

Minutes of November 14, 2024, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The November 2024 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on November 14, 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. The October 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: NA

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-waiting to hear from county.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas discussed the call he and Sandi had with Chris and Julea covering the easement and the drawings for the lagoon design. The resident that will need to sign the easement is requesting that the manhole on his property be removed. This would mean that there would be an additional amount of \$4000.00 to the project, to run the new PVC. The council approved this with a motion from Roger, seconded by Dave, and motion carried. He also let the council know there still needs to be plans made for the 500-yr flood plain per FEMA/DES. Thomas informed the council that we have 2 cameras that Thomas and Sandi are donating to the town for security to the firehall and office. These will alert us of any intruders, and we will have recordings. The motion was made to put cameras in by Dan, seconded by Dave, and the motion passed. Thomas verified with the council about adding a plug to the outside of the firehall shed for the snowplow. It was decided to utilize Pimley who installed the lights and plugs for the firehall building.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: 4-letters with door hangers. Roger asked about do we ask for payment in full. Sandi stated that the door hangers do state "must be paid in full" by the 26th. Most of the time we receive partial payment. The council discussed and it was decided that a letter will be sent certified along with it attached to the door hanger stating that if you have reached the point of 60 days past due you will pay in full, or water will be shut off. The council is frustrated with the same people waiting for a shut-off notice before paying. This will no longer be tolerated.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas talked about bids for the pumphouse building and that we have received none. A question was raised about checking with Montana shed about a prebuilt building. Sandi said she would stop by and talk to them. Thomas talked about NFIRS (our report for the fire department) and the importance of getting the info to Sandi ASAP after a fire so she can get it entered. He also explained how detailed the reporting has become. Thomas talked about water loss and the importance of communication of any extra water used: such as filling fire trucks and flushing the sewers. He asked that someone just send a text so Sandi can note it on our spreadsheet for the water loss.

Claims for October #6254-6260 were read; Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is December 12, 2024 @ 7:30pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk