

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2025
Hampton Town Hall Community Room

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.
2. Audience for Citizens: None
3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of December 2, 2024: **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
4. Additions to Agenda: None
5. Communications: Selectman Cahill reported Sarah Hemingway from the Audubon Organization in Pomfret contacted Mr. Cahill and they will be meeting tomorrow to discuss a new grant application for STEAP improvements at the Teale preserve (Audubon would act as sponsor of the application), Mr. Cahill also met with Jim Rivers, the executive director of NEECOG (Northeast Council of Governments) regarding the renewal/revision of the revaluation proposal that will be discussed this week, and the development of their 25-26 budget. A few non-profit budget requests are trickling in and appear to be hovering around the 2-3% increase mark, and Mr. Cahill theorizes NEECOG's increase may be around the same. First Selectman Cahill also worked with John Tillinghast with his EAGLE scout project at the Little River Preserve which was great group effort by the Scouts, and their support group of parents. We've also completed the above ground tank installation at HES. As of this morning there was still about 1,000 gallons in the underground tank, and as it works to a 500-gallon mark, and then switch what's leftover to the new tank and pump whatever sludge is left out of the bottom, and the project will be completed. Workers with DPW doing winter work and any tree trimming when the weather allows, and road work.
6. Financial Report: No questions.
7. Tax Collector Report: First Selectman Cahill noted the selectmen only received the most recent tax collector report today, and enquired if they had time to review the electronic copy. Selectmen replied they had, and **Selectman Tillinghast moved to approve the tax collector's reports. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
8. Appointment(s): Ann Hamlin has expressed her willingness to serve as a regular member on the Inlands Wetlands Commission. **First Selectman Cahill moved to appoint Ann Hamlin for**

a 2-year term as a regular member of the IWWC. Selectman Grindle seconded the appointment, and it passed unanimously.

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

10. Old Business

A. LRP proposal: The Conservation Commission voted to endorse the engineering/consulting contract proposed by Barton & Loguidice to provide engineering services for the Little River Preserve Trails Grant associated with a boardwalk, fishing pier, and handicapped accessible pathways. After a brief conversation with Mark Samios of the Conservation Commission clarifying the work, **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to accept the Conservation Commission recommendation to approve the contract with Barton & Loguidice and appoint Tyche Planning and Policy Group to facilitate the work. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** First Selectman Cahill noted the contract was within the budget parameters.

11. New Business

A. Letter of request to Adjutant General for 2025 Memorial Day Observance: The selectmen noted it was time to start preparing for the Memorial Day Parade.

12. Audience for Citizens: First Selectman Cahill reminded Ms. Hamlin to get sworn in by the town clerk.

Selectman Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:13 PM. First Selectman Cahill seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant