

Hampton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, Town Clerk Kaye Johnson, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.
2. Audience for Citizens: None
3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of May 6, 2024: **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
4. Additions to Agenda: First Selectman Cahill would like to add discussion and possible action to extend tax payment deadline under New Business, "C".
5. Communications: Selectman Cahill was asked by 6th grader Michael Pelletier if there was a Hampton Flag, and would like to develop one. The selectmen discussed the proposal, encouraged the idea, and also passed the interest on to the Historical Society. Mr. Pelletier will be encouraged to move forward with the idea. Selectman Cahill also noted he received a letter from Diane Manning requesting Hampton donate a portion of our opioid settlement to United Services and will be discussed under new business as well. Selectman Cahill brought the idea to HES for programming several years ago. The DEEP also sent a grant award notice for the Little River Parcel Project for \$219,200. Discussion included encouraging anticipation of a true park at the parcel. First Selectman Cahill also wanted to thank Selectmen Grindle and Tillinghast for their presentations and administering the Memorial Day Parade. The handicapped ramp at the Town Hall was painted and John Berard is working next door at the community center painting sill and soffits and that should be completed next month. The budget hearing is Wednesday night, June 5, 2024 at 7PM.
6. Financial Report: No questions
7. Tax Collector Report: The tax collector was out of office last week, so no new reports were issued.
 - A. Refunds – Nathan Tetrault (2) \$524.80 and \$12.12: **Bob Grindle moved to table the tax refunds. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** Selectman Tillinghast noted the mailing address for the taxpayer was a Scotland residence, not Hampton. First Selectman Cahill will confirm what was issued and paid, to whom, and who owes the refund.
8. Appointment(s): **Bob Grindle moved to appoint Kate Donnelly to the Green Energy Committee, term expiring 12.31.2025. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review: None

10. Old Business

A. 2024-25 Budget: Selectmen wished to wait until the hearing tomorrow is completed, since this is a Board of Finance document at this time. There won't be revenue side for the transfer station since Hampton is no longer charging for transfer station permits next year, it will be a right of residency. The mill rate may go down, but assessments have gone up, so taxes, collected, may increase.

11. New Business

A. Town Meeting Date: June 20, Referendum June 27 Noon-8PM, and Questions for Call of Meeting: The selectmen will meet after the Board of Finance hearing and special meeting on Wednesday to make any necessary adjustments. **Bob Grindle moved to hold the town meeting on June 20, 2024 at 7 PM on the lower level of the Town Hall, and the referendum following 7 days later on June 27, 2024 from noon to 8PM in the community room of the town hall as polling place. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

B. Transfer Town Opioid Funding to United Services: First Selectman Cahill was recommending \$4,000 to United Services. The selectmen agree the priority should be education, not rehabilitation, but sharing the funds may augment the services provided by United Services. According to the treasurer, Hampton has received \$8,100 so far. **Allan Cahill moved to donate \$4,000 to United Services from Hampton's national Opioid Settlement Fund. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

C. Extend the Tax Collection Period: First Selectman Cahill is recommending extending the tax collection period to be postmarked by August 31, 2024. **Bob Grindle moved to extend the tax payment grace period to August 31, 2024. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

12. Audience for Citizens: None

John Tillinghast moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. The motion was seconded by Allan Cahill.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant