

# Minutes of May 14, 2026, Hingham Town Council Meeting

May 2026 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on May 14, 2026, at 7:30 pm. Present: Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Roger Haas, Dave George, Jason Myers, and Dan Horinek. Also present at the meeting was patron Ray Lipp and Robert Braun. The April minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Jason made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Dan seconded, and the motion carried.

## HEARING OF PATRONS: NA

### OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator-tabled until wastewater/lagoon project is complete. Refuse Board-no updates. Rules and regulations are ongoing. Revisiting the town ordinances are ongoing. All curb stops need to be located and remapped. Digital signs-turned over to sheriff for grant. Water loss will continue to be monitored.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Peterson talked about the gravel delivered and the road grading. After some discussion it was decided that we will order a few more loads of road mix to fill in some low spots including some to the dump and Randy will use his skid steer to smooth it out. Mayor Peterson also let everyone know that Randy will get us an invoice after he is done. Mayor Peterson talked about the work in the park on the leak at the pump house that was agreed via text on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Jason also talked about that HCWD did not realize it is possible we may have been double charged and he is looking into the possibility. Putting the meters on the park will help with tracking usage better. Mayor Peterson informed the council he was approached by a resident to have their water turned off to not pay the monthly fee. It was discussed that is not something that is allowed. If there is a hookup there will be a monthly charge. A resident can have the water turned off but will continue to pay the monthly water and sewer fees. Mayor Peterson talked about that he will get the street signs up as soon as he can. He also asked about the vents for the fire hall shed. Dave and Roger said they will get them installed. Sandi informed the council she is still trying to find an auditor. Mayor Peterson reminded the council next month will start the preliminary budget. Mayor Peterson then discussed the upcoming wastewater project and that to follow the proper procedures we will have to pass resolution 218 for the notice of intent to raise the sewer rates to \$71.00 per month starting with the July billing. There is a letter that will be sent to all sewer users. It will be mailed the end of May and it will also be in Blaine County Journal. Resolution 218 was motioned by Roger, seconded by Jason, and was passed by all present. Mayor Peterson let the council know that the fence that surrounds the lagoon at this time will continue to be used until phase 2 of the project. There will be corrections to the minutes from the 2 April town hall meetings are that the sewer rate increase will be in July billing not May. The next council meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup> @7:00 to spend the first 30 mins for the public to discuss any questions on the rate increase. Mayor Peterson let the council know there will be a construction teams call on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00. This is with the engineer, Lakeside, and all funding agencies. The plan is that Lakeside will begin construction on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT:** 1 will receive a shut off notice

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Peterson discussed the letter from DEQ that has to do with several amendments for correctional errors, proof clarity, and 10 rules to replace citations for DEQ. Mayor Peterson asked if Roger and Dave could meet him at Wilbur Ellis to have signatures notarized for MCEP paperwork.

Claims for #6445-6451 were read, April had 3 claims added on 4/30/2026 #6442-6444, Dave a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, and motion carried. Next meeting is **June 11th @ 7:00 pm**. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

Clerk

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