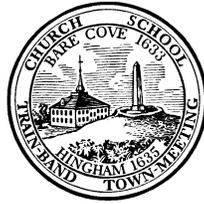


# Annual Report



## Town of Hingham 2013

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Report compiled and edited by Betty Tower  
Special thanks to Kate Richardsson, IT,  
Patti Coyle and Sharon Perfetti

## This is Your Town

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Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Population	22,249
Registered Voters	16,595
Dem. 3,980; Rep. 3,036; Unenrolled, 9,525; Other, 54	
Number of Houses, including Condos	7346
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,817,400,200
Personal Property	\$100,873,580
Tax Rate	\$12.56
Schools	6
Public School Children, PreK-12 (2/11)	4,303
Professional Staff	358
Support Staff	307
Total FY2013 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$90,295,835
Total FY2013 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$42,338,962



*Aftermath of Nemo – February 8, 2013*

### **State Senator**

Norfolk-Plymouth  
Robert Hedlund  
State House,  
Rm. 313C  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-1646

### **State Rep.**

Third Plymouth Dist.  
Precincts 1,3,4,5,5A,6  
Garrett Bradley  
State House, Rm. 478  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-2520

### **State Rep.**

Fourth Norfolk Dist.  
Precinct 2  
James Murphy  
State House, Rm. 443  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-2460



*Irma Lauter, Bruce Rabuffo, Paul Healey*

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## Board of Selectmen

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As we approach the end of FY2014, the outlook for Hingham's immediate future is cautiously optimistic.

**Financially, in February Standard and Poor confirmed the Town's AAA rating, supporting the same level of confirmation reported by Fitch and Moody's. Just as those other evaluations, this one stated that strong management and budgetary flexibility with stable assessed values contributed to the Town's favorable position. Standard and Poor also recognized the Town's strengthened unassigned fund balance, now above 18 percent. That result is in keeping with the Town policy range of 16 to 20 percent. and compares favorably to the 8.9 percent position reported in 2009. These numbers permitted the Town to initiate prudent actions for the coming years.**

This Town Meeting will consider a modest (2%) tax relief proposal by employing meals tax revenues and unused property tax capacity to mitigate the impact of upcoming tax increases. These increases occur because of the voter approved new Middle School and other Town

projects. This relief not only continues our past practice of assisting our neediest neighbors but also now provides relief to all property owners. This financial strengthening also allowed the proposed budget to restore some staffing positions in our schools, police, fire and DPW. In addition, the proposed budget placed emphasis on capital projects delayed as a result of the economic downturn.

The caution on our optimism is the slow economic recovery with its degree of uncertainty. The Town needs to manage its rising demands for staff and expense increases against the economic burdens our citizens face in this economy. Certain indicators like excess tax capacity and our debt level suggest caution in future actions as the Town deals with expenditures. That approach will sustain the financial position the Town enjoys today.

In this vein, the Town has been focusing on good growth opportunities such as in South Hingham. The Board of Selectmen, together with the Planning Board, ZBA and Development and Industrial Commission, is studying plans for that area. The Boards have already begun to address the improvement of the Derby Street corridor with assistance from our state representatives. The Board is mindful as well of its commitment to Summer Street and waterfront neighborhoods whose future is key to maintaining Hingham.

Likewise, the Town has continued the examination of owning its municipal water company, as do most other towns in the Commonwealth. To date, the Town study has not identified any roadblocks to owning the water company. In fact, the Selectmen study has suggested considerable economic and environmental reasons for owning and managing our own water company. The Town is now in litigation to determine the price for such a purchase. If appropriate, a future Town Meeting will then ascertain, along with other proposed management and governance solutions, whether such ownership is in the best interests of the Town. While some may suggest the court action is risky, ownership of the water company will repay the taxpayers for their support of this action and lead to future cost avoidance, improved infrastructure and control of our destiny.

The Board understands as well that planning now underway must address serving other sections of our population such as the elderly, the fastest expanding component of the Town. That planning has identified infrastructure solutions in buildings, equipment and other assets to begin to serve that future by funding actions today.

That future has described a need for joint actions with other communities who may face similar issues. The Board has started those joint deliberations to seek common ground where appropriate.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen could not accomplish any of its many tasks without the support of so many volunteers. Those citizens who serve on Advisory and the other committees join with the other elected officials to make Hingham what it is. We thank them and the members of our staff for the service they render.

L. Bruce Rabuffo, Chairman  
Irma H. Lauter  
Paul K. Healey

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## Town Administrator

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I am pleased to submit my report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham as the Town Administrator.

The past year we have seen continued improvement in the financial position of the Town, the results of having implemented both financial and operational initiatives over the past several years. These results include balanced budgets throughout the entire five year look ahead of **our financial forecast, a reaffirmation of the Town's AAA bond rating** by one of the town's three bond rating firms, Standard & Poor, and the unprecedented issuance of bond anticipation notes at a rate of 0.2% per annum. In addition to the historically low rates, the Town continues to see extremely high demand for its bonds; the offering was 7 times oversubscribed.

With the cooperation and contributions of boards, committees, and staff throughout the Town we have seen these fiscal initiatives come to fruition and provide the benefits that we had hoped for when they were first undertaken. I am confident that the town is on a fiscally sustainable track, which will allow us to provide consistently high quality services with a lessened impact upon property taxes.

During 2013 the town developed a property tax reduction strategy as a continued effort from the Board of Selectmen to mitigate the impact of large town projects upon the property tax base. The development of the fiscal 2015 budget includes approximately 2% of property tax reduction,

which will offset property tax increases due to voter approved building initiatives. The reduction of property taxes will be funded by current and **past collections of the "meal tax" that the town adopted in 2011.**

Also during 2013, the town continued studying the feasibility of purchasing the Town water system from Aquarion Water Company, while at the same time endeavoring to enhance current service, and mitigating the high cost of water.

2013 saw the retirement of Town Hall employees Patricia Rawl and Kate Lathrop. In all, ten people retired this year and we wish them well for many years to come.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly Betty Foley, Betty Tower, Sharon Perfetti and David Basler in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. Success is a cooperative effort, and I look forward to a productive year serving the Hingham community in 2014.

Ted C. Alexiades  
Town Administrator

2013  
Elected Town Officers

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	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b>	
Michael J. Puzo	2014
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)</b>	
Paul K. Healey	2016
Irma H. Lauter	2015
Lawrence Bruce Rabuffo	2014
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b>	
Eileen A. McCracken	2015
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)</b>	
Jean Montgomery (2013 Voted to Appoint)	
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b>	
Harold S. Goldstein	2016
Michael P. Shaughnessy	2015
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2014
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b>	
Kirk J. Shilts	2016
Peter B. Bickford	2015
Stephan J. White	2014
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b>	
Walter A. Foskett	2016
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2015
John Ryan	2014
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b>	
James R. Watson	2018
Kevin C. Connelly	2017
Amy Farrell (Appointed by State)	2016
Stephanie A. McHugh	2015
Robert D. Keyes	2014

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)**

Elizabeth O'Reilly	2016
Raymond C. Estes	2016
Andrew A. Shafter	2016
Dennis C. Friedman	2015
Paul J. Gannon	2015
Carol M. Falvey	2014
Edward J. Schreier	2014

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Sarah H. Corey	2018
Judith S. Sneath	2017
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2016
William C. Ramsey	2015
Walter Sullivan Jr. (Appointed to replace Healey)	2014

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Edmund Demko	2016
Michael A. Salerno	2015
Edward F. Monahan (deceased 3/14)	2014

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Vicki Donlan	2018
Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2017
Paul G. Paget	2016
Thomas E. Belyea	2015
Robert D. Keyes	2014

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Tereza Prime	2014
Louis Belknap	2015
Betty Fernandes	2016

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH (Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Edward Johnson  
Alan Perrault  
Joan P. Williams

2013  
Appointees

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**Term Expires**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)**

Susan Nickerson

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)**

Theodore Joyce	2016
Mary M. Power	2016
Thomas J. Pyles	2016
William Wise	2016
Donna Smallwood	2016
Michael Barclay	2015
Daniel Dwyer	2015
Lucy Hancock	2015
Gregory M. MacCune	2015
Craig D. MacKay	2015
Linda K. Kutsch	2014
James A. Sharkansky	2014
James W. Taylor	2014
Elizabeth Eldredge	2014
Laura Marwill	2014

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 21 ATM 2007) 2 Year Term**

Daniel Jacobson	2015
Timothy White	2015
Patrick R. Gaughen	2015
Kevin C. Connelly	2015
Susan Crowley	2015
Peter Vanderweil	2014
Nancy Kerber	2014
<b>Irma Lauter (Selectmen's Rep)</b>	2014
Rev. Gary Ludwig	2014

**APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Joseph M. Fisher	2016
W. Tod McGrath	2015
Joseph Freeman	2014

**Associate Members (one year term)**

David Anderson  
Alan Kearney  
Robyn S. Maguire  
Mario Romania, Jr.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
(ART 26, ATM 2010)**

Josh Gregory (Selectmen Appt.)	2016
Edwin J. Gillis (Moderator Appt.)	2015
Jason Ryan (Selectmen Appt.)	2015
George L. Alexakos (Moderator Appt.)	2014
Vacant (Moderator Appt.)	
Ted C. Alexiades, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

DeWitt DeLawter	2016
James Nowicki	2016
Shirley Rydell	2016
Thomas A. Burbank	2015
Edward J. Matthews	2015
Robert Smalldone	2014
<b>Brian O'Leary</b>	2014
Joseph Roper	2014
Vacant	

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 6/15/04)**

Patricia Bray	2016
Margaret Coleman	2016
Rosemarie Durkin	2016
Laura Spaziani	2016
Maura Graham	2015
Margaret Taylor	2014
Vacant	

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon  
John Elmer (Appt. 2/2014)

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**(Appt. by Town Administrator under MA State Bldg. Code 780 CMR 5105.1 (for ensuing year))**

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner  
Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector  
Reginald Newcomb, Local Building Inspector  
Richard Wakem, Local Building Inspector  
William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires  
**Donald Drew, Ass't. Inspector of Wires**  
Brian McPherson, Plumbing & Gas Inspector  
**Jay Yetman, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector**

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Eric Connerly	2016
David Jones	2016
Phillip S. Thaxter	2015
Sandra S. Peavey	2015
John Rice	2014
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	

**CABLE DIRECTORS OF TELEVISION PUBLIC ACCESS CORP.**

James Dellot  
Hal Goldstein  
Robert Kirk  
Noreen Moross  
Margaret Sullivan

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Brendan Kiernan	2015
Elizabeth M. Claypoole	2014
Ray P. Eisenbies	2016

**Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman**

Craig MacKay  
Lucy Hancock

**Ex-Officio**

Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**(ART26 ATM 2001)**

Sally C. Weston (Moderator Appt.)	2014
Kathleen Peters (Selectmen Appt.)	2014
Irma Lauter (Selectmen Rep.)	2014

Matthew Zieper (Moderator Appt)	2015
Scott McIsaac (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2016
Robert Curley (Historical Comm. Rep.)	2016
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)	2016
James Watson (Housing Authority Rep.)	2016
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2016

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
(MGL, C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

Michael Ide	2016
Eldon L. Abbott	2016
Scott T. McIsaac	2015
Alan E. McKenna	2015
Charles Berry	2014
Daniel Coughlin	2014
Nina T. Villanova	2014

**CONSTABLE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Kathleen Peloquin	2014
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**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD  
(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Ted Alexiades (Appointed by Selectmen)	2016
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2016
Henry F. G. Wey, III (Retirement Board Appt.)	2015
Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees)	2014

**Ex-officio**

Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Gail Faring (Appt. 3/2014)	2017
June M. Freedman	2016
Chrisanne Gregoire	2016
Leslie Vickers	2016
Edward Ford	2015
Beth Rouleau	2015
Dawn Sibor	2015
Gretchen Condon	2014
Joan Iovino	2014
Norma Jackson	2014
Richard Ponte	2014

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)**

Scott D. Peterson	2016
Paul J. Casey	2015
Terence Clarke	2015
William Friend	2014
Kerry Ryan	2014

**CULTURAL COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)**

Trish Baggott	2016
Jill Powell	2016
Deanna Maria Costa	2015
Carol B. Moss	2015
Susan Luery	2014
Marlie L. McManus	2014

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)**

Susan L. Sullivan	2018
Gregory Lane	2018
Mary Ann Blackmur	2017
Eileen Richards	2016
Nanette G. Walsh	2016
Kevin Ellis	2015
Scott R. Peterson	2015

**DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON  
(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989, ART. 50)**

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner  
Barbara Partridge  
John Pollick  
Susan Sommer

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)**

Elizabeth Flynn  
Dorothy Galo  
Jennifer Henriksen  
Judith Rielly  
Patricia Tomecek

**ELECTRONIC VOTING, COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 24 ATM 2013)**

Charles Clapp  
Judy Cole  
Marissa Costello  
Dight Crain  
Edna English  
Eric Haskell  
Andrew McElaney, Chair

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Mark L. Duff

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE  
(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

John Bewick, Moderator Appt.  
Kenneth Brown, Moderator Appt.  
Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.  
Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.  
Scott Cyr, Selectmen Appt.  
Michael Sweeney, Selectmen Appt.  
Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt.

**Ex-officio**

Town Accountant  
School Business Manager

**FIRE CHIEF**

Mark L. Duff

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSET REVIEW COMMITTEE  
(Appt. by Selectmen 4/4/13)**

Chief Mark Duff  
Lt. William McIntyre  
Charles Bacon  
Carl Peterson  
Alan Kearney  
Thomas J. Carey  
Board of Selectmen Chair

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)**

See Conservation Commission

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)**

Jason Caine	Cassie McDermott
Melissa Caine	John Monz
Mary Ellen Carlisle	Carrie Murphy
Monica Conyngham	Jim Murphy (Chair)
Deanna Maria Costa	Bill Nickerson
DeWitt De Lawter	Robin Nickerson
Eric Dresser	<b>Louis O'Dea</b>
George Ford	Glen Olsson
Ginny Gray	Mary Pizzelli
Susan Hagstrom	Ruth Potter
Dan Lahiff	Cindy Tonucci
Dave Madden	

**GAR HALL TRUSTEES  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)**

Scott McMillan	2016
Keith Jermyn	2015
Robert Beal, Jr.	2014

**HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)**

William S. Reardon	2016
John Thomas	2016
Eric Kachel	2016
Paul Losardo	2015
Edward Morris	2015
Robert Mosher	2014
Alan Perrault	2014

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

Kenneth R. Corson, III

**Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)**

Joseph P. Driscoll  
Michael McCue  
Neal Nelson  
Michael Riley  
Danny Sousa

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer  
David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

**HERBERT FOSS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen 3/1/2012)**

James E. Claypoole  
Peter T. Finney  
Arthur T. Smith, Jr.  
William C. Ramsey  
Alan D. Perrault  
Donald J. MacKinnon (Appt. 1/9/2014)  
William S. Reardon (Appt. 1/9/2014)

**HISTORIAN, TOWN  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 ATM 1943)**

Alexander Macmillan

**HISTORIC ARCHIVES TASK FORCE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 8/30/2011)**

Ann Dalton (Library Director or Designee)  
Dorothy Galo (School Supt. Or Designee)  
Eileen A. McCracken (Town Clerk or Designee)  
William Salisbury (Historical Society Member)  
Stephen Swett (Historical Commission Member)

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM 1967)**

George Ford	2016
Hans von der Luft	2016
Charles Clutz	2015
Susan Berry	2014
Lois Levine	2014

**Alternate Members**

Martha Saunders	2016
John D'Angelo	2016
Michael Collard	2015
Anne Fanton	2015
Marc Minor	2014

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)**

Michael Dyer	2016
Robert A. Curley, Jr.	2016
Arthur K. Choo, Jr.	2015
Thomas Willson	2015
Huck Handy	2014
Elizabeth Rockoff	2014

**LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEES OF**

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.

Edward D. Boylan

Thomas J. Carey, Jr.

Edna English

Arthur Garrity

Harold Goldstein

David Mehegan

JoAnn Mitchell

Nelson G. Ross, Esq.

Edward Siegfried

**Appt. By Selectmen**

Bonnie B. Hobbs 2016

Michael A. Spatola 2015

Susan Rabuffo 2014

**Appt. By Moderator**

Caryl Falvey 2015

Tina V. Sherwood 2015

**Ex-officio**

Rep. of Board of Selectmen

Treasurer/Collector

Superintendent of Schools

**LINCOLN APARTMENTS, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS  
(ART 1 STM 2008)**

Patrick Gaughen (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.) 2014

Albert Rodiger (Selectmen Appt.) 2014

Thomas P. Shanley (Selectmen Appt.) 2015

Richard Mason (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.) 2016

John W. McHugh (Moderator Appt.) 2016

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman

Michael Peraino, Police Chief

Glenn Olsson, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.

Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief

David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat

William Gray, Fire Department, EMS

Irma H. Lauter, Selectman

L. Bruce Rabuffo, Selectman

Paul K. Healey, Selectman

Ted C. Alexiades, Town Administrator  
Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer  
Kenneth R. Corson, III, Harbormaster  
Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services  
Paul Field, School Department  
Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner  
Paul Heanue, Manager, HMLP  
Abby Piersall, Conservation Officer  
Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer  
Harry Sylvester, Asst. Project Engineer  
Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2015
Brenda P. Black	2015
Peter Stathopoulos	2015
Elizabeth A. Dewire	2015
David P. White	2015
Kimberly Jursic	2016
Janice B. McPhillips	2016

**Ex-officio**

Superintendent Public Works

**MBTA ADVISORY BOARD**

Marco Boer, Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.**

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative  
Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

**MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative  
Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)**

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

**MAYFLOWER MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Ted C. Alexiades, Representative  
Betty Foley, Alternate Representative

**MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)**

Kenneth Dresser  
Joan Getto  
Martha Ryan  
Ann Shilhan  
Michael Shilhan  
Dorcas V. Wagner

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)**

Marco Boer 2015  
Edna S. English, Alternate

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER**

(Appt. By Selectmen)  
Eileen A. McCracken

**NOISE BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen. ART 31 ATM 2013)**

Declan Boland  
Vicki Donlan  
Dennis King  
Brian Knies  
Joseph McCracken

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Carolyn Nielsen (Selectmen Appt.) 2016  
Laurie Freeman (Planning Board Appt.) 2015  
Jim Morris (Conservation Appt.) 2014

**PARKING CLERK  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERMANENT BUILDING & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT  
STUDY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 10/12/2010)**

Roger Fernandes  
Donald J. MacKinnon  
John Manley  
Jerry Seelen  
Benedict Wilcox

**PERSONNEL BOARD**  
**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

Mary Jane O'Meara	2016
Marie S. Harris	2015
David Pace	2015
Russell F. Conn	2014
John F. Manning	2014

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard Cook (Associate Member)

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

Bruce Rabuffo

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Peter Blampied  
James Claypoole  
Scott Ford  
Michael Holden, Esq.  
Jane Malme

**POLICE CHIEF**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Michael Peraino

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF**  
**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Randy Sylvester

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**  
**(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)**

Betty Tower	2016
Dawn Sibor	2014
Virginia Gray	2015
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)**

Adam White (Appt. 2/2014)	2017
Kurt Weisenbeck	2016
Thomas Hagstrom	2016
Roger Nastou	2016
Clay Graham (Resigned 12/2013)	2015
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer	2015
Andrew Shafter	2015

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006  
(ART 17, ATM 2006)**

Robert S. Bucey (Moderator Appt.)  
Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)  
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)  
Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)  
Raymond Estes (School Comm. Appt.)  
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)  
Stefan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

James R. Huse  
Jay Ippolito  
Barbara Kardok  
Dorothy Manganaro  
Michael Studley

**SOUTH HINGHAM STUDY GROUP  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard Cook (At large)  
Paul Healey (Selectmen's Rep.)  
Tod McGrath (ZBA Rep.)  
Judith Sneath (Planning Board Rep.)  
Susan Sullivan (Dev. and Ind. Rep.)

**SOUTH SHORE COALITION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

L. Bruce Rabuffo	2014
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**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen Messinger  
Randy Sylvester

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION**

Joseph Fisher, Member CAC  
Mary Byram, Member CAC  
William Koplovsky, Rep. to the Advisory Board of the South Shore  
Tri-Town Development Corp.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP  
(Appt. by Selectmen, 8/23/2012)**

Laura Burns  
David Ellison  
Elizabeth Flynn  
Dennis Friedman  
Dorothy Galo  
Melissa Goldman  
Linda Port, Chair  
Marisa Ronan  
Linda Kutsch, Advisory Comm. Liaison  
Paul Gannon, ex-officio

**TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE  
(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)**

Carolyn Kelliher  
John J. Pollick  
Greg Hall, Assessors  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Ted C. Alexiades

**2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE  
(Ad Hoc Appt. by Selectmen, 12/20/12)**

Thomas Carey, Jr.  
Ronnie Kirvin  
Jerry Seelen

**TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Police Chief (or Rep.)  
Fire Chief (or Rep.)  
Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)  
Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)  
James Costello 2015  
Dan Zivkovich 2014  
Vacant

**TREE WARDEN**

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/18/2007)**

L. Paul Heanue  
Sandra Peavey  
Bruce Rabuffo  
John A. Riley  
Susan Sullivan  
Benedict Wilcox

**VETERANS COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Gibbs	2016
Edward Guild, Jr.	2016
William Ramsey	2016
Jonathan Asher	2015
W. Paul Koenen	2015
James Claypoole	2015
Robert Beal, Jr.	2014
Stephen Bray	2014
Maureen DeMenna	2014
Keith Jermyn	
John W. McHugh	
Scott McMillan	
David Sargent	

**WATER CO. ACQUISITION STUDY COMMITTEE**

(Appt. by Selectmen, 3/29/12)

Jonathan Asher  
Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.  
Joshua Krumholz  
Michael A. Salerno  
Edward R. Siegfried

**WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

James Connelly  
Maureen F. Doran  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Kirk J. Shilts

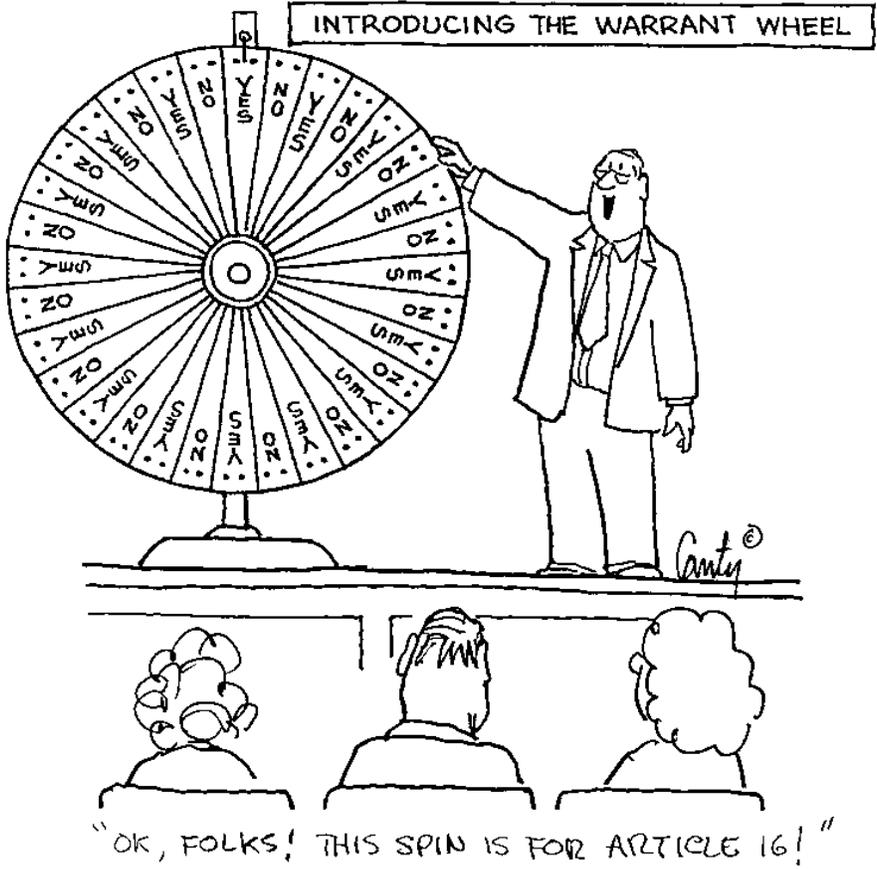
**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)**

Robert Egan

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Patricia Coyle



# Annual Town Meeting

## April 22, 2013

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**Registered Voters: 16,153**  
**Attendance: 1,818**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 22, 2012. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m, a quorum being present. Andrew McElaney, Victor Baltera and Mary Jane O'Meara were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Reverend Doctor Peter Allen from Hingham Congregational Church. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Keith Jermyn, the Town Director of Veterans' Services. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

### **ARTICLES INDEX**

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, etc.
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. High School Fields Alternative Petition
8. High School Fields Project
9. High School Multi-Purpose Field Artificial Turf
10. Installation of Lights for the Multi-Purpose Field
11. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Various Projects
12. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Heritage Museum
13. Transfer from the General Fund to Reduce the FY2015 Tax Rate
14. Transfer from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund to Reduce the FY2015 Tax Rate
15. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
16. Tax Work Off by Surrogate
17. Accept C.59 §5N Re: Veterans Tax Reduction
18. Disbursement of Electric Light Plant Receipts
19. Building Department Revolving Fund
20. Elder Services Revolving Fund
21. Transfer to the Reserve Fund
22. Land Acquisition on Recreation Park Drive

23. Treasurer Collector from Elected to Appointed
24. Electronic Voting at Town Meeting
25. Town Meeting Quorum
26. Transfer Land in Former Tract IV to Hingham Light Plant
27. Conservation Restrictions
28. Amend General By-Law re: Community Preservation Act
29. Amend General By-Law re: CPC Membership
30. Amend General By-Law re: Affordable Housing Trust
31. Amend General By-Law re: Noise
32. Amend General By-Law re: Sewer Assessment Policy
33. Clarification of Action Under Article 38 of the Warrant for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting
34. Revoke Authorization under Article 38 of the Warrant for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting
35. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Medical Marijuana
36. Monument re: Town Farm off Beal Street
37. Bill from a Previous Year
38. Easement Abington Street
39. Easement Thaxter Street
40. Easement Whitney Wharf
41. Accept Easements

## **Article 1**

**VOTED:** 1. That Betty Fernandes, 1142 Main Street be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years; and 2. that Alan Perrault, 2 Anderson Road be elected a Trustee of the Bathing Beach in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1934.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that

the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust; Audit Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Energy Action Committee; 2010 Government Study Committee; GAR Hall Trustees; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Board of Managers of Lincoln Apartments LLC; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Memorial Bell Tower Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; and Water Supply Committee be received; and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued, except that the 2010 Committee to Review the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government be discharged with thanks.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 4**

**VOTED:** That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2013 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personal Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 5**

**VOTED:** That, subject to the proviso below and so long as these are elected positions, the salary from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Town Clerk<sup>1</sup> and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 and Grade 17, respectively, of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the request of the Board of Selectmen, at the annual rate of \$2,000 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500 for the period of incumbency.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department).

Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

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<sup>1</sup> Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 19G.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 6**

**VOTED:** That there be raised and appropriated for each of the following purposes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; and provided that any amount or portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account under and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee.

## **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 7**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this Article regarding an alternative to the High School Fields proposal put forth by the School Committee in Articles 8 and 10.

## **2/3rds Vote Required**

### **Motion Affirmed**

## **Article 8**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,765,180 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee to fund phase II of the high school fields improvement project located at **0 and 17 Union Street (the "Project")**. Such Project to include: (a) professional fees; (b) construction of a multi-purpose playing field ("MPF") with associated fencing, landscape, drainage and gate improvements; (c) installation of bleacher seating in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to accommodate (i) 1578 spectators on the home side of the MPF, (ii) **237 spectators on the visitor's side of the MPF, for a total of 1815 seats** servicing the MPF, and (iii) 387 spectators facing the straightaway of the new track; (d) a press box atop the home side MPF bleachers, including a new public address sound system; (e) reconstruction and installation of the varsity baseball field and accompanying features; (f) relocation and construction of a new softball field on that certain portion of School Department property located across Union Street and accompanying features; (g) topographical excavation and reconstruction to improve the drainage of particular areas of the athletic campus; (h) renovations to the existing parking lot located at the southern end of the property including the addition of new parking spaces (both at this location and adjacent to the new MPF) with associated drainage, landscape improvements and site lighting, as well as the designation of an overflow parking area; (i) construction of a new  $\pm 2,360$  square-foot concession building, including storage and toilet fixtures as required and associated water, sewer and other utility installations; (j) construction of a pedestrian walkway with emergency vehicular access between the south parking lot and the new MPF, with associated landscaping and site lighting; (k) demolition of the existing bleachers and press box situated between the high school track and the western property line; (l) the installation of a 6-foot-high boundary fence and planting of grass, trees and bushes of varying styles and heights and other features to provide both an aesthetic and sound-reducing buffer between the high school track and the western property line; and (m) the installation of, but not payment for, Field Turf or a similar artificial surface on the MPF. To

meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine.

**Ballot Vote Taken**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>1,354</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>347</b>

**Motion Adopted**

**Article 9**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$454,020 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee to fund the installation of a Field Turf or similar artificial surface as part of the construction of a new multi-purpose playing field ("MPF") in connection with phase II of the High School Fields Improvement Project. To meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote**

**Article 10**

**VOTED:** That the Town allow the erection and installation of four 80-foot high light poles at designated locations identified on the design plans for the multi-purpose playing field ("MPF") intended to be constructed at the high school in connection with the High School Fields Improvement Project under the direction and control of the School Committee ("SC").

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 11**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the following sums of money for Community Preservation purposes as follows:

- 1.) \$4,500 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to be used by the Hingham Housing Authority for certain building preservation activities, specifically earthwork and grading at the

Thaxter Park Housing development to improve drainage and flooding issues in several of the buildings and apartments;

2.) \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and \$180,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Cemetery Corporation for historic preservation and restoration of the Ames Chapel located on Map 61/Lot 40 in the Hingham Cemetery;

3.) \$45,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used to preserve the exterior of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall located at 358 Main Street;

4.) \$8,200 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Recreation Commission for a feasibility study on the historic preservation of the East Street Skate House;

5.) \$240,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Conservation Commission to purchase the land and **interests totaling 5.62 acres at 127 Rockland Street, including Sidney's Pond**, at Map 42, Lot 24 Parcels A and B;

6.) \$10,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for **deposit to the Town's Conservation Fund for purchase of land, capital improvements** and expenses related to such acquisitions, to make deposits or down payments toward acquisitions or creations of such interest in open space or otherwise preserve open space;

7.) \$50,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Recreation Commission for the renovation and rehabilitation of the Bradley Woods playground and park.

8.) \$15,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Recreation Commission for the renovation and rehabilitation of the Cronin Field Basketball Court and Outdoor Hockey Rink;

9.) \$50,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham School Committee for the relocation of the softball field as part of the HHS Fields project; and

10.) \$20,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for **addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund**

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 12**

**VOTED:** That the Town: (i) appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Thousand (\$1,100,000) Dollars from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Historical Society, Inc., (a Massachusetts charitable corporation governed by Mass. Gen. Laws chapter 180), to preserve, rehabilitate and make handicapped-accessible the premises known as "Old Derby" and numbered as 34 Main Street and to establish within said Old Derby the Hingham Heritage Museum and Visitor Center, all substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in a Memorandum of Understanding, to be executed by the Hingham Historical Society, Inc. and the Hingham Board of Selectmen ("Memorandum of Understanding"); and, (ii) to meet such appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum (together with costs of the borrowing) under the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws chapters 44 and 44B, and any other enabling authority upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine, provided, however, that the terms of the borrowing shall be substantially consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding, and provided further that the source of repayment of such principal indebtedness and interest accrued thereon shall be the Hingham Community Preservation Fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws chapter 44B.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$620,513 from the General Fund (this represents the amount of meals tax collected less \$20,000) that has not yet been added to the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the FY 2015 tax rate.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 14**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$744,120 from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the FY2015 tax rate.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 15**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$176,629 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2014 tax rate.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 16**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the previously accepted exemption allowed under M.G.L. c. 59, s 5K, to allow an approved representative to provide services to the Town on behalf of persons physically unable to do so, in exchange for a reduction of the real property tax obligations of such physically unable person.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town establish a program under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59 Section 5N, to allow veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of Section 7 of Chapter 4, to volunteer to provide 125 hours of services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in the real property tax obligations of that veteran. This reduction shall not exceed \$1,000 in a given tax year and such veteran shall not receive a rate of, or be credited with, more than the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth per hour for the services provided pursuant to that reduction; and provided further that any veteran who is physically unable to provide such service to the Town may designate an approved representative to provide such service to the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 18**

**VOTED:** That, with the exception of \$500,000, which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and

direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 164, Sections 57 and 57A and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 19**

**VOTED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. The Building Commissioner, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to withdraw assets from the fund primarily, but not exclusively, to compensate such inspectors for their services. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during Fiscal Year 2014.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 20**

**VOTED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund for the Department of Elder Services. Departmental receipts for all fees and charges received from Senior Center programs shall be credited to the fund. Monies shall be spent for Senior Center programs and related expenses. The Director of Elder Services, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend monies from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$60,000 during Fiscal Year 2014.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 21**

**VOTED:** That there be no action taken on the matter of raising and appropriating, or transferring from available funds, a sum of money

to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during the fiscal year 2013, or act on anything relating thereto.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 11:00 PM**

**Second Session  
April 23, 2013**

**Registered Voters: 16,153**

**Attendance: 396**

**Reconvened: 7:17 PM**

**Article 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town (a) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen, to acquire four parcels of land together containing approximately 18.6 acres, more or less, off Recreation Park Drive in Hingham, and identified as **Parcels 3 and 4 on Assessors' Map 202, and Parcels 4 and 5 on Assessors' Map 208 (collectively, the "Property")**, on the terms set forth in that certain Purchase and Consent Agreement, dated March 14, 2013, and on such other terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town, and (b) vote to appropriate \$3,750,000 to pay costs of purchasing the Property and all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 23**

**VOTED:** In accordance with Article LXXXIX, Article II, Section 8 (M.G.L.A. Const. Amend. Art. 2, Section 8), of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the Board of Selectmen is hereby directed to petition the General Court for passage of an act relative to the town treasurer-collector in the Town of Hingham, providing as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be an appointed town treasurer-collector in the Town of Hingham. The board of selectmen shall appoint a suitable qualified person to the office of town treasurer-collector. The town treasurer-collector shall have and exercise all the powers and rights, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties conferred and imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The board of selectmen shall determine the compensation of the town treasurer-collector and may establish an employment contract with the town treasurer-collector for a period of time to provide for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of duties of office, liability insurance, vacation and leave.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon the effective date of this act, the position of elected town treasurer-collector in the Town of Hingham shall be abolished and the term of the officer holding said office shall be terminated. The elected incumbent holding said office of town treasurer-collector shall then become the first appointed town treasurer-collector; provided, however, that said person shall receive not less than the compensation and benefits to which the elected town treasurer-collector was entitled unless modified by said employment contract. Thereafter, appointments to the position of town treasurer-collector shall be made under Section 1.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

### **A Majority Vote**

#### **Article 24**

**VOTED:** That the Moderator be directed to appoint a committee of seven citizens of the Town, one of whom shall be designated by him to serve as chairman, to investigate the feasibility and cost of utilizing electronic voting at regular and special Town Meetings, and to make its recommendation with respect thereto at the next Annual Town Meeting. In formulating its recommendation, the committee shall: (1) take into account the experience of other communities in Massachusetts and elsewhere with electronic voting at town meetings; (2) solicit the advice of the Moderator, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk, and if desired the Town Counsel; and (3) provide an opportunity for the citizens of the Town to express their views with respect to this matter at one or more

public hearings conducted for the purpose; and that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for the expenses of such committee.

### **A Majority Vote**

#### **Article 25**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 23, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 2 by striking Section 9 dealing with the requirement of a quorum for the transaction of business and substituting therefor the following new Section 9:

SECTION 9 - The number of voters constituting a quorum in order to convene the first session of a Regular or Special Town Meeting shall be three hundred. The number of voters necessary to convene the second or any subsequent session of a Regular or Special Town Meeting shall be two hundred. Once convened, the quorum to transact business at any Regular or Special Town Meeting shall be two hundred; provided, however, that a number of less than two hundred may from time to time adjourn the same.

### **A Majority Vote**

#### **Article 26**

**VOTED:** That the Town of Hingham vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 15A, to transfer care, custody, management and control of a portion of parcel of land, along with buildings and any improvements thereon, currently held by the Town for general corporate purposes, to the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Board of Commissioners for municipal lighting plant purposes, said parcel of land situated within the boundaries of land owned by the Town of Hingham in Hingham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, shown as **"School Tract IV" on "Plan of Land - Beal, West & Fort Hill Streets, Hingham, MA" prepared for the Town of Hingham, July 1972 by Perkins Engineering, Inc. and recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 17, Page 508.** The portion of said Tract IV to be transferred is shown as **"Parcel Area 5.7 acres ±," on a plan entitled "Parcel Concept Survey"," dated 02/26/2013, prepared by Cavanaro Consulting.**

### **2/3rds Vote Required**

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 27**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to grant seven separate conservation restrictions that meet the requirements of sections 31 to 33, inclusive, of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184, as required pursuant to section 12 of the Community Preservation Act (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B) to the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, a nonprofit organization, which conservation restrictions shall burden the following parcels: (1) the **"McCormack Property,"** Assessor Map 92, Lot 17 (acquired by the Town with CPA funds pursuant to Article 23, subsection (i) of the 2003 Town Meeting); (2) the **"Dunlap/Hatch Property,"** more particularly described in three deeds recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 25623, Pages 345, 346 and 347, respectively (acquired by the Town with CPA funds pursuant to Article 23, subsection (ii), of the 2003 Town Meeting); (3) the **"Condito Property,"** Assessor Map 37, Lots 37 and 38 (acquired by the Town with CPA funds pursuant to Article 20 of the 2004 Town Meeting); (4) the **"Scotland Street Property,"** Assessor Map 190, portion of Lot 26 (acquired by the Town with CPA funds pursuant to Article 20 of the 2006 Town Meeting); (5) the **"730 Main Street Parcel,"** more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 33179, Page 6 (acquired by the Town with CPA funds pursuant to Article 26 of the 2006 Town Meeting); (6) the **"Amonte Property,"** Assessor Map 42, Lot 6 (acquired by the Town with CPA funds pursuant to Article 19 of the 2008 Town Meeting); and (7) the **"Cushing Property,"** Assessor Map 64, Lot 11 (acquired by the Town with CPA funds pursuant to Article 21 of the 2009 Town Meeting), and to further authorize, but not require, the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to grant a conservation restriction that meets the requirements of Section 12 of the Community Preservation Act (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B) over the property known as **"Parcel A"** to be acquired by the Town as authorized by Article 11(5) of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, and being more particularly shown on a plan entitled **"Plan of Land, Rockland Street, Hingham, MA,"** dated 3/29/12, prepared by Cavanaro Consulting, and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 57, Page 268.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 28**

**VOTED:** That the Town vote to strike the existing Sections 2 and 3 of Article 38 of the Town By-laws and to renumber the existing sections 4, 5 and 6 as sections 2, 3 and 4.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 29**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend Section 1 of Article 38 of the General By-laws entitled "**Community Preservation Committee**" by striking Section 1 in its entirety and substituting in its place the following Section 1:

### Section 1. Establishment

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44B, known as the Community Preservation Act, there is hereby established a Community Preservation **Committee ("the Committee") consisting of nine members.** The composition of the Committee, the methods of appointment of the members and the terms of office of the members of the Committee shall be as follows:

One (1) member of the Conservation Commission as designated by that Commission, for a term of three (3) years;

One (1) member of the Historical Commission as designated by that Commission, for a term of three (3) years;

One (1) member of the Planning Board as designated by that Board, for a term of three (3) years;

One (1) member of the Housing Authority as designated by that Authority, for a term of three (3) years;

One (1) member of the Recreation Commission as designated by that Commission, for a term of three (3) years;

One (1) member of the Board of Selectmen as designated by that Board, for an initial term of one (1) year and thereafter for a term of three (3) years;

One (1) member to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, for an initial term of one (1) year and thereafter for a term of three (3) years;

Two (2) members to be appointed by the Moderator, one (1) to be appointed for initial term of one (1) year and thereafter for a term of three (3) years, and the other to be appointed for an initial term of two (2) years and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 30**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 39 by striking the existing Section 2 (16) and (17) and replacing it with the following:

(16) Each year the Trust shall provide to Annual Town Meeting a **transparent and detailed financial report on the year's activities, as well** as a cumulative report on all the activities of the Trust since inception, reflecting how the Trust has used its funds. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) sources of funds,
- (b) a description of projects undertaken and the status of those projects,
- (c) a schedule of all amounts spent, including for preservation of affordable housing, for creation of affordable housing, for grants or loans to other entities for preservation or creation of affordable housing, for administrative support, and for any other purposes permitted under this by-law, and
- (d) a prospective view of the Trust's expected operations for the next year, to the greatest extent possible.**

In addition, the Trust shall provide a narrative report of proposed activities to the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee in the fall of each year.

(17) Expenditures for the acquisition or disposition of real property shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 31**

**VOTED:** That the Town take no action to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939 regarding noise, as heretofore amended, by inserting a new Article 42.

**A Majority Vote**

## **Article 32**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by **amending Article 23, entitled "Sewer Appropriation By-law**, by replacing Section 1(b)(iii) thereof with the following: **"(iii) The estimated rate of the assessment upon the owners of the land to be bettered based on the method of assessment voted by the Town and allowed by Massachusetts General Laws."**

### **Standing Vote Taken**

**Yes 179**

**No 120**

**Motion Passed**

**A Majority Vote**

## **Article 33**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in connection with the sewer project approved under Article 38 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, and in accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1946 as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1955, Section 2 of Chapter 427 of the Acts of 2008, and the applicable provisions of the General Laws Chapter 83, vote to provide (1) that assessments authorized under such Article be made upon the owners of land on Ship Street and Cottage Street by a uniform unit method, (2) that the Town shall bear no share of the cost of such project, the full cost of such project to be borne by the owners of such land, and (3) that assessments made by the Town for such project bear interest at the rate of interest chargeable to the Town from the thirtieth day after the assessments have been committed to the collector.

**A Majority Vote**

## **Article 34**

**VOTED:** That there be no action taken on the matter of revoking the authority and appropriation granted by the 2012 ATM when it approved Article 38.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 35**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham by accepting Section V-H approving a temporary moratorium on the establishment of medical marijuana distribution centers in the Town as follows:

V-H Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

1. Purpose

This Section is intended to provide restrictions that will allow the Town adequate time to consider where and under what conditions to allow facilities associated with the medical use of marijuana, to the extent that such facilities are permitted under state laws and regulations. Given that Chapter 369, An Act For The Humanitarian Medical Use Of **Marijuana (the "Act")**, permitting the medical use of marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts went into effect on January 1, 2013, but that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has yet to promulgate the regulations by which facilities that produce or dispense medical marijuana shall be registered and administered, a restriction on the establishment of such facilities in Hingham shall provide the opportunity to study their potential impacts on adjacent uses and on general public health, safety and welfare, and to develop zoning and other applicable regulations that appropriately address these considerations consistent with statewide regulations and permitting procedures. The moratorium, of a finite duration, will allow the Town to carefully study the potential impacts of such centers and recommend zoning ordinance amendments to address the Town's concerns in the context of Town planning goals and objectives.

2. Definitions

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center - A not-for-profit entity, as defined by Massachusetts law only, which is properly licensed and registered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health pursuant to all applicable state laws and regulations, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products

containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.

3. Exclusion of Other Marijuana Establishments.

Any establishment that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, or related activities shall not be permitted if such establishment has not been properly registered and licensed in accordance with applicable state and local laws and regulations, or is not operated as a not-for-profit entity, or otherwise fails to meet the definition of a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.

4. Exclusion of Accessory Uses.

In no case shall the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, transference, transportation, sale, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing or derived from marijuana, or related products be considered accessory to any use, provided, however, that this provision shall not prohibit hardship cultivation at the residence of a qualifying patient or personal caregiver (as those terms are defined under the Act) to the extent permitted under, and subject to, the provisions of Section 11 of the Act.

5. Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above, and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning

By-Law to the contrary or any other uses permitted thereunder, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, including any one or combination of the uses which may constitute a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, shall not be permitted in any zoning district in the Town of Hingham so long as this Section is effective. Use variances shall be strictly prohibited.

6. Expiration

This Section V-H moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2014.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote**

### **Article 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town ask the Board of Selectmen and the Historical Commission to investigate the feasibility of erecting a monument to those who died and / or were buried in marked or unmarked graves at the Town Farm off Beal Street in Hingham.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer from available funds a sum of \$9,486.50 for an unpaid bill of a previous year.

#### **4/5ths Vote Required**

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 38**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to grant, for the benefit of that certain parcel of land known as and numbered 75 Abington Street / 105 Research Road (shown as Lot 12 on Assessor Map 206), and more particularly described in Certificate of Title # 648615 issued to Foxrock Research Realty, LLC and filed with the Plymouth County Registry District of the Land Court, a non-exclusive subsurface easement for the purpose of storm water discharge through a culvert located within the right of way of Abington Street, a public way **in the Town of Hingham, in the location shown as "15' Drainage Culvert Drainage Easement" on a plan entitled "Drainage Easement Exhibit - Abington Street," dated January 11, 2013, prepared by Coler & Colantonio, Inc., for such consideration and on such terms and conditions the Board deems in the best interest of the Town.**

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 39**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to grant, for the benefit of that certain parcel of land known as and numbered 184 Lincoln Street (shown as Lot 37 on Assessor Map 48), and more particularly described in a deed, dated December 19, 2011 and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 40768, Page 216, from PJC Realty MA, Inc. to S. John Hajjar and Joseph Donahue, Trustees of Lincoln Street Realty Trust, u/d/t dated December 19, 2011 and recorded with said deed, a non-exclusive subsurface

easement for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and replacing, as necessary, an earth retention system within the right of way of Thaxter Street, a public way in the Town of Hingham, in the location shown as "Proposed Structural Support Easement Area" on a plan entitled "Easement Plan 184 Lincoln Street", dated January 10, 2013, prepared by Polaris Consultants LLC, for such consideration and on such terms and conditions the Board deems in the best interest of the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 40**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interest of the Town, to (1) accept a right of first offer ("ROFO") to purchase that certain parcel of land known as 3 Otis Street, more particularly described in that certain deed, dated August 15, 2008, recorded with the Plymouth Country Registry of Deeds in Book 36276, Page 124 ("3 Otis Street"); (2) accept an easement from the record owner of 3 Otis Street as contemplated by the 2012 Annual Town Meeting under Article 23 ("Easement"); (3) transfer from available funds a sum of \$10,000 in consideration for the grant to the Town by the record owner of 3 Otis Street of the Easement and the ROFO; and (4) (a) grant an easement over land owned by the Town of Hingham, acting under the Board of Selectmen, along Hingham's inner harbor, for the storage of marina equipment; (b) to the extent required by applicable law, petition the Great and General Court to authorize the granting of such easement; and (c) transfer from available funds a sum up to \$10,000 for the erection of a storage structure.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Majority Vote**

**Article 41**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through April 30, 2014, the Board of Selectmen to accept grants of easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, or water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms and conditions that the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

**A Majority Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:19 PM**

Cash Appropriations  
Fiscal Year 2014

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Article 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	424,006
Expenses	33,040
132 RESERVE FUND	550,000
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	348,021
Expenses	12,555
Capital Outlay	190,359
Audit	55,000
Information Technology	123,698
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	204,804
Expenses	11,587
Consulting	69,800
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	304,647
Expenses	44,308
Capital Outlay	6,000
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	232,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	28,300
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	169,837
Expenses	7,707

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	6,850
Expenses	10,845
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	604,357
Expenses	56,857
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	16,233
Expenses	5,333
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	188,856
Expenses	349,617
Capital Outlay (\$23,651 from available reserves)	103,651
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	<u>12,146</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>4,189,106</u></u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$434,812)	4,525,219
Expenses	317,500
Capital Outlay (\$18,000 from available reserves)	157,750
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$474,395)	4,306,420
Expenses	380,875
Capital Outlay	64,000
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	675,000
244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Payroll	
Expenses	

291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Payroll	
Expenses	
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	50,508
Expenses	3,700
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	132,794
Expenses	43,516
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	364,424
Street Lighting	<u>183,000</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>11,204,706</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	33,787,513
Expenses	8,050,715
Capital Outlay	550,734
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u><u>42,388,962</u></u>
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
405 PROJECT ENGINEERING	
Payroll	211,689
Expenses	19,000
Capital Outlay	0
Road Building/Construction	300,000
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$52,412)	1,763,745
Expenses	398,164
Capital Outlay	362,000
Snow Removal	504,325
Resurfacing	282,835

430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING

Payroll (Overtime \$21,760)	436,748
Expenses	859,481
Capital Outlay	65,000

440 SEWER COMMISSION

Payroll (Overtime \$17,729)	285,612
Expenses	238,421
Capital Outlay	162,500
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,588,865
Debt Service	0
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	120,799

The sum of \$2,406,197 shall be funded from Sewer revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS

7,609,184

HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	288,990
Expenses	19,735

541 ELDER SERVICES

Payroll	188,737
Expenses	21,983
Capital Outlay	25,000
Tax Work Off Program	60,000

543 VETERANS' SERVICES

Payroll	77,924
Expenses	4,334
Benefits	290,688

545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER

2,500

546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER

3,500

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u>983,391</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
610 LIBRARY	
Payroll	1,223,094
Expenses	256,016
Capital Outlay	144,428
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	78,773
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	17,035
Expenses	5,825
Capital Outlay	0
692 CELEBRATIONS	<u>10,920</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	<u>1,736,091</u>
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	2,213,456
The total sum of \$1,921,499 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u>2,213,456</u>
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>7,368,224</u>
(\$3,568,485 IS EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSITION 2 1/2)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>7,368,224</u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	6,305,485

900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,172,000
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	3,718,860
911 NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	0
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	250,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	50,000
914 EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAXES	<u>714,420</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>12,210,765</u>
UNCLASSIFIED	
901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	381,000
940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	
Claims and Incidentals	10,950
	<u>391,950</u>
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>391,950</u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	90,295,835
Article 8	
High School Fields Project - Phase II	3,765,180
Article 9	
Installation of a Field Turf	454,020
Article 11	
CPC	
Housing Reserve-Thaxter Park drainage	4,500
Historic Resources Reserve -Ames Chapel restoration	180,000
General Reserve - GAR Hall exterior restoration	45,000
General Reserve - Feasible study of East St. Skate House	8,200
General Reserve - Conservation land purchase	240,000
General Reserve - Conservation deposit/down payment	10,000

General Reserve - Recreation Bradley Woods playground	50,000
General Reserve - Recreation Cronin Field Court & Rink	15,000
General Reserve - Schools relocate softball field	50,000
General Reserve - Administrative Fund	20,000
Article 12	
CPC	
Historic & General Reserve Preserve & rehab "Old Derby"	1,100,000
Article 13	
From Available funds to Meals Stabilization Fund to reduce the FY 2015 tax rate	620,513
Article 14	
From Meals Tax Stabilization Fund to reduce FY 2015 tax rate	744,120
Article 15	
From Stabilization to reduce 2014 Tax Rate	176,629
	<u>97,748,997</u>

### Vital Statistics

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Births	237	198	221	205	216
Marriages	82	80	74	73	80
Deaths	270	286	335	275	281

\*Received as of preparation of report. For verification of any individual record, call the **Town Clerk's Office**.

## Town Election-April 30, 2013

### MODERATOR (One Year)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Michael Puzo</b>	539	609	696	660	487	287	601	<b>3879</b>
Blanks	148	160	200	187	96	95	187	<b>1073</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

### SELECTMAN (Three Years)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Paul K. Healey</b>	508	542	660	617	452	252	555	<b>3589</b>
<b>Carlton Chambers</b>	119	139	155	122	89	78	149	<b>851</b>
Blanks	60	88	81	108	42	52	84	<b>515</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS (Three Years)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Harold S. Goldstein</b>	485	540	614	582	430	264	571	<b>3486</b>
Blanks	202	229	282	265	153	118	217	<b>1466</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

### TREASURER/COLLECTOR (Three Years)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Jean M. Montgomery</b>	522	577	663	612	459	282	594	<b>3709</b>
Blanks	165	192	233	235	124	100	194	<b>1243</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

### BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Kirk J. Shilts</b>	470	520	589	562	433	261	557	<b>3401</b>
Blanks	217	249	298	285	150	121	231	<b>1551</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

### MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (Three Years)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Walter A. Foskett</b>	474	539	597	583	439	254	575	<b>3461</b>
Blanks	213	230	299	264	144	128	213	<b>1491</b>
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

**HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years)**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>James R. Watson</b>	469	532	600	568	419	256	540	<b>3384</b>
Blanks	218	237	296	279	164	126	248	<b>1568</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years)**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Raymond C. Estes</b>	316	414	422	338	312	176	419	<b>2397</b>
<b>Andrew Shafter</b>	377	434	509	465	364	159	461	<b>2769</b>
<b>Benjamin Burnham</b>	269	288	396	437	234	185	272	<b>2081</b>
<b>Elizabeth O'Reilly</b>	422	460	584	546	377	271	466	<b>3146</b>
Blanks	657	711	777	755	462	355	746	<b>4463</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2061</b>	<b>2307</b>	<b>2688</b>	<b>2541</b>	<b>1749</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>2364</b>	<b>14856</b>

**PLANNING BOARD (Three Years)**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Sarah H. Corey</b>	340	377	432	384	249	234	320	<b>2336</b>
<b>Edward Colbert</b>	258	283	321	332	285	93	358	<b>1930</b>
Blanks	89	109	143	131	49	55	110	<b>686</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

**SEWER COMMISSION (Three Years)**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Edmund Demko</b>	403	461	523	437	339	176	415	<b>2754</b>
<b>Thomas F. Patch</b>	204	207	260	273	187	138	243	<b>1512</b>
Blanks	78	100	112	137	56	67	130	<b>680</b>
Write-Ins	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

**RECREATION COMMISSION (Five Years)**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
<b>Vicki Donlan</b>	481	540	612	590	444	258	569	<b>3494</b>
Blanks	206	229	284	257	139	124	219	<b>1458</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>4952</b>

Registered Voters

16,721

29.60%

## Building Department

The Building Department continues to see increased construction activity on residential and commercial properties during 2013. The Shipyard continues to add residential units along with commercial. A Certificate of Use and Occupancy was issued for the South Shore Educational Collaborative facility. The new Middle School is well on its way to completion. Damon Farms has started on the construction and remodeling of a three unit building. The Derby Street Shops continue to see new tenants including Legal C Restaurant.

We are now enforcing the eighth edition of 780 CMR State Building Code, the National Electrical Code, Mass. Plumbing and Gas Code along with the Town of Hingham General By-Law and the Zoning By-Law.

We are now using a computer based permitting program which allows all **departments' access to** the building permit information. We continue to work with the IT department on enhancing the new permitting software. Our goal is to offer the program next year to allow the homeowners and contractors to apply for permits from their homes or offices.

The Building Department has issued a total number of 4,065 permits and conducted 7,670 inspections this past year.

		<b><u>Fees Collected</u></b>
1051	Building Permits	\$742,558
49	Final Cost Affidavits	89,913
721	Plumbing Permits	65,995
595	Gas Permits	29,445
1215	Electrical Permits	137,733
131	Certificate of Inspection	7,040
155	Occupancy	4,830
40	Re-inspection	3,000
105	Sheet Metal	14,899
4	Special Events	140
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4,066		\$1,095,553

### Summary

		<b><u>Estimated Cost</u></b>
50	New Single Family Dwellings	\$19,429,267
8	Multi Family Dwellings (28 Units)	5,880,060
137	Dwelling Additions	19,891,356
512	Dwelling Alterations	11,659,055

5	New Garages/Additions	179,200
71	Commercial Alterations/Additions	9,263,706
1	Move Building	85,000
3	New Commercial Bldg/Bank/Industrial	1,646,000
11	Pool Houses/Barns	588,735
8	Barn Alterations	343,300
5	School Additions/Alterations	2,604,500
3	Storage Garages	416,000
19	Foundations Only	1,459,000
35	Demolitions	310,285
28	Demolitions (non-residential)	154,350
27	Sheds	100,477
3	Docks	282,000
22	Pools (in ground)	1,044,930
38	Signs	158,090
1	Church Alteration	270,474
20	Wood/Coal/Pellet Stoves/Chimney	67,430
32	Temporary Tents	86,426
5	Retaining Walls	131,020
3	Antenna/Solar Array	173,000
2	Handicap Ramps	40,900
<u>2</u>	<u>Mobile Homes</u>	<u>24,000</u>
1051		\$76,288,561

I would like to thank the staff of the Building Department for their continued professionalism while servicing the various customer concerns and inspections that are addressed throughout the day.

The Building Department would like to thank all applicants, residents and businesses for their cooperation and support this past year. In addition, we thank all town departments for their continued cooperation. We look forward to serving you in 2014.

Michael J. Clancy C.B.O./Building Commissioner

## Conservation Commission

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In 2013 the Commission said goodbye Linda Defreitas, whose seven years of administrative support was greatly appreciated. Cathy MacDonald and Erica Larner joined the Conservation team.

The Conservation Commission continued to evaluate projects subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Hingham Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Commission acted on 118 applications and projects during 2013. These included:

- 1 Emergency Certification
- 3 Enforcement Orders
- 38 Orders of Conditions
- 31 Determinations of Applicability
- 38 Certificates of Compliance
- 6 Administrative Reviews
- 2 Orders of Resource Area Delineation



The Town acquired 3.06 acres of land and conserved an additional 1.98 acres to create the Sidney's Pond Conservation Area on Rockland Street through the Community Preservation Act. This conservation land is located in the Weir River Area of Critical Environmental Concern and is the site of a historic ice business.

**The Commission's dedicated volunteers continued to help maintain and improve trails, fields and natural resources on Conservation lands.** Various student groups, Boy Scouts and resident volunteers worked to clear trails, improve facilities and develop interpretive materials on conservation lands. The Commission, in partnership with the Harbormaster and the DPW received a grant from the MA Department of Coastal Zone Management to develop preliminary designs to improve the quality of stormwater entering Walton's Cove on Downer Avenue.

In order to simplify permitting and reduce costs for Hingham residents and business owners, the Commission updated its regulations to include an administrative review process.

Eldon Abbott  
Charles Berry, Chair  
Daniel Coughlin, Vice Chair  
Michael Ide

Scott T. McIsaac  
Alan E. McKenna  
Nina T. Villanova  
Abby Piersall, Conservation Officer

## Planning Board

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The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2013.

Hingham witnessed increased commercial, industrial, institutional and residential development over the past year. New residential construction as well as tenant fit-ups continued at Hingham Shipyard and in commercial districts throughout the Town. New development and reuse of existing buildings also took place on industrial properties in Town. The Planning Board (PB) conducted twenty-one Site Plan Review hearings. Two were for single family residential projects, one was for a modification to the second residential building at the Shipyard, and one was a small addition to a senior living facility. The other seventeen were for non-residential construction projects, including the new high school fields, Bradford Distillery, a new industrial building, a BMW/Mini-Cooper dealership, and improvements to Derby Academy and Old Ship Church. Seven Site Plans were reviewed in conjunction with a building permit or a Special Permit A3. In addition, the PB issued eight Special Permit A3 approvals in conjunction with requests for parking waivers or determinations in accordance with the Town's off-street parking regulations. Thirteen joint hearings were conducted between the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding applications for a Special Permit A2, and the related Site Plan. Together, the Boards permitted or reviewed two Bed & Breakfasts, a Lexus dealership, a minor modification to Samuels' middle residential building at the Shipyard, a mortgage company and a caterer at 99 South Street, a veterinarian at 60 Sharp Street, a cross-fit at 3 Pond Park, the relocation of Ralph's Liquor, and modifications to Black Rock, as well as other minor projects.

During 2013 the Planning Board reviewed and endorsed eight Form A (Approval Not Required) plans for lot line changes, land swaps between adjacent parcels, and the creation of new lots in all areas of Town. Residential development on approved subdivision and infill lots, and in approved multifamily developments remained steady with activity at Fox Run, Baker Hill, Weathervane, Gardner Street, East Street, Main Street, Back River, Black Rock and Hewitt's Landing. The PB had one Scenic Road hearing for a project on Lazell Street. The PB also heard presentations on development concepts for bath-house renovations at the Bathing Beach, and a possible redeveloped rowing facility at the harbor.

In the months leading up to the 2014 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on three proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law (Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, Body Art, and Affordable Housing), and a petition article for a Zoning Map Change for three residential properties on South Street. The purpose of the Registered Marijuana Dispensary article was to provide permitting guidance should a RMD facility apply for a location in town. The purpose of the Body Art article was to clarify the zoning districts that the use was permitted in,, and the purpose of the Affordable Housing article was to bring the affordable housing provisions in the By-Law into conformance with the State DHCD provisions.

The Planning Board also worked with the MAPC and the community to update the Goals and Objectives in the Master Plan. Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Veterans Council, Traffic Committee, and newly formed South Hingham Study Group. As with recent previous years, 2013 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Historic Districts Commission, Harbor Development Committee, and the Hingham Development and Industrial Committee. 2013 also saw the departure of long time PB member Paul Healey who gave many years of service to the Town as a member of the Board. The PB also gained Walter Sullivan, Jr. as a new member, and Richard Cook as an alternate member.

William Ramsey, Chair  
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Clerk  
Judith Sneath  
Sarah Corey  
Walter Sullivan, Jr.



## Zoning Board of Appeals

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The Board of Appeals consists of three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms and a number of associate members, appointed to 1-year terms, who serve on an as needed basis. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

In 2013, the Board received a total of 48 applications, reviewed during 72 public hearings. The Board of Appeals granted fourteen Variances. Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property, and no substantial detriment to the public good. The majority of the Variances approved were related to residential garages, both attached and detached, as well as expansion of residential living area.

The Board heard applications on twenty Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special Permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. Special Permit applications approved include three residential dock/pier structures along the waterfront, conversion of an existing single-family dwelling to a two-family, signage for commercial/retail businesses, and residential work within the Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District. Special Permit applications also approved, after jointly held hearings with the Planning Board, include a car dealership on Derby Street, a Bed & Breakfast on Emerald Street, modification of a mixed-use building in the Shipyard, and commercial redevelopment at 99 South Street.

The Board also made three findings under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 6 concerning proposed changes to pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use or structure to the neighborhood. These requests involved structural changes to pre-existing nonconforming residential accessory structures.

In March the Board opened the hearings on a Comprehensive Permit application filed by SEB Hingham, LLC for the construction of a 20-unit housing development on approximately 12 acres of land on Main Street in South Hingham. The Board promptly notified the applicant that pursuant to state regulations, the Board considers that a denial of the

permit, or the imposition of conditions or requirements, would be consistent with local needs on the grounds that the Town had met its statutory minimum of 10% affordable housing as provided in Chapter 40B. **The hearing was "stayed" pending a review by the** Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and a subsequent appeal to the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC). Both DHCD and HAC concluded that the Board had not met its burden of proof that the Town's affordable housing was at 10%. The HAC decision is **"interlocutory" and, under DHCD regulations, it may not be appealed** until after the Board has completed its hearing on the Comprehensive Permit application. The hearing resumed in December and remains **ongoing at this time. The Board also granted Avalon Bay's request** to withdraw its application for a Comprehensive Permit after Town Meeting voted to acquire the Recreation Park Drive property in 2013. Finally, construction either began or continued on 3 previously approved 40B developments, including Derby Brook on Whiting Street, Damon Farms on Main Street, and Craftsman Village on Beal Street.

Staff reviewed a number of other ongoing construction projects and worked with developers to ensure compliance with decisions issued by the Board in prior years. Some notable developments include: Trader Joes at the Hingham Shipyard, Black Rock, Back River, and redevelopment of 99 South Street.

Board members would like to express their thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. In particular, the Board thanks long time Zoning Administrator Sue Letizia-Eddy, who became the Building/ZBA Clerk in 2013 and now splits her time between the two offices. In August, the Board welcomed the new Senior Planner/Zoning Administrator Emily Wentworth. Zoning Board staff is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all zoning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are held on selected evenings at Town Hall.

Joseph W. Freeman, Chair                      Emily Wentworth, Senior Planner  
W. Tod McGrath, Vice-Chair  
Joseph M. Fisher, Clerk

## Historic Districts Commission

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In 2013, the Historic Districts Commission reviewed over 75 applications for exterior alterations to properties located in Hingham's historic districts and granted 74 Certificates of Appropriateness. The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for design review in the historic districts. The Commission reviews applications in a public hearing for projects that will affect the historical and architectural features of a structure in order to ensure that the project is appropriate and, therefore, respectful in mass, scale and architectural features to the original historic structure and the streetscape. Maintenance and repair projects do not require a hearing and are approved immediately. The work of the Commission is enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, and by the Historic Districts By-Law approved by Town Meeting. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to **protect the history and character of Hingham's** historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the characteristic architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts.

**The Commission's objective is to** work collaboratively with applicants to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of an original structure. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior are the basis for **the Commission's review of** projects. The *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts* prepared by the Historic Districts Commission and updated in 2013, are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. Hingham's Guidelines define the standards **for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic** districts. Reviewing the *Guidelines* helps property owners submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The newly-revised *Guidelines* **can be obtained from the Town's website** or from the Historic Districts Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission includes an AIA architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, a resident of an historic district when possible and an at-large member. The public is welcome to attend Commission hearings held monthly at Town Hall, generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. The

Commission Office, on the second floor of Town Hall, is open during Town Hall business hours.

The Commission wishes to thank Nancy MacKay for two terms of thoughtful and dedicated service, and for being instrumental in updating and revising the Commission's Guidelines. The Commission also wishes to thank Jared Grimm for his commitment and service. The Commission welcomes new appointees Hans von der Luft and Marc Minor.

The Historic Districts Commission is one of the five permitting boards in the Community Planning Department and appreciates the support of the Building Department, and the cooperation of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Members

Susan Berry, Chair  
Charles Clutz  
George Ford  
Lois Levine  
Hans von der Luft  
Andrea Young, Administrator

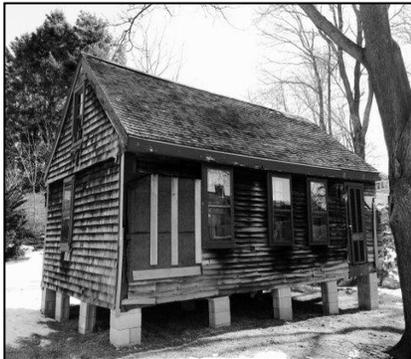
Alternate Members

John D'Angelo, Vice-Chair  
Michael Collard  
Marty Saunders  
Anne Fanton  
Marc Minor

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## Hingham Historical Commission

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Two Thousand Thirteen was a banner year for historic preservation. Funds from the Historical Commission's Preservation Projects Fund enabled the commission to purchase a significant amount of the documentation on Hingham's history contained in the collections of John Richardson, well-known wetland specialist, environmentalist and historian, who died in 2011. In

addition, thanks to the Town's Demolition Delay By-Law, the commission was able to save the original 1680 portion of Mr. Richardson's "Old Fort House" from demolition. As one of the buildings in a settlement period fort on Fort Hill, the "Old Fort House" is the oldest surviving military structure in the country. It now resides, thanks to the cooperation of all of Hingham's Town Government Departments and the Hingham

Historical Society, behind "The Old Ordinary" museum on Lincoln Street where it awaits restoration for educational purposes.

Monies from the Preservation Projects Fund and the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust fund will be used to transform the house into an architectural museum, showing building techniques and materials from America's earliest period. Finally, during the past year using Community Preservation funds, the original 1665 Town Deed signed by the Native American grantors was restored and conserved. Hingham's Town Deed is a rare survival and an extraordinary artifact relating to the early history of Hingham and to New England. A digital copy of the deed hangs in the Selectmen's office.

The Hingham Historical Commission was created by Town Meeting in **1974 to serve as the Town's official body for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.** The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, many of which are identified in the *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The *Inventory* lists these assets, including the homes, outbuildings, churches and other non-residential or commercial buildings, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of **Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal.** The Inventory is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

Like Hingham, most cities and towns in the Commonwealth have established local Historical Commissions. Local Historical Commissions are responsible for: (1) creating and maintaining an inventory of historic assets that includes the structures mentioned in the previous paragraph; (2) protecting the above-named assets from neglect, deterioration, demolition and development; (3) providing educational opportunities to **understand the Town's history and the historic context of its resources.** By virtue of its demonstrated level of commitment to historic preservation, The Town of Hingham has been designated by the National Park Service as a **"Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for** certain grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Department of the Interior. Hingham has the distinction of being one of only 13 Certified Local Governments in the Commonwealth.

The Hingham Historical Commission carries out its mission via the expertise and commitment of its volunteer members and the resources contained in the *Preservation Projects Fund*, established, pursuant to

statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving **the Town's historic character. This fund, initially established with grants** and donations, has been used to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, catalogue archival materials **to make information on the Town's** historical and architectural assets available to the public, published two histories of the Town, Not All Is Changed and When I Think of Hingham, and the *Historic Districts Handbook*. In addition, monies within this fund maintain such assets as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln, Governor Andrew and Iron Horse statues, and historical town markers.

Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes projects to preserve the history and character of the Town. The Commission has utilized CPA and other grants to the Preservation Projects Fund to support small preservation projects. The Commission also advises on certain **environmental reviews through the Federal "Section 106" historic review** process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting in 1988 and revised in 2012, which is designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners to consider **alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's** historic character.

Finally, the Commission administers the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, a fund established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the MBTA to assist in the preservation of, and improvement to, historical assets in the area along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

### **Members**

Thomas Willson, Chair	Huck Handy
Robert Curley, Jr., Vice Chair	Stephen Swett
Arthur Choo, Jr.	Michael Dyer
Beth Rockoff	Andrea Young, Administrator

## Personnel Board

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The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Calendar 2013 saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board approved the classification and job descriptions for the following new positions: Public Works Department Office Administrator at Grade 11, and Administrative Secretary at Grade 8; Assistant Library Director at Grade 14; Harbormaster Office Clerk Position at Grade 6; Food Service Technician at Grade 6; and the grant-funded position of Archivist.

The Board approved the reclassification and renamed the position of Zoning Administrator to Senior Planner: Zoning and Special Projects at Grade 15, and the position of Conservation Officer to Senior Planner: Conservation Officer/GIS Administrator at Grade 15. Also, the Board approved that the criteria as set forth in Section 8-D of the Personnel By-Law have been sufficiently satisfied by the application of the Board of Selectmen to enter into an individual employment agreement with the Manager of Information Services.

The Board approved a new three step miscellaneous compensation schedule for the seasonal Assistant Harbormaster position employees and revised miscellaneous compensation salary schedule for Recreation Instructor. The Board approved the request that the newly hired Building Inspector/Building Commissioner be placed at a higher step on the applicable salary scale based on his prior experience and to approve one additional week of vacation. Also, the Board approved the granting of one additional week of vacation for the newly hired Senior Planner: Zoning and Special Projects based on her prior experience. The Board approved three vacation carry-over requests. **The Board approved a request for extensions of sick leave for one employee and** adjudicated two DPW union grievances that were not satisfactorily resolved at a preliminary level.

The Board recommended to the 2013 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2013, a 2% general wage increase for Hingham employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. This recommendation was approved by the Town Meeting.

The Board ended calendar 2013 in ongoing negotiations for new contracts with three bargaining units representing: Public Works Department employees, **Police Patrol Officers and Police Superior Officers**, all of which expired on June 30, 2013.

The Board acknowledges and thanks Nelson Ross for his 43 years of extraordinary work and wisdom with the Personnel Board and welcomes **its new member, Mary Jane O'Meara.**

David Pace, Chairman  
Russell Conn  
Marie Harris  
Jack Manning  
**Mary Jane O'Meara**

*Presentation of Lobby Picture  
April 25, 2013*



*Former Selectman Laura Burns, Former Moderator  
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell and Moderator Michael Puzo*

## Department Of Public Works

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The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with bidding, procurement, building maintenance, and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

The Department of Public Works is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private ways and unaccepted **subdivisions. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring and maintenance of the Town's capped Sanitary Landfill.**

### **Highway Division**

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Central Street (Main St to Elm St)	Marsh Street
Cushing Street (Whiting St to Main St)	Minuteman Road
Daley Road	Park Circle (Marsh St to Bel Air Rd)
East Street (Hull St to Cohasset Line)	Patriots Way
Flintlock Road	Volunteer Road
Grove Ave (Hayes Rd to Marsh St)	
Hayes Road (Main St to Short St)	

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned 140 miles of Town owned roadways and 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,382 drainage structures and outfalls, install, repair, maintain 3100 traffic and street signs and maintain 5 sets of signal lights.

Vehicle Maintenance: The new facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station, and Sewer **Department's equipment safely and more efficiently.** This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks w/ sanders and

plows, 11 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks w/ plows, 3 Sidewalk Plows, 4 Front End Loaders, 2 Backhoes, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging Material Handler, 1 Chipper, 10 Mowers, Chainsaws, and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of Health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park and Town Hall.

**Snow and Ice Control: 63.5" of snow, 6 Snowplow Operations, 28 Sanding Operations.**

New Equipment: 2013 Chevrolet 2500 Pick-up truck with plow, 2014 International 6 Wheel Dump truck with sander and plow.

#### Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 60  
Tree Removals: 217  
Trees Pruned: 1134

New Equipment: 2013 Chevrolet 1-Ton Dump Truck with plow, 2014 International Harvester 4300, Bucket Truck, 2013 Vermeer Stump Grinder.

Special Projects/Maintenance:

This year was another stormy and yet productive year for the **Tree & Park and DPW Division's combined efforts**. **This year we had our first named winter storm "Nemo". "Nemo" brought 24" of snow and high winds** which caused blizzard conditions and down trees. A joint effort by the DPW departments and other town departments kept the interruption of Town services to a minimum.

The **George Washington Town Forest was diagnosed with "Red Pine Scale" and the "Pine Shoot Beetle" which has contributed to the widespread mortality of the Red Pine Trees in the forest**. After extensive research and plant diagnostic site work performed by the University of **Massachusetts Extension's diagnostic team it was determined that all trees that could potentially fall onto the roads or trails should be removed for Public Safety**. The forest was closed for safety of the public during the work. The Town Forest roads were cleared and made passable by the DPW and Tree & Park to allow a contractor to remove the affected trees. A contractor was selected which will perform the work through the winter.

The Tree and Park division also maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and strives to constantly to make improvements with the assistance of other Town committees to which we extremely grateful. We also maintain in excess of 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various committees, boards and departments within the Town. The Tree & Park has started the rehabilitation of the Parks and Traffic Islands, some of which are 50 or more years old and in need of revitalization.

This year the Tree & Park planted 97 shade trees throughout the town.

**The Garden Club of Hingham donated a beautiful 4" caliper Valley Forge Elm for Arbor Day** which was planted on Main Street in the vicinity of Mill Lane on as part of the annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was named as a Tree City USA for the 25<sup>th</sup> **time in recognition of the Town's** strong commitment to caring for and protection of our public shade trees.

The Department of Public Works would like to express its sincere gratitude to the past and present members of the Shade Tree Committee for their many hours of dedication and service to the Town of Hingham. We would also like to thank the Hingham Beautification Commission and Garden Club for all they do in keeping our many traffic islands and downtown sidewalks looking great.

**Our staff's knowledge and experience is a great asset to the town and** we would be happy to discuss any questions regarding the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs.

#### Recreation Division

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds and other open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Pal Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Park and Kress Playground Park and Field, the harbor waterfront area and numerous other public grounds, areas and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. This year the Recreation Division has teamed up with the Tree and Park division and has worked successfully together providing everyday maintenance to the **Town's**

parks and facilities and most importantly in emergency situations that were storm related.

#### Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year we transferred 6,104 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 1,023 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,411 tons of mixed recyclables, 4,098 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 2.1 tons of tires, 1,450 gallons of motor oil, 211,609 pounds of electronics, 124 tons of textiles, 5.5 tons of batteries, and handled 259 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 247,340 cans and 75,650 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$16,149 to 26 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2013, the revenue from the scale was \$56,778.84 which is ahead of schedule for the three year payoff. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Green to Black.

With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 7100 cars per week.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

**New Equipment: Aluminum Refuse Trailer, 74" Flail Mower to cut the capped landfill.**

#### Interdepartmental

The DPW and the Sewer Department are now working out of the DPW building and are under the direction of the DPW Superintendent. The functions of the Sewer office moved to the DPW in March 2013. This arrangement has allowed both departments to realize savings from

sharing manpower, equipment, and office staff. The consolidation has also allowed the DPW and Sewer Department to save in operating expenses and has allowed the DPW to use its workforce more efficiently. We will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services for the Town of Hingham.

It is our commitment to keep the Town of Hingham looking its best at all times and working to restore or improve its historical value while keeping with the plans of the future. We are constantly striving to train and keep our staff as safe and efficient as possible.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many long hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department/Sewer Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

I would like to give special thanks to the Sewer Commissioners, Michael Salerno, Ed Demko, Ed Monahan and the employees of the Sewer Department and DPW for the ongoing transition of leadership of the day to day operations. This arrangement has allowed both departments to be more efficient and cost effective. Sadly, in March 2014, Commissioner Ed Monahan passed away.

We are happy to welcome new employees, Administrative Secretary, Kristen Currier; Administrative Secretary, Joanne Carpenter; Sewer Pump Station Operator, David Beaucaire; and Transfer Station Motor Equipment Repairman, Christopher Del Prete. I would like to congratulate Liz Welch on her promotion to DPW Office Administrator. I would also like to wish Jarrod Dansky well who left the DPW to look into other endeavors. I would like to give a special thanks to Kate Lathrop who has retired from the Sewer Department. Kate worked for the Sewer department as the Office Administrator for 12 years and we all wish her well in retirement.

Randy Sylvester  
DPW Superintendent

## Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

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It is with great pleasure that I submit my report to the citizens of Hingham on behalf of the Lighting Board and the employees of the Lighting Plant. The Lighting Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electric system to its customers due in large measure to the three person elected Light Board members who put policies and procedures in place with the long term best interests of Hingham businesses and residents in mind.

For the 2013 fiscal year the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$510,219. To calculate the amount of the contribution we adopted the use of a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity sold. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

The Lighting Plant continues to support energy efficiency efforts at Town owned facilities. Our contributions did not end with paying for an audit report. We helped with financing lighting retrofits, equipment changeovers and improvements to heating and cooling equipment. It is expected those efforts have resulted in energy savings to the Town in the range of tens of thousands of dollars.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Hingham Is Going Green program has been existence for close to three years. **The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities.** The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Theirs gets paid for by assessing their customers on a per kWh fee. HMLP finances our program. We performed about 160 residential and commercial audits.

The Lighting Board has directed me to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable energy sources that make sense from both an electrical and financial point of view. To that end we and several other municipal lighting plants have bought the entire output of a wind farm in Maine which will go commercial in late 2015. The Saddleback Wind Project will consist of 10 to 12 2.75-megawatt (MW) turbines capable of producing more than 105 million kilowatt-hours of clean, emission-free, renewable energy per year— enough to power approximately 10,000 homes. Right now approximately 12% of our electricity comes from renewable sources of energy and 40% from non-

fossil fuel generating plants. The Lighting Plant also works closely with **the Town's Energy Action Committee in their work promoting responsible energy use in both public and private settings.**

**As of this writing our Auditor's report is not available** for publication. When the 2013 report is certified it will be posted on our web site, as have your Annual Reports going back to 2002. It appears sales in 2013 were basically flat over 2012: 1.5% greater than 2012. The 2013 system peak was in July and represents an almost 7% increase over the 2012 peak but a decrease of about .5% from the all-time peak which occurred in July of 2011. The electrical load growth in Hingham over 10 years **demonstrates the Town's growth. From 2003 to 2013 there was an increase of almost 30% in total sales and the system peak increased almost 80%.**

The Lighting Plant continues to make both capital improvements and steadfastly maintains its electric distribution system. One of our most **important missions is to "keep the lights on" and if they go out to "get them back on safely and quickly".** 2013 was a year which tested our mettle in that regard. Due to the efforts of HMLP employees neither the snowfalls in the winter nor the dog days of summer brought significant problems to your electric system. The results of all our work best manifested in February when the Nor'easter Nemo dropped about 24" of



*Responding to Nemo's wrath*

heavy wet snow on Hingham. It was the 5<sup>th</sup> worst snow storm in history. The office staff who answered your calls during that storm, the engineering support folks who diagnosed and dispatched field crews and the lineman making repairs to our infrastructure all worked diligently to keep your lights on and get power back to those who were without. Several worked outside their traditional job functions while serving you. Our performance truly shined! If you have friends or family in neighboring towns you know this to be true. The lighting plant was literally fielding calls from radio, TV and print media asking how it was that everyone in little old Hingham **"had their lights" by Monday morning** while neighboring towns had hundreds and hundreds of people still without power days later.

**Last year's Town Meeting voted to transfer the land which formerly** housed The New England Wildlife Center in Bare Cove Park to us. We are going to build a facility that will house our administrative as well as field folks under one roof. Progress is being made and the architects are drawing up plans.

Your Light Board is made up of three elected Hingham citizens, listed below, who volunteer their time and efforts to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that Hinghamites should be proud of.

It is appropriate to thank the men and women of the Lighting Plant for their tireless hard work in making the system safe, reliable and for responding to customer requests in a timely manner. HMLP employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the lighting plant.

John P. Ryan, Chairman  
John A. Stoddard Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Walter A. Foskett , Secretary  
Paul G. Heanue, General Manager

## Sewer Commission

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Calendar year 2013 was a very productive year for the Sewer Department. The transition is complete and the Sewer Department is now permanently located at the DPW offices. While the Sewer Commission remained the same with the re-election of Commissioner Edmund Demko in April, other changes in personnel occurred. Long time Office Administrator Kate Lathrop retired after 12 years of loyal service with Sewer Department. Liz Welch, DPW Administrative Assistant, was promoted to a newly created position of DPW Office Administrator working for both the DPW and Sewer Departments. Interim Supervisor Stephen Dempsey was appointed to permanent Sewer Supervisor. In addition, David Beaucaire was hired as Pump Station Operator and Joanne Carpenter was promoted to a newly created position of part-time Administrative Secretary.

The department continued to upgrade its infrastructure by installing new roofs at the Mill Street, South Street, and Broad Cove pumping stations. In addition, Broad Cove Pumping Station had the first of two new pumps installed and South Street Pumping Station had new doors installed. Bel Air Station also had two new pumps installed. Walton Cove Station had a new gate valve installed in the pump room.

An ongoing inspection and maintenance program was implemented on North Street in Hingham Square and several manholes were repaired.

The Sewer Department worked alongside the Board of Health enforcing the Town **Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Regulation**. Inspections of the grease traps in all food establishments connected to the municipal sewer were performed to locate sources of FOG in the system. Camera inspections of the lines in the streets were performed to provide additional information and pinpoint any problem areas. The Sewer Commission requests that residents **refrain from putting fatty substances into their drains.**

A comprehensive long term Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) plan was developed to mitigate ground water from entering the municipal sewer system. In 2013, the 1<sup>st</sup> round of camera inspections and repairs mitigated approximately 66,000 gallons of ground water per day from entering the system in Crow Point. This effort will continue well into the future to save the ratepayers money in pumping and electric costs. Homeowners in the sewer districts who use sump pumps can aid the effort to reduce I/I by contacting the Sewer Commission to have their

sump pumps checked. Any flow found entering the sewer system will be redirected, at **no cost to the property owner.**

Special Projects:

The DPW Sewer Extension Permit was acquired in September 2013 for the Ship and Cottage Street Sewer Extension Project. The project was put out to bid and the project was awarded to CRL, Inc. with the anticipated construction starting in early spring.

The Sewer Commission has also made efforts to consolidate existing special acts and policies to develop an application process for future sewer expansion projects and develop a sewer betterment calculation policy. The Sewer Commission has entered into an agreement with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. to assist with the development of the policy consolidation.

As always we want to thank our maintenance staff and our office staff for their dedication and hard work.

Michael A. Salerno, Chairman  
Edmund Demko  
Edward F. Monahan (deceased 3/14)  
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

## Fire Department/Emergency Management

Emergency calls were on the rise in 2013. The Hingham Fire Department responded to 3985 calls; the highest number on record. Included in that number is 1950 ambulance transports to local hospitals and an additional 250 medical assists where no transport was necessary. A total of \$945,147.00 in ambulance fees was collected. Although our run volume has increased, ambulance revenue has declined slightly due to changes in the industry.

The winter storms in February and March presented significant challenges to all town departments. During the Feb 8-9 Snow and Ice Storm event, the department answered 117 emergency calls. The DPW, Light Department, Police Department and Fire Department all did outstanding service to the community and power outages were kept to a minimum.

There were several serious fires in Hingham during 2013 including two multiple alarm fires and two single alarm fires which resulted in significant damage and loss. All of the fires were in single family occupied homes. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. The importance of having properly placed and maintained smoke and carbon monoxide detectors cannot be overstated. The department is more than willing to assist any resident with the installation and battery replacement if required.

I am pleased to report that the town-wide radio system upgrade is now complete and all of the major town departments can now communicate with each other utilizing a single portable or mobile radio. This has been a project that has taken several years to complete and has already proven its value. The system allows Fire, Police, DPW, Schools and the Light Department to directly communicate with each other during non-emergency events, special events and during emergencies.

Two new Ambulances were placed in service during the summer. Our ambulance fleet consists of a total of three ambulances with two always being in service and staffed by paramedics. Although our ambulance fleet is in fine shape, I am requesting in our FY 15 budget the replacement of two fire engines; one of which is now 21 years old [Engine 1] and one which is now 23 years old [Engine 4].

**Our new Lifepak 15' cardiac monitors/defibrators have proven their value on several occasions.** These new devices have a more advanced software recognition program for cardiac event detection. They also can

**transmit EKG's directly to the Emergency Room's cardiologist to speed** hospital treatment times. The units are also capable of monitoring carbon monoxide levels in patients as well as real time waveform Capnography to assist in the diagnosis of respiratory illness.

Through a grant and donations, we have purchased an ATV [All Terrain Vehicle] for off road use and special events as well as in areas throughout town that a larger vehicle cannot access.

Although our headquarters station was recently renovated, our two sub-stations, constructed in 1942, remain in need of serious upgrades and maintenance. The heating systems as well as plumbing and electrical systems are all original to the buildings. Many of the other building components are also well beyond their useful life and in need of replacement. Our firefighters do an excellent job of patching things together but we are at the point where systems have become fragile and subject to failure. Living conditions are also becoming difficult.

**Retired Lt. John Kelly passed away in July. "Pope" as he was known served the department from 1955 to 1988. Phyllis Lebeau O'Connell the department's first** full time secretary also passed away during the year. Both of these fine people served the department with dedication and a smile.

Mark Duff,  
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

## Police Department

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In 2013 the Hingham Police Department was impacted by new growth challenges. Demands for service continue to climb and the reality is that for the foreseeable future the trend will be for more calls for service. Ongoing development of the Hingham Shipyard, South Shore Industrial Park, and Linden Ponds, along with other growth in town, has inevitably increased the demands for service. In 2013 the Hingham Police Department responded to 20,854 calls for service. Working with our Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board we have restored personnel cuts made during the recession. We restored the Safety Officer position in our elementary schools and added a Detective position to address the increase in computer and identity theft crimes.

We welcome newly appointed Officer Scott Miller who successfully completed the Municipal Police Academy and field training program. Officer Miller is a long time Hingham resident and graduated from Hingham High. We wish him well and welcome Scott to our police family.

As a police department we took an active role during the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings. Lt. John Norkaitis, Lt. David Jones, Sgt. David Horte and Officer Jeffrey Kilroy became active members in the **security of Boston, the manhunt in Watertown, President Obama's visit,** and Officer Sean **Collier's funeral as part of the Metro-Lec** rapid response team. Hingham citizens should be proud that your police department **answered Boston's call for help.**

The South Shore Regional Communications Center, comprised of the towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and Norwell, continues to provide our residents state of the art technology with effective service by allowing our officers to have the ability to have on-board real time access to information. It also increases the officers safety in the cruiser by having computers which facilitate safer and more efficient police work. Hingham benefitted from the regional dispatch center during the 2013 blizzard, Fourth of July Parade and fireworks by having 6-8 dispatchers answering calls for service instead of the two we had when the dispatch was located at the police station

2013 saw Harbormaster Ken Corson and his assistants utilizing their newest equipment, a pump out station located at the town pier allowing boaters and the harbormaster to pump out thousands of gallons of sewage into the sewer system. Due to ongoing efforts of the Harbormaster, boaters can renew their mooring permits on line. Mooring

fields are complete in both the inner and outer harbor, enabling more boaters to take advantage of our Hingham waters.

Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger remains busy due to our increase in development and animals encroaching on residents. **Leslie's dedication** and love for animals is evident by the way she responds to all the various animal situations. Hingham averages twelve deer car crashes per year.

In the face of all the demands on our police department, I am pleased to report that our community policing programs remain strong. The Hingham Police Department has expanded our media outreach to include EMASS, Facebook and Twitter to keep our residents informed on public safety issues. Our D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program completed its 19<sup>th</sup> year and the high school has a criminal justice club in our schools. Neighborhood Watch and Designator Driving programs meet continued success. In addition, we completed our 44<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy class as well as our R.A.D. program (Rape Aggression Defense). I thank those officers and speakers who participate in these programs to make it a community policing success.

As part of that success, our Hingham Citizen Police Academy Alumni group likewise remains a strong source of support. The CPAA purchased a Drug Collection Box located in the police department lobby allowing residents to discard unwanted medication safely. The department thanks the CPAA for their donations for various Police Department programs contributing to the success of our mission.

In April our department lost retired Patrolman Edwin Franklin Souther. Ed served the town as a dedicated police officer for 33 years. Ed will be missed by our department and his family.

I have enjoyed working actively with the town departments, boards and committees in carrying out our mission. I look forward to a continued successful relationship with them in the future.

And finally but most especially, I thank the men and women of the Hingham Police Department for their dedication and support. It is because of their tireless commitment and professionalism, that Hingham remains the beautiful town we live and work.

Michael J. Peraino  
Chief of Police

## Traffic Safety Division

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### Persons Injured/Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes 2013

Fatal.....	0
MVC with Injury.....	79
MVC with No Injury.....	800
Total MVC.....	879

### Other Facts

Busiest Times for Crashes (In Order).....	3-4pm, 5-6pm, 4-5pm, 2-3pm
Busiest Street for Crashes.....	Derby Street (127)
Town of Hingham (Square Miles).....	23
Town of Hingham Road Miles.....	131
Town of Hingham State Highways (Rte. 3, Rte. 3A, Rte. 228, Rte. 53)....	4
Motor Vehicles Registered in Hingham as of 12/31/13.....	18,864

### Motor Vehicle Citations Issued 2013

Warnings (No Fine).....	2,283
Civil (Fine).....	1,090
Criminal/Arrests (from MV Stops).....	403
Total.....	3,776

### Parking Tags Issued 2013

Parking Tags.....	538
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### Motor Vehicle Crashes Facts and Figures (5 Years)

Year	MV Crashes	Fatals	Injuries From
2009	473	0	98
2010	838*	1	93
2011	803*	2	82
2012	819*	1	85
2013	879*	0	79

\*This figure includes all crashes documented and/or investigated in Hingham (except on Route 3) including crashes that were reported after the fact, minor crashes off road (such as in parking lots) and minor crashes where officers responded.

## Harbormaster

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The 2013 boating season was hot and sunny allowing thousands of boaters to enjoy the many boating events Hingham offers such as Touch-A-Boat, Hingham Bay Junior Regatta, or Yoga at the Iron Horse. Many others enjoyed paddling along the coast, water-skiing in one of the two designated water ski areas or renting a mooring in Worlds End or the Inner Harbor to visit the downtown.

The Harbormaster Department responded to over 600 calls for service averaging seven calls per day during the boating season July-October. In late July, a twenty-one year old male was arrested for boating under the influence of alcohol. Several weeks later there were two serious boating accidents involving personal injury. These unfortunate events bring a realization of the dangers that all boaters assume when leaving the safety of land.

The below picture was taken on May 25, 2013 during Touch-A-Boat **organized by Friends of Hingham Harbor. In addition to Hingham's boats** the State Police and Sea-Tow also joined in on the fun. It was a cool windy day however people arrived by the dozen to see the boats and participate in the many land activities. The State Police also brought their dive unit vehicle which was very popular.



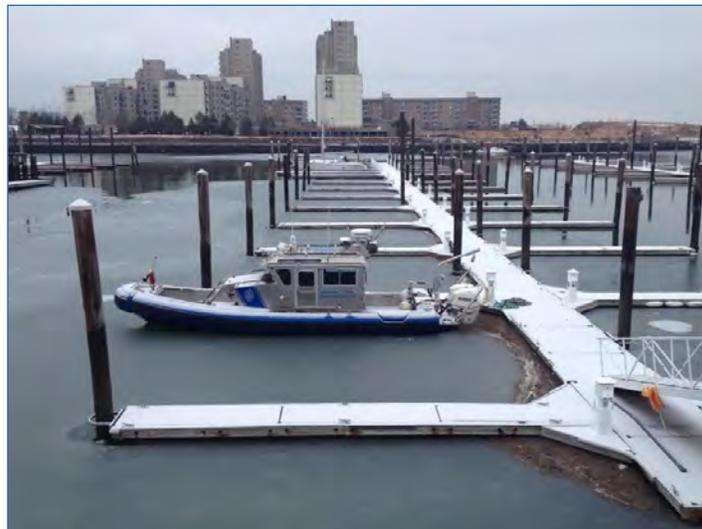
Our pump-out program is a service desired by the boating public. This was our first full season with the pump-out land based station in operation. It pumped over 20,000 gallons of raw sewage from the boats in Hingham. The station is operational daily from sunrise to sunset free of charge. Instructions are on the cover. Our pump-out boat was not operational for the month of August because of a leaking fuel tank. The boat returned to service just in time for Labor Day.

Boston and communities south received a grant for new VHF radios with private and encrypted frequencies. These allow local harbormasters to communicate with one another during rescues and other emergencies. The radios have proven to be very useful and free of traffic when a situation arises. Commuter boats and other private commercial salvage companies have access to one of these frequencies enabling them to have priority communication with Harbormasters in joint rescue effort or if a situation arises on their boat.

This November the Harbor Express, a commuter boat that ran from Quincy to Boston, was permanently relocated to the Hingham Shipyard. This was in response to an infrastructure issues in Quincy. There are roughly nine more commuter boat trips in and out of Hingham waters daily.

The Harbormaster's office was restructured this year. The Deputy Harbormaster position was eliminated and a new clerk position was created. This will allow the Harbormaster to be on the water more and have office support throughout the year. Even though the boating season runs from May through October, this office is very busy year round. The fall is busy with closing the harbor and starting the mooring permit renewal process. Shortly after the New Year the spring rolls in, hundreds of high school rowers and sailors take to the water, mooring permits are mailed, boats are launched, and once again a new boating season is under way.

Below is a picture of Marine 1 early one morning in January with a light snow covering and some thin ice around the boat.



Over 1400 mooring/docking permits were issued this year through the Online Mooring program. Applicants for wait list, mooring/docking permits and mooring rentals have the benefit of an online mooring management service to submit applications, pay their fee via PayPal, and monitor their position on the wait list.

Your Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormasters are honored to be the waterfront representatives **of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always** open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at [harbormaster@hingham-ma.com](mailto:harbormaster@hingham-ma.com). If you have an emergency dial 911, if you need immediate assistance please call public safety dispatch at 781-749-1212, otherwise our business line, 781-741-1450.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth R. Corson III  
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable  
Custodian of the Islands

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## Traffic Committee

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The Traffic Committee exists to assist Hingham residents and business owners with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes but rather recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen.

The issue of safety and visibility for both drivers and pedestrians on Gardner Street was presented by a resident. A street light was installed on an existing pole in front of 140 Gardner Street and directly across the street from 137 Gardner Street.

Parking restrictions near Hingham High School were discussed and implemented during school hours on Monday through Friday on Pleasant Street (north and south sides) from Pond to School Streets, Middle Street (east side from 32 Middle Street to Pleasant Street) and Middle Street (west side from 29 Middle Street to Pleasant Street). These restrictions are made under Article V Parking, Standing, Stopping-Section 2.

The creation of a By-Law was recommended to the Board of Selectmen **to prohibit the use of "Jake Brakes" in the Town of Hingham. This is** due to the excessive noise created by Jake Brakes which are engine brakes used by large trucks. Braking is allowed only in emergency situations and to avoid injury or an accident.

A crosswalk was requested at Fort Hill Street and Charles Everett Way for safety of pedestrians, drivers and school children. Traffic volume and speed are factors, especially during the morning commute. A sidewalk on the east side of Fort Hill Street was also requested. It was ultimately suggested that residents start a petition to add a sidewalk and get 100% of their neighbors to sign it and present it to the Board of Selectmen. It was noted that speed enforcement is routinely done on **that road and that is a "thickly settled" zone which is 30 MPH even if it is not posted.** It was also suggested that the bus stop could possibly be moved if the School Committee is contacted on this matter.

No parking signs were posted on both sides of Union Street from **Pleasant Street to the Weir River. This hadn't been posted in the past** but signs are up now. Once past the bridge, parking is permitted without violation.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street in 2013. Based on available data, there have been 4 accidents which occurred there. Two were investigated and two were not. Two occurred in February, One in March and one in October. No cars were towed from the crashes and there were no injuries in any of the crashes.

Once again, the Traffic Committee thanks the citizens of Hingham for their ongoing interest in suggesting ways to improve the free and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian movement within the streets and sidewalks of Hingham.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, they should make a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Michael Peraino, Hingham Police Department. Questions regarding traffic issues can be addressed to Sgt. Steven Dearth, Traffic Sergeant, Hingham Police Department, 781-804-2205.

Chief Michael J. Peraino, Chairman  
Represented by Sgt. Steven Dearth  
Chief Mark Duff  
Represented by Lt. John Haley  
Harry Sylvester, Department of Public Works  
William Ramsey, Planning Board  
James Costello  
Daniel Zivkovich

## Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

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The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it. To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 **article that authorized the Town's purchase of Lincoln School Apartments**. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints two members to the Board of Managers.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to **improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham**. The Trust's mission statement is as follows:

- **The Trust seeks to preserve affordable housing through a variety of means which will benefit both current and potential new residents.**
- **The Trust will propose, support and develop affordable housing that contributes positively to the character of the town, considering both Hingham's history and its future.**
- **The Trust will engage in education and advocacy with the goal of promoting the diversity of Hingham's population.**

This past year the Trust sold the property at 80 Beal Street to a developer thereby assuring the Town of the creation of two (2) affordable housing units in 2014. Looking forward to 2014, the Trust is working on **the development of the Selectmen's Parcel that abuts Bare Cove Park**. Town Meeting instructed the trustees to create an additional twenty to forty affordable units on the property, including a mix of incomes. The Trust has issued an RFP for design, engineering, and permitting services for this property.

The Trust anticipates submitting and obtaining approval for a LIP application, a Local Initiative Program Application from the state, including a request for a local preference. With the approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Trust will proceed to work with the Town Boards to assure a quality development.

We are pleased to report that Lincoln School Apartments has maintained high occupancy with little turnover. It has undergone the required inspections by HUD and received excellent grades. Anticipated upgrades to the air conditioning and the elevator will be addressed in 2014.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from Town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings. Please visit the link to our website at the Town of Hingham at <http://hingham-ma.gov>.

Tim White, Chair  
Kevin Connelly  
Patrick Gaughen  
Nancy Kerber  
Peter Vanderweil

Irma Lauter  
Susan Crowley  
Dan Jacobson  
Rev. Gary Ludwig  
**Necia O'Neill, Administrative Secretary**

## Bare Cove Park Committee

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The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall. **The Town of Hingham's website** has information about the Park, including meeting minutes, a printable map, dog etiquette, rules and regulations, a photo gallery, a listing of Committee members and information on the history the Park. Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted at Town Hall and available on-line in the Events Calendar.

Winter came early and was extremely cold and snowy. Park Ranger Scott McMillan was busy keeping the paths in the park clear and the snowplow got a good workout. Hundreds of visitors come to the Park each day and Ranger Scott does an incredible job maintaining the 484 acres year-round.

Longtime volunteer Barbara Nicosia worked her magic in transforming the Triangle Garden into a place of beauty and a landmark that delights visitors. The *Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia Display* at the Dock House has proven to be a popular attraction. It is open once-a-month from April through October and staffed by Ranger Scott.

Hingham SEPAC held their second annual "Fun Run/Walk" in the Park in May near the Beal St. entrance. The event was a great success and planning is underway for their third annual event to be held next May.



SEPAC's *Fun Run/Walk* brought face painting and a "Little Mermaid" to the Park. Scouts were ready at their water station for the Conservatory's first *Rhythm Run*.

Our neighbor, South Shore Conservatory held their inaugural "Rhythm Run" in the Park in May and they are planning their second event to be held in June 2014. **Derby Academy's Cross Country team** continues to train here, and call Bare Cove Park "Home" for their Fall meets.

Our 6th annual Marathon Sports ***End of Summer Classic Road Race*** held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> was another **fun successful event**. This year's race saw 480 runners participating in the 3-mile and 5-mile events, and included the first organized ElliptiGO-only time-trial on the East Coast.



(above) ElliptiGOers from 12 States raced.

(left) DragonFly Aerial view of runners near the Start line; the winning 5-mile time was 25:48.

The net proceeds of \$6,862 were donated to *The Friends of Bare Cove Park* gift account. The post-race festivities were held under the tent at the South Shore Country Club. Many thanks to John Childs, his *Old Colony Running Events* team, sponsors, and volunteers!

We are fortunate to have Hingham Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger in the Park on a regular basis. She continues to educate dog owners and enforce the law to ensure that Bare Cove Park is safe and enjoyable for all visitors.

Bare Cove Park is a wildlife sanctuary and a place for public recreation. It offers an exceptional area of river shoreline, wetland, open fields, dense woods, and diverse animal and plant life. Come on over any day between dawn and dusk and experience it for yourself – **it's simply amazing!**

Committee Members: Brian O'Leary (Chair), Tom Burbank (Vice-Chair), Ted Matthews (Treasurer), Shirley Rydell (Secretary), Dewitt DeLawter, Jim Nowicki, Joe Roper and Bob Smaldone.

## Trustees of the Bathing Beach

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The Trustees met monthly through 2013. Many of our meetings were held jointly with the Harbor Development Committee to help advance shared interests/concerns.

We would like to thank the Hingham DPW for their efforts in grading and reshaping the beach for the 2013 season after the significant storm events of the winter of 2012-2013 which took a serious toll on the beach and the parking lot.

In the Spring, we hired the engineering team of Beals & Thomas and Polaris Engineering to study and design beach stabilization methods for the revetment area protecting the Grove area of the bathing beach and to ensure the preservation/stabilization of the parking lot. We thank Town Engineer Roger Fernandes for his efforts in working with us on this process.

In September, the Trustees filed an application with the Community Preservation Committee for \$100,000 in CPC funding to extend the armor stone revetment protecting the Grove area. This area is now characterized by the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation in failing condition.

The Trustees also issued an RFP for the conversion of the existing bath house into a bath house/snack shop to be run and financed by an independent operator. We thank Town Engineer Roger Fernandes, Town Special Counsel Susan Murphy and Assistant Town Administrator Betty Foley for their efforts in the RFP process.

We would like to thank all the lifeguards and personnel who helped make our past season so successful and for helping our residents enjoy everything the beach has to offer.

On Saturdays during the season, the bathing beach parking lot is the home of the Hingham **Farmer's Market**. **In 2013, the market was fully** booked with 35-40 vendors each weekend selling area based products.

Joan Williams  
Edward Johnson  
Alan Perrault

## Beautification Commission

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Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the Hingham Beautification Commission continues its **mission "to foster beautification of Hingham's public areas using community resources."** This past growing season was especially challenging. After a winter of record snow, the Spring brought heavy rains followed by searing heat and drought. But the 10 garden sites still thrived, especially those at the five rail crossings with their drought-tolerant plantings of Russian Sage and daylilies. The group also continues its seasonal plantings in large urns on South St. and Rt. 3A, which merchants and residents alike so appreciate.

In the Fall, the group adopted the garden triangle at Thaxter and North Sts. which was neglected and overgrown. It will be re-designed and planted in Spring 2014.



*Maura Graham, Margaret Taylor, Rose Durkin, Jerry Elsdon at Thaxter Street*

Our work would not be possible without the willing assistance of the DPW, mulching all the islands, hauling debris, and cutting down spent blooms in the Fall. The Town has **established an HBC "Gift Account"** for donations to assist us in our work. In addition we welcome volunteers to **join and help us achieve our goals.** The **Selectman's office** can be contacted for both monetary and volunteer donations.

Laura Spaziani, Chairman	Maura Graham	Rose Durkin
Patsy Bray, Treasurer	Maggie Coleman	Alyce Nobis
Margaret Taylor, Secretary	Alyce Nobis	Dorothy Manganaro

## Cable TV Advisory Committee

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The Committee's primary focus in 2013 was the Education Channel (Comcast 22 and Verizon 29). The Committee recommended and the Board of Selectmen approved using cable funds provided by Comcast and Verizon to fund two television production classes at Hingham High School. These funds come from the 4.2% of Hingham cable subscriber revenues which Comcast and Verizon pay to the Town under the terms of their franchise agreements. This money can only be used to support **Public, Educational, and Government ("PEG") Access cable television**, and is not available for the General Fund.

In order to assist the High School in providing a wider variety of programming for the Education Channel, the Committee recommended and the Board of Selectmen approved a partnership agreement with **Hingham Community Access & Media Corporation ("H-CAM")**, a non-profit Public Access corporation established by the Town in 2011, to provide the equivalent of a half-time employee devoted to producing programming for the Education Channel. Under this agreement, which took effect at the beginning of the school year, H-CAM works with all of the Hingham schools to develop and produce programs for the Education Channel. Under this agreement, H-CAM also assists the High School in operating the Education Channel. The subscriber revenues provided by Comcast and Verizon are used to fund this partnership.

The Committee also recommended and the Board of Selectmen approved the expenditure from the capital funds provided by Comcast and Verizon to construct a conduit from the new High School fields to an interconnection in the High School with the Town's **cable infrastructure**. This will allow video of events on the fields to be transmitted over the **Town's three PEG channels**. **These capital funds are separate from the subscriber revenues**. They were provided by Comcast and Verizon in consideration for the ten-year franchises granted to them by the Town. They are kept in a separate account and used by the Town for capital expenditures related to the PEG channels. For example, they have been used to install robotic cameras and related equipment in the **Selectmen's Meeting Room**, the School Committee meeting room and other rooms.

Sandra Peavey, Chair  
Eric Connerly  
Phillip S. Thaxter  
John Rice

David Jones  
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, School Rep.  
Robert Kirk, H-Cam Rep.

