

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Hampton Town Hall
May 7, 2026

The special meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, Sarah Hemingway of the Audubon Society, Beth Desjardin from the Fletcher Memorial Library, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.

2. Audience for Citizens: Resident Stan Crawford asked if the town subscribed to zoom, and if the meetings could be conducted virtually so more people may engage in town activity, and perhaps he could learn the technical needs of such platforms. Mr. Cahill responded the Green Energy and PZC use digital platforms for virtual attendance, but the town did not currently have a town governed digital platform.

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of April 6 and April 21, 2026 Minutes: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of April 6 and April 21, 2026. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Communications: First Selectman Cahill said he spoke with the Mennonite Community and they are going to start on the agreed fire pit development, he spoke with building inspector John Berard, and if it remains smaller than 8'x16' no permit would be required. KB Ambulance will have responder's staged for the Alzheimer's 5K race being organized by Dave Paine. The RPIP Grant for the tax collection transfer to Canterbury was denied by the state, and a state budget has been approved.

5. Financial Report: No questions.

6. Tax Collector Report: **First Selectman Allan Cahill moved to table discussion of the tax collector report until tax collection services are formalized. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

A. Refunds: **Selectman John Tillinghast moved to approve the following tax refunds:**

Deanne Donahue:	\$576.52
Brenda and Scott Earle:	2,466.87
Nicole and Peter Smat:	706.48

Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

7. Appointments: None

8. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/Reports for review: None

9. Old Business:

A. Discuss and Act on 2026-2027 Budget Proposal:

First Selectman Cahill noted he recommended a 4% COLA for town staff and \$50,000 for tax collection services since the last meeting, and any changes that were requested by various agencies. **Selectman John Tillinghast moved to approve the proposal as presented. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

10. New Business:

A. Neighborhood Assistance Act Program application from the Audubon Society: Sarah Hemingway explained the grant application she was applying for and the grant requires the hosting town serve as sponsor and confirm the applicant has been vetted. **Selectman John T Tillinghast moved to approve the application submission for the NAA. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** The selectmen wished Ms. Hemingway success for this application.

B. Discuss and Act on Airline Trail Resurfacing Agreement with DOT and DEEP: The state has considered their obligation to honor the grant that was awarded for the resurfacing of the portion of the Airline Trail that runs through Hampton, and proposed work for the improvements needed to secure the paving of the trail. After a discussion of the proposed work improvements, **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to accept the resurfacing agreement as presented by DEEP and DOT. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

11. Audience for Citizens: Stan Crawford was happy to report the IWWC has all 9 members seated, 2 new houses are being built in Hampton, and the Friends of Goodwin Forest has been established, and Linda Wenner is the chair.

Selectman Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 6:51 PM. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Administrative Assistant