

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:04 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 November 7, 2024: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2024. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Additions to Agenda: None

5. Communications: David Fowler stepped up to serve on Inlands Wetlands and First Selectman Cahill reported he received the enumeration reports from HES and the regional high school and is reviewing them. The DPW had problems with the heating oil deliveries, and Hampton is now working with Hometown Oil. A number of town buildings ran out oil last spring which were on automatic delivery, so they acted on that for a new contractor. DPW is getting ready for winter, Route 97 bridge has opened up to two-way traffic. They are also working to replace the oil tank at HES, and poured concrete last week. HES took delivery of the 3,000-gallon tank to be sited in front of the gym on the new concrete in the next couple of weeks and then pump the oil in the ground tank into the new tank and mitigate the risk of seepage from the old underground tank. Keith Crawford ground down the brush behind the school on the back slope. The DPW picked up a lot of the chopped wood from East and West Old Route 6, and Sand Hill Road. The total tree takedowns with Hampton's bucket truck is 2,154 trees which more than compensates for the cost of the truck. Mr. Cahill and the treasurer are working on questions from the auditor regarding the audit.

6. Financial Report: No questions.

7. Tax Collector Report: No additional reports yet.

A. Tax Refunds:	Michael Monk:	\$ 12.12
	Wendy Monk:	\$ 176.28

Selectman Grindle moved to approve the above tax refunds. First Selectman Cahill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Appointment(s): **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to appoint David Fowler to the Inlands/Wetlands Watercourse Agency for a two-year appointment. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review

10. Old Business

A. None

11. New Business

A. Christmas and New Year's fall on Wednesdays. In conversation with Ralph Brand, the transfer station will be open on Thursday each week (the day after Christmas and New Years). In conversation with Kaye Johnson, the town offices will be closed early on Tuesday, Christmas Eve and Tuesday, New Year's Eve, as well. **Selectman Grindle moved to close the town hall early on December 24th and December 31st at 12:30 pm. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** Mr. Cahill will inform Mr. Barrow in Scotland. Selectman Grindle wanted to remind the members that there will be small open house at the town hall next Tuesday on the 10th.

12. Audience for Citizens: Mark Samios wanted to understand the "Computer Support" budget line since it was showing a large amount (\$50,000). First Selectman Cahill responded the line item included new IT support requirements and cybersecurity. We needed to hire third-party vendors to manage these upgrades. There was also upgrades needed for the website since the former web developer retired and sold his design rights to a company in New Hampshire. Mike McDaniel from Windham's IT department provides our current IT support. He works with the entire town hall, including the registrar's, town clerk, and assessor's office. He also supports the treasurer's office and our IT needs in Hampton. Any additional upgrades are continuing efforts, and audits are done by Homeland Security and FEMA.

13. Adjournment: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant