

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

The January 2024 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on January 12, 2024, at 7:30 am. (The meeting was changed due to some scheduling conflicts). Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, and Dillon Lipp. Also, present was patron Ray Lipp. The December minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Roger seconded, and motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: NA

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – tabled. Refuse Board- tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. 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. Street sign replacements- ongoing. Water leak-pumphouse-spring. Park restrooms replace toilets-spring. Lagoon mowing-spring/summer plans. Truck decals-on going. Park water shed-ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas brought up the complaints about roaming dogs and how we should handle this as we have given several warnings to a few residents, and it continues to happen. It was seen by a couple residents that one household opens the front door and lets the dogs out. We also had a complaint that the dogs are chasing and killing local cats. They may have also pushed some cattle from the field west of town. The council agreed it is time to send a certified letter and post a notice in the post office. The town ordinance Title 8 Chapter 4 Section 50 states that it is unlawful to have a dog at large that is a nuisance. Ordinance Title 1 Chapter 12 Section 10-In all cases where a punishment is prescribed by ordinance, any violation of any provision of the ordinance of the town is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or by both. The council has decided that a fee of \$100.00 per dog will be enforced to any resident for roaming dogs. Grading/gravel will wait for warmer weather. Thomas spoke with Dan about the park mower and Dan will take it to Travis in Gildford for service over the next few weeks. Chad still plans to replace 2 fire hydrants and council agreed to go ahead and order 2 more to be ready for the next 2 replacements. Dave made a motion to purchase the fire hydrants, Dillon seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: 1

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas informed the council that he no longer works for Wilbur Ellis. He now works for FEI Inc. and will be traveling occasionally.

Claims for December- #6154-6161 (along with 6152 & 6153 paid after December meeting) were read. Dillon made a motion to accept the claims, Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is February 8, 2024 @7:30pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk