Hampton Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes Hampton Town Hall Community Room Monday, April 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

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

4. Additions to Agenda: Selectman Grindle moved to add meeting calendar date change to the agenda under New Business—11.D. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Communications:

DPW Foreman Sholes submitted his monthly report to the First Selectman. The public works crew has done regular road maintenance, including pothole repair, spread new mulch on the playscape at the rear of the town hall, hauled sand for the rec. department and cleaned up the ball field. They also helped the elementary school purging storage, and moved some appliances out of the kitchen. They also repaired some dumpsters at the transfer station, and rebuilt the old woodchipper. First Selectman Cahill reported KB Ambulance Service is also presenting a 3-year contract with a 5% increase in years 2 and 3, but that's dependent on a commitment from Eastford. As it stands, the town has a 1-year contract for ambulance service until June of 2026. Met with the camera vendors and added 2 additional interior cameras for the inside of the town hall. There is no additional movement on the Solar Park litigation, but hopefully there will be movement soon. The auditor distributed the representation letter, and Mr. Cahill will sign.

6. Financial Report: No questions.

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

A. Tax Refunds: Selectman Tillinghast moved to approve tax refunds:

James McCarthy:	529.48	Robin Thompson	84.36
Luciann Norton:	105.32	Carmelo Santa Lucia	1,428.32
Selectman Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.			

8. Appointment(s): None

9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review: None

10. Old Business

A. 2025-26 Budget Discussion: The selectmen discussed the current budget proposals.

11. New Business

A. Little River Preserve – Scope of Services Extra Work Authorization: Selectman Grindle moved to approve the extra work authorization from Tyche Planning and Policy Group for Engineering Support Services. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Vehicle Assessment Depreciation Schedule: First Selectman Cahill would like to table this discussion until he has a final impact number from the assessor. Selectman Grindle moved to table this discussion. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Hinding Tennis/Pickleball Court Contract: First Selectman Cahill explained the scope of the contract, and what is included for the multi-purpose recreation court. The selectmen discussed the process, and what courts would be included. **Selectman Grindle moved to accept the Hinding Court Contract. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

D. Dairy Abatements: Clark Woodmansee and Eva South LLC have applied for dairy abatements. The town has approved 25% in the past. Selectman Grindle made a motion for at 25% dairy farm abatement the Clark Woodmansee III Trust and the Eva South Farm LLC. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed with the following vote:

YES: B. Grindle, J. Tillinghast

ABSTAIN: A. Cahill

E. Move May meeting date: First Selectman Cahill would like to reschedule the May 5 meeting to May 8 at 6:30 PM so there is no conflict with the Parish Hill budget public hearing.

12. Audience for Citizens: None

Selectman Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by John Tillinghast. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant