

Hampton Board of Selectmen

September 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – 6:31 PM

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

2. Audience for Citizens

a. *Andrea Kay*

- i. Inquired about the status of a pickle ball court
- ii. First Selectman Cahill stated he hopes to have the court completed by the end of 2022

b. *Mark Samios*

- i. Inquired about The Hampton General Store
 1. First Selectman Cahill stated he was informed a business permit was finally issued to the store within the week
- ii. Questioned about how to find out about meetings in other ways, such as an outgoing email system
 1. Selectman Grindle discussed more ideas with him

c. *Jessica Samios*

- i. Asked a question about the minutes from the previous Board of Selectmen Special Meeting in attempts to better understand what was talked about

d. *Stan Crawford*

- i. Made a comment about The Hampton General Store stating it will not necessarily be a “General Store” anymore
- ii. Stated Hammond Hill trails have been cleaned up and cleared

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes - August 1st, 2022 and September 1st, 2022 and to note in these minutes that the August 1st minutes should state that the Grant is for Sarah Pearl Road

- a. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.

4. Fire Department

- a. Started paving the driveway on 9/8/2022 and will complete it on 9/12/2022

5. Public Works

- a. Trees have been trimmed from Town Hall to Community Center for the Harvest Festival
- b. Finished chip sealing of Old Kings Highway, Hammond Hill, North Bigelow Road
- c. Posted two speed monitor signs on North Bigelow Road in attempts to make people slow down and stop exceeding the speed limit
- d. Ordered additional signs to put on more roads

6. First Selectman’s Report

- a. Met with Hampton Elementary School’s new Superintendent, Dr. Samantha Sarli
- b. Stated the Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday, September 10 at the Pavilion outside the Town Hall from 10 am to 3 pm

- c. Met with Agent for the Elderly, Jane Cornell, and she agreed to start having office hours starting the first Thursday in October (10/6/2022) during the last couple of office hours
- d. Hampton will have an Informational Town Meeting on Ad Hoc Report on Inter District School Cost Sharing on September 29, 2022 and will adjourn to a Referendum on October 11th, 2022

7. Communications

- a. Several complaints in town about speeding

8. Financial Report

- a. Reviewed. No questions

9. Tax Collectors Report

- a. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.

10. Refund: Lereta LLC - \$1,161.05

- a. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.

11. Appointments

- a. Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency request
 - i. Heather Bonneksen term renewed as a regular member with term ending October 11, 2025
 - ii. Stanley Crawford term renewed as a regular member with term ending July 12, 2025
 - iii. And Morris Burr III as an Alternate with term ending September 13, 2024
 - 1. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Tillinghast moved/Selectman Grindle moved. Unanimously passed.

12. Additions to Agenda

- a. First Selectman Cahill made motion to add to agenda under New Business as item "E" to approve the Pearl Family mounting a plaque honoring their family in the dedication to the initiation to the Town Grange / Selectman Grindle moved / Selectman Tillinghast seconded.

13. Old Business

- a. Discussed the day, time, and location of Special Town Meeting. First Selectman Cahill stated it will be on September 14, 2022 at 6:45 in the Lower Level of the Town Hall
 - i. First Selectman Cahill read the Referendum question and made motion to approve it and the details as discussed of the Special Town Meeting/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.

14. New Business

- a. Discussed paving Reilly Road
 - i. First Selectman Cahill stated the budget will be tight from chip-sealing and paving Sarah Pearl Road if that project gets approved.
 - ii. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve /Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.
- b. Discussed paving the Community Center parking lot

- i. First Selectman Cahill stated the winter makes it difficult to plow that driveway as it is now and it is part of the 5 year Road Plan to pave it. This project was estimated as \$36,000 and wants to utilize the ARPA funds for this project
 - ii. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.
 - c. Reviewed the Community Center Rental Forms
 - i. First Selectman Cahill stated the charges for rentals should be increased by 30% and be implemented immediately. He also supplied the current forms with hand written notes showing what the charges would be with the increased 30%
 - ii. Selectman Grindle suggested possibly incorporating a "Retainer Fee" at some point if someone rents the Community Center and decides to cancel within 30 or 60 days of the rental date
 - 1. First Selectman Cahill made motion to approve the Rental Forms with 30% increase to charges/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed.
 - d. Discussed list of upcoming Community Center Rental Inquiries
 - i. No questions
 - e. Approval of hanging Pearl Family Plaque in Community Center
 - i. Selectman Grindle made motion to approve/Selectman Tillinghast moved/First Selectman Cahill seconded. Unanimously passed.

15. Audience for Citizens

- a. *Kathy Thompson*
 - i. Inquired about possibly posting speeding signs on Main Street
 - 1. First Selectman Cahill stated it may be possible
- b. *Jessica Samios*
 - i. Inquired about the overall income from the Community Center
 - 1. First Selectman Cahill stated he will get a number from the Treasurer
- c. First Selectman Cahill stated that if people want to use the Pavilion it needs to be reserved through the Selectman's Office

16. Adjournment

- a. First Selectman Cahill made motion to adjourn at 7:37 PM/Selectman Grindle moved/Selectman Tillinghast seconded. Unanimously passed. Adjourned at 7:37 PM.