

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 9, 2020
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order at 6:02 PM

Members present – First Selectman Allan Cahill, Dan Meade and Selectman Bob Grindle.
Selectman Cahill wants to thank John Guskowski for Hosting this go to meeting.

2. Audience for Citizens – Dayna – Please see attached.

Penny Newbury - Last year there were several hundred in person voting on one of the questions. How will you be able to accommodate more than 100 residents? Selectman Cahill will discuss this under new business.

3. Acceptance/Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2020.

Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Liaison Reports – Foreman Sholes – Work completed on Griffin Road (1/2 mile paved), 30 trees removed, replaced 2 catch basins and repaired 2 at Hampton Elementary School.

Brooklyn assisted with their pump truck and 12 other basins were pumped out. Thank you Brooklyn. We will owe them some in kind services in the future. First round of road mowing has been completed. There were numerous breakdowns with mower but Foreman Sholes was able to make repairs.

5. Selectman – Pavilion is completed thanks to the Mennonites and other volunteers. The landscaping and hardscaping will have to be completed later. I would like to have an event to dedicate the Pavilion to Mike Chapel. The glad was mowed front of Hampton Elementary School. Septic repaired at Hampton Elementary School. Governor Lamont

release reinstatement of the Steap Grants to spur the economy and small town capital needs. Total grant for state is 15 million. Can apply for grant starting July 13, 2020. John Valente our Inland/Wetland officer has retired. We will be getting a refund from CIRMA for \$1,406.00. Mary Halloren and Rick Pario is concerned about the speeding in town.

6. Financial Reports – No Questions

7. Tax Collector –Received May report. June has not been reconciled. We did receive \$14,000 in May. Tax bills went out last week.

Motion: Selectman Grindle /Selectman Meade moved/