

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 3, 2020
5:30 PM**

1. **Call to Order- 5:30 PM**
2. **In attendance – First Selectman Cahill and Selectman Grindle. John Guskowski is hosting this meeting.**
3. **First Selectman Cahill would like to thank John Guskowski for hosting and helping us facilitate this meeting via Go-To-Meeting platform**
4. **Audience for Citizens – Kathy Thompson is concerned about farm trucks speeding on the roads. Selectman Cahill said his trucks were not on the roads at the time in question. There is an issue of no sidewalks so people have to walk in the road. Selectman Cahill will remind the farm truck drivers but he has also notice that a lot of traffic and speeding on the road on the week end with cars and motorcycles.**
5. **Acceptance /Approval of Minutes of August 3, 2020.**
Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to approve the minutes of August 3, 2020. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Liaison Reports – Public Works Department still cleaning up from storm Isaias. Will be doing the second mowing which will go further on the edge of road.**
7. **First Selectman Report - There were two demonstrations on the backhoe John Deer and Northland JCB. Would like to purchase the John Deer. Negated purchase of Caterpillar the cost was over \$160,000 not worth that much.**
Picnic tables are done thanks to Micah Mlyniec and the scouts , Elementary school started on Monday, August 31, 2020 Mennonites to start September 8, 2020 in basement of Town Hall.
John Guskowski checking on housing plan.
Received letter from Laura McCabe from Connecticut Tourism Board regarding Program to advertise and promote Air Line Trail. State will match 2-1 up to \$5,000. So far Windham, Thompson, and Pomfret have committed to \$3,000. It is not budgeted but could use contingency. Will bring to Board of Finance.

8. Financial – No questions

9. Tax Collector Report – Received \$4,000 in back taxes. All taxes are due October 1, 2020. Selectman Grindle questioned if we got the August report. We did not. Selectman Cahill will make a request for the August reports and before each Board of Selectmen's meetings.

10. Refunds: Taishi Thompson in the amount of \$130.92

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to approve the refund for Taishi Thompson in the amount of \$130.92. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Appointments – Conservation Commission – All have expired 6/2020. Reappoint Penny Newbury , Everett Hyde, Marcia Kilpatrick, Pat Cascio term to end 6/1/2022 and Stan Crawford as alternate.

Motion: Selectman Grindle/ Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to appoint Penny Newbury, Everett Hyde, Marcia Kilpatrick and Pat Cascio term to end 6/1/2022. Appoint Stan Crawford as alternate. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Additions to Agenda - New Business – Engagement letter from Stephen Hopkins, Town Auditor for renewal. We need Board of Selectman and Board of Finance to approve.

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to add to the agenda under new business : approve the Engagement letter for renewal of town audit by Stephen Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Old Business —

A. STEAP update- Submitted application for the STEAP grant to Office of Policy Management on Thursday. I would like to thank John Guskowski, Consulting Town Planner, Donna Cloutier Administrative Assistant and Gay Wagner, Secretary for Recreation and Community Activities for all their hard work to get the grant done in time. We received confirmation it was received on time.

B. Pavilion Update – Will start hardscape – Mennonites will start September 5, 2020 and install pavers.

C. Back-hoe purchase update – John Deer is shut down for maintenance and can't take purchased orders. Can not get delivery until November or December.

14. New Business

A. Discuss : Isaias storm response – The town did well, Storm started Tuesday and by Tuesday midnight all roads where open at least one lane passage. By Saturday night at least half of towns had power. By Saturday night the town had most of the heavy work done thanks to Department of Public Works and The Fire company. Town Hall was open for water, showers and phone charging.

B. Steve Hopkins Audit Service – Sign engagement letter

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to approve the Engagement letter for renewal of town audit by Stephen Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Audience for Citizens – Selectman Grindle wondered if some residents did not know of the Town Hall facilities. Should there be a monitor when power is out. Selectman Cahill said that he always open Town hall to residents with the generator working. He does not want to advertise on radio etc. and have people from out of town coming making it had for our residents to use the facilities. Joel Charron of Old Canterbury Road voiced concerns of abutting property owners.

Selectman Grindle will be at the Transfer Station 10/03/2020, 10/17/2020 and 10/31/2020 for stickers.

16. Adjournment- Selectman Grindle/Selectman Cahill moved/seconded to adjourn at 6:06 PM. All in favor adjourned at 6:06 PM

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