

Hampton Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2022

1. Call to Order – 7:01 PM

- a. Members present – First Selectman Allan Cahill, Selectman Bob Grindle, Selectman John Tillinghast

2. Audience for Citizens

- a. Dayna McDermott
 - i. Referred to Republican Town Committee Chair, Juan Arriola, about his support to endorse Kathi Newcome into the Board of Finance as alternate
 - ii. Requested that the January 3rd Board of Selectmen meeting minutes be corrected as it states she was in attendance when she was not: “Dayna McDermott claimed someone took all the Gazette’s in the display rack out and put them in the shredder box.”
 - iii. Stated she thinks it would be beneficial to have The Hampton Gazette at least named on the town website since it is not linked
 - iv. Continued discussion from previous meeting about the comparison between Hampton and other towns having their newspapers linked on their town websites
- b. Stan Crawford
 - i. Wanted to confirm he has volunteered up to help refurbish the Town Hall billboard to which First Selectman Cahill replied with saying it is already completed and now just needs to be electrified and painted

3. Acceptance/Approval of Minutes February 7th, 2022 & January 3rd, 2022 corrected minutes

- a. Selectman Grindle suggested making motion to approve with adjustments to a spelling error in February 7th minutes from “council” to “counsel” and January 3rd minutes to make the correction that Dayna McDermott was not present
 - i. First Selectman Cahill made motion/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.

4. Public Works

- a. First Selectman Cahill stated the work on dismantling the tennis court has already begun

5. First Selectman’s Report

- a. Further discussed on the Town Hall billboard
- b. Stated a video conference system has been installed in the Community Room and lower level

- c. Discussed what has happened and what is in the works with the Education AdHoc Committee for Hampton and Scotland
- d. Stated the Memorial Day Committee has met twice and concluded with stating that the parade will happen

6. Communications

- a. First Selectman Cahill stated several people made complaints about their mailboxes being affected by the snow storm

7. Financial Report

- a. Reviewed with no questions. No action was made.

8. Tax Collector Report for January 2022

- a. Selectmen acknowledged it has been a month behind. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Tillinghast moved/Selectman Grindle seconded. Unanimously passed.
- b. Refunds: LERETA LLC - \$29.96
 - i. Allan made motion to approve/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.

9. Appointments

- a. *Board of Finance Alternate:* Kathi Newcome for the time span of 5 years
 - i. Selectman Grindle made motion to approve/Selectman Tillinghast seconded/First Selectman Cahill abstained from voting
- b. *Conservation Commission Alternate:* Stan Crawford for the time span of 2 years
 - i. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Tillinghast moved/Selectman Grindle seconded. Unanimously passed.
- c. *School Readiness Committee:* Tristyn Warner
 - i. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.

10. Old Business

- a. *Rescind Town Hall mask requirement*
 - i. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Tillinghast moved/Selectman Grindle seconded. Unanimously passed.
- b. *Discuss & accept 2020-2021 Audit*
 - i. First Selectman Cahill stated there were no significant findings and made motion to approve/Selectman Tillinghast moved/Selectman Grindle seconded. Unanimously passed.
- c. *Review 2022-2023 budget draft*
 - i. First Selectman stated Cahill stated there was a 3% increase in Tax Revenue Department
 - ii. Contract to sign will be put on next month's agenda

- iii. Overall energy increase is an unknown variable
- iv. Added to town attorney's line item
- v. Ambulance increased 30%
- vi. Small increase to Planning & Zoning
- vii. The Town's Health Insurance, Connecticare, has gone up 15%
- viii. Wants to pursue a mid duty truck to the Department of Public Works
- ix. Selectman Grindle stated the Memorial Day Committee can be left at \$450 seeing as so far they've used \$400

11. New Business

- a. *Dairy Farm Abatement renewal*
 - i. Action made to renew and approve the Dairy Farm Tax Abatement Applications for Eva South Farm LLC and Clark W Woodmansee III Trust to 25%/Selectman Tillinghast moved/Selectman Grindle seconded/First Selectman Cahill abstained from voting.

12. Audience for Citizens

- a. Kathy Donahue
 - i. Stated there is overall general support for Kathi Newcome being reappointed into the Board of Finance
- b. Stan Crawford
 - i. Had a question about the Ambulance budget
- c. Dayna McDermott
 - i. Asked who is responsible for appointing the alternates to which First Selectman Cahill stated he will accept responsibility and keep further track of
- d. Mark Samios
 - i. Had a couple questions about the budget
- e. Diane Gagnon
 - i. Asked for an update on Peggy Fox's property

13. Adjournment

- a. First Selectman Cahill made motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM/Selectman Tillinghast moved/Selectman Grindle seconded. Unanimously passed. Adjourned at 8:03 PM.