

Minutes of the February 10, 2022, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The February 2022 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on February 10, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, Roger Haas, and Dillon Lipp. January 2021 minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's report was covered. Dillon made a motion to approve minutes and treasurer report and Dan seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator-Thomas will start the process to become the Hingham Lagoon operator. Thomas ask the council to give some thought of who could become out our rep for the Refuse Board. Gravel is tabled until spring/summer. Snowplow-table as council searches for a deal. Sewer project-Reminder of upcoming RPA meetings (Tuesday March 8, 2022 @ 7pm and Thursday April 28, 2022 @ 7pm) sewer rate increase will also be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website for the town is up and we will now post the agenda and minutes. We will be setting up a system so that we can accept credit cards. Council was informed that all three Banks: Wells Fargo, Independence Bank, and Bear Paw Credit Union now have 3 signers to the accounts. Those three signers are Thomas Peterson, Roger Haas, and Sandra Peterson. On discussing the CD at Independence that is due 3/5/2022 it was decided to open a savings account at Independence depositing \$150,000.00 and to just cash out the CD and put it in savings. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Roger, motion passed. Sandi discussed the Fire department donations, and she is verifying what can be purchased using these funds. Our MMIA property Insurance is coming due and upon speaking with Britani we learned that we had additional items that needed to be added: lagoon fencing (\$5,000), playground equipment (\$50,000), road grader will be listed as a stated amount (\$60,000), and we will not add coverage for the water tower. Dan made a motion to make the changes, Dillon seconded, and motion carried. Council reviewed the letter to be sent to the residents and it was approved. Sandi will work on putting together the town rules and regulations. Pace will be set up to clean 1/3 of the town bi-annually for cleaning the sewer lines. Contract will be for \$1.40 LF and set up for the fall. Dan made a motion, Dillon seconded, and motion passed. Reminder of the meet and greet Feb 26 2-4 @ Hi-Way Bar. It was decided we will purchase the Amazon Prime membership annually. Sandi will use Amazon to purchase paper and supplies. Dillon made a motion, Roger seconded, and motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas said he spoke with the resident that needs to plug a drain and explained why. He was assured it will be taken care of. He also talked about the work that Matthew Hamrick has done in the fire hall and installing the drop box for payments. Council decided that he would be paid the \$15 per hour, the town pay rate, for this project. Any further contract work for the town, the council will discuss prior to the work being performed and pay will be assessed per job. Larger jobs must be posted and bid on.

Claims #5895-#5904 (Ck #7551-#7560) were read. Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on March 10, 2022. Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk