

Hampton Board of Selectman

Meeting Minutes

Monday October 4, 2021 6:30 PM

Town Hall Lower Level

1. Call to Order – 6:40 PM
2. Members present – First Selectman Cahill, Selectman Grindle and Selectman Meade
3. Allan Cahill First Selectman asked for a moment of silence for Phyllis Stone was a public official who passed last month.
4. Audience for Citizens – Diane Meade – Check into senior assistance requesting to designate 1 room at Hampton Elementary School for a day room for seniors and use of cafeteria facilities for seniors to be funded by regular budget or grant. Check with Parish Hill about a Care Giver Service program and help with shadowing intern. Would like to see in the Gazzett a section for Elderly food deliveries and medical rides.
5. Acceptance/Approval Minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting September 2, 2021.
Motion: Selectman Grindle /Selectman Meade moved/seconded to approve the minutes of September 2, 2021. Unanimously passed
6. Liaison Reports
 - A. RD#11 Board of Education
 - B. Hampton Elementary Board of Education
 - C. Fire Department
 - D. Public Works
 - E. First Selectman - Station Road rebuild is now complete cost \$515,000 for Asphalt and the milling. with much diligence the Department of Public Works did tree removal, drainage, culvert and back fill all drive ways to complete the project.
7. Communications – Hampton and Scotland Collaboration met and broke into 2 groups – Governance and programming. They voted to hire Attorney Dorsey from the law firm of Kainen, Escalera and McHale PC for legal guidance on memorandum of agreement. Share website information, list meeting dates. Hampton Board of Education is in touch with the of Chaplin on a separate collaboration. Selectman Cahill sent letter to request Pomfret Board of Education to consider tuition in proposal. Received a summons from the owners of West Frisk Road Solar Park. They don't think they should have to pay taxes on business property. Assessor Jody Heon has been checking on this and First Selectman Cahill agrees. Referring to Town Attorney on this matter. Received a request to make contributions from American Recovery Funds to Northeast Health District and 4-H and Meals on Wheels. Checked on the possibility to have HVAC and Sanitation upgrades with grant for Town Hall and Community Center.
8. Financial Report –
9. Tax Collector Report - August and September . Collected \$2,089,207.80 to date (53%)
Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded approval of the August and September Tax Collector's Report. Unanimously passed
10. Refunds: Toyota Lease Trust \$136.35, Peter Gaucher \$383.89, Diane Gagnon \$165.20, Steve Russo \$12.22 and \$5.75.

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade moved/seconded to approve the refunds for Toyota Lease Trust \$136.35, Peter Gaucher \$383.89, Diane Gagnon \$165.20, Steve Russo \$12.22 and \$5.75. Unanimously passed..

11. Appointment(s)

A. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses –

Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/second to approve appointments for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses for Diane Gagnon-Member – Term Ending October 5, 2023, Glen Newcombe – Member Term ending April 5, 2023, Peter Witkowski – Member Term ending January 10, 2024, Heather Bonnekse – Member Term Ending October 11, 2022, Stanley Crawford – Member term ending July 12, 2022, Martin Mlynic – Member Term Ending April 10, 2024 and Muriel Miller – Alternate term ending September 13, 2023. Unanimously passed.

B. Emergency Management Director – Peter Smat

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade moved/seconded to approve Peter Smat for Emergency Management Director indefinitely. Unanimously passed.

12. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review – None

13. Additions to agenda – None

14. Old Business

A. Discussion and Action: None

15. New Business –

A. Discussion and Action: Hire Alexander Bass to Department of Public Works

Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved /seconded to hire Alexander Bass to Department of Public Works at a rate of \$22.65 during 90 day probation period. Unanimously passed.

B. Discussion and Action: Salary Adjustments for Department of Public Works Staff

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade moved/seconded to adjust salary for the Department of Public Works Staff. Hampton is not comparative with the surrounding towns. We have to be concerned about retention on our Department of Works employees. Don Sholes \$29.84, Paul Featherson \$24.65. Unanimously passed.

16. Audience for Citizens - Jessica Samios – What is the probation period for new hire? - 90 days What is the status of Tennis Court project. We will have Department of Public Works take court down and prepare site. Hope to have it done by next year. Jessica Samios questions why rental decreased by \$7000.00. Mennonites school closed during covid so we did not receive rent. Property on East Old Rt. 6 is a rental and agreement to pay rent until the agreed price paid off and then it will go back on the tax list.

Mark Samios – How much is the American Recovery funds? First Selectman \$545,140.97. Mark would like to know what we can do with it. First Selectman Cahill is still researching. Can be used for HVAC, Covid, Sanitation. We have 4 years to use it and would like to see what the state is going to do. NECCOG is going to help with development .

17. Adjournment - Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade motion to adjourn at 7:07PM All in favor. Adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen November 1, 2021