# Select Board

June 30, 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:**

6:14 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.

**FY26 Year-end Transfers**

Ms. Katie Dugan, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance presented the first round of intra and inter-departmental transfers of funds for the year end.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to recommend an intra-departmental transfer from DPW Salaries to DPW for road maintenance for $165,000. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Ms. Strehle made a motion to recommend an intra-departmental transfer from Athletic Salaries to Athletic Field Expenses for $8,000. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Ramsey made a motion to recommend an intra-departmental transfer from Accounting Salaries to Accounting Expenses for $8,000. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Ms. Strehle made a motion to recommend an intra-departmental transfer from Harbormaster Salaries to Harbormaster Expenses for $29,000. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Ramsey made a motion to recommend an inter-departmental transfer from DPW Expenses to Bathing Beach Expenses for $9,548. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Ms. Strehle made a motion to recommend an inter-departmental transfer from Veterans Services Salaries to GAR Hall Expenses for $5,468.48. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize Ms. Strehle to approve any additional FY 20 year end transfers in amounts not to exceed $20,000 through July 15th, 2026. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Agreement with AXON d/b/a Skydio for a Drone as First Responder System to maximize emergency response capabilities for the Harbormaster**

David Sequeira and Ken Corson addressed the board. David stated that the funding source for this would be a Port Security Grant and capital from FY27. The total contract value is $200,000 for 36 months. Ken provided more detail on the Port Security Grant and the drone technology. The grant is for $150,000.
**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with AXON d/b/a Skydio for a Drone as First Responder System to maximize emergency response capabilities for the Harbormaster in an amount not to exceed $200,000. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Agreement with SAFE Boats International LLC for a Multi-mission SAFE Boat 31 Patrol Vessel for the Harbormaster**

Ken Corson addressed the board and stated that this would be a replacement vessel for the main patrol boat. The current patrol vessel was purchased in 2009 and has reached near the end of its life expectancy. The current boat will held on to until the new boat arrives and staff is trained. The term of the contract is 24 months and the new boat could take up to 2 years to be produced. The funding source will be the Port Security Grant and FY27 capital. The total contract amount is $933,157.64.
**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with SAFE Boats International LLC for a Multi-mission SAFE Boat 31 Patrol Vessel for the Harbormaster in an amount not to exceed $93,157.64. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Agreement with Kenworth of SE New England, Inc. for a 2027 Kenworth T880 Tractor for the Department of Public Works**

Ashley Broyer, DPW Superintendent addressed the board stating that they are requesting the replacement as there old tractor is in need of $70,000 in repairs. This newer tractor will have an automatic transmission. The life span for the new tractor is 12-15 years. The total contract amount is $237,270.80.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with Kenworth of SE New England, Inc. for a 2027 Kenworth T880 Tractor for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed $237,270.80. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Agreement with Spector Manufacturing, Inc. for a T6 Closed Top Trash Trailer for the Department of Public Works**

Ashley Broyer, DPW Superintendent addressed the board to explain the need for the closed top trash trailer for the DPW. This will be replacing an older model.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with Spector Manufacturing, Inc. for a T6 Closed Top Trash Trailer for the Department of Public Works not to exceed $141,042. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Agreement with Taylor & Lloyd, Inc. for a 2026 4x2 International Truck for the Department of Public Works**

Ashley Broyer, DPW Superintendent addressed the board to explain the need for a replacement of the current spreader truck that is safer for the drivers and the public.
**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with Taylor & Lloyd, Inc. for a 2026 4x2 International Truck for the Department of Public Works not to exceed $314,313. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Agreement with Liberty Chevrolet, Inc. for one (1) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado Regular Cab & Chassis and one (1) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado Regular Cab & Chassis for the Department of Public Works**
Ashley Broyer, DPW Superintendent addressed the board to explain the need for a replacement for two trucks. One truck would be replacing the current Tree and Park truck and the second would be replacing the current Asphalt truck.
**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign Agreement with Liberty Chevrolet, Inc. for one (1) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado Regular Cab & Chassis and one (1) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado Regular Cab & Chassis for the Department of Public Works not to exceed $233,614.12. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Agreement with United Ag and Turf New England, LLC for two (2) John Deere Terrain Cut Commercial Wide-Area Mowers for the Department of Public Works**

Ashley Broyer, DPW Superintendent stated that this these would replace the two mowers. One has died recently and these are critical to the field maintenance program.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign Agreement with United Ag and Turf New England, LLC for two (2) John Deere Terrain Cut Commercial Wide-Area Mowers for the Department of Public Works not to exceed $183,314.62. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**Consider the Amendment #1 to the Agreement with TL Edwards, Inc. for Public Works Roadway Management**

David Sequeira stated that this amendment brings the cost over the $1M mark but all other terms are the same.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign Amendment #1 to the Agreement with TL Edwards, Inc. for Public Works Roadway Management, Inc. increasing the contract by $851,044 for a total value not to exceed $1,051,044. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.**

**Discussion of FY27 Plans for Opioid Settlement Funds Town of Hingham**

Sue Sarni addressed the board and presented the FY 27 proposed budget and reviewed the FY26 budget. The last payment will occur in 2039 and funds would be rolled over each year. The proposed budget for FY27 is $148,828 - rolling over $523,493.

**Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to adopt and FY27 Opioid Settlement budget of $148,828 to be spent as follows: $56,328 for salaries, $37,500 for prevention, and $55,000 for recovery. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.**

**2025 School Building Committee Update**

Ms. Angela Thedinga the Chair of the 2025 School Building Committee presented the 2025 school building update. Ms. Thedinga went over the following topics: 2025 SBC Members, the MSBA process, Timeline to date, PRS & South Elementary School roof projects – including the team, process and key timing. Ms. Thedinga also went over the HHS Roof and HVAC project introducing the team, process and timing, MSBA heat pump schematic design requirements and incentives.

**Discussion of Potential Special Town Meeting Dates**

Ms. Dugan previewed a draft timeline for the Special Town Meeting. One option is to use the November 3rd election for the ballot question related to the MSBA debt override that will be needed for the PRS and South School project. Ballot questions would need to be submitted to the AG by August 5th. The second deadline would be that the school building committee has a fixed deadline of August 28th to submit the schematic design package to the MSBA and then on October 28th the MSBA will vote on their final approval of the grants and awards. It is recommended that a Special Town Meeting be held on Wednesday October 28th so that the ballot question and be brought to the committee the following Tuesday. The Select Board will be asked to formally vote on a date on July 21st. On Tuesday August 4th the Select Board will be asked to open the warrant, insert the articles, close the warrant, and vote on the debt exclusion ballot question so it can be submitted to the AG on August 5th.

Ms. Angela Thedinga the Chair of the 2025 School Building Committee addressed the board. She stated that the submission deadline for the schematics to MSBA is August 27th.

**Vote: Ms. Klein stated that there will be no vote during this meeting.**

**Appointments (for a list of Talent Bank Applicants, please visit Hingham-ma.gov/SB)**

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Christopher Burns to the Affordable Housing Trust- 2 year term ending 6/30/28. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Brenda Black to the Affordable Housing Trust- 2 year term ending 6/30/28. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Laura Goncalves to the Bear Cove Park Committee- 1 year term ending 6/30/27. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Henry Buckley to the Cable TV Advisory Committee- 2 year term ending 6/30/28. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Paul Sprecher to the Climate Action Commission- 2 year term ending 6/30/28. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Brad Moyer to the Climate Action Commission- 2 year term ending 6/30/28. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Don Marsters to the Council on Aging - 3 year term ending 6/30/29. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Maureen Spillane to the Council on Aging - 3 year term ending 6/30/29. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Sharon Hampton to the Council on Aging - 3 year term ending 6/30/29. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.AXO

Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Marianne Donaldson to the Cultural Council- 1 year term ending 6/30/27. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Michael Bobich to the Development & Industrial Commission -3 year term ending 6/30/29. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint Deborah Robin to the Human Rights Commission- - 3 year term ending 6/30/29, Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Betsy Hardenbergh to the Lincoln Apartments Board of Managersv3 year term ending 6/30/29. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public came forward.

**Select Board/Town Administrator Reports**

Art Robert shared a heat advisory and guidance from the fire department. The risk will be major to extreme. The town will have cooling stations available on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Ramsey shared how well the Unity Council Juneteenth community event went. He also acknowledged Sharon Perfetti's retirement and service to the town, the board and the residents of Hingham.

Tom Mayo shared a one-day license events that were recently approved: Hockey movie Night at the Community Center, Making Waves event, and birthday party at the bathing beach community room. Tom also shared that Sharon Perfetti's last day was 6/30/26. Sharon was the Office Manager in the Select Board's Office for 13 yrs and gave background on Sharon's work in Hingham.

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

**The Select Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.**

Documents:

1. Axon Enterprises Agreement
2. Safe Boats International Agreement
3. Kenworth DPW Agreement
4. Spector DPW Agreement
5. Taylor & Lloyd Agreement
6. Liberty Chevy Agreement
7. United AG Turf DPW Agreement
8. TL Edwards Amendment
9. FY27 Opioid Budget Presentation
10. 2025 SBC Update Presentation