

Minutes of the May 11, 2023, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The April 2023 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on May 11, 2023, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dan Horinek, Dave George, Roger Haas, and patron Ray Lipp. April minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dan made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: Ray has been taking care of the sprinklers in the park as the Mayor and Council have been very busy. He let everyone know that he had to replace a few sprinklers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – Tabled. Refuse Board-tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Snowplow - tabled. 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. The electricity to the attached shed of the firehall has been tabled until we can get some quotes.

NEW BUSINESS:

The update on trees for the park will be tabled until Dillon can give us an update. Sandi passed out the zoning map and spreadsheets to the council. The spreadsheet list the owner of each property in the Town of Hingham. The cable surrounding the park has a break on the NE corner and will need repaired. Ray informed the council that he has been watching the fire hydrant on the NE corner of the park because it appears to be leaking. He thinks he was able to tighten it down, but we will need to keep an eye on it.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: We have 2 that Thomas will give a notice to disconnect.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas talked about the three street signs that will need to be put back up after the spring busy season. A snowplow was found and presented to the council. It is a 1997 F-250 with a 2018 Western 8'6" v-plow. The asking price is \$11,500.00. The council discussed and decided to offer \$9000.00 but is willing to pay the \$11,500.00 if necessary. Roger made the motion to purchase the vehicle and plow, Dan seconded, and the motion carried. Thomas discussed the vehicle that is partially on town property on 4th Ave. He spoke with Commissioner Jake Strissel, and he sent a sheriff out to see what can be done. Per the sheriff we will need to give notice for it to be removed or it will be towed at the owner's expense. Thomas also talked about a piece of property that may need a water/sewer hookup if the owner is fixing it to make it livable. We may also have someone that owns property on 3rd Ave that may request to build a small house or put 2 RV pads with water/sewer hookups. The council discussed and it will not be possible for the RV pads as the property is residential.

Claims for Apr- #6059-6065 were read, Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on June 8, 2023. Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk