

Minutes of the January 12, 2023, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The January 2023 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on January 12, 2023, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, Roger Haas, Dillon Lipp, and patron Ray Lipp. December minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's report was covered. Dillon made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report and Dan seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – Tabled. Refuse Board-tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Snowplow - tabled. Rules and regulations – on going. Zoning map-on going (spreadsheet that will coincide with map) is halfway done. Trees for park-ongoing for spring 2023 order in February 2023. Water/sewer charges on vacant properties-Sandi explained that to make changes to the ordinance is something we should visit about later as we will need legal assistance to make changes. The council may want to consider revisiting all the ordinances, since the last time they were done was in 1988. Sandi informed the council she will investigate creating a resolution stating that any vacant property must continue to pay the monthly water and sewer fee or pay for shut off/reconnection fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

We had a leak in town that took a few days to locate and while searching for it, we learned that 4 fire hydrants needed to be cycled and closed properly. The actual leak was located at the VanEck rental property, it was taken care of. While looking for the leak and cycling the hydrants on Dec 30th Thomas asked the council through text about purchasing more hydrants as we only had one extra. It was a decision we needed to make because Scott from HCWD let Thomas know the price was increasing from \$3750.00 to \$4025.00. Dillon suggested purchasing 2, Dan seconded, Roger and Dave agreed motion passed. They were ordered and received. We have 2 hydrants that will need replacing in the spring. Council decided that as hydrants are replaced, they will have a shutoff put in also. It was noted that we have several yield signs that need replacing. Council discussed new signs vs. decals and decided to order decals. Dave made the motion to ordered decals, Dan seconded the motion, motion carried.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: Sandi informed council that a certified letter was sent for disconnect, customer has until the 26th of January to pay in full.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas talked about the need to add electricity to the building attached to the fire hall that houses our older fire truck and the town lawnmower. We need this so that things can be plugged in and to give us lighting in there. Dillon will talk to Dale and get a quote. Thomas also brought up that Dillon has been using the farm tractor to keep our streets cleaned up from the snow and asked how the council felt about paying him. It was decided that the town will pay \$100 each snow cleaning. For the month of Nov and Dec we will pay him \$300. Dave made the motion to pay Dillon, Dan seconded, and motion carried. Thomas also mention that Terry Moxley helps around town with his skid steer and asked what we should do for him. Dave suggested a \$100 visa card, Dillon seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Claims for Dec- #6023-6035 were read, Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on February 9, 2023. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk