

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2024
7PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call: Kathy Donahue, Ed Adelman, Joan Fox, Nick Brown, Stan Crawford, Regina DeCesare.
Staff and Others Present: First Selectman Allan Cahill, Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez, Recording Secretary Dayna McDermott-Arriola

Stan Crawford was seated for Diane Gagnon at her request.

Motion: Nick Brown, seconded by Ed Adelman, to seat Regina DeCesare for Judy Buell. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ed Adelman, seconded by Regina DeCesare, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2024. Motion carried unanimously, Nick Brown abstaining.

Reports/Actions

First Selectman: First Selectman Cahill announced that the court date for the Solar Park litigation is September 30, 2024. He also announced receipt of the Neighborhood Assistance Grant awarded in full for Trail Wood. Mr. Cahill recognized the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, Jen Nelson, for writing the grant for State reimbursement for toxic, fire retardant foam, which the Town has already received.

Tax Collector: Chairman Donahue has not yet received the monthly report; it will be distributed when it is received.

Treasurer: Treasurer Rodriguez requested one transfer.

Motion: Nick Brown, seconded by Joan Fox, to approve the following transfer: \$100 from #6300-00 Sanitation-Transfer Station to #6300-02 Sanitation DEP Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Rodriguez also announced that the Auditor is coming to Town Hall next week, and that \$50,000 has been deposited to fund the Fire Department Length of Service Award.

Boards of Education:

Chairman Donahue reported receipt of financial information from both schools.

Hampton Elementary School reportedly has 74 students in attendance with eleven students out-placed to the STEM Academy.

Chairman Donahue reported that Parish Hill is dedicating a field to former Superintendent Ken Henrici, that lunch prices have increased by 25 cents to \$3.50, and that the school is purchasing a new generator. To Ed Adelman's question on the expected longevity of generators, First Selectman Cahill said he couldn't speak for Regional District #11's, but the Town's will last "forever". He discussed variables of quality and maintenance.

Board of Finance Committees

Policies and Procedures Committee: none.

Correspondence: Chairman Donahue reported receipt of financial reports from the schools. She also signed the Letter of Agreement for the Auditor. This is the last year of the Auditor's contract.

Old Business

a. Update on Length of Service Award Program Funds

Chairman Donahue reported that an account was opened with a 4.9% interest rate for five years. Both signers, James Kilburn and Rebecca DeMontigny, are on the account.

Ed Adelman asked if there were sufficient funds due to several recent deaths of members.

Chairman Donahue said that she is checking on the status of one member, and that a second had already received the amount he was entitled to. She also announced the impending retirement of Dave Demontigny after many years of service, suggesting that the Town plan some special recognition.

Citizen Comments: none.

Suggestions for Next Agenda: Schedule Meeting dates and times for 2025. Chairman Donahue will be sending requests to Town entities for contributions to the Annual Report. Members were encouraged to send suggestions to the Chairman.

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting: October 9, 2024 at 7PM.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Secretary

This is a draft version of the Minutes until approved by the Board of Finance.