

# Select Board

August 29, 2023

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Present:

- Select Board: Ms. Liz Klein, Chair, Joseph Fisher, and Bill Ramsey
- Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance
- 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 2023 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.”

Select Board members participating in the meeting were Ms. Liz Klein, Chair, Mr. Joseph Fisher, and Mr. Bill Ramsey.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Approval of Minutes**

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes dated July 25, 2023. Mr. Fisher seconded.**

## **Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

## **Suicide Prevention Proclamation**

Mr. Art Robert explained that this agenda item builds on the efforts by the Federal Government as well as the Town to highlight suicide awareness and prevention in conjunction with efforts in preventing opioid abuse. Ms. Klein thanked Executive Health Officer, Susan Sarni, for her efforts on these issues. Ms. Klein noted that the Select Board is committed to breaking down the stigma associated with mental health and to raise awareness.

The members of the Select Board read the Suicide Prevention Proclamation.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to proclaim Sunday, September 10, 2023 as Suicide Prevention Day and the month of September as Suicide Prevention Month in the Town of Hingham. Mr. Ramsey seconded.**

## **Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**  
**Mr. Ramsey: yes**  
**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Special (One Day) All Alcoholic Beverages License to Hingham Maritime Center for Harbor Feast 2023**

Ms. Amy Conley, director of the Hingham Maritime Association explained that this is Hingham Maritime's annual fundraising event that is being held in collaboration with the Hingham High School Sailing Team and the Hingham High School Rowing Association. Ms. Conley plans to work with the Hingham Police Department for a police detail. She plans to utilize Hingham school buses to transport guests from the High School parking lot to the event. Additional parking would be available in the Station Street parking lot. She plans to work with the Hingham Police Department to set up a Police detail. Ms. Klein noted that Police Chief Jones has reviewed and approved the event.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) All Alcoholic Beverages License to Hingham Maritime Center for Harbor Feast 2023 to be held at Hingham Maritime Center on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Mr. Fisher seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**  
**Mr. Ramsey: yes**  
**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to The McCourt Foundation for the 14th Annual Tour de South Shore**

Ms. Janet Walsmith explained that this will be the 14<sup>th</sup> year that the annual fundraiser has been held in Hingham. They plan to hold 25 and 50 mile bike rides and a 5K walk/run in Wompatuck State Park. Guests who are over 21 will be provided wrist bands and two drink tickets. They hope to have approximately 450 people in attendance. Currently, the application is being reviewed by DCR. She will confirm with the Select Board Office when the event is approved. The event raises funds to help end neurological illnesses.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to The McCourt Foundation for the 14th Annual Tour de South Shore to be held at Wompatuck State Park on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Mr. Ramsey seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**  
**Mr. Ramsey: yes**  
**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Change of Manager at Bertucci's Restaurants LLC**

The applicant, Sandro DaCruz, explained that he has previously been a supervisor with Bertucci's and has been promoted to General Manager. Mr. Mayo confirmed that the application is complete. There were no questions from the Select Board.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the request of Bertucci's Restaurants LLC, 90 Derby Street, for a Change of Manager from Adam Rameaka to Sandro DaCruz in accordance with the Application for a Change of Manager filed with the Town of Hingham on June 22, 2023; subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Mr. Fisher seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Agreement with Deere and Company for a John Deere Compact Utility Tractor**

Mr. Kevin Whalen of the South Shore Country Club (SSCC) and Ms. Kathy Reilly, Procurement and Contracts Manager, were present. Mr. Whalen explained that they hope to purchase a new mower for the SSCC. The expected life of the mower they hope to purchase is at least ten years and it will be purchased from a State contract. The mower will be stored in their newly completed equipment barn. The purchase is part of their FY24 Capital Plan.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with Deere and Company for a John Deere Compact Utility Tractor and Roller Mower for the South Shore Country Club in an amount not to exceed \$68,891.08. Mr. Ramsey seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Agreement with ClearGov, Inc.**

Ms. Michelle Monsegur explained that the ClearGov software will help to modernize the Town's budgeting process. Her team evaluated three different software options. The communities she spoke with who are using ClearGov reported being very happy with the software. She showed the Select Board members some of the key features of the software via a PowerPoint presentation. She felt that this software would allow departments to manage data and budget requests more easily. The software would also allow for a more public budget book that follows State criteria. Ms. Monsegur is very excited to get started with this new software and plans for a phased approach. Munis will remain as the town's every day financial tool for managing transactions and the ClearGov software will be a more analytical and interactive tool for managing data. Funding for the software was approved through Town Meeting. Mr. Fisher asked if the IT Department is satisfied with the level of cyber protection offered. Ms. Monsegur agreed and explained the way their protection works. The Town has agreed to an annual subscription fee and will remain the owner of any data stored in the ClearGov software.

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with ClearGov, Inc. for budgeting software in an amount not to exceed \$34,787.50 for Fiscal Year 2024 with the authorization to renew for up to two additional terms in an amount not to exceed \$32,025.00 for Fiscal Year 2025 and in an amount not to exceed \$32,985.75 for Fiscal Year 2026. Mr. Fisher seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

**Appointments**

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Cheryl Russo to the Beautification Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Fisher seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Elaine Ward to the Council on Aging for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Fisher seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Fisher: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Jeff Swett to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Fisher seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Scott Cyr to the Water Transition and Evaluation Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

### **Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

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

Mr. Robert shared that he has been in discussions, internally and externally, regarding the possibility of Hingham accessing Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) water capacity. Having access to additional water capacity could be a unique way to support economic development in South Hingham. Mr. Robert added that there could be an opportunity to work with multiple communities on this effort. He felt that this was a good start to a long-term project.

Town Administrator Mayo reported that he has approved the following Special One-Day Liquor Licenses:

- Untold Brewing LLC – Hingham Harborfest, Saturday, September 9 – 12pm-5pm, no rain date
- Widowmaker Brewing, Inc. – Sunset Picnics at Weir River Farm, Thursday, September 12, 21 & 28, no rain date

Mr. Ramsey said that he recently attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Foster Elementary School. He thanked the members of the Hingham community for making this possible. Ms. Klein noted that she was thrilled to be part of the event.

Ms. Klein reported that two new families have moved into the recently completed Habitat for Humanity homes on Whiting Street. A reception was held last night to welcome the families into the community.

**Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ramsey seconded.**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.**

**Documents:** A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Select Board office