

Town of Hampton
Incorporated 1786
Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Monday December 2, 2019

- 1 First Selectman Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call: First Selectman Cahill, Selectman Grindle and Selectman Meade were present.
3. Audience for Citizens – Sue Hochstetter suggested that Kathy Thompson be appointed alternate for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Professor Lisa Sanchez –Gonzalez questioned the standards of conducting Town business. Then asked First Selectman Cahill if he would resign? First Selectman Cahill said “That would not happen.” Dayna McDermott – Her question was is this meeting about abolishing the Board of Finance? Selectman Cahill said the town meeting is to rescind the Board of Finance Ordinance. She wanted to know what the urgency was and should give residents more information and wait and do at the Annual Meeting. Having a town meeting in the winter most residents will not be able to attend. First Selectman Cahill said it couldn’t wait.

Kathy Donahue – Presented First Selectman a petition signed by 22 residents of Hampton – requesting the Hampton Board of Selectman have a Special Town Meeting per Connecticut State Statute 7-1 1. Discussion of the current and future ambulance/emergency services for the Town of Hampton. 2. Discuss the \$173,690 Freightliner Bucket Truck approved and purchased by the Board of selectman.

4. Acceptance/Approval of minutes of November 7, 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Meade/ Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to approve the minutes from November 7, 2019. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Liaison Reports – DPW – Don Sholes Removing dead trees, repaired trash compactor at transfer station. Helped install propane tank for generator at elementary school. Took delivery of Tree Truck. Took down 30 trees on N. Bigalow, and 7 trees on Sand Hill Road that were compromising bus stops. We have a priority list of trees to be taken down. DPW worked all night on clearing roads. First Selectman Cahill has a verbal agreement with Gary Mala, Executive Director from EastConn for snow removal at Hampton Elementary School will save us time, fuel, materials, and gives us a few extra hours to focus on Town roads.

Selectman Report – Change fall fest to Sept 12, 2020 to avoid other festival competition in the area. Town Hall Holiday Party December 19, 2019 and Open house during the day please stop in and say farewell to Leslie Wertam on her retirement. Selectman Meade and First Selectman Cahill will be attending FEMA Homeland Security emergency management drill for planning for large power outages and cyber attacks. On Nov. 9th First Selectman Cahill walked with Conservation Commission on Little River Parcel and came up with a few ideas for future management.

6. Communications. Connecticut Sighting Council reference improvements for the cell tower on Fisk Road. Eversource on the NECOGG Emergency Planning meeting. Letter from Last Green Valley thanking us for the donation of \$250. Numerus letters from Connecticut state officials on how they can help Hampton.
7. Finance Report
8. Tax Collector Report – First Selectman Cahill spoke to Gay St. Louis, Windham Tax Collector. Transition is going smoothly. She has sent some reports to the Treasurer and will be sending out delinquent notices soon.
9. Refunds - None
10. Appointments – John Matcheson Green Energy two year term, Alternates for Planning and Zoning, Pat Cascio, Randy Saylor, and Kathy

Thompson Planning and Zoning. Andrea Kay regular member and Bruce Spaman as Alternate for Recreation Commission.

Motion: Selectman Grindle/First Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to appoint Jon Matcheson to Green Energy for a two year term and Pat Cascio, Randy Saylor and Kathy Thompson alternates for Planning and Zoning Commission. Andrea Kay regular member and Bruce Spaman as Alternate for Recreation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Additions to agenda - None

12. Old Business

A. **Tree Bucket Truck** - Tree truck working flawlessly. Had a full day of training. There was no increase in liability insurance or workers compensation insurance.

B. Community Center Window Replacement – Have just one special window to install to complete project

C. Hampton Elementary Gen-set Installation – Propane tank installed. Generator should be on line this week

13. New Business

A. Discussion: Town Hall Pavilion Project – The Mennonites have volunteered to help with construction. Bring to Planning and zoning for approval.

B. Discussion: Ambulance Service – We have two companies interested in providing service – Hartford Healthcare and KB Ambulance Service. Hope to have something by the end of the year. If enough towns participate there will be no budget increase. Need four towns.

C. Discussion: Board of Finance Governance Future – Town has small budget, Micromanaging, is not required. Willing to have community conversation. Opening the idea to public. Have Town Meeting and move to referendum.

D. Discussion: 2020 Budget – Need more equipment brush chipper on it's last leg, Connecticut DOT reported that 1 culvert bridge on Brook Road the culvert in fair condition and needs work. Fire Department investigating R1 Response Vehicle

F. Discussion and Action: FBI CJIS (Justice Information Service) Security Policy.

Motion Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to approve the Criminal Justice Information Service Security Policy. Unanimously voted. Motion passed.

14. Audience for Citizens

Diane Meade went to Parish Hill to talk about emergency response. Training by local students. Dayna McDermott-Arriola and Diane Gagnon suggested to have a meeting for information Dec. 11 after senior luncheon. Kathy Donahue –1. Enrollment at Parish Hill has declined. 2. Emergency response time - 45 minutes to hour for ambulance. Might have to spend more money on ambulance service because of time factor.

15. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectmen Meade/ Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Cloutier, Recording Secretary

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