## Community Preservation Committee

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Nine members comprise the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) – one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority the Recreation Commission and the Board of Selectmen, and three citizens at large, one appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by town bodies and citizens at large for funding projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low and moderate income housing, acquisition of open space and recreation. The CPC makes **recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund** for those purposes. The CPC is assisted by Town Engineer, Roger Fernandes, to provide technical oversight on construction projects and assistance in analyzing grant requests. Carol Costello, Administrative Assistant to the Town Engineer, provides administrative support to the CPC on a part-time basis.

**The Town's Community Preservation Fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax** on Town real estate taxes effective beginning July 1, 2001, State matching grants payable each November 15<sup>th</sup> based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30<sup>th</sup>, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2013 is approximately \$832K including a total of \$212K in State matching funds. The Community Preservation Act **requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation** revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Resource categories, i.e., Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of the categories, including recreational projects, as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The CPC reviewed 14 proposed projects in 2013 with a total request for more than \$5.3 million. After due diligence the Committee recommendations to the Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen included: 5 open space/recreation projects, 4 historic projects, 1 housing project and 1 administrative allocation. As required by the CPA legislation, the unexpended amount of the past and current reserve for affordable housing projects was allocated to a reserve for future affordable housing projects. A total of \$717K was recommended and approved by the 2013 Annual Town Meeting for the following projects.

Open Space Acquisitions and Recreation Projects included:

- The purchase of land and a conservation restriction on the Noonan property on Rockland Street
- Relocation of the softball field at Hingham High School
- Resurfacing of the basketball court and skating rink at Cronin Field
- Bradley Woods Playground and Park – Facilities upgrades
- An allocation to the Conservation Fund



Path along the lot pond (parcel 4)

#### Historic Preservation Projects

- Heritage Museum – Approval at \$1.1 million in bonds to be repaid with CPC funds to participate in establishing the Hingham Heritage Museum and Visitor Center at Old Derby
- Ames Chapel – preservation and rehabilitation
- GAR Hall – exterior preservation
- East Street State House – preservation study



Finally, an administrative allocation was made to cover staff and operating costs of the CPC, such as the independent professional appraisals conducted on the Noonan Property.

The Committee wishes to thank Dan Coughlin for his many contributions to Community Preservation serving as member, Vice Chair and Chair. The Committee also wishes to thank Selectman Bruce Rabuffo and former Recreation Commission Chair Frank Jones for their years of service. The Committee welcomes new members: Selectman Irma Lauter and Vicki Donlan, who chairs the Recreation Commission. Finally, deep appreciation and thanks are extended to Town Engineer Roger Fernandes and CPC Administrator Carol Costello for their tireless efforts on behalf of the CPC.

Bob Curley, Chair (Historical Rep.)  
 Matt Zieper, VC (Moderator Appt.)  
 Scott McIsaac (Conservation Rep.)  
**Kathleen Peters (Selectmen's Appt.)**  
 Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Rep.)

**Irma Lauter (Selectmen's Rep.)**  
 Vicki Donlan (Recreation Rep.)  
 James Watson (Housing Rep.)  
 Sally Weston (Moderator Appt.)  
 Roger Fernandes, Town Eng.  
 Carol Costello, CPC Admin.

## Country Club Management Committee

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In 2013, the Country Club Management Committee and our professional staff, Jay McGrail, the South Shore Country Club Director of Operations; Joe Keefe, PGA Golf Professional; Chris Riley, Asst. PGA Golf Professional and Jake Silva, Golf Course Superintendent continued our efforts to improve the facilities and enhance our recreational offerings at the South Shore Country Club.

In keeping with our long-term program to upgrade the playing conditions of our golf course, this year, we restored and rebuilt the sand traps on the third hole and relocated and redesigned the approach to the tee area and the tee box on the fourth hole.



*2nd Hole at the Club, 1922*

**We are also especially pleased with this year's improved summer tennis program, junior and adult golf programs, beginner and advanced swim lessons, our expanded offerings and upgraded facilities for children's birthday parties and corporate functions, and our enhanced driving range and golf practice areas.**

The following is a brief review, as well as, some of the highlights of our year at the South Shore Country Club:

- Over 50, 000 rounds of golf were played
- Over 200 children participated in tennis lessons
- More than 100 girls and 120 boys participated in junior golf lessons
- **Between 25-40 women played golf each week in "Girls Night Out"**
- Thirteen bowling leagues, with more than 300 league bowlers used our alleys each week in the fall and winter months
- More than 175 senior bowlers displayed their bowling skills on our alleys each week (with some of our better bowlers being in **their 90's**)
- **Over 2,000 hours of golf were played on our three "state-of-the-art" indoor golf simulators, mostly when it was** too cold or wet to play outside
- 240 families and individuals purchased swimming pool memberships and enjoyed our newly heated swimming pool
- Approximately 550 children participated in our YMCA supervised swim lessons (we are one of the few venues in area offering Red Cross life-saving certification)
- As many as 160 children participated in the SSCC swim team activities, competing in five home swim meets
- Almost 1,000 free hotdogs, with fruit juice and chips, were consumed by kids and their families during **"Kite Day" festivities**
- At this same event, an estimated 150 kites were counted in the air over our golf course and another 10 or so ended up in the trees
- Too many pumpkins to count and other treats and prizes, were **given away, during our children's Halloween festivities** , which was held in our party tent and jointly run with the Hingham Recreation Dept.

- During this same event, more than 450 children rode in our wagons for a scary hayride around the golf course
- There were as many as 40 high school boys and girls golf matches and many more practice rounds by our local teams in the spring and fall
- 30 charity and/or recreational golf outings were held on our course
- Approximately 110 birthday parties were held in our new party room and renovated bowling alleys (we install bumpers in our **gutters for the children's parties**-so everybody wins)
- Thirty-two weddings and 150 bridal/baby showers and other functions were held in our ballroom, tent and function rooms
- A state senior amateur golf qualifying tournament was held on our golf course this summer
- Up to 70 full and part-time employees enjoyed working for us this year, many of them students, during the summer months
- Last but not least, as many as 35 additional employees worked in the restaurant (**Raffael's Greenside Grille**) and function rooms during the year and the restaurant served over 36,000 meals

There are not many communities that can match the recreational and entertainment opportunities that are available to the public at the South Shore Country Club. We intend to continue to conscientiously manage and improve this wonderful Town resource.

Respectfully,

The Country Club Management Committee

Paul J. Casey

Terence Clarke

William Friend

Scott D. Peterson

Kerry Ryan

## Development and Industrial Commission

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Hingham's dynamic business community is thriving. Our companies enjoy a unique proximity to Boston, a convenient transportation network, highly trained workforce, distinct neighborhoods, vibrant and diverse recreational amenities, and one of the best public school systems in the nation.

In 2013, the Development and Industrial Commission focused on three priority areas: 1) South Hingham Growth Opportunities 2) Downtown Revitalization, and 3) Investment in Partnerships.

### South Hingham Economic Development

- The Commission, in coordination with the Planning Board, participated in the update of the **Town's Master Plan**. It contributed to the discussion of existing land use, zoning, tax revenue as well as economic development trends and conditions; particularly in south Hingham.



*So. Shore Bone & Muscle Center*

- The Commission hosted discussions with Aquarion Water Company to help it determine the economic benefits of further extending water infrastructure to South Shore Park **and expanding the Town's water supply**.
- Throughout 2013, the Commission, the Hingham Community Planning Department and property owners have worked closely to facilitate the redevelopment of South Shore Park. The Commission submitted a Warrant Article for Town Meeting 2014 to resolve technical and administrative issues with the 43D economic development application.

### Downtown Revitalization

- Discussions with the owners of numerous properties in downtown Hingham that are in various stages of development. Updates were provided throughout the year on the status of the Lincoln Building in Hingham Square, the Walsh and Packard site on South Street, and the Settles Glass site on North Street. The Commission will continue to

meet with these owners and others during 2014 to encourage and promote economic growth and development.

- Ongoing work for the HDIC in 2013 included: Developing Wayfaring Signage for the Town; affecting the change in MBTA service to include West Hingham Station; and finalizing the underground wiring connections and removal of the light posts on North Street between Station Street and the Harbor.

### **Invest in Partners**

- The Development and Industrial Commission continues to support and work closely with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, the Hingham Business Council, the Hingham Downtown Association, and the numerous property owners and businesses in Hingham.
- **Continued longstanding support for the Hingham Farmer's Market.** The HDIC is pleased that the Market continued to thrive and grow in 2013.

There are opportunities for economic growth in Hingham by redeveloping areas in South Hingham, the 3A corridor and in downtown.



Moving forward in 2014, HDIC will focus on developing an economic development vision and plan for the Town of Hingham to ensure that it remains a vibrant business community. This vision and plan will **provide a roadmap for success in Hingham's future economic** development. It will draw on the previous and current work of the Town Departments and Commissions, the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, as well as residents and business stakeholders. We will continue to work collaboratively with them to accomplish the vision and implement the plan. Economic development in general, and business retention, expansion, and attraction in particular, are vital to the growing prosperity and improvement in the quality of life of Hingham.

The Commission is very appreciative of the assistance of its dedicated members as well as the support of the many other Hingham Boards, Departments and Commissions. We would like to acknowledge and thank Mark Cullings, our most recent retiring commissioner, and Sue Sullivan, our immediate past chair, for their help has been critical to the

achievement of the HDIC's goals. We also welcome the Commission's newest member, Scott Peterson.

We look forward to working closely with the community to strengthen **the local economy, provide jobs, and expand the Town's tax base.** The Commission usually meets at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month in Town Hall, and the meetings are open to the public.

Greg Lane, Chair  
Mary Ann Blackmur  
Kevin Ellis  
Scott R. Peterson

Eileen Richards  
Sue Sullivan  
Nanette Walsh

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## Department Of Elder Services

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"The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of services to Hingham's population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham's senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement."

The Needs Assessment of Hingham residents 45 and older that Elder Services commissioned through the Gerontology Institute of the McCormack Graduate School at UMASS Boston was completed. **Aging in Hingham: A Community Affair** was released in March and the information contained in the report provided not only Elder Services but the town as a whole with valuable data and information about the needs, interests and opinions of the older adult population living in Hingham. As **a result of this Needs Assessment we learned that 49% of Hingham's population is 45 and older compared to a statewide average of 42%. Hingham's 60 and older population increased by 55% between 2000 and 2010.** The corresponding growth level for Massachusetts was 16%. Other results suggested that most Boomer and Senior residents have lived in Hingham for many years and are highly committed to remaining in Hingham as they grow older. Driving and transportation concerns are key issues and about 25% of non-drivers have used transportation services provided by Elder Services. Looking ahead to the future, the report showed that respondents voiced a number of concerns as they age in place. Such concerns included the high cost of living in Hingham; the concern that transportation options will be unavailable or inadequate

if one is unable to drive in the future; a strong desire to remain independent, active and engaged. Following a comprehensive review of the findings, Elder Services began revision of its Long Range/Strategic Plan. The information contained in the report will greatly assist in this revision and it is expected these revisions will be completed in mid-2014. For more information or to read the full report **Aging in Hingham: A Community Affair** go to [www.hingham-ma.gov/elder/index.html](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/elder/index.html) and click on the link to the report.

In April, an on-site visit of the Senior Center was conducted by the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) as the final step in the review process towards the award/retention of National Senior Center Accreditation. The Department of Elder Services is proud to again have received this award and is one of seven in Massachusetts and 120 nationwide who currently have attained National Senior Center Accreditation.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance sorting through the myriad of programs and services and in accessing the most appropriate services to enable an older adult to continue to live at home. The Outreach Coordinator also works very closely with the Police, Fire and Health Departments on cases of mutual concern, and oftentimes remains as the link for these cases. The Outreach Program also continues to assist individuals with minor home repairs; the completion of benefit application forms, including the applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for all Hingham residents regardless of age; and understanding the wide range of options available for the Medicare D program.

Discovery, the lifelong learning program, continued to grow and provide many different programs of interest to older adults. The work of these dedicated volunteers has now enabled Elder Services to offer a Spring and Fall semester. Matter of Balance, an evidence-based program that provides education and practical tips to help prevent falls, continues to be offered on a twice a year basis. Again, through another group of dedicated volunteers, the Job Search Skills Training Program assists **older adults and others in preparing for the job search in today's** employment market.

The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide range of services and programs to the Senior Center. During 2013, these volunteers numbered 153 and worked 9,628 hours. We would also like to thank all the organizations who provided programs at the Senior Center, and all the other Town

Departments who work with us to ensure that seniors are safe and comfortable in their own homes.

At this time we would like to introduce and welcome Nicole Reilly, Program Coordinator, who joined the staff of Elder Services in February. Ms. Reilly has been a great addition to our team and is responsible for overseeing our volunteer and technology programs as well as organizing trips and other miscellaneous programs that take place at the Senior Center. Finally, we would like to thank retiring Council on Aging members Leah Godfrey and Arthur Lemay. Both of these individuals **worked hard on behalf of Hingham's older adults.**

Barbara Farnsworth, Director  
Chrisanne Gregoire, Chairman  
Gretchen Condon, Vice Chairman  
Beth Rouleau, Treasurer  
Joan Iovino, Secretary  
Edward Ford  
June Freedman  
Norma Jackson  
Dick Ponte  
Dawn Sibor  
Leslie Vickers



*Desk Receptionists at Senior Center  
Ruth Scully, Ethel Franks, Martha Manning, Joan Donovan, Ann Millbury,  
Mary Lou Libby, Gerri Sullivan, Betty Lowell, Peggy Hughes, Rosalie Bravo*

## Energy Action Committee

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**Mission:** To serve the residents and commercial enterprises of the Town of Hingham by helping to establish energy policies and measures that will promote the efficient use of energy and reduce adverse environmental impact, and by taking measures to increase awareness of energy issues.

**Work Product:** The Energy Action Committee, successor to the Energy Policy Committee, identifies, promotes, and helps implement energy savings opportunities for municipal and community-wide operations and residences, and raises energy awareness on issues of concern to Town residents.

**Work Agenda:** Monthly meetings and periodic reporting to the Board of Selectmen to solicit feedback on suggested policies and structure.

In 2013, the Committee:

-investigated energy saving opportunities and worked with the Hingham Public Library, Town Offices, and South Shore Country Club to implement multiple energy saving projects. Investigations spanned months and entailed detailed measurements of lighting output, HVAC management and temperature setback, and building HVAC efficiency using CO2 concentration measurements, and involved meeting with various constituencies to move energy conservation opportunities forward. Estimated savings from the implementations so far are approximately \$27,000 per year.

-participated in multiple energy conferences and discussions on energy policy hosted by various organizations, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Department of Energy Resources, the Boston Bar Association, and Universal Electric, Inc. Also visited other Massachusetts schools and municipal buildings to learn more about energy efficiency measures in peer institutions.

-authored multiple articles in the Hingham Journal, alerting Town residents to various energy initiatives in the Town and raising general awareness of energy issues.

-launched a pilot program to distribute LED bulbs by partnering with the **Hingham Municipal Light Plant and the East School's Green Committee**, where the Light Plant sponsored sales of LED bulbs with proceeds benefiting the East School.

**-evaluated potential for Hingham's involvement in ECHO's "Sustainable Schools Program" to improve energy efficiency through program management at the Hingham schools, and also the possibility of Hingham becoming a "Massachusetts Green Community."**

-continued to sponsor showings of the prize winning energy options documentary film *Switch* to raise energy awareness and to lead public discussions on the implications of energy policy and choices on the environment.

Goals for 2014 include:

- Continue to pursue energy savings possibilities in municipal buildings through implementing the ECHO energy audit recommendations.
- Expand the reach and depth of the energy audits, and bring in experts as needed to further conservation measures.
- Secure earmarked funds to allow for targeted sponsorship of energy savings projects.
- Expand LED distribution program based on pilot results
- To continue to educate the residents and businesses of Hingham about energy issues and savings opportunities.
- To set an emissions reduction target based on realistic and feasible actions, using MassEnergyInsight and other tools at the **Committee's disposal, including education and outreach** initiatives (see above).

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy related matters are encouraged to contact us through [energy@hingham-ma.com](mailto:energy@hingham-ma.com)

Energy Action Committee:

John Bewick  
Ken Brown  
Scott Cyr  
Otto Harling  
Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant  
Virginia LeClair, Co-Chair  
Brad E. Moyer, Co-Chair  
Michael Sweeney  
School Business Director ex-officio  
Town Administrator ex-officio

## 4th of July Parade Committee

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The Hingham 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee is pleased to report on its highly successful activities in 2013, culminating in an entertaining and respectful Parade enjoyed by the whole community.

This year's theme - ***Stars & Stripes Forever!*** - provided participants the chance to honor our past as well as active service men and women and our safety officers. The Militia, as always, reminds us each year of the continuity of the service commitment of our community. The button design also exhibited our reverence for flag and country. After the Marathon bombings, the symbolism represented by the button resulted in one of the most purchased designs in recent memory.

The committee placed this year's Grand Marshal, Geri Duff, adjacent to two of her many passionate causes – the Girl Scouts and the Bare Cove Fire Museum apparatus! Geri maintained her unbounded enthusiasm throughout the Parade – despite the heat – while taking wonderful photographs of the spectators along the route.



***Grand Marshall Geri Duff, with camera in hand***

We also had many outstanding floats – as usual! This year, the judges had a particularly difficult job, in part because there were nearly 30 entries, but they ultimately settled on the following awards:

- **Most Beautiful – Hingham High Rowing Association**
- **Most Patriotic – Hingham Republican Committee**
- **Most Original – Jones Street Neighborhood**
- **Best of Parade – Su Escuela**

Although the focus of our activities is ultimately the big day itself, the Parade is the culmination of a number of less public activities by the Committee in the months, weeks, days – and sometimes hours – leading up to the event. The fun begins again within a few weeks after the **Parade's conclusion**. **Members** evaluate the content, conduct and organization of the event itself, with safety as a primary criterion, and then start planning improvements for the coming year.

Work on the 2013 Parade began in earnest in late 2012 under Chairman Jim Murphy. We welcomed new members Deanna Marie Costa, Dewitt DeLawter, Monica Conyngham, Robin Nickerson, Bill Nickerson, Eric Dresser, Dave Madden, and Melissa Caine to the Committee, and discussed the selection of **this year's** Parade theme. After consideration of input from supporters through the **Committee's Facebook page**, we decided on **"Stars & Stripes Forever!"** and communicated the theme to the Elementary schools. Art Teachers Mr. Bliss (East), Ms. Mayo (South), Ms. McKeon (Foster), and Ms. Marsjanik (PRS) set their students about designing a 2013 Parade button.

Later, the Committee had the pleasure of selecting the winning button, an activity that brings out the artist in all the members and which is one of the most appealing activities we perform, while never easy. The winning entry was by Sophie Spielberger, a 5th grader from East School, who was re-warded with a com-memorative plaque from Aisling Gallery and a place of honor in the Parade cortege.



***2013 Button Design Winner Sophie Spielberger with her mother, Christine Spielberger***

With these important theme-related activities completed, we got down to business to raise the funds needed to host a truly memorable Parade. A key fundraising activity in recent years has been the Silent Auction evening. This year, we opted to change the venue to Black Rock Country Club, and the move was well-received. A wonderful addition **was the presence of "Mrs. Massachusetts International 2013,"** Laura Ferguson, who lent her support for the April 26th event by greeting attendees. Jason Caine led the organization of the auction, with key support from Melissa Caine, Mary Ellen Carlisle, Deanna Costa, Cassie McDermott and Carrie Murphy. As always, local businesses stepped up with a broad selection of donations covering their services and products. Melissa Caine designed the booklet and flyer for the evening. So thank you to our merchants, for their important contribution to the **evening's success**, to the management and staff at Black Rock Country Club for their hospitality, and to the many friends and Hingham citizens **who attended and contributed financially to the evening's success.**

Chairman Jim Murphy's ingenuity led to a new, and highly effective fundraising effort for 2013, called **"50 Flags Campaign."** With guidance and support from Hingham Veterans' Services Director, Keith Jermyn, Jim created a team of volunteers who placed 50 U.S. flags on house lawns for a donation of \$50. The flags, which remained on lawns for about a week, were a terrific way for people to show their support of our servicemen and women, and to match their pride in the Parade with a financial contribution. After the first few displays were seen around town, and information provided in the Hingham Journal, the orders really took off, and about 80 households participated.



Dave Madden volunteered to lead this effort for us and we also received great assistance from the local Boy Scouts, Troop 52. Thank you to all who participated in this event that provided wonderful reminders of patriotism across all corners of Hingham. Thank you, also, for your patience as the number of requests required the subsequent purchase of more than 1,000 flags to fulfill the orders. We expect this effort to grow in 2014, and will be looking for more ways to have community youth volunteer for the effort.

Our Button-selling fundraiser was, as always, in the expert hands of Committee member Ginny Gray. Every year, she and her Hingham-Hull Rotary colleagues place buttons with local merchants and at town facilities, and Ginny herself makes great efforts to attend town events **and the Farmers' Market to extend her selling reach. A button table at "A Taste of Hingham,"** the downtown food festival held in May, was a big hit – raising more than \$700 in a few hours. The Committee also sees a **need to recruit the town's students to help in this effort.**

This year also saw the return of the **Selectmen's Golf Tournament** on June 3<sup>rd</sup> as a key fundraiser for us. Led by Ted Alexiades, Jay McGrail, Terence Granahan, and Jim Murphy, the scramble format offered exciting golf while also raising much needed funds for the Parade. Our thanks to Gold Sponsors AW Perry, Inc., Aquarion Water Company, and Carol Shaughnessy, as well as additional sponsors Clarke Communication Group, Inc., ColorMax Graphics, Inc., TRACEY Environmental, Inc., Terrance E. Granahan, GrayMatter Agency, Liberty Grille, Pyramid **Printing**, **Raffael's Greenside Grille**, **The Talbots**, Inc. and True North Bank Group.



*Silent Auction organizers  
 Jason and Melissa Caine*



*Selectmen's Cup winning team,  
 captained by Ron Sherwood*

The 2013 South Shore Four Ball was also a major fundraising success. The event, which was started only a few years ago by Jay McGrail and his great team at the South Shore Country Club, has grown into a challenging two day tournament for many of the best golfers in eastern Massachusetts! Jay and the SSCC also provide us with much needed Parade Day mobility in the form of golf carts, essential for the mustering of the many participants - for these efforts the Committee remains very grateful.

Our annual flyer was kindly included in the June Hingham Municipal Light Plant (HMLP) invoice and issued to approximately 9,500 residences. The flyer, designed by Carrie Murphy and printed by The Ink Spot (at no cost), allowed us to reach out to most of the households in Hingham with a request for donations and the latest Parade news. Such support from the community and local businesses is critical to the success of the **Committee's fund**-raising efforts.

This year, thanks to the time and talents Deanna Costa, we used social media to publicize and organize these events – with great success. Through **the Parade's Facebook** page, supporters in the community were able to

weigh in on the selection of the Parade theme, buy tickets in advance for the Silent Auction, and find out about the 50 Flags Campaign.

And of course, there is the big day itself. A long list of contributors deserve our recognition and thanks. Firstly, our own Hingham police, led



*Hingham Girls Hockey U10 Champs*

by the Committee's liaison, Deputy Chief Glenn Olsson, provide seamless and unobtrusive coordination of public safety; Dan Leahy, General Manager of Porsche of Norwell /Audi Norwell /Volvo Village of Norwell, who provided the stylish convertibles for the Grand Marshal,

Gerri Duff, and Citizen of the Year, Ruth Potter, to ride in; Aquarion Water Company, which provided water at the Parade. Finally, we are indebted to the many Parade Day volunteers who provided the additional mustering supported needed to meet the needs of the Day. We hope to see all return next year to continue the tradition, and to add additional members drawn from the many active Hingham community groups.



*54<sup>th</sup> MA Volunteer Regiment Company "A"*

2013 Parade Committee under Chairman Jim Murphy: Jason Caine, Louis O'Dea, Carrie Murphy, Deputy Chief Glenn Olsson, Monica Conyngham, Virginia Gray, Dewitt DeLawter, Ruth Potter, George Ford (Uncle Sam), Deanna Costa, Robin Nickerson, Bill Nickerson, Eric Dresser, Cyndy Tonucci, Mary Ellen Carlisle, Dave Madden, Susan Hagstrom, Melissa Caine, Mary Pizzelli, Cassie McDermott, John Monz, and Dan Lahiff.

Our e-mail address is [hingham4th@gmail.com](mailto:hingham4th@gmail.com). Information about past and future parades can be found at <http://www.hinghamjuly4th.org> or on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Hingham4th](http://www.facebook.com/Hingham4th).

## Grand Army Of The Republic Memorial Hall

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The Year 2013 was an exemplary year for Hingham's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall in our Town.

On Saturday, May 25, Veterans and all of our Citizens celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall, which was constructed by **returning Civil War Veterans' in 1888**. The day was fun and full of educational events for the entire family. There was an encampment on the Town Common, just as it was 150 years ago, re-living history again! At the same time, there was a well-attended open house of the G. A. R. Hall with the impressive display of military memorabilia from The Revolutionary, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and up to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hingham can be justifiably proud of the time, effort and caring for the perpetuation of the Historic Memorial Hall: Our town is one of less than ten that continues to support and maintain this gem of a building in the Commonwealth. At the end of the Civil War, there were nearly 200 such Halls. The Veterans **extend an appreciation to our Town's leaders.**



*"Civil War era re-enactors presentation at GAR Hall"*

The continuing participation of Hingham High School's sophomore class in the day long visit and involvement in meeting and listening to the **experiences from our Veterans is a great lesson in our nation's history.** Nearly 200 Students hear first hand those events and are left with a true understanding and feeling for the sacrifices all Veterans endure in those **experiences.** This year's event is already scheduled.

On December 7, the VFW Post conducted their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Voice of Democracy Essay Contest celebration for grades 9-12<sup>th</sup>, along with the Patriots Pen for grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>. The contest winners, their parents and families participated with Superintendent Galo, our three Selectmen, the **Principal of St. Paul's** school and other town-wide teachers. The Honorable Bill Ramsey, acted as the emcee. It was an exciting day.



**"HMS student J.T. Jermyn receives an award from Bruce Rabuffo, Board of Selectmen Chairman, and VFW Member Ernie Sofis"**

For the first time, The G.A.R. Memorial Hall was placed on the Hingham **Historical Society's Annual House Tour, and Museum Day**. Many citizens observed the war artifacts and the building for the first time. It was successful for all concerned.

The Trustees continue the biannual Art Conservation Maintenance program to maintain the integrity of the G.A.R. collection and extend a **sincere appreciation for the support and vision of our Town's Leaders** in continuing the mission of our Memorial Hall. Additionally, The American Legion Post 120, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6053, Bare Cove Sail and Power Boat Squadron, and The Hingham Militia continue to meet here on a monthly basis.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees:

Scott McMillan, Chair; Keith Jermyn, Treasurer; and Robert Beal, Jr.

