

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hampton Town Hall
Dec 1, 2025

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.
2. Audience for Citizens: None
3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of Nov. 3, 2025: **Selectman John Tillinghast moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
4. Additions to Agenda: First Selectman Allan Cahill wanted to add discussion of early closing of the transfer station on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31). **Selectman Grindle moved to add discussion and possible action on early closing of the transfer station to New Business as 11.A. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
5. Communications:

First Selectman Cahill noted he received an invitation to enroll students at Pomfret Community School which the Pomfret BOE unanimously approved in response to an inquiry by Mr. Cahill regarding combining elementary school aged children from Hampton in Pomfret at Pomfret Community School. He also noted the letter was also cc'd to the Hampton BOE as it would ultimately be their decision and Board of Finance, and any tuition charges would be negotiable. Mr. Cahill has also confirmed with DPW Foreman Don Sholes the department is ready for tomorrow's weather event, should it require any road treatment. He also noted two paintings by former First Selectman Margaret Haraghey were loaned to the town hall by the Historical Society and are hanging in the town hall. The enumeration at the elementary school and Regional District 11 is ongoing and auditor Stephen Hopkins also sent a list of questions regarding confirmation and/or explanation of matters pertinent to the current audit. Mr. Cahill and town treasurer Ellen Rodriguez will continue to complete the questionnaire. The Household Hazardous Waste collection event went very well in Pomfret—37 households in Hampton used the opportunity to dispose of their hazardous waste, and Hampton was assessed \$2,121. Mr. Cahill also signed an MOU agreement with the DOT for the 2025 STEAP grant for Windham Road. Planned work at the Little River Preserve has been delayed since DOT has requested a turtle study as discussed at the last Conservation

Commission. There were problems with the internet service last week as hosting is transitioned. The tree lighting will be on Sunday. Santa has accepted the invitation to turn the lights on.

6. Financial Report: No questions.
7. Tax Collector Report: Tax collector's report was received this morning, but it is on target for collection rates. **Selectman Tillinghast moved to approve the tax report, as presented. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**
8. Tax Refunds: **Selectman Tillinghast moved to approve the refund of excess payment of \$350.77 for Shane Donahue. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.**
9. Appointment(s): None
10. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review: None

11. Old Business

- A. Household Hazardous Waste Event: Discussed under the selectmen's report under item 5.

12. New Business:

- A. Early closing of Transfer Station on Wednesday, Dec. 24th and Wednesday, Dec. 31st: **Selectmen Grindle moved to approve closing the transfer station at 12 noon on the 24th and 31st. First Selectman Cahill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

13. Audience for Citizens: Dave Paine updated the EMD Chaplin Red Cross information today. There were no leadership changes. Mr. Paine also discussed the Alzheimer's Cure 5K he wishes to host in Hampton on May 23, 2026. He will have more information coordinated in January with the Alzheimer's consortium to support the efforts to find a cure. Mr. Paine also shared his research to date and what Hampton can do to help the effort. Hampton will block off the weekend of May 23rd (Memorial Day Weekend) for the various events happening then.

The selectmen discussed the holiday open house event the selectmen will host on December 18th.

Selectman Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson,
Administrative Assistant