

Select Board

July 21, 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:

6:00 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.

Proclaim August 8, 2026 as Farmer’s Market Day in the Town of Hingham

Ms. Bev Vernon of the Hingham Farmer’s Market addressed the Board and provided an update on National Farmer’s Market Week, which is being observed from August 2 through August 8. She recognized several local farmers who participate in the Hingham Farmers Market and highlighted the important role they play in the farmer’s market community. Ms. Vernon explained that the market will conclude its National Farmers Market Week celebration on August 8 with children's activities, including face painting and a scavenger hunt. She also noted that on August 1, the State Commissioner from the Department of Agricultural Resources will tour the market to read a proclamation from the Governor.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to Proclaim August 8, 2026 as Farmer’s Market Day in the town of Hingham. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Application for an Entertainment License submitted by 211 Hingham LLC, d/b/a Comella’s Restaurant, 207 Lincoln St, Hingham, Kim Collyer, Manager

Ms. Kim Collyer was unable to speak during the meeting and no vote was taken.

Consider the Agreement with Riverdale Plumbing & Heating Inc. for the Library chiller replacement project

Ms. Linda Harper Stone addressed the board and explained that the current chiller has reached the end of its life and they can no longer replace part. Mr. David Sequeira spoke about the qualifications that Riverdale Plumbing & Heating has to complete this project and what the timeline for the project would look like. The funding source would be Article 16 and the total contract would be \$1,300,000.

Construction would start in September 2026 and final inspections are scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2027. The library will remain fully operational and areas will be temporarily closed off as needed.

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Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign an Agreement with Riverdale Plumbing & Heating Inc. for the Library chiller replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Potential vote to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters, Local Union 25

Ashley Broyer presented the final draft of the agreement. The terms of the agreement had previously been agreed on. This Agreement has been reviewed by Teamsters, Local 25 and Town Council.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters, Local Union 25 effective July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028. Mr. Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Potential vote to approve the Civil Service language for the Police Patrol and Police Superiors bargaining units.

Chief Jones addressed the Board and provided an overview of the Civil Service hiring process for police officers. He explained that the current Civil Service system can make it challenging to recruit qualified candidates for the Hingham Police Department (HPD).

Chief Jones stated that leaving the Civil Service system would allow HPD to recruit higher-caliber candidates who are specifically interested in working for the department. Under the proposed process, Hingham would administer its own entrance examination, hosted locally by the Town. Applicants would pay the examination fee, and a third-party testing company would administer the exam and establish an eligibility list for HPD, similar to the current Civil Service list, but consisting only of candidates applying to the Hingham Police Department.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the Civil Service language for the Police Patrol and Police Superiors bargaining units. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Discussion and potential vote regarding scheduling of 2026 Special Town Meeting and Warrant

Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator, informed the Board that the Town will need to hold a Special Town Meeting this Fall. He stated that four articles are anticipated: the Plymouth River Elementary School roof, the South Elementary School roof, the Hingham High School roof/HVAC and design project, and Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) capital improvements that were postponed from the previous Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Mayo noted that the Special Town Meeting has been recommended for October 28, 2026.

Ms. Katie Dugan, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance, provided a more detailed overview of the four proposed articles. She also explained the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process and reviewed the anticipated timeline for the school projects moving forward.

The Select Board will meet on July 28, 2026 via zoom at 5:00pm.

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

Vote:

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint John Cantor to the Human Rights Commission for a term ending June 30, 2027. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Public Comment

No members of the public came forward.

Select Board/Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Tom Mayo advised that a Special One-Day alcohol license had been issued to the Stellwagon for the Sidewalk Sale on July 23, 2026 -July 24, 2026 from 4:00pm-7:00pm and July 27, 2026 12:00pm-4:00pm. The estimated attendance is 150 people with one police detail required.

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Mr. Mayo also mentioned that the groundbreaking for the town pool at South Shore Country Club would be held from 2:00pm-4:00pm on Thursday 7/23/26.

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

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Documents:

1. Farmers' Market Proclamation
2. Comella's Entertainment License
3. Riverdale Plumbing & Heating Agreement
4. Teamsters Local 25 Agreement
5. Police Civil Service replacement language -Probationary Period
6. Police Civil Service replacement language -Revocation CBA Terms
7. Draft Warrant Articles 2026 Special Town Meeting
8. 2026 Fall Special Town Meeting Timeline