## Harbor Development Committee

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Access, physical improvements along the waterfront and promoting Hingham Harbor related issues continued to be the focus of the Harbor Development Committee in 2013. The Committee would like to thank Dave Fenton for his three years of dedicated service to the Committee.

The HDC met monthly through 2013. While we have entertained a few **new issues, the majority of the Committee's time has been spent** in advancing matters that were addressed in the 2007 Master Plan. To maximize the efficiency of a volunteer committee, individual HDC members have taken the lead on a number of our individual initiatives to help their advancement through acting as liaisons with other committees and following through on matters discussed between meetings. **Selectman Paul Healey served as the Committee's liaison with the Board** of Selectmen and Bathing Beach Trustees Joan Williams and Ed Johnson worked actively with the HDC throughout 2012 in advancing beach stabilization and other mutual interests.

The primary initiatives advanced during the past year were:

- **Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge** - This project was allocated \$275,000 in CPC funds at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. In February 2013, an RFP for professional engineering & permitting services was issued and the engineering/design/permit team of Beals & Thomas/Polaris were selected. Engineering and survey work were the first steps performed and the goal is to have an Invitation to Bid for construction services released in Fall 2014.
- **Beach Erosion/Stabilization & Management** – The "Blizzard of 2013" and its predecessor Hurricane Sandy heightened our awareness of an issue with serious implications along the Hingham waterfront: erosion of the shoreline/beach and the stabilization of the embankments and parking lot. Thanks to the Hingham Department of Public Works for their significant efforts in grading and reshaping the beach for the 2013 season after these events.
- **Bath House/Snack Shop Concept Advancement** – Another area where the HDC worked closely with the Bathing Beach Trustees was in the advancement of the concept of renovating the existing concrete block bath house into renovated bathrooms with an accessory snack shop.
- **Harbor Master Plan Updating, Coordination with other Town Committees and Organizations** – The HDC revisited the 2007 Harbor Master Plan and met with other Town officials

notably Mary Savage Dunham, the Town Planner and Conservation Commission Agent Abby Piersall to ensure that its goals and objectives were consistent with broader Town objectives. Another frequent attendee of HDC meetings has been Amy Cowan, the chairperson of the non-profit harbor advocacy group the Friends of Hingham Harbor. We thank her **for her input to discussions this past year and for the group's** well attended harbor programs this past year.

- **Community Rowing & Sailing Discussions & Study** – The Committee was the recipient of an independent study conducted by Community Rowing of Boston at the expense of Hingham resident and avid rower DJ McKinnon. This study made several short term and long term recommendations for the physical, operational and programmatic issues surrounding a sustainable community & rowing program in Hingham including further analysis of alternatives to the Route 3A Rotary which seriously impacts access to and around Barnes Wharf/Lincoln Maritime. Since its release, the concepts of this proposal have been presented to various stakeholders in the process including the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, etc.
- **Hingham Boat Ramp** – Under the lead of Committee Member John Thomas, the Committee has continued to champion a new and improved boat ramp/launch area for the Inner Harbor to replace our aging one with its exposed rebar. A meeting was held on site with Mass. Official Jack Shephard in the Fall to advance the design and future funding of new facilities. The beach management plan being **prepared by the Trustees'** consultants is an important precursor to this activity.
- **Increasing Car-top Boating/Kayak Access in Different Locations** – The Committee continues to look at locations to **improve residents' access to launching sites for kayaks and other** car-top vessels that are becoming increasingly more popular.

Committee Members

Alan Perrault, Chairman

Eric Kachel, Secretary

Robert Mosher

John Thomas

Paul Losordo

Edward Morris

William Reardon

Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

## Board of Health

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The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of seven employees (Bruce T. Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer, Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse, Carol Ford, Administrative Secretary, and Susan Rowe Health Agent, Ann Marie Papasodero, Health Clerk, and William Peterson, Food Inspector.

**The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities include such** activities as adult immunization and blood pressure programs, domestic abuse, crisis intervention, Title 5 Septic System approvals, Food Establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, recycling and dumpster regulations, Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG), tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, Right-to-Know enforcement, septic system approval and inspection, Body Art licensing, Recycling licensing, Fats, Oils and Grease program, communicable disease surveillance and response, recreational camps for children licensing, regulating the keeping of animals and fowl, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

This year the Board of Health began implementing recycling and fats, oils and grease regulations. With respect to recycling the Board of Health work closely with the Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee and developed a comprehensive set of regulations which will remove a significant amount of waste from entering our waste stream. It also sets standards for the placement and operation of clothing and book bins. At this point Health Department staff has concentrated their efforts by requiring all trash haulers to offer residents recycling pick up as part of the Board of Health permitting procedure. Health Department staff has also met with local businesses to discuss the new regulations.

In an effort to reduce sewer main maintenance cost, the Board of Health along with the Hingham Sewer Department began educating and enforcing the new Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) regulations which require restaurants to install grease separators to reduce the amount of **grease, oils or fat that enters into the Towns' sewer** collection system. This will not only reduce the cost of sewer main maintenance but will also reduce odors associated with sewer main blockages.

This year also saw new Ice Cream Truck regulations developed by the Department of Public Safety. As part of our normal licensing procedures

for vendors, all individuals selling ice cream on a truck need to have a criminal background check (CORI), be finger printed and have a recent picture in view of the public. Once they are okayed by the Hingham Police Department the Board can issue to them a mobile food permit.

Stephen White, Chairman  
Kirk Shilts D.C., Member  
Peter Bickford, Member

## Hingham Housing Authority

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*Thaxter Park, built on the site of the old West School was dedicated in 1974 by Commissioners H. Alfred Pontier, James J. Gordon, Ruth W. Spencer, Albert W. Kimball and Arthur P. Tower*

Hingham Housing Authority is committed to providing safe, decent, affordable housing. The Authority administers 84 units of c. 667 State-aided public housing, and 8 units of c. 705 State-aided Family Housing all located at Thaxter Park. Additionally, our scattered sites include 16 units of c. 689 housing, a collaboration with the Department of Mental Health., providing services to individuals, 25 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), 5 Federal Project Based vouchers for homeless Hingham veterans and we own a single family affordable home. The Hingham Housing Authority is a recognized Monitoring and Lottery Agent for Affordable Home Ownership programs.

Over the past year, the Authority has undertaken several modernization projects at Thaxter Park which are critical in the preservation of this valuable community asset. These projects include painting and upgrading interior common areas, replacing soffits and exterior lighting, refurbishing and rehabbing 7 apartments and 1 single family home, walkway repairs throughout the property, installation of a handicapped ramp, replacement of 80 refrigerators with new energy efficient models, and refurbished community room and kitchen. We were fortunate to secure bond funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development for these projects, a total of \$130,525.71. We also applied for and received a grant of \$30,000 for the purchase of a work truck with a plow.

**The Housing Authority is grateful to the town's Community Preservation** committee for taking the time to consider our application and awarding us \$4,500 for the drainage improvement project.

Over the past 3 years, the Authority has applied for and been awarded a Self-Sufficiency grant to assist 25 families on the HCV program. The goal is for families to attain Self-Sufficiency over a 5 year period. The award allows us to pay for a Service Coordinator position to administer this program.

The Board of Commissioners continues to review the Authority policies making changes where necessary to outdated ones and implementing new ones to meet the challenges of our programs, to improve the quality of life and safety of our residents and ensure fiscal stability of the Authority.

We would like to thank the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Elder Services, and **Veteran's Agent for the vital** services provided to the housing authority, our residents and all the seniors of this community. We also want to thank a very dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment.

Anyone interested in finding out more about low income housing programs, please contact the Housing Authority located at 30 Thaxter Street, Hingham or call 781-741-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McHugh, Chairperson  
James Watson, Vice Chairperson  
Robert Keyes, Treasurer

Kevin Connelly, Member  
Amy Farrell, State Appointee  
Sharon Napier, Exec. Director

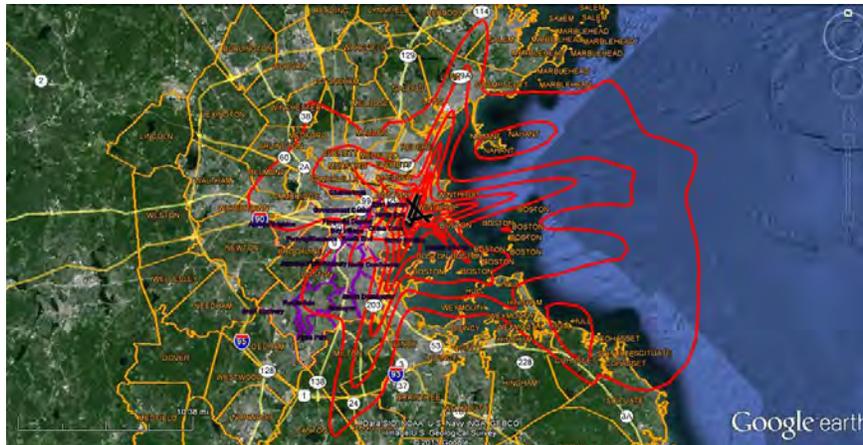
## Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, Inc

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### Background

Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, Inc (CAC) is a well established committee composed of 40 communities surrounding Logan Airport. **CAC's primary goal is to reduce ground and over-flight noise from aircraft and secondarily, to monitor air pollution from Logan Airport.**

CAC believes that our first objective should always be to minimize total noise and our second objective should be an equitable sharing of noise **among the region's communities, taking into account both total population impacted and environmental justice populations**, with a collective CAC commitment to making sure that no neighborhoods bear the brunt of Logan related noise even if they have a smaller affected population than others.



Source: Darryl Proctor's (CAC Leadership) assessment of Noise Contours starting with 45 dB to 75dB close into Logan.

The Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS) is being conducted in fulfillment of the requirements of the Record of Decision on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Airside Improvements Planning Project at Boston Logan International Airport, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on August 2, 2002.

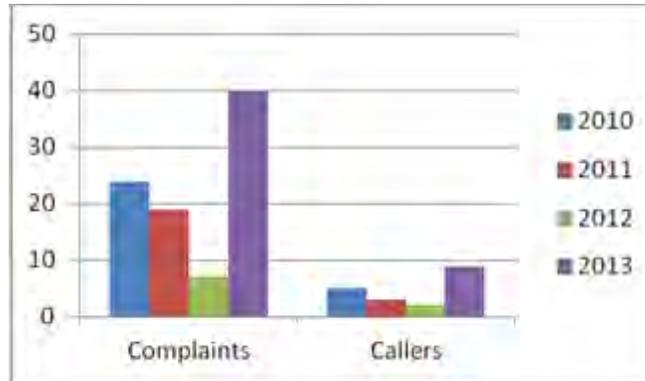
- Phases I and II are complete and were focused on the outer communities such as Hingham.

- Phase III is focused on providing relief for communities by establishing a Runway End Use Program, the purpose of which is to distribute noise more equitably.

### Activities in 2013

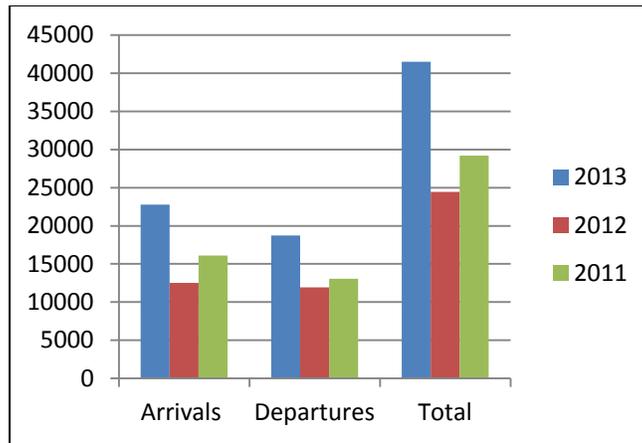
Hundreds of aircraft fly over Hingham daily but the flights that are causing most aggravation are arrivals on runway 33 and early morning arrivals. For other communities, the concerns are more persistent than **Hingham's situation.**

Massport tracks noise complaints and we saw a sharp increase in 2013 over previous years.



Source: Massport

The explanation is that Runway 33L was used more in 2013 than previous years – largely got to do with the weather pattern. The graph below shows the number of arrivals and departures over the last three years.



Source: Massport

During 2013, CAC had made progress on a number of fronts;

- The relationship with both the FAA and Massport has improved remarkably.
- CAC met several times with Speaker DeLeo and his staff to lobby for an amendment to the existing Transportation to take into account the needs of communities with respect to it comes to airport noise. Governor Patrick has now signed a new Transportation Bill which included the creation of a new **Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee which will provide** funding for consulting and administration.
- The creation of a new Runway Use Program where CAC Massport, FAA (and ATC) will create a formal agreement.
- The CAC has received Memo of Understanding (**MoU's**) from both the FAA and Massport to work on the Runway Use Program.

### **CAC 's goals for 2014**

- Agreement on a formal Runway Use Program which will have a positive impact on all communities but probably less impact on Hingham than close in communities.
- Increase the FAA's **commitment** to implement continuous decent on all arrival runways.

- Implement a more predefined arrival procedures (RNAV) on runway 33L (Southeast/Northwest) and specify preferential use of this procedure whenever traffic volumes allow.
- Create at least one true over-the-water departure and arrival route into Logan airport.

### **New CAC Alternate member from Hingham**

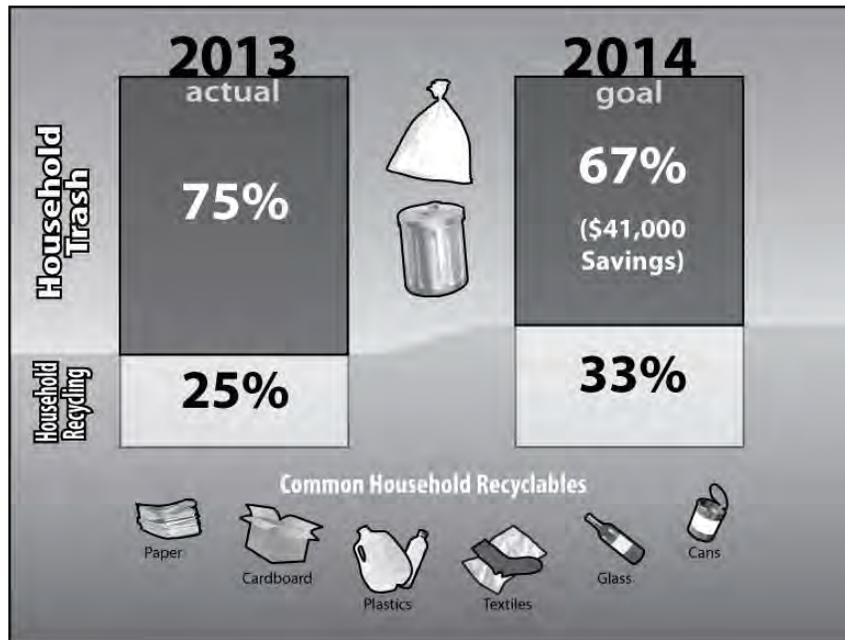
Ron Vickers has agreed to join CAC as co-representative of Hingham on CAC.

For more information, please go to <http://www.bostonrnavea.com> and for a broader review, visit <http://www.bostonoverflightnoisestudy.com>

Declan Boland has represented Hingham on CAC since 2005 and serves on the CAC Leadership Team as CAC Secretary and Clerk.

February 7, 2014

## Make a small change - Save big change



By diverting more of our everyday recyclables from our trash and increasing our recycling rate by just 8% to 33% this year, Hingham would save \$41,000 in disposal costs.

For every ton of recyclable items that stay out of the trash stream, Hingham saves \$82 per ton.

And even better, Hingham is paid by the ton for paper, cardboard, textiles, cans as well as books, metal, and mercury items.

So there you have it - making an effort to increase your recycling habits can have a financial benefit to all of us!  
For more info: [hingham-ma.gov/publicworks/WhatDoIRecycle.html](http://hingham-ma.gov/publicworks/WhatDoIRecycle.html)

## Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling

Hingham residents experienced another year of solid service at the Transfer Station. The details pertaining to overall costs and revenues from Hingham's waste disposal and recycling operations are found in the Department of Public Works' summary and financial report within this Annual Report. Below you will find the highlights and updates of the education and advocacy efforts of the Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee (LRWDRC) for this year. The LRWDRC efforts support the town of Hingham's household solid waste disposal and recycling services and policies.

### Ongoing operations updates

- For 2013, the town's waste total was 7127 tons, up 72 tons from 2012. Hauling costs were \$578,590, up \$9746 from 2012.

- A total of 2062.3 tons of common recyclables (paper, cardboard, steel cans, plastics, textiles and glass) were collected, yielding a current recycling rate of 25.5%. Although recycling tonnage was up from last year, so was waste tonnage, yielding no improvement in our household recycling rate over last year. Hingham can do more to increase its recycling. As more recyclables are diverted out of the household trash stream into recycling and composting, Hingham will see a decrease in waste disposal hauling costs.
- The yard waste collection area continued to divert compostable yard waste from the household waste stream, with residents diverting 34,700 cubic yards of leaves, grass, brush and logs to the composting bays in 2013. Removing yard waste and recyclables from household trash yielded a savings of \$82 per ton and provided the town with good compost material for use by households and for upkeep of our public lands.
- Improved signage marks the charity clothing and textile container bin area. These textile bins allow Hingham to continue to collect textiles that have an after-life and generate revenue for Hingham. The textile bins accept re-usable and worn-out clothes (including cotton, wool, rayon, fleece, polyester, and silk), shoes, undergarments, socks, blankets, linens, rags, stuffed animals, **and seat cushions. This year's "rags to riches" collections yielded roughly \$6800 (up from \$4535 in 2012).** Hingham is not paying to haul and incinerate these textile items, but rather is paid to collect these items for reuse or repurposing in the textile and upholstery industry.
- The Swap Shop has been up and running for the full year, thanks to all of the volunteer staff. The all-volunteer Swap Shop staff was, **thankfully, coordinated by Barbara McMullen's scheduling and** communication efforts, providing Hingham residents with access to gently used and reusable household items. The LRWDRC developed winter operating policies and volunteers have been warmed by the addition of a propane heater for the colder days. Additional volunteers are needed for the Swap Area and would enable the Swap to be open more hours. Volunteer forms can be found on the Transfer Stations **webpage's "Public Works" tab (<http://hingham-ma.gov/publicworks>).**
- A total of 5501 residential and 161 commercial Transfer Stations permits were issued in 2013. 1078 of the 5501 residential stickers were second car convenience stickers that cost \$25 per car.
- **In exchange for the proceeds from Hingham's Community Redeemable Bottle and Can Collection fundraising program, more than 20 community youth groups provided hours of service across Hingham. Youth groups performed a variety of clean ups and assisted at various public indoor and outdoor facilities throughout Hingham.**

## **2013 Initiatives and Educational Programs**

The LRWDRC continued to work in conjunction with the Board of Health, the School Department, the DPW, and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative's efforts to educate and advocate for sound environmental and economic recycling practices. Specific town-based and regional efforts in 2013 included:

- **Quarterly graph in the Hingham Journal displaying Hingham's current recycling rate.**
- Informational displays at the Hingham Library and Town Hall on: 1) Recycling textiles and expanded recycling of refrigerated and frozen food and beverage cartons; and 2) New Board of Health Regulations requiring recycling at all residential, municipal and commercial properties.
- **Submission of "Good to Know" recycling facts and a Transfer Station video tour to HCAM's "Did You Know" and "Getting to Know" programs (Channel 9 and 97 for Comcast and Channel 3 and 31 for Verizon subscribers). The video tour of recycling operations at the Transfer Station is also available to view on the Transfer Station page of the DPW website.**
- **Assistance to the Board of Health's (BOH) Recycling Compliance Coordinator's efforts to bring all commercial waste and recycling haulers into compliance with Hingham's recycling regulations.**
- Assistance with the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in May. With the support from the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, Hingham collected toxic substances from 279 cars, thus keeping these hazardous wastes out of the municipal waste stream.
- **Support and assistance to the School Department's application and receipt of a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) grant from the DEP. This grant will fund a recycling intern to: 1) support and enforce Hingham Public's School's recycling requirements by users of the school buildings and fields; and 2) oversee a pilot collection program for food and compostable paper waste for diversion to composting.**
- **Advocacy and support to the School Department's adoption of an official Recycling policy that complies with Hingham's recycling regulations.**
- Expansion of paper plate composting at the Transfer Station with pilot programs at several Hingham schools.
- **Development of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative's regional educational flyer "We're too GOOD for the Trash / We're too BAD for**

the Trash". A copy of the flyer is available at the LRWDRC's bulletin board on the first floor at Town Hall and at the library.

### **Committee Goals for 2014**

The Long Range Waste Disposal Planning and Recycling Committee will continue to educate residents about the economic and environmental benefits achieved with recycling efforts. Recycling saves \$82 per ton in disposal costs and generates revenue - paper, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, metal, batteries and textiles all have after-market value and generated \$106,231 in revenue for 2013. Consistent with these financial and environmental benefits associated with prudent waste disposal and **full compliance with recycling laws, the LRWDRC's 2013 goals include:**

- Supporting the expansion of programs to compost paper plates and trays and other compostable waste generated by the public schools.
- Working to ensure that Hingham complies with new Massachusetts regulations that will require institutions generating more than 2000 pounds per week of organic and compostable paper matter divert that waste to a composting facility.
- Recruiting additional volunteers for the Swap Shop to expand hours of operation.
- Continuing to educate the commercial property owners and the waste and recycling haulers servicing these businesses on compliance with town recycling regulations, permitting guidelines, and the economic benefit of consistent recycling.
- Continuing to educate town residents on the materials collected at **Hingham's Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day each May, with a** focus on informing the public of which materials are accepted at Hazardous Waste Day and which materials are safely handled on an ongoing basis at the Transfer Station. See the table inside the back cover of this report for a list of items accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Day.
- Educating residents on waste reductions strategies.

Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth  
Andrea Dewire  
Kimberly Juric  
David White

Brenda Black  
Janice McPhillips  
Peter Stathopoulos

## Hingham Memorial Bell Tower

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The room on the second floor is dedicated to the Rev. Peter Hobart, leader of the first settlers from Hingham England who founded the Town in 1635. The room was originally paneled in Cypress and furnished with Elizabethan antiques, which are now on temporary loan to the Old Ship Church. The room was renovated and reopened to the public in June of 1982.

The bells on the top level are Change Ringing bells. Hingham has the only set of 11 Change Ringing bells (most towers have 8) in North America and is one of only 20 sets on Change Ringing bells in North America. They are copies of bells in and around Old Hingham that the settlers would have heard before they left in 1632. The bells are cast by Mears and Stainbank at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London. The lightest bell weighs 550 lbs. and stands 3.5 feet high, the heaviest bell weighs 2,262 lbs. and stands nearly 6 feet high. When ringing, the bells are balanced in the mouth-up position (upside down). The ringer pulls on his rope which is attached to a wheel that allows the bell to swing and causes the bell to swing in a 360 degree circle and stop mouth-up again. The ringer then pulls the rope again which causes his bell to swing back the other way and stop mouth-up again. The methods rung are called changes. The order that the bells are rung is changed by the ringers who slow down or speed up their bell to facilitate this method. The order of the bells is changed on every pull of the rope and no two changes are repeated.

The tower is open on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30. The bells are rung during that time. Anyone interested in learning to ring is welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings. Change Ringing does not require a great deal of strength nor musical ability. We are always eager to have new ringers join us.

The tower has had some needed renovations done in late 2013 and at some point we hope that the bells can be shipped back to Whitechapel for retuning.

Kenneth W. Drescher  
Joanne Getto  
Martha Ryan

Ann Shilhan  
Michael Shilhan  
Dorcas Wagner

## Public Library

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We are happy to report that 2013 at the Hingham Public Library was another year of proud service to the town, a year that once again demonstrated the strong bond between the people and their Library. Far more than a repository of books and audio-visual items to let – though it still is that – the Library is a critically important community cultural center. Traffic alone proves the point: approximately 5,000 people per week visit the library, from surrounding communities as well as our own. In a town of nearly 23,000 persons, more than 13,000 are proud possessors of library cards. This card-holder to population ratio is well above the national and state averages.

We once feared that e-Books were going to leave libraries behind but we now realize that shifting our resources too quickly away from print could leave our core patrons behind. Readers look to us to connect them with books, whether via the new book display, their favorite reference **librarian or the content rich offerings of the Library's website. As it turns out, what our patrons really want is service and not a particular format.**

**You borrowed 403,882 items over the year including books, DVD's, CD's, and magazines.** In addition, Hingham patrons utilized the interlibrary loan services provided through its membership in the Old Colony Library Network, borrowing 38,144 items that were sent via our Mass Library System state-wide delivery service to the Hingham Public Library. Other items that continue to increase in popularity include e-books for Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and iPhones, with total circulation for the year increasing to 9,180 checkouts from 5,304 the prior year, and Zinio digital magazines, with patrons downloading 2,167 magazines online. Taken together these statistics **reinforce our mantra of "we are a service and not a format".**

Aside from public safety services, the Library is the Town asset most widely used by citizens of all ages. At the senior end, in 2013 many citizens took advantage of a three-part course, **"Mastering the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library from Your Keyboard,"** given in partnership with the Elder Services Department, a program designed to help people navigate the rapids of the digital revolution. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, based at UMass Boston, continued to provide enriching courses to older patrons. In all, the Library hosted 6,968 people for its 304 adult events and classes. At the other end of the age spectrum, a generous gift from the children of the late Helen and Eugene Chamberlain last October provided a splendid renovation of our Young Adult area, which has been bustling since the day it opened.



In the nearby Children's Division – another beehive of activity, programs continued to be very well attended. This year we welcomed a total of 5,799 attendees at programs held throughout the year. With five weekly story times, teen book groups, children's writing workshops, and special events during vacation weeks, we offered

something for all ages. In all, 625 youngsters participated in our Summer Reading program.

Among special cultural offerings, funded by highly competitive grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, was a collection of Islamic books called *The Muslim Bookshelf*, which was introduced in a lecture by Shakir Mustafa, professor of literature at Northeastern University. Later in the fall came a five-part lecture series, "*Let's Talk about It: Muslim Journeys*," which was oversubscribed. The series was facilitated by Dr. Wilfrid Rollman, Celene Azat Lizio, Dr. Shahla Haeri and Dr. Betty Anderson. The Library's popular "Evening with the Author Series" offered in partnership with Buttonwood Books of Cohasset has become a model for connecting writers with readers, while the ongoing Sunday afternoon classical guitar series continues to attract a loyal audience. Elsewhere in the arts, patrons are greeted in our lobby by constantly changing painting and photography exhibitions in the Dolphin and Clemens galleries, both booked well into 2015. And not to be forgotten is the monthly Independent Movie Night, always a full house – with popcorn.

The demands on public libraries are not only increasing, but changing with the times, and the Hingham Library is on the cutting edge of **technology and digital tools and services**. However, technology isn't something we do for its own sake. We "do" technology in order to **respond to people's needs for information and to augment their ability to participate fully in the cultural, recreational and intellectual life of our community through the Library**. Although our physical library must close its doors at times for practical and financial reasons during any given week, it offers 24 hour electronic access to many of its resources. Get your favorite digital media, down-loadable audio books and even stream independently produced films from the comfort of your home when you want them. You also can track your investments with Morningstar and Value Line or learn a language through our Mango service. In mid-2013,

we joined with the Massachusetts Library System to be one of 51 libraries in the state offering a pilot program called the MA eBook Project. This program offers patrons expanded access to new catalogs of eBooks and historical documents on their computers, tablets, and Smartphones. All of this comes your way with your library card and a visit to [www.hinghamlibrary.org](http://www.hinghamlibrary.org) .

We know that this kind of change is not going to stop, so the Board of Trustees in 2013 appointed a Task Force on the Library of the Future, composed of Trustees and Library staff, which is hard at work researching and planning for new demands and technology.

In the meantime, the demand for traditional collections display no sign of abating – indeed recent surveys show that young people as well as old still want and need physical books. Hingham is one of the gems of the Old Colony Library Network, which gives our patrons access to the collections of 28 other libraries in the system, while adding to our **Library's reputation as a regional leader in depth and quality.**

In addition to current collections, we have history. As part of a town wide project, the Library shared the services of archivist Jennifer Williams to help develop modern tools and policies for preserving and making available our historic collections. Under the joint leadership of Mrs. Williams and Reference Librarian Anne Dalton



the Library completed its first digitization project in September, 2013-- the Bayard Pope Collection of Free-Soil Party Reunion papers. Thanks to a grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners this collection is now available on-line through our website. The collection contains correspondence, photographs, speeches, newspaper articles, and other miscellaneous items relating to an 1877 Free Soil Party reunion hosted **by Samuel Downer in Hingham's Crow Point community.** Shown above are Library staff members Deborah Vitagliano and Anne Dalton preparing documents for digitization.

Another proof of the importance of the printed word is our amazingly busy and popular bookstore, offering used and donated books at bargain prices and staffed by a cadre of pleasant, talented volunteers.

It takes money, of course, to run a fine library such as ours, and the Board of Trustees is proud and grateful to report that the people of Hingham in 2013 continued their generous support to the Library, both individually and through public funds. The 2013 Annual Appeal, sent to every household, raised \$55,000, while Town government contributed \$17,896 to purchase books and other materials, in addition to its ongoing support of our staff and buildings costs. Many towns have a **formal "Friends of the Public Library,"** but we like to say that the Hingham Public Library has 23,000 friends and we expect that friendship **will only grow into the future. Some of our "friends" volunteered to help** the Library accomplish its work. In fact, in 2013 our volunteers donated 4,991 hours of work and good fellowship. Volunteer service contributions equate to 2.7 paid full-time library positions.

In early 2013 the Library began a multi-year process of reorganization with the retirement of Cataloging Associate Librarian Karen Hines. Karen provided the Library with 24 years of superb service. Her successor Jill Blair has been working diligently this year to streamline the cataloging **and physical processing of items coming into the Library's collection.** Working with our major suppliers, she has established a fully customized processing program that permitted the redistribution of our staff formerly engaged in processing to be redirected to the chronically under-staffed Circulation Division. This process also has allowed the Library to get library materials to you in a timelier manner, as well as decreasing backlogs and improving the visual appearance of the collection.

The **Library's Emergency Response Committee** comprised of Business Administrator Joan Allen, Circulation Supervisor Linda Harper, and Library Director Dennis Corcoran, Circulation staff members Mary Beth Kelf, Carol Lipsett, and Marcia Sinclair have been updating and revising our emergency response procedures. Their work to date and interim recommendations resulted in the **Library's acquisition of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** and staff training in the use of the AED as well as CPR certification. The new manual and protocols will be in use by Spring 2014.

Additional employee retirements in early 2014 will allow the Library reposition its staffing to maintain service excellence. And, as we make changes, we promise to **remember our mantra, "we are not a format, we are a service".**

Library Trustee Ian L. Brown resigned in 2013 to relocate to California for new employment. Caryl Falvey was appointed to replace Mr. Brown.

Concluding, we wish to thank the Library staff and the Library Board of Trustees for their untiring efforts to make the Hingham Public Library a better place.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Mehegan  
Board President

Dennis R. Corcoran  
Library Director

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## Hingham Public Schools

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As of October 1, 2013, there were 4178 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 35 students over October 1, 2012. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 62 pre-school students in the integrated program, 54 out-of-district students (special education), and 5 vocational students.

School leadership changes in 2013 included the appointments of Derek Smith, who succeeded Roger Boddie who retired as Hingham Middle School Principal, and David Jewett who assumed the leadership of the Mathematics Department succeeding Douglas Holley who stepped down. Newly appointed as assistant principals were Alison Janulewicz (replacing Derek Smith), Becky Case at East, moving from the Pre-K Coordinator role, and former teacher Lori Jacobs at South. Liz Costanza moved from South School to become the Pre-K Coordinator at East. Assistant Principals who were sharing two schools are now responsible for one including Melissa Smith at Plymouth River and Jennifer Newell at Foster.

Academically, Hingham students continued to perform above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2013 MCAS. The percentage of Hingham students performing at the proficient or advanced levels increased in grade 4 English Language Arts (ELA) and math, grade 5 ELA, grade 8 math, and grade 10 ELA and science. In grade 10, 100% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in ELA, 95% in math, and 94% in science, with 76% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 77% scoring advanced in math. All members of the Class of 2013 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) reports released by the Massachusetts

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) are used to measure student performance changes on MCAS over time. In Hingham, **SGPs were rated as "high" at grade 4 ELA and math, grade 5 ELA and math, grades 6 and 7 ELA, and grade 10 ELA.**

The Massachusetts accountability system is used to classify districts and schools on a five level scale from the highest performing in Level 1 to the lowest performing in Level 5. The Hingham 2013 accountability results were as follows: Foster School and Hingham High School—Level 1, East School, Plymouth River School, South School and Hingham Middle School—Level 2 (High Needs subgroup). A school percentile was also **reported indicating a school's overall performance relative to other schools in Massachusetts with the same grades.** The Hingham school percentiles were as follows: East—88<sup>th</sup>, Foster—88<sup>th</sup>, PRS—98<sup>th</sup>, South—90<sup>th</sup>, HMS—89<sup>th</sup>, and HHS—94<sup>th</sup>.

On June 1, 2013, 274 students graduated from Hingham High School. Of these graduates, 94% planned to continue their formal education. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2013 include 2 National Merit Semifinalists, 22 National Merit commended students, 68 Advanced Placement Scholars, 2 National Scholars, and 51 members inducted into the National Honor Society.

In 2011, the Board of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) also adopted new regulations for the evaluation of all Massachusetts educators. Extensive required training sessions for both educators and evaluators were completed during the 2012-13 school year. Beginning in the fall of the 2013-14 year, the Hingham Public Schools implemented the new Educator Evaluation System, as required by the DESE.

The four elementary schools continue to enhance instruction in literacy, math, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives including Response to Intervention (RTI) model of targeted instruction, tutoring initiatives, adoption of the Empowering Writers program, and updating of other curriculum and assessment materials and technology resources. Each of the elementary schools has designed, posted, and trained staff in school-specific behavior matrices in order to create safe and productive learning environments that foster responsibility and respect. In each of the schools, targeted instruction opportunities have been designed to respond to needs identified by standardized test data analysis.

The 2013 Town Election saw Ray Estes and Andy Shafter re-elected to **the Committee, with new member Liza O'Reilly replacing retiring** member Caryl Falvey. Raymond Estes, Carol Falvey, and Dennis Friedman were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively, in May 2013.

At the April 2013 Town Meeting, Hingham residents overwhelmingly voted to approve funds for the High School Fields Project. **The Project consisted of the complete reconstruction of an existing baseball field, a new softball field, a new synthetic turf multipurpose field, 100 new paved parking spaces, grandstands, athletic field lighting, asphalt walks, irrigation, fencing, storm drainage and utilities.** Throughout the summer and early fall, construction work was at a high pitch. On October 12, 2013, Hingham opened a spectacular facility and all four fall field teams (Field Hockey, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer and Football) played their Homecoming games on the new field! As of this writing, the concession building is near completion and **the grass on the baseball and softball fields will need a few seasons to grow in and will be available for use in late 2014.** The Hingham community is now enjoying a first-class facility!

Construction work on the new Hingham Middle School proceeded in full force throughout 2013. The steel structure was closed in during the first half of the year and work began on the interior. By the end of 2013, interior finishes, casework, flooring, and painting were well under way. As well, mechanical, electrical, and utilities work neared completion. Concurrent with construction, school staff worked with the Building Committee, design team, and project leaders to refine lists of furnishings, equipment, and technology needs and develop budgets. An **anticipated "substantial completion" date of early Spring 2014 will allow** necessary time to ensure a successful September 2014 opening and the subsequent demolition of the current building and reconstruction of new playing fields and parking facilities.

The Annual School Department Operating Budget for fiscal year 2014 (school year 2013-2014) was approved at the April 2013 Town Meeting at \$41,838,228; another \$550,734 was appropriated for Capital Projects.

In Fall 2013, the School Committee met in a Planning Meeting to establish goals and priorities for the then upcoming FY 15 budget season. Subsequent to that meeting, Budget Guidelines and Assumptions were developed and approved by the School Committee. **In December 2013, the School Administration proposed a "needs-based budget" that is (at the time of this writing) in the process of refinement**

and adoption or other action by the SC, Selectmen, Advisory Committee, and ultimately by Town Meeting.

2013 was the Year of the Champion for Hingham High School Athletics. Twelve State Championships were won by HHS teams. The winter and spring track teams dominated the competition by winning the state championship relays and Divisional state championships, the girls and boys spring and fall rowing teams won the MA Public School Rowing **Association's state championship and the girls team qualified for the** nationals. The girls spring track team won the MIAA All-State Championship. The baseball team played 11 innings for a dramatic state championship victory over Auburn High School! League Championships were won by the boys and girls indoor and spring track teams, wrestling, girls and boys golf teams and boys basketball! There were many individual accomplishments.

The Hingham Public Schools continued to benefit from strong and long-standing community partnerships in 2013. The cooperative efforts and generosity of parents, PTOs, booster and other community groups, civic organizations, the Hingham Education Foundation, and the Hingham Sports Partnership have again supported the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving both short and long term goals. At the Annual Senior Awards Night, 208 members of the Class of 2013 were honored with more than \$310,000 in local scholarship funds awarded to these graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that serve to enhance the excellent facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

A special thank you goes also to the citizenry and voters of the Town for their ongoing support and financing of education budgets and their **recent funding of the "under construction" new middle school and the** significant upgrading of the fields project that is nearing completion at the HHS campus.

DOROTHY GALO, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Raymond Estes, Chair  
Carol M. Falvey, Vice-Chair  
Dennis Friedman, Secretary

Edward Schreier, D.D.S.  
Paul Gannon  
**Liza O'Reilly**  
Andrew Shafter

## Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

As a result of a winter with average snow cover, the 2013 season began with dry conditions and below average number of spring mosquitoes. Detection and treating larval mosquitoes was limited with the spring brood, because of the low water table, lack of larvae. Over 10,000 acres were aerial laticided using the Project plane and ground larviciding using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 31, 2013 and ended on September 20, 2013. The Project responded to 13,692 spray requests for service from residents. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 69,712 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

The first virus isolations identified, in Plymouth County was on June 25, 2013, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health State Lab, a *Culex pipiens/restuans* complex, a bird biting species was found to have West Nile Virus (WNV) in the town of Whitman. The first isolate of Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV) from a *Culex pipiens/restuans* complex, in the town of Hanover on July 29, 2013. The 2013 season had a total of 20 EEE positive pool (50 or less mosquitoes) isolates, and 48 WNV positive pools trapped in Plymouth County as follows: WNV 48 positive pools

WNV_city/towns_2013		
CITY_TOWN	WNV_pos_pools	MOSQUITO DISTRICT
ABINGTON	2	Plymouth
BRIDGEWATER	11	Plymouth
BROCKTON	1	Plymouth
CARVER	1	Plymouth
HALIFAX	5	Plymouth

WNV_city/towns_2013			
CITY_TOWN	WNV_pos_pools		MOSQUITO DISTRICT
HANOVER	1		Plymouth
HANSON	1		Plymouth
HINGHAM	1		Plymouth
LAKEVILLE	4		Plymouth
MARION	2		Plymouth
MIDDLEBORO	3		Plymouth
PEMBROKE	1		Plymouth
PLYMOUTH	1		Plymouth
ROCHESTER	2		Plymouth
ROCKLAND	2		Plymouth
WAREHAM	1		Plymouth
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3		Plymouth
WHITMAN	3		Plymouth
2013	PCMCP	48	
TOTAL	18	CONFIRMED	POSITIVE
CITIES/TOWNS		POOLS	

EEE 20 positive pools

EEE_city/towns_2013			
CITY_TOWN	EEE_pos_pools		MOSQUITO DISTRICT
CARVER	1		Plymouth
KINGSTON	1		Plymouth
HALIFAX	2		Plymouth
HANOVER	3		Plymouth
HANSON	2		Plymouth
HINGHAM	2		Plymouth
PLYMPTON	1		Plymouth
ROCKLAND	2		Plymouth
MATTAPOISETT	1		Plymouth
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3		Plymouth
WHITMAN	2		Plymouth
2013	PCMCP	20	

EEE_city/towns_2013		
CITY_TOWN	EEE_pos_pools	MOSQUITO DISTRICT
TOTAL CITIES/TOWNS	11	CONFIRMED POSITIVE POOLS

Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "Vector Control Plan to Prevent WNV and EEE in Massachusetts", the season began with all 28 Plymouth County Mosquito Control towns at "Low Risk Level " for WNV. The season ended with eleven Plymouth County towns, including Hingham, at the "Moderate Level" for WNV.

The season began with eleven towns at the "Moderate Risk Level" for EEE virus. The season ended with one town, Middleboro at "Critical Risk" level and eight towns at "High Risk" level. The towns of Norwell, Pembroke, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Kingston, Carver, Lakeville, Brockton, Abington, Hingham, and Mattapoisett end the season at "Moderate Risk" level for EEE virus.

There was no aerial intervention to reduce human biting bridge vector mosquitoes and enzootic transmission of EEE in the state this year. There were two confirmed human cases of West Nile virus in Plymouth County. There was a fatal EEE human case in Norfolk County that had a travel history in Plymouth County, in the town of Whitman. One fatal EEE horse case was reported in Middleboro with an onset date of 18 September 2013. PCMCP ended its trapping program on 16 September and DPH finished trapping on 9 October.

The Project conducted a joint research project with Bristol County Mosquito Control Project. The goal of this project was to study ways to improve the effectiveness of spring larvicide applications through the use of some new techniques that have been recently developed. The research involved using a combination of the insecticides B.t.i. and B.s., both chemicals environmentally selective bacterial agent. The research was very successful and we were able to demonstrate improved efficacy. The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health, Massachusetts State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

website [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wmv/wmv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wmv/wmv1.htm).

The figures specific to the Town of Hingham are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Hingham residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 6,726 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September. During the summer 3,867 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

**Water Management.** During 2013 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,055 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter. Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Hingham was less than three days with more than 664 complaints answered.

**Mosquito Survey.** Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Culiseta melanura* and *Coquillettidia perturbans*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Ae. vexans*, *Cs. melanura* and *Cx. species*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Teixeira  
Superintendent

## Recreation Commission

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The Hingham Recreation Commission is a five member elected board which oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. The mission of the Recreation Commission is to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout Hingham. It is the vision of the Recreation Department to be a recognized leader among recreation programs within the region, helping as many Hingham residents live healthier and happier lives by providing recreation access and choices for residents of all ages **in a fair and balanced way. The Recreation Department's program** offerings strive to assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social, and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Recreation Department ran a number of successful programs in 2013. Our 2013 program offerings included several new **programs for children, including the Rec's new Winter Indoor** Playground. The goal of the Winter Indoor Playground is to provide toddlers and parents with a place to play and socialize during the cold winter months. Rather than being stuck at home, children can come to the recreation gym and use ride-on toys, climbing structures, tumbling mats, jumbo blocks, and our two large bounce houses. This winter indoor getaway proved very popular with parents and children alike. On average, the Winter Indoor Playground attracted more than forty children and their parents, but drew almost a hundred children on particularly cold and snowy weekends. The Recreation Department is thrilled with the success of the Winter Indoor Playground and plan to continue the program in 2014.

Another brand new program offered in 2013 was the Recreation **Department's Martial Arts Mondays. As a partner in martial** arts, the Recreation Department selected Thurston Academy of Kingston. Thurston Academy has set itself apart in the martial arts community by remaining true to the foundations of Karate, promoting martial arts as a true art form rather than a mere source of entertainment. Every

instructor at Thurston Academy of Martial Arts is an advanced-degree brown belt master with years of experience teaching Karate to both children and adults. These experienced instructors focus on the individual development of each student and advance students based on genuine skill development. While not all students advance at the same rate, Thurston Academy is dedicated to the success of each student and will ensure that students who stick with the program see the results they desire. The dedication and experience of the Thurston Academy team has drawn a large number of students to this new program and the Recreation Department hopes to continue to grow the program in 2014.

As in most years, the Rec **Department's most successful program in 2013** was the Summer Program. Although the Summer Program is one of the **Recreation Department's longest running children's' programs**, the summer staff is constantly looking for new ways to improve and expand the program. This year the Rec expanded its summer program offerings



*Summer fun 2013*

by adding the Endless Summer Program. Endless Summer offers children the opportunity to enjoy one last week of summer fun before returning to school. The Endless Summer program also allows older children to choose a specialized track based on their specific areas of interest. Children who enjoy arts and craft projects and dancing can dance and paint all day! Children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities can utilize the rec athletic fields for six hours a day. This specialized end of summer program was a huge hit in 2013 and the Recreation Department will expand the program to include toddlers and teenagers for summer 2014.

Other highlights from 2013 include the 55th annual running of the Hingham 4<sup>th</sup> **of July Road Race, one of the town's finest traditions**. This year, in an attempt to accommodate the growing number of runners, the Recreation Department employed a new timing strategy. The 55<sup>th</sup> annual road race was the first ever with race chip technology at both the start and finish lines. By adding a start line timing mat, the Recreation **Department was able to increase the accuracy of participants' reported** race times and decrease commotion at the start line. These simple modifications allowed for a safe and exciting start to our Independence

Day celebrations. The Recreation Department would like to thank all those who make this annual race possible.



*Waiting for the winners to appear...*

The Recreation Department's several major community events were a great success in 2013. The Easter Egg Hunt, co-hosted by the Hingham Mothers' Club, saw a huge turnout last spring. More than 100 Hingham youngsters showed up to search for more than 2,000 hidden eggs. In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt, the Recreation Department hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween Costume Party at the SSCC. Recreation staff members facilitated a wide range of Halloween themed crafts and games for both preschool and school aged children throughout the evening. The party also included two bouncy houses and a spooky hay ride designed by the SSCC staff.

Recreation Commissioners:

Vicki Donlan, Chair

Paul Paget, Vice Chair

Tom Belyea, Secretary

Budd Thorne

Bob Keyes

Mark Thorell, Director of Recreation

## School Building Committee

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2013 was witness to tremendous progress at the new Hingham Middle School construction site. Structural steel erection was completed in **February and a “topping off” ceremony was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Members of the School Building Committee, School Committee and School Administration, joined by representatives of the Massachusetts **School Building Authority (“MSBA”), gathered to participate in one of the** major milestones of the project—the placement of the final steel beam. Many had signed the beam in advance of the ceremony, ensuring that their marks would become a permanent part of the underlying building structure. Under-slab utility installation as well as slab-on-grade installation continued and masons soon began to give the building its exterior shape. Roof, window and door installation and mechanical equipment placement progressed smoothly as the major components of the building were completed. Weekly construction progress meetings continued to be held to allow the project management team to keep a close eye on the quality of the work and schedule. Ongoing safety of school faculty and students remained a top priority as well as the minimization of distraction and interference with the business of learning in the existing Middle School just steps away from the active construction site.

With warmer weather in the spring, project contractor Brait Builders seized the opportunity to make up for several delays caused by storm events, seeking to accelerate the construction schedule. Workers put in long days to complete key utility and other site work during the summer months, while a small army of tradesmen and women continued to make daily progress on the building, preparing for student and teacher re-occupation of the site beginning in late August. 2013 also saw Roger Boddie retire as Middle School principal before the new school year began but he remains an integral part of the project team as administration liaison, assisting with on-site logistics and coordination that will continue well into 2014. By mid-November, the new school building was completely enclosed and secure while interior finish work progressed at a robust pace.

As the days grew shorter, the School Building Committee turned its focus to selection and procurement of technology, equipment and furnishings, meeting on several occasions with expert consultants to select the appropriate items ranging from desks, chairs, carpeting and inspirational banners to computer switches, routers and servers. As well, significant attention was given throughout the year to interior and exterior design elements in an effort to achieve functionality and pleasing aesthetic.

Financially, the project continued to track at or under budget all year despite the approval of necessary change orders. Each change was painstakingly reviewed and considered for its relative value and cost implication, including MSBA reimbursement eligibility. As the year came to a close, approved change orders comprised but a small fraction of the overall budget, which remained millions under the 2011 Special Town Meeting appropriation.

The new Hingham Middle School incorporates high-performance and quality design, cost-efficient construction, the inclusion of green, energy-efficient and sustainable features, and up-to-date technology and operating systems that will yield ease of use and maintenance, and



*Middle School Media Center*

continues to track toward a LEED silver certification. Most importantly, it will provide well for the educational needs of Hingham middle school students, continuing **Hingham's** tradition of excellence for generations to come. An accelerated construction schedule anticipates substan-

tial completion of the building in March 2014, some 2 months ahead of schedule, and occupancy by students, teachers and staff for the 2014-2015 school year. Demolition of the existing Middle School and commencement of additional site work, including new athletic fields, parking and circulation improvements, will begin this summer and are scheduled to be completed by late spring 2015.

The School Building Committee continues to be grateful for the cooperation and support of various town and state officials, as well as the collaborative efforts of all involved in the project. We remain ever-committed to complete this project on time and on or under budget and look forward to welcoming students to the new Hingham Middle School in September 2014.

Raymond C. Estes, Chairman  
Timothy R. Collins, Vice-Chair.  
Sandra Cleary, Secretary  
Samantha Anderson

Samantha Anderson  
Peter Bradley  
Robert Bucey  
Stefan Vogelman

## Scholarship Fund Committee

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The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2013 were \$4,033,353 compared to \$3,442,226 at the end of 2012. These figures include investment returns, deposits of \$33,460 and disbursements for scholarships and administrative fees of \$199,950. If net disbursements are included with investment returns, present and future beneficiaries enjoyed a return on investments of + 22% in 2013.

2013 was a mixed year for the major asset classes in the global capital markets. The BarCap Aggregate, a broad investment grade bond index returned -2.0%. The S&P 500, an index comprised of the 500 largest US public companies according to market capitalization, returned +32.4%. The Russell 2000 Index, an equity index that includes a broad array of medium sized US companies had a positive +38.8% return. The MSCI EAFE Index, which measures large company equity performance domiciled in Europe, Australasia and the Far East returned +23.3%.

The asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds and money market equivalents has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for **the past three years**. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests and the low level of interest rates, the committee feels this mix to be most prudent. In 2013 the fund benefited most from holdings in US and International Equity Mutual funds. The fixed income holdings suffered a small negative return.

The committee voted to provide \$200,000 in scholarship awards in 2013. This compares to \$160,000 in 2012 and \$155,000 in 2011. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years over \$2 million has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional **acumen of members of the Treasurer's Office for trade implementation** and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

Appointees:

Roger Nastou, Thomas Hagstrom, Kurt Weisenbeck, Jean Montgomery, Andrew Shafter, Clay Graham

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE  
TREASURER

Scholarship	12/31/12	12/31/13
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon .....	25,126	29,385
Orvis K. & May B. Collins .....	53,324	62,394
Amasa J. Whiting .....	25,863	30,321
Second World War Memorial .....	64,847	76,137
Margaret McElroy .....	13,213	15,905
Stuart Macmillan .....	61,286	72,229
Anne Mulholland .....	5,172	5,956
John Lewis Russell .....	16,006	18,753
Caroline Murdock .....	12,184	14,277
Charles (Chuck) Martell .....	27,435	35,107
Francis James Thompson.....	2,147,785	2,497,471
Patricia Lynne Schneider.....	4,618	5,384
Harold L. Downing .....	19,357	22,745
Hingham Theater for Children.....	5,648	6,661
Curtis Chase .....	11,703	13,714
Wallis Lee Chipman .....	7,294	8,546
Russell H. Arkell .....	10,037	11,617
Hingham Basketball Boosters.....	12,792	15,342
Charles Berry .....	5,619	6,581
Edward O. Hornstra .....	17,046	19,801
William J. Laubenstein Jr .....	5,104	5,917
Mary Sheldon.....	6,791	7,893
Robin Karen Kurciviez.....	5,489	6,351
Mary J. Fee.....	4,898	5,682
Jacobs.....	31,192	36,140
Burditt W. Collins Memorial.....	7,494	8,512
Savini Music.....	5,948	6,951
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce.....	201,716	239,860
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	18,687	21,785
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial .....	5,570	6,523
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant.....	118,856	138,314
Hingham Band Parents.....	5,915	6,924
Hingham Taxpayers .....	54,786	63,246
Susan Burton .....	21,132	24,492
John Barba .....	20,365	23,576
Leroy L. Eldredge .....	17,761	19,861
M. Tilghman Earle .....	21,692	24,453
Lewis J. Ernst .....	12,595	14,768
Joan E. Pyne Memorial .....	6,886	8,053
John Peter Nionakis.....	11,644	13,599
Kids Cabaret .....	3,006	3,505
Field Hockey Team.....	8,703	10,566

Charles L. Vickery .....	28,425 .....	35,162
Jamin Guarino .....	32,617 .....	40,477
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace .....	10,748 .....	12,699
M. Dorothy Clifford .....	10,437 .....	12,085
Gerald M. Collins, M.D. ....	2,860 .....	3,305
Hingham Scholarship Memorial .....	4,761 .....	7,238
Crofoot Trust .....	19,076 .....	22,567
Sam Butterfield .....	0 .....	11,161
Gloria O. Lofgren .....	12,663 .....	14,745
Robin Helene Ruben .....	13,599 .....	15,646
Robert L. Goodrich .....	31,642 .....	36,771
Helen S. Wollan .....	5,564 .....	6,816
Former Students of Hingham High School.....	12,879 .....	14,848
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	18,818 .....	21,698
Hingham <b>Women's Club</b> .....	15,130 .....	17,627
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy .....	12,826 .....	14,829
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial .....	10,351 .....	12,139
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial .....	19,131 .....	23,178
Samatha Hooper Memorial .....	5,868 .....	6,859
Cynthia Steven Scholarship.....	5,157 .....	5,887
Marie Meallo Scholarship .....	10,251 .....	11,984
Keith Ryan Memorial.....	2,861 .....	3,406
John Higgins.....	4,667 .....	5,402
Rizzotto Memorial .....	6,461 .....	8,478
General Fund .....	<u>2,849</u> .....	<u>3,049</u>
Total .....	3,442,226 .....	4,033,353

## Shade Tree Committee

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The Shade Tree Committee of Hingham continues to support and focus on the preservation, protection and promotion of Hingham's shade tree canopy. Shade trees offer invaluable environmental, aesthetic and economic benefits to our community. To this end, the committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Department of Public Works in recommending the appropriate tree species and cultivars along with possible site selections and proper tree care in our public areas. The committee also fosters and promotes through advocacy, education, and awareness good stewardship for the benefit and longevity of our shade trees. The shade tree committee keeps records of its meetings and makes an annual report to the Selectmen.

A brief review of 2013 includes:

- Arbor Day celebration on April 26. Two American Elms, (Valley Forge) donated by The Garden Club of Hingham were planted along Glad Tidings Plain. Represented at the tree planting ceremony were members of the Board of Selectmen, The Garden Club of Hingham, the Shade Tree Committee, and members of the Hingham Grounds Crew.
- In 2013 Hingham celebrated its twenty-fifth year as a designated "Tree City USA." At its awards program at Wheelock College on June 5th, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation presented Hingham its award of recognition. To accept the award was Jeff Handrahan, Grounds Foreman.
- Continuing to focus on Hingham's shade tree canopy, a record ninety seven trees were selected and planted along the streets of Hingham by DPW personnel.
- The reconstruction of selected traffic islands and parks began in 2013 and will be an ongoing project with the DPW.
- The Shade Tree Committee web site has been updated and hosts a number of reports and documents regarding information about Hingham's shade trees including how to select a shade tree, benefits of shade trees, a short on tree biology and other interesting tree facts.

Committee:     James Huse                     Barbara Kardok  
                       Dorothy Manganaro                     Michael Studley

## Veterans' Services

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The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115. Again this year, the Department administered benefits to an increased population, due in part to a sluggish economy and an aging population. This increase has enabled over four dozen eligible Veterans and their dependents to live with dignity and with the appropriate level of medical support.

The Department is also charged with the responsibility for arranging and **managing the Town's** military-related ceremonies throughout the year. Our Memorial Day observance, held at the Matthew Hawkes Square, featured a speaker from the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Brigadier General Christopher P. Weggeman, Deputy Director for Command Control, Communications, and Computers, delivered an insightful and inspirational speech about honor and freedom.

On August 1, the Massachusetts Chapter of Rolling Thunder descended upon Town Hall as we dedicated a memorial chair to the POW / MIA community. Their campaign to have an "empty seat" recognized in every public venue was graciously adopted by Hingham and sits proudly in the foyer of Town Hall. Hingham's own, POW from WWII, Mr. Sydney Rosenberg, sat proudly in attendance.



*Hingham Town Hall  
POW / MIA Memorial Empty Chair*

**Our Department continues to work closely with Father Bill's Mainspring** at the Commander Anderson House, assisting the six Veterans that now call Hingham their home town.

This year marked the 142<sup>nd</sup> **birthday of Hingham's Medal of Honor** recipient, Seaman Herbert Lewis Foss. On October 12, a wreath was laid at his gravesite in the Fort Hill Cemetery with full military honors.

United States Coast Guard Commander Geoffrey Gagnier was our **featured speaker for the Veterans' Day celebration. He is a 21-year** Veteran of the service, and a national security fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. During our ceremony, the Veteran of the Year Award was presented to Korean War Era Veteran, Ernest C. Sofis, for his dedication to the community.

During 2013, the Town of Cohasset negotiated an agreement with our department to provide support for Cohasset veterans and dependents, affording them the same services and support which they have earned.

**The Town's Veterans In Need Fund**—which is almost entirely funded through contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property tax payments—ended calendar 2013 robustly. As intended, distributions from this fund have been used to provide emergency food, shelter, heating, and medical support to qualifying veterans in need as **recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer, and approved by the Town's appointed Veterans' Council.**

The Valor Act provision, which was locally adopted at last Town Meeting, has given several Veterans the opportunity to convert community service hours within the department to much needed property tax exemptions.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, Town committee members and all **the Town's citizens who have provided such strong support to our Nation's Veterans** and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Jermyn, Director  
Hingham Veterans' Services

## Water Company Acquisition Study Committee

The objective of this report, approved in public session by the Water Company Acquisition Study Committee, is to update Town citizens **regarding the progress of the Committee's study during 2013.** The study was authorized by Town Meeting 2012 to investigate the feasibility and advisability of the Town acquiring its water company in accordance with the 1879 statute which formed the company. Throughout the study, the Committee has acted in accordance with the *Principles of Operation adopted at its first meeting, that it would "conduct and supervise the study in a fair and open-minded fashion with no predisposition towards any particular outcome or result."* **In that spirit of openness, the** Committee has made many documents, analyses, updates, and reports and all agendas and public-session minutes from its thirteen meetings held through 2013 available to the public on the Town website.

During the latter half of 2012, the study focused primarily on a financial analysis of the costs associated with municipal ownership of the water company—identifying costs which could be eliminated from and costs that should be added to the existing cost structure of the water **company's** current private owner, the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc. The financial analysis concluded that upwards of \$4,000,000 in annual costs could be eliminated with a municipal owner.

From **late 2012 through June, 2013, the study's financial analysis** examined the appropriate **purchase price of the water company's** property, rights, and privileges. The Town's preliminary analysis of the purchase price pursuant to the 1879 statute was approximately \$56,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Based on analysis by Town volunteers, a water-utility expert, and a nationally-recognized financial valuation firm, the Town currently believes the ultimate purchase price should be in the range of \$40,000,000 to \$70,000,000. Using those numbers, even after providing for the purchase, increasing capital improvements and reimbursement to the Town of all funds expended, there remains a cost elimination of \$2,000,000 to \$3,800,000 per year. **Aquarion's July, 2012,** report to the Town had presented a purchase price of approximately \$184,500,000, but Aquarion officials continued to maintain that the company was not for sale.

The Committee also examined engineering and governance considerations associated with municipal ownership. Discussions with the nationally-recognized engineering firm which operates the Cohasset Water Department under contract enabled an in-depth understanding of

the costs and benefits of that approach. **No engineering 'show-stoppers'** were identified. Likewise, several discussions with town officials from Hull and Cohasset revealed no show-stoppers relating to governance.

Having identified no show-stoppers in its roughly thirteen-month study of finances, engineering, and governance, the Committee evaluated the overall feasibility and advisability of the Town proceeding further with the study. On June 25, 2013 the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board of Selectmen take the steps necessary to begin a potential acquisition of the water company. On June 27, 2013, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to accept the **Committee's** recommendation.

The Committee members have continued to provide assistance since the **Town's filing of a Complaint on July 3, 2013, which is now before** the Suffolk County Superior Court Business Litigation Session for declaration of the purchase price and the right to purchase the water treatment plant under the 1879 statute. Ultimately, Town Meeting would have to approve any purchase.

Jonathan R. Asher, Chair  
Joshua C. Krumholz, Secretary  
Joseph L. Bierwirth  
Michael A. Salerno  
Edward R. Siegfried

## Water Supply Committee

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The Hingham Water Supply Committee was established by Town Meeting in 1946. Its members are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its original charter was to investigate the feasibility of acquiring the private water company then known as the Hingham Water Company, and to report to the Town on the costs and benefits of undertaking such a project. In 2004 Town Meeting voted to expand the role of the **Committee to include monitoring the Town's water supply policy** and advising the Town on water-supply matters more generally. The Committee endeavors to perform these tasks in cooperation with the **Aquarion Water Co., the town's current municipal water supplier.**

Two years ago, Town Meeting voted to establish a separate committee and to authorize it to conduct a study of the feasibility of acquiring the **water company's assets, funded by an appropriation of \$320,000.** On the basis of a preliminary recommendation from the acquisition study committee, the Selectmen voted this past July to initiate legal action seeking to resolve the question of how much such an acquisition would cost. The related legal proceedings continue. Aquarion, meanwhile, **believes it is operating the Town's public water utility (which also serves Hull and parts of Cohasset)** in a prudent and cost-efficient manner, and hopes to continue serving as our water supplier. The Water Supply Committee has no direct role in the acquisition or the related legal proceedings, and will instead remain focused on its role as a monitor of Town water policy and a liaison between the Aquarion and Hingham town government.

The future of the Water Supply Committee and its relevant roles will depend largely upon the direction the Town eventually chooses to go with respect to acquisition. In the meantime, the Committee will **continue to assist the Town in matters pertaining to the Town's Water Supply Policy, and to monitor Aquarion's ongoing operations within Hingham.**

James Connelly  
Maureen Doran  
Sam Mullin, Chair  
Kirk Shilts, Secretary

## Weir River Estuary Park Committee

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The estuary of the Weir River is surrounded by Cohasset, Hingham and Hull. Each town appoints three members to help coordinate and shepherd efforts to protect, link, and restore the continuous coastal vistas and habitat in the Weir River Estuary Park area. To achieve these goals, WREP Committee members work together with **the towns'** departments and committees, Conservation Commissions, Land Conservation Trusts, Watershed Associations, Harbormasters, and also the Massachusetts Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (**ACEC**) Program and Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management.

The Committee usually meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (except August and December) from 7-9pm at Hingham Town Hall or the Weir River Estuary Center (333 George Washington Blvd. in Hull). Meeting **agendas are posted at Town Hall and the Town's on-line Events Calendar**. Our web page has a full-size map – from Sunset Point to Straits Pond, to Foundry Pond and **World's End** – of the estuary ACEC, a Paddle Guide and bike path map, the Land Protection Plan, minutes, list **of members, and the Annual Report**. **We hope you'll 'like' our Facebook page**; it has photos and videos of the area, and some links to pertinent topics and websites.

In 2013, Aquarion Water Company partnered with Straits Pond and Weir River Watershed Associations, Hingham's and Hull's Land Conservation Trusts and WREP Comm to host a series of forums about the Weir River Watershed and our water supply. The first, in June at Old Derby,



aimed to strengthen the local net-work of watershed partners, identify common interests, and prioritize activities. "Balancing the future needs" of people and the en-vironment was the topic of the next forum, at the South Shore Country Club in September. WREPComm co-chairs Dick Avery and Faith Burbank, Aquarion VP John Walsh,

WRWA board member Samantha Woods, and HLCT Chair Katharine Reardon gave presentations. Both events were well-attended. Another forum at the SSCC is planned for early 2014, with more to follow.

With support of WREPComm, neighbors, Town Commissions and local environmental groups, Hingham Town Meeting voted in April to use CPA funds to protect much of the acreage at 127 Rockland St. Known as the



***Faith Burbank (r) at Sidney's Pond before Town Meeting***

Noonan property and **Sidney's Pond**, 5.62 acres in the Weir River ACEC were acquired by fee and Conservation Restrictions. Ice Business artifacts and the pond were added to the Hingham Historic Inventory list.

By mid-July, after a decade of patient shepherding, the DCR/DEP 21E clean-up of the 1/2 acre former gas station at 60 George Washington Blvd was completed, and the deed was turned over to the Town. Now, the existing four acres on Porter's Cove shoreline owned by the Conservation Commission can be accessed from GWB as well as from the water. More importantly, Porter's Cove shellfish beds are now open conditionally.

WREP Committee members continue to: sponsor the annual spring clean-up of the Weir River Estuary; coordinate tri-town input to develop a management plan to support the WREP Land Protection Plan (LPP); expand the bicycle map to provide interesting stop-off points; watch for any additional properties listed in the LPP that become available for protection/purchase; lead free public walks, kayak/canoe outings, and bicycle trips in and around the Estuary.



***Standing on 60 GWB, looking at 4 acres of Conservation Land***

Co-chairs:  
Richard Avery (Cohasset),  
Faith Burbank (Hingham),  
Judeth Van Hamm (Hull).  
Members:  
Patti Coyle (Hingham),  
Scott Plympton (Hull)

## Town Accountant/Finance Director

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### **To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:**

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37, 38 and 54.

The report is the primary means of reporting the Town's financial activities. The objective of this new model is to provide a clearer picture of our government as a single, unified entity, while retaining certain traditional financial information previously provided. Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that is has established for this purpose.

**This document presents the Town's financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose. The last section of the book includes as "required supplementary information" budgetary basis schedules, which are prepared in accordance with the Town's budgetary process.**

The fund perspective statements present the governmental operation on **the same basis (modified accrual basis of accounting) as previous CAFR's** with one exception. The account groups for long-term debt and fixed assets have been deleted. In addition, there is a perspective difference in that certain funds that are shown as fiduciary under this perspective are not portrayed under GASB 34, or are reclassified. This basis is designed to measure inter-period equity, the extent to which current resources (available within the next year) fully fund all current services provided by the government. Long-term liabilities are excluded with the implicit assumption that future tax revenues will fund them.

**In addition to this "fund perspective," the new CAFR presents an "entity wide" perspective. This perspective combines all governmental and business activities in a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting. All fixed assets are added to the statements, as are long-term liabilities such as outstanding debt. The balance sheet has been reorganized into a "net assets format." This format classifies assets and liabilities as short**

and long-term and then subtracts those liabilities from total assets to arrive at net assets similar to a private company.

**The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances** has been completely reorganized to a new statement of activities. The expenses of the Town, organized by activity, are netted against fees, fines, grant revenues and assessments generated to fund each activity in an attempt to derive the net cost to the taxpayer of each activity. The reader of the financial statements can now discern the net cost of a particular function of government funded by taxation and other general revenues by a review of this statement.

The report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of the Town and others who are concerned with its management and progress such as bond analysts, banking institutions and credit raters as well as residents and taxpayers of Hingham.

This CAFR is presented in three sections: **Introductory, Financial and Statistical**. This **Introductory Section** contains this transmittal letter with economic conditions and outlook, major initiatives, financial information and other relevant information. The **Financial Section contains a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section**. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of an MD&A. This letter of transmittal is designed to compliment the MD&A where the **financial analysis is now presented. The Town's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report from Powers & Sullivan**. The Town of Hingham is responsible for the accuracy of the financial statements as well as their completeness and fairness. We believe the statements are accurate in all material aspects and that they fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The **Statistical Section** contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

#### **Profile of the Town of Hingham**

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as a discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement

System being a blended unit, included within the statement of fiduciary net assets.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of downtown Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has several historic village districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, it offers hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction and registry of deeds and probate.

The three member elected Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many

elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day to day administration.

### **Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition**

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which had been rising sharply for several years prior to a short decline in 2007; continue to fall below the state and national percentages. The Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past decade.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties, and over the past decade has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties. Over the past ten years the **town's population has increased a modest 1%** while school enrollment has increased 15%.

### **Long-term Financial Planning**

The Finance Director's role includes working closely with the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and Department Directors to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

### **Major Initiatives**

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. Due to current economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending has been reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$1-\$2 million range for fiscal year 2014.

### **Financial Information**

**Financial Management:** The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Unrestricted Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 14% and no more than 18% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves

increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

**Internal Controls:** Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of **Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been** designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee shall assist in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee will supervise and review the conduct of the audit and its relationship with the Town.

**Budgetary Controls.** The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all Real Estate taxes are collected during the fiscal year of billing with the remaining 3% collected the following year.

This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in Fiscal Year 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000 per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator. Also, the Town Accountant holds quarterly budget review meetings with departments to ensure they are within their approved budgeted appropriation.

The Finance Director holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

### **Risk Management**

The Town of Hingham is a member of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group, a cooperative having members in excess of 10,000 subscribers. The Town receives annual premium costs per subscriber. Annual premiums are reviewed and changed annually. The Town is also self-insured for worker's compensation and unemployment benefits. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. (Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.)

The Town is self-insured for property coverage over a group of vacant buildings given to them by the Federal Government. The Town maintains liability coverage on these respective buildings. Additional information on the Town of Hingham's risk management activity can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Other Information**

#### **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

This was the seventeenth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement **program's** requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

**Independent Audit.** The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 were audited by the public accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as **prescribed in the Federal Office of Management & Budget's Circular A133.**

### **Acknowledgments**

A special gratitude is owed to Michael Nelligan and James Powers, partners at Powers & Sullivan, whose attention to the fiscal year 2013 financial statements was invaluable.

We want to express our appreciation to the accounting personnel, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Lynn Phillips, Nancy Hutt, and Kaitlyn James for their invaluable assistance with the preparation of this CAFR; and to Kate **Richardsson (IT Dept) and Betty Tower (Selectmen's Office) for their** work on the cover design. We wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the Town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

Cordially yours,

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO  
Town Administrator/Finance Director

Susan M. Nickerson  
Town Accountant

## Treasurer-Collector

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Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2012 .....	67,579,481
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2013 .....	189,642,174
- <b>Total Paid on Selectmen's warrants</b> .....	<b>(180,389,629)</b>
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2013 .....	76,832,026

Investment Return for all accounts.....1,243,701

**During Fiscal Year 2013 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:**

2013 Real Estate Tax .....	65,793,264
2013 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	849,820
2013 Personal Property Tax .....	1,228,438
2013 Boat Excise Tax .....	73,952
2013 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	3,298,592
2012 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	321,066
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	23,329
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	198,114
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest .....	2,754
Sewer Use Liens .....	177,374
Payments in Lieu of Taxes .....	<u>595,192</u>
Total .....	72,561,895

Tax collections have remained strong with ninety-nine percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. 9,258 real estate, 449 personal property, and 27,576 excise tax and demand bills were issued. In fiscal year 2013 seventy-five percent of the **town's operating revenue was tax collection generated.**

The tax collector's office assumed the collection and reconciliation responsibilities for sewer use revenue for the Department of Public Works in April of 2013. Sewer use bills are issued twice a year with any year-end unpaid balance being added to the subsequent year's real estate tax bill as a lien upon the property.

There were 18 new tax liens secured in fiscal year 2013. Rather than assigning or selling its tax liens the Town continues to pursue tax lien collection in house. By applying consistently enforced collection measures and working directly with taxpayers the Treasurer collected \$166,909 in tax lien revenue in FY 2013 of which 17% or \$29,152 was payment of interest and fees accruing to the benefit of the general fund.

Had we sold or assigned our tax liens the interest earnings received upon redemption would have been lost to the Town.

The total outstanding long term debt as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$54,906,097. **Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.**

\$40,014,200 in short term debt was issued in May of 2013 primarily for the purposes of funding the construction of the new Middle School, the improvement of the High School fields and the purchase of land in South **Hingham. The town received eight competitive bids as the Town's** excellent credit ratings continued to draw strong interest from investors. The bid was awarded to Morgan Stanley & Co, LLC on the basis of their net interest cost bid of .1817%. The notes will mature on May 23, 2013.

**I wish to thank the wonderful staff of the Treasurer-Collector's office - Lori-Ann Magner, Nancy Leahy, Jacquie Berard, Linda Kelley and Regina Ledwick for their continued cooperation and support.**

Jean M. Montgomery  
Treasurer Collector

TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER  
As of June 30, 2013

Trust Fund	Balance 6/30/12	Balance 6/30/13
375th Anniversary .....	11,581	11,589
Aid to Elderly/Disable .....	8,245	6,892
Affordable Housing Trust .....	273,522	451,867
Buttonwood Tree .....	2,656	2,297
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial .....	61,423	61,466
Education .....	14,265	14,730
Federal Withholding .....	7,309	5,747
Foundry Pond .....	6,934	6,939
Fourth of July .....	57,122	82,790
Hannah Lincoln Whiting .....	15,647	15,158
Hingham High School Fields Gift Acct .....	0	699,179
Hingham War Memorial .....	9,806	9,813
Light Depreciation .....	7,063,618	9,150,317
Light Reserve Stranded Costs .....	2,321,940	3,181,170
Light - Customer Deposit .....	1,521,104	1,482,135
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan Program .....	66,413	66,557

Medical Insurance .....	761,841	670,262
More-Brewer .....	84,096	84,154
OPEB Trust (Light) .....	1,507,448	1,580,258
OPEB Trust (Town) .....	2,523,496	4,020,520
Open Space Conservation .....	89,777	76,775
Preservation Projects .....	77,447	137,406
Preservation Projects - Greenbush .....	1,385,891	1,443,656
Scholarship* .....	3,365,489	3,742,538
Stabilization .....	1,486,375	1,312,751
Stabilization – Meals Tax .....	162,474	744,699
USLST – War Memorial - Shipyard .....	1,348	1,349
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account .....	2,202	3,114
Veterans in Need .....	4,137	9,647
Total .....	22,893,606	29,075,775

\*See Scholarship Committee Report for individual scholarship balances

## Board of Assessors

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We had a busy year in 2013, since the real estate market was strong with an increase in market values and demands. We did have a change in personnel. Harold Goldstein replaced Mark Tybusrski, who left to **devote full time to his appraisal business. Hal's excellent** business background will be an asset to the Board. Erin Walsh was hired in March 2014 to help Tania Layden with all the detail work.

We cannot stress enough the quality and quantity of work done by our staff and members and the Board. With over 300 sales plus all the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Rick Nowlan and Kathie Collins did all the roadwork necessary and Tania Layden did an excellent job keeping all the details in order.

During 2014 we will be in a revaluation year (required by the DOR every 3 years), so we will be busy reviewing all assessments, residential and commercial. With only 49 requests for abatements this year, it is evident that we are accomplishing our goal to keep the taxpayers happy. We hope we can continue to have good growth figures for FY 2015 and FY 2016 to continue our good record.

Stuart G Hall, Chairman  
Michael Shaughnessy  
Harold Goldstein

## Hingham Contributory Retirement System

There are 105 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

The Annual Report for 2013 contains the **system's** financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2013.

Ted Alexiades, Chairman & Appointed Member  
Susan M. Nickerson, Ex-Officio Member  
Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member  
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member  
Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member

### **Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2013**

(Pre-Close)

#### **ASSETS**

Cash – Citizens Bank	359,477.07
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Pooled Domestic Equity Fund (PRIT)	27,828,121.17
Pooled International Equity (PRIT)	14,324,729.89
Pooled Domestic Fixed Income (PRIT)	33,006,300.54
Pooled Alternative Investments (PRIT)	385,726.75
Pooled Real Estate Funds (PRIT)	5,064,614.60
Pooled Emerging Markets (PRIT)	3,642,122.02
Pooled Hedge Funds (PRIT)	4,568,443.80
Cash Fund (PRIT)	21.90
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	2,377,353.84

Accounts Receivable	170,852.58
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>91,727,764.16</b>

#### **LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	-8,397.13
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-8,397.13</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Annuity Fund	-21,087,200.68
Annuity Reserve Fund	-6,565,163.09
Military Service Fund	-14,496.84
Pension Fund	-6,115,779.09
Pension Reserve Fund	-47,787,102.31
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-81,569,742.01</b>

**REVENUES**

Investment Income	-2,321,675.28
Interest not Refunded	-5,768.99
Realized Gain	-3,481,040.89
Realized Loss	271,284.61
Unrealized Gain	-11,512,741.55
Unrealized Loss	6,778,316.35
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Member Deductions	-2,374,427.05
Transfers from other Systems	-458,710.01
<b>Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits</b>	<b>-35,471.58</b>
Pension Fund Appropriation	-4,045,905.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-43,786.55
3(8)(c) Reimb. From other Systems	-144,745.25
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-288,165.58
Member Payments from Rollovers	-44,098.51
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-17,706,935.28</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Staff Salaries	79,553.82
Management Fees	243,813.47
Consultant Fees	48,716.28
Legal Expenses	1,700.00
Fiduciary Insurance	5,091.00
Service Contracts	20,430.00
Actuarial Services	600.00
Accounting Services	10,242.18
Education and Training	1,617.40
Administrative Expenses	8,891.19
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	945.18
Annuities Paid	1,064,733.23
Pensions Paid	5,568,802.26
<b>COLA's Paid</b>	<b>108,979.23</b>

3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	123,903.80
Transfers to other Systems	122,278.10
Refunds to Members	126,734.08
Option B Refunds	20,279.04
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,557,310.26</b>

### **NEW MEMBERS 2013**

Robyn Anastas	Gerard Greene
James Antonowicz	Francis Grigalunas
Joshua Barnhouse	Kathleen Hale
David Beaucaire	Louis Hart
Michael Benard	Peter Hogan
Karen Bilodeau	Maryellen Holler
Mitchell Cameron	Colleen Houde
Catherine Cannon	Timothy Jennings
Joanne Carpenter	Kathlyn Johnson
Michael Clancy	Mandy Keenan
Suzanne Cobb	Kara Lane
Caryn Condon	Erica Larner
Ashley Craig	Karin LeBlanc
Marijane Deitsch	Robert LeBlanc
Christopher DelPrete	Joyce License
Maura Devine	Dianna Louchheim
Kerry Donaghey	Cathleen MacDonald
Kerry Donaghey	Dawn Maglio
Danielle Ferran	Kara Malone
Danielle Ferrari	Patrick Manning
Michaela Finn	Nicole Mastrangelo
Nicole Finneran	Meghan McCusker
Caitlin Flaherty	Stephanie McHugh
Craig Gaffney	Nicole Messina
Kimberly Gay	MaryEllen Miller
Steven Geddis	Scott Miller
Michael Gethin	Cathleen Mitchell
Cynthia Glennon	Carrie Moores
Vincent Gratta	Paula Murphy
Reginald Newcomb	Kristen Simmons-Latif
Katie-Marie Newman	Brian Thomas
Zenecia O'Neill	Jennifer Verrochi
Jesse Parnell	Sarah Walsh
Lindsay Patch	George Watt
Sharon Perfetti	Sandra Weggeman

Melanie Quackenbush  
Erica Quirk  
Jennifer Quirk  
Susan Roy  
Cynthia Shea

Emily Wentworth  
Christine White  
Jennifer Williams  
Margaret Yanosick

### **RETIRED MEMBERS 2013**

Jean Agostino  
Thomas Cadigan  
Kathleen Campbell  
Patricia Douglas  
Robert Fahie

Valerie Handschiegl  
Karen Hines  
Katharine Lathrop  
Patricia Rawl  
Eileen Walsh

### **DECEASED RETIREES 2013**

June A. Cataldo  
Elizabeth M. Howlett  
John E. Kelly  
Charles S. Morgan  
Phyllis L. O'Connell

Alfred J. Shaw  
E. Franklin Souther  
Dorothy Valentino  
Barbara L. Yalenezian

### **MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2013**

<b>Active Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>565</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>131</b>
Enrolled during current year	80
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	22
Retirements	11
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Active Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>620</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, previous year</b>	<b>290</b>
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	10

Ordinary disability	1
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	1
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	7
Termination of Survivors Benefits	2
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	
Superannuation	239
Ordinary disability	4
Accidental disability	10
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	9
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	17
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	11
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>293</b>
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	
<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>1,036</b>