

Minutes of the July 11, 2024, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The July 2024 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on July 11, 2024, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, Dillon Lipp, and Dan Horinek. Patron Robert Braun and county commissioner Jake Strissel were also present. The June minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Dan seconded, and motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS:

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. Graffiti was discussed and Dave will check on the paint at Wilbur-Ellis and then just go use a roller to apply.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council discussed the HCWD rate increase and with their increase we will increase the base water rate to \$53.00 per month versus \$49.00, the town usage per 1000 gallons will be \$3.00 as that is what HCWD raised it to, and the bulk water price will be \$4.00 per 1000 gallons. Sandi also asked the council if we should be charging HCWD \$5.00 for monthly usage and it was agreed we should. All the HCWD prices for the above-mentioned a motion was made by Dillon, Seconded by Roger, and motion carried. Sandi will have ClerkBooks help her change the prices next week for this month's billing cycle. Thomas asked Roger and Dave what C & H said about the snowplow and Cory told Roger it was the fuel pump. Sandi asked about the upcoming CD from Altana and the council wants Sandi to call on getting prices and possibly purchasing another. Thomas asked Dillon about the pumphouse, and he is still working on it. He may have materials left from his house that we can use. Speed limit sign was tabled until Jake showed up. And when he did he informed us they were ordered and when they come in the county will install them. The council discussed the fire hydrants, and it was decided that Evan Sterner will replace 4 this year and order 2 more so we always have backups. The preliminary budget was discussed and will be finalized next month.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT:NA

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas let the council know that he will be on a call with DNRC for floodplain planning. He also talked about HB890 for recording of meetings, at this time we are exempt.

Claims for June #6204-6219 (6203 was written after meeting in June to Conant Heating) were read; Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Dan seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is August 8, 2024 @7:30pm. Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk