

Minutes of the June 08, 2023, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The June 2023 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on June 8, 2023, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dan Horinek, Dave George, Roger Haas, and patron Ray Lipp. May minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report and Roger seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: Talked about the water in the park and that he has been putting extra water down in the park. Ray and Thomas talked about the leak at the pumphouse for the park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – Tabled. Refuse Board-tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Rules and regulations – on going. Trees for park-ongoing for spring 2023. Water/sewer charges on vacant properties-ongoing. 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. Park cable-ongoing

NEW BUSINESS:

The update on trees for the park will be tabled until Dillon can give us an update. Sandi noted that there is a misprint on zoning spread sheet #142 should be Ralph & Linda Brevik not Brekke. Sandi read a complaint email we received, and the council helped finish the response. Town water overage- Sandi will start a spreadsheet to track the water overage. Thomas is going to get with Scott at HCWD about town water overage. Sandi informed the council we have the title and tags for the truck/snowplow, it just needs to be picked up in Cascade. We talked about the electricity for the shed and how great the lighting is. The junk vehicle is gone so no need for certified letter. Thomas talked about the meeting that he and Sandi went to. We learned a lot about all the House Bills that have recently passed, also about town liabilities for functions in the park, and worker's comp coverage for VFD. We will need to get with Lowell at the next meeting and be sure ALL volunteers are listed. As for functions in the park we will need either proof of event insurance or a waiver of coverage. Our "Building permit" will need to be called "Zoning/Planning Permit". A resolution at the July meeting will be presented for the change. We also learned that some zoning rules have changed due to House Bills recently passed. Jason Myers has agreed to be on the Hill Co Water Board for another term. Dave made a motion, Roger seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: NA

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas talked about the complaints about loose dogs in the park. Sandi received a text about 2 dogs in the park on Tuesday 6/6/23 and there were kids playing, the one dog was being aggressive. Thomas talked with both owners and explained that we have an ordinance that states the town of Hingham has a leash law. One resident was responsive, the other not so much. The council discussed that we would need to start enforcing the fee for noncompliance of the town leash law. Thomas also informed the council that we received a letter from DNRC about the MCEP grant. The town was awarded \$750,000.00 for our sewer project but if we took the entire amount, we would have to raise water/sewer base rates to \$125.00 per month. The council feels that the rate is too high for our community so we will only except \$500,000.00 to keep our rates at \$84.00 per month. Thomas also thanked Ray and Roger for taking care of our park, the fertilizing, and watering.

Claims for May- #6066-6080 were read, and Sandi informed council of 2 others that will still need to be paid this month, one for the road grading (waiting on invoice) and the other for membership dues for MLCT. Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on July 13, 2023. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk