those communities – and the broader South Shore, are attractive sites for development. Robert also noted the mayors focused on factors they could control, particularly predictable permitting. This led to discussion of researching permitting best practices in these cities.

Robert summarized Rev250 efforts to date, including marketing efforts centered on a mailer, sent to 9K Hingham residences, by the Hingham Historical Society, with supporting social media. The mailer highlighted important future events, including a July 2 Bathing Beach event, the July 4 Road Race and Parade, and a July 8 Community Reading of the Declaration of Independence. For the latter event, the town collaborated with Harbor Media to create a video promoting the event. Robert pointed out that Hingham can build on this experience to further market the town to visitors.

Robert also noted the site inventory is now online and linked to the town's economic development web page.

Liaison Roles

Robert described, then answered questions relating to two important liaison roles – the MWRA Advisory Board and the Hingham Climate Action Commission. He stressed how the MWRA role can help the town keep abreast of access to MWRA water, necessary for future development. He also stressed how the Climate Action Commission role can help ensure business needs are considered as the town pursues its goal of net new carbon emissions by 2040. Members asked questions about each role – topics, time commitment, and connections to economic development. Robert committed to sharing, as a follow up, backup information on both, for members to consider. Galvin asked members to inform Art if interested, or share whether others may have an interest.

Adjourn – 9:32 AM

Vote: Galvin moved, McHardy seconded the motion. Vote 6 yea, 0 nay.