

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:31 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: Mark Samios asked for an update on the Little River Preserve project. First Selectman Cahill only received information from a month ago. He will stay vigilant.

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of April 7, 2025: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to accept the minutes of April 7, 2025. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Additions to Agenda: None

5. Communications:

Selectman Grindle noted he had heard verbally from the National Guard regarding the parade, and a paper acknowledgement will be sent in the mail next week. First Selectman Cahill noted the DPW continues much drainage and culvert work, tree removal, and they are waiting for the paving work quote. The Arbor Day celebration was successful. Thank you to Selectman Grindle for representing the selectmen. Two trees were planted and dedicated. One for Randy Thompson at the Little River Preserve and one for Dan Meade's memory at the Town garage since he was chair of the building committee. Selectmen have been meeting weekly for Memorial Day organization. Selectman Grindle got an updated list for all Persian Gulf and Vietnam service members from the assessor so he can update the sign and thanked her for the contribution. First Selectman Cahill also attended the Chaplin BOS meeting to understand their standing regarding the increased financial burden of local costs of RD-11.

6. Financial Report: No questions.

7. Tax Collector Report

A. Tax Refunds: **Selectman Tillinghast moved to approve the tax refund of \$90.75 for the estate of Gordon Hansen. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

8. Appointment(s): None

9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review: None

10. Old Business

A. 2025-26 Budget Discussion: First Selectman Cahill discussed the draft budget he and Board of Finance Chair Kathy Donahue agreed to send to the Board of Finance next week which included increases to legal fees for anticipated action on the Solar Park litigation and added money to contingency (\$5,000) due to so many unknowns in this year's state legislative session. Mr. Cahill wanted to reiterate the town has not spent money in previous years in the legal line item since no decisions have been made yet. Many of the budget items represent required expenses from state mandated reporting programs. The selectmen briefly discussed the expenses and requirements from the state, and local agreements to share services.

11. New Business

A. Discuss and Act on KB Ambulance 3-Year Contract: Eastford has agreed to a second- and third-year extension of the services. It will be capped at 5% for years 2 and 3. **Selectman Grindle moved to empower the first selectman, Allan Cahill, to enter into the agreement on behalf of Hampton. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

B. Solar Panel Upgrade: First Selectman Cahill had an analysis of the solar panels at the town hall, received a proposal to upgrade the panels for \$13,800 to replace the older panels and 2 inverters. There is money in capital nonrecurring to cover the costs. They were installed in 2009 and 10. The selectmen discussed the proposal and the needs of electric generation. **Selectman Grindle moved to go forward with the proposal. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

C. Athens-Micro Webhosting Proposal: The town has received a proposal to take over the webhosting and webpage upgrade to start in August. It will be paid for out of the capital nonrecurring account. **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the proposal to upgrade the web hosting and website. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

12. Audience for Citizens: Mr. Samios is happy to hear of electric solar panel upgrades, and was hoping to learn about any updates for the pickleball/multipurpose use area. The selectmen and members of the public discussed the project timeline and details.

13. Adjournment: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:03 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant