

Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2026

Hingham Town Hall, Third Floor, South Hearing Room/Hybrid Meeting

Attendance: Kevin Freytag, Ted Ciolkosz, Brian Stack, Carol Tully, Michael Herde, Ben Burnham, David Leiphart, Nes Correnti, Michelle Ayer, Jerry Seelen, Elaine McCusker, Cathe Shetzline, Katherine Parks, Mary Power, Stephen Pohl,

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Freytag called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and read the following statement: "This meeting is being held remotely/or in person as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 and all other applicable law 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 MGL Chapter 30A Section 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording".
2. **Comments from the Public: None.**
3. **Discussion:**
 - **Year-End Fund Transfer Requests:** The Committee approved \$1.7 million in reserve fund transfers, including \$1.5 million for previously underbudgeted shared services costs residing outside of the MOUs 3.5% cap on annual expense growth. Another \$0.2 million in transfers were approved for expenses falling within the MOUs 3.5% cap on annual expense growth. These costs included \$805k for Snow & Ice, \$360k for Worker's Comp, \$48k for Medicare, \$217k for Legal Costs, \$16k for Police/Fire Overtime and \$22k in Town Meeting costs.

The total transfer of \$1.7 million was \$1 million lower than estimated at F25 Annual Town Meeting. The positive variance here mainly reflected \$600k lower than estimated costs for Hingham Public Schools Out of District costs, as well as lower than expected expenses for Snow & Ice expenses.
 - **Town Meeting Preparation:** As many as four articles are expected for the upcoming Special Town Meeting, which will be scheduled for October. These include articles for Hingham Municipal Light (second power line) and as many as three articles for roof and heating system repair projects at Hingham High School and both South and Plymouth River Elementary Schools.
4. **Liaisons:** Mary Power was named Liaison to the Group Insurance Study Committee. Additional assignments will be forthcoming.
5. **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th.
6. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm by unanimous voice vote.