

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hampton Town Hall Community Room
Monday, March 3, 2025

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were board members Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant. First Selectman Cahill called for a moment of silence to honor residents Al Ameer and Ann Hamlin who passed away recently. Mr. Ameer volunteered tirelessly for the town for many years and Ann Hamlin, who after years of working privately, wanted to volunteer on the Inlands/Wetlands Commission, was appointed, and within a month of volunteer service passed away.

2. Audience for Citizens: No comments

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of February 3, 2025: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2025. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Additions to Agenda: No additions.

5. Communications:

First Selectman Cahill reported the DPW has worked tirelessly this three week stretch after the classic winter, but had a lot of ice to clear as a result. Ice is dangerous, and was a treacherous surface to navigate. Foreman Sholes reported a lot of storm clean-up, they rebuilt the bucket backhoe at the transfer station, and helped move the loam pile at the Little River Preserve, storm and tree work, and two weeks without interruption with the new fuel tank at the school. Mr. Cahill also reported he went to numerous meetings in the past two weeks, still waiting for a lot of information for budgeting, a second extension was requested for the audit because the auditor is waiting for additional requested information from the elementary school. Mr. Cahill also met with the new contact person for Eversource, and met with the selectmen of Eastford and Pomfret and KB Ambulance. Selectmen discussed the financial impact of decisions other towns may make. He meets with the department of health tomorrow. The state is cutting health departments 10% across the state, yet adding financial support to the COGS in a state effort to support regionalism. This budget season will be most challenging for Hampton due to trickling down expenses, whether federal, state or local. Selectmen discussed the headwinds coming their way.

6. Financial Report: No questions.

7. Tax Collector Report: **Selectman Grindle moved to accept the tax collector's report. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

A. Tax Refunds: **Selectman Cahill moved to approve the tax refunds of:**

Rhonda Iacobazzi: \$363.11

Elietta Stringer: 86.63

Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. Appointment(s): None

9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review

10. Old Business

A. 2025-26 Budget Discussion: First Selectman Cahill commented the board has already discussed the difficulties facing this year. He is already considering postponing any large equipment purchases. Selectman Grindle also agreed the town wants to see how things flush out this year. Mr. Grindle also noticed Tommy LeHoux has also been working at HES as well since the custodian was out, and providing landscaping/snow clearing services needed to address the horrendous ice accumulation from the most recent storm.

11. New Business

A. First Selectman Cahill spoke with Bruce Spaman about wanting to plant a tree on Arbor Day to honor Dan Meade. Mr. Cahill also asked Mr. Samios if the Conservation Commission was thinking of anything for the Little River Preserve, and Mr. Samios commented it was also Bruce who would be spearheading that effort.

12. Audience for Citizens: Mark Samios noted in the last minutes that the rental agreement was renewed with the Mennonite Church for the next two years, and asked questions regarding the rental agreement. Jessica Samios also expressed her concern regarding the measles outbreak that started in Texas, and has been seen in closer geographical areas, and the public should be aware of the issue.

Selectman Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant