

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 1, 2024
Town Hall Community Room

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Members present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast. Also present was Town Clerk Kaye Johnson, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.

2. Audience for Citizens: Town Clerk Kaye Johnson wanted to share the impact of the Voting Rights Act, as adopted in Connecticut, and new rules regarding publications of legal notices for municipalities and regions that meet certain thresholds. Hampton will be required to publish legal notices in Spanish and English because Regional District 11 is on the list. This will impact the budget since publishing legal notices in multiple languages will result in additional cost to the town.

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of June 3, 2024 and June 5, 2024: **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 and June 5, 2024 meetings. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Additions to Agenda: **First Selectman Cahill moved to add discussion and possible action on the KB Ambulance Contract to New Business C. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

5. Communications: First Selectman Cahill shared a letter from Diane Manning from United Services. She thanked the town for sharing the Opioid Funding with United Services. Mr. Cahill held back some funding for education purposes within Hampton. He also received a letter from resident William Archer. He has expressed interest in serving as representative to Northeast Department of Health. Public Works has been working on town lands and clean-up. Since the referendum was successful, they have moved forward with the pick-up truck purchase. They also installed two culverts on the Little River Parcel on the trail. Mark Kelley installed gates at the entrance. Mark Tripoli of Tripoli cleaning has finished the deep cleaning at the town hall and Quasar has closed and the site is hosted by Winhall in New Hampshire. Painting in the community center has been completed. Met with Eversource on storm response and a list of trees to remove, and they responded they're out of budget. He's also met with DOT and the culvert replacement on Route 97 is on schedule to be completed the week of August 18th. The court case for Solar Park is July 18. He has also been working with NEECOG to hire John Filchak's replacement, and the executive committee has narrowed the field down to 4 candidates. Hopefully this will be done in August. He has also met with the Hampton

Elementary School's finance and operations to work together on the upgrades to the building. Mr. Cahill and BOF Chair Donahue also met with RD #11 superintendent and gave him a list of students Hampton questions are Hampton's responsibility in the student count. They have not heard back.

6. Financial Report: No questions

7. Tax Collector Report: **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the May Tax Collector's report. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** Mr. Cahill explained the tax refunds that were tabled last month, and they are valid. **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the tax refunds of \$524.80 and \$12.12 to Nathan Tetrault. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

8. Appointment(s): **First Selectman Cahill moved to approve the appointment of William Archer as alternate for the NDDH. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the appointment and it passed unanimously.** This appointment is open-ended and does not have a term limit.

First Selectman Cahill moved to appoint Kevin Grindle and Mark Cardwell as alternates to the Conservation Commission for 3 year terms starting July 1, 2024. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Selectman Grindle moved to appoint Bruce Spaman to a 3 year term as a regular member of the Conservation Commission. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business

A. Referendum Results: All questions were passed at referendum. A mill rate of 20.83 was established by the Board of Finance which was forwarded the tax collector. The DPW pick-up truck is being prepped, and the CT Neighborhood Assistance Act application was submitted for the Audubon Society. Municipal sponsorship is required. Corporations fund the grant and they get tax credits, but the application requires municipal sponsorship.

B. Transfer Station Lease: Last year it was only a 1 year lease due to internal reorganization, but a new 10 year lease is now established. First Selectman Cahill and First Selectman Barrow of Scotland are in agreement with the lease language, and the town could end participation if they choose to go in another trash pick-up policy. After a brief discussion of the specific requirements of the contract, **Selectman Tillinghast moved to approve the 10-year lease of the transfer station property. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

C. Reschedule August Meeting: First Selectman Cahill is out of town the first week of August, and would like to reschedule the August meeting to the following Monday (August 12). **Selectman Grindle moved to reschedule the August meeting of the Board of Selectmen to August 12, 2024. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

D. KB Ambulance Contract: First Selectman Cahill commented he would like authorization to sign the contract before he's gone in early August. **Selectman Tillinghast moved to authorize First Selectman Cahill to sign the KB Ambulance Contract. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

12. Audience for Citizens: Kathy Thompson commented it was nice the parking lots at the Town Hall and Community Center were paved and wondered if the tennis courts weren't part of that project. First Selectman Cahill commented the tennis courts weren't part of that project, which will happen this summer. The DPW did a nice job reseeding the curbing before the Memorial Day celebration, and they did a good job. First Selectman Cahill was considering an additional speed bump by Little River Park. Drivers are going to fast, and there will always be people fishing off the bridge. Past the entrance, before the bridge, somewhere near there for public safety.

13. Adjournment: **Selectman Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:30. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson,
Administrative Assistant