

Minutes of December 12, 2024, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The December 2024 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on December 12, 2024, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, and Dan Horinek. Patron Robert Braun was also present. County Commissioner Jake Strissel was present for a short time. The November minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dillon made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Dave seconded, and motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: Jake discussed the mitigation plan. He will get the current info to Sandi and help get Hingham complete.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – tabled. Refuse Board- tabled. Rules and regulations – on going. Revisiting the town ordinances- ongoing. Resolution stating that any vacant property must continue to pay the monthly water and sewer fee or pay for shut off/reconnection fee- ongoing. All curb stops need to be located and remapped. Digital speed limit sign-Jake stated that the plan is to install the signs next spring. Jake will be getting us some info on unpaid dog nuisance fines that we can take to our attorney.

NEW BUSINESS: The Council discussed the plug on the outside of the fire hall for the plow. Dillon stated that one of the main electrical distributors in the area has closed so getting parts is more difficult. When our electrician gets the parts, he should get it installed. Thomas informed the council that we got some quotes from Mike at Montana Shed and the council was pleased with the price (\$3000-\$5000). We will get a specific one ordered to be delivered the last week of May. That gives the council time to remove the old shed and put rock down to put the new shed on. Sandi will get with Mike to order the shed. Sandi and/or Thomas will get the measurements for the cutout in the floor. That way we can just set it over the concrete. It was also decided we should spray the week before to kill the grass before the rock is put down. A motion for the shed to be ordered was made by Roger, seconded by Dan, and motion carried. Thomas talked to the council about a better printer for the office. The one we currently have cannot feed the new water billing invoice cards. Dave made a motion to purchase the new laser printer, Dillon seconded, and the motion carried. Thomas asked the council what they wanted to do about the cost of sending certified notices to past due customers. The council agreed that this fee should be passed on to the customer/resident. Motion was made by Dillon, seconded by Dave, and the motion carried. Thomas let the council know that the hydrant on the corner of Hwy 2 and 6th Ave has been replaced. This needed to be done due to it leaking after the house fire. Thomas and the council discussed the inconsistency of the water loss amount. After much discussion it was decided that Thomas will talk to Jason Myers (the town representative) and ask him to get us some answers at HCWD next meeting. He will ask Jason to come to the January council meeting to give us an update.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: NA

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas talked to the council about filling Dillon's council position as he has moved out of town. Sandi will get a posting in the post office and put some applications for an appointment up. We will need to appoint someone before the next election. Depending on applications the council will appoint someone in January.

Claims for November #6261-6272 were read; Dillon made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is January 9, 2025 @ 7:30pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk