

**Town of Hampton
Incorporated 1786
Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2019
7:00 PM
Town Hall Community Room**

1. **First Selectman Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM**
2. **Roll Call: First Selectman Cahill and Selectman Grindle were present.**
3. **Audience for Citizens - None**
4. **Acceptance/Approval of minutes**

MOTION: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to approve the minutes from February 4, 2019 with the correction of the spelling of Diane Gagnon's name under Audience for Citizens. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Liaison Reports – No DPW report due to weather.**
6. **Selectman Report: I attended the NECCOG meeting and they discussed state budget with local legislator leaders. Met with Scotland's First Selectman Dan Syme to contract new electronic recycler for transfer station. Signed contract with Frontier for Town Hall phone system. The power interruption from the storm on February 28, 2019 compromised our electronics and the Town Hall Alarm system was fried. FASD called in all the available worker to come and install new fire alarm system. Cost was \$2000. We will talk to CIRMA and see if we can recover any of the cost. Cleaned up trees due to storm on Drain Street, South Brook Street and Sand Hill. The town road account is low. We have LOCIP coming in and will apply it to paving. There was a lot of damage to trees on Sarah Pearl Road. There were 78 dead trees most were Eversource's responsibility. We had trees on the other side of the road and hired Eversource contractors to clean them up. Selectman Grindle questioned why the trees on Lynch Road were only partially cut. Lower half left standing. Selectman Cahill said they took down the risk of the trees and will go back and cut the bottom later.**
7. **Finance Report –**

MOTION: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to approve the financial report. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Tax Collector Report – February 2019.**

MOTION: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to approve Tax Collector Report for February 2019. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Refunds – Carl and Judy Kauffam \$59.51, Kevin Greene \$22.51, and Ovar Larsen \$94.26 a total of \$176.28.**

MOTION: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to approve the refunds for Carl and Judy Kauffam for \$59.51, Kevin Greene for \$22.51 and Ovar Larsen for \$94.26. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

8. **Appointments – None**

9. Old Business –

A. Discussion: 2019-2020 Budget

Check on adjusting salaries for Treasurer (\$25,000-26,000), Assessor and First Selectman (\$40,000). The Treasurer had stellar audit- everything has been corrected. She handles Transfer station, state audit, and DEP plus regular treasurer duties. Assessor's budget is up will be coming in on Thursdays. Health is down due to 1 less person on insurance. Bid for Town Hall hallway floor was more than expected approximately \$5,000-\$6,000. Will get more bids. The higher cost is because we have to put a sub floor on before the regular floor can be installed. We have work to do at Community Center. (Windows, Pavilion and fire pit). The Grand List Assessment has increased by 5%.

Anne Christie has three more bids. If the Library raise 15,000 – 20,000, Library will add and the town will match the library portion (about \$50,000) We do not want to rush the library. If we rush it could work against us.

10. New Business –

A. Discussion and Possible Action: Repair Manual

This item was missed at the last meeting. Selectman Cahill and Selectman Grindle will work on a repair manual with contractors, maintenance requirement and contacts.

- 11. Audience for citizens – Sue Hochstetter – She heard that someone questioned the risk of the flag pole and sign at Clarks Corner. She does not think it is severely at risk at this time. Maybe we could get new cedar poles and stain them. Selectman Cahill suggested that would be a good project for DPW and the scouts. She would like to make the dedication on the 4th of July. It was suggested that Kevin Grindle check it out. Sue also wanted to know if we still had fuel assistance and how it was going. We have helped with oil, propane, wood and pellets. We had less this year than last. We have also had residents that received help paid back the assistance. That is a good sign.**

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectmen Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,
Donna Cloutier, Recording Secretary**

Approved by the Board of Selectmen 4/1/2019