

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 7, 2020
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order- 6:00 PM
2. In attendance – First Selectman Cahill, Selectman Grindle and Selectman Meade. John Guskowski is hosting this meeting.
3. First Selectman Cahill would like to thank John Guskowski for his hosting and helping us facilitate this meeting via Go-To-Meeting platform
4. Audience for Citizens – None
5. Acceptance /Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2020 and Special Meeting April 23, 2020.
Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020 and Special Meeting April 23, 2020. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Liaison Reports
Department of Public Works – Swept the roads, cleaned winter equipment, road mowers ready to go cutting hazardous trees on Estabrook Road last week.
First Selectman – Would like to thank Mary Oliver, Jamie Boss and Dan Meade for flyer and posting on web site. The town has been very disciplined during this COVID-19 virus and I would like to thank them for all their efforts. Although the governor is opening some of the state and businesses on May 20, 2020, The town hall will be closed until further notice to protect the staff and residents. The Department of Public Works and Transfer Station are doing fine. Hampton Elementary School is closed however they are handing out meals for children on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Per governor Lamont dog license are suspended until August 1, 2020. Windham Solar on West Frisk Road should be generating power by May 31, 2020. The pavilion should be here in a week to 10 days. Revenue Collector, Zayne Ring wanted authorization to have QDS formant tax bill and do the mailing from Waterbury CT. The cost is \$1600 and will include a flyer explaining the 90 day deferment for all. Zayne and the attorney for back taxes sent letters and have received \$33,000 on back taxes.
Received an Freedom of Information Request from Kathi Newcombe for auditor’s contract for this year and last year. Also Freedom of Information Request from Wheelabrator for current solid waste transfer station hauling agreement. Received \$188,000 from the TAR (Town Aid for Roads) grant and second installment of ECS (Education Cost Sharing) grant for \$570,000 for 2019-2020.
7. We have not received the tax collector report.
8. Financial Reports – No questions
9. Refunds – Wells Fargo Home Mortgage \$1,607.26

Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to approve the refund of \$1,607.26 for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage - Barbara Kincaid. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Old Business

A. Update on Pavilion – The Pavilion should be here in a week to 10 days.

B. Discussion and update on Tax Bill Dispersal – QDS will format and mail bills with a flyer explaining Governor Lamont’s Executive Order of the 90 day deferment.

12. New Business

A. Discussion and Action: Dairy Farm Tax Abatement – Tax Abatement for Clark W. Woodmansee for Eva South Farm LLC (Property only)

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade moved/seconded approve the tax abatement of 50% for Clark W. Woodmansee for Eva South Farm LLC. In favor Selectman Grindle and Selectman Meade. First Selectman Cahill abstained. Motion passed.

B. Discussion and Action: KB Ambulance Contract with Pomfret and Eastford.

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade/seconded and moved to approve the KB Ambulance contract effective July 1, 2020 for \$51,600 per town. Will be housed in Pomfret garage. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Audience for Citizens: Perry Machinis would like to hold off on the KB Ambulance contract until Board of Finance meeting. Selectman Cahill said it doesn’t have to go to Board of Finance. Contract \$100,000 less than Scotland and we are getting good service.

14. Adjournment - Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to adjourn at 6:26 PM. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 1, 2020