

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:31 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Members present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of September 5, 2024: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of September 5, 2024. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Additions to Agenda: None

5. Communications

First Selectman Cahill received notification of the CIRMA equity distribution of \$1,510 distributed to shareholders of CIRMA. The DPW is getting ready for winter. They're doing heavy cutting on West Old Route 6, and the trees look well managed. First Selectman Cahill thanked Selectmen Grindle and Tillinghast for their work at the transfer station distributing stickers, the Town is fortunate to have them help that process. The court case between the assessor and solar park met on the 30th of September at the appellate level, and all agreed the case needed to be sent to the State Supreme Court. That date hasn't been established yet. Selectmen Cahill met with the Eversource representative, Jay Samuels, and they, too, are getting ready for winter. Mr. Cahill asked if the tree mitigation budget had been restored, and it had not. Mr. Cahill noted there were a lot of tree hazards on Neff Road, and he has already taken down trees that weren't the town's responsibility but there was a lot of work on that road in and around the wires. He also met with John Hankins, the new president of Joshua's Trust. He expressed interest in collaborating with the trail network in town. There is a dedication on Nov. 3rd for the conservation easements, and invited Selectman Cahill to attend. He also met with Sarah Hemmingway, and she would like to collaborate on additional grant funding for Trailwoods next year through the Neighborhood Assistance Act and officials from the Last Green Valley who want to move their headquarters to Goodwin Forest, and they would staff that headquarters. Goodwin Forest would be the primary staging point for Last Green Valley, and it can tie into all the environmental and historical properties of the region.

6. Financial Report: No questions

7. Tax Collector Report: There were two reports, August and September. **John Tillinghast moved to approved the tax collector's reports. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

a. **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the tax refunds of:**

Thomas Gaines, \$104.46

John and Laurie Berard, \$53.52 and \$583.76

Jason Garganese, \$211.37

John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. Appointment(s): None

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

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business

A. Selectman Cahill met with Hinding Courts to reevaluate the proposal to convert the old tennis court into two pickleball courts. He will give a new proposal and work on reskimming the court, and having it paved and lined within the next 6 weeks. Selectmen discussed what was being asked. First Selectman Cahill discussed the town has already done sitework including tree removal, fence removal and site prep. It needs to be finished grade, rerolled, and 3 inches of asphalt, and lined for this year. Let it settle, and then line it in the spring. Also worked on the last installment for painting the grange.

12. Audience for Citizens: None

Bob Grindle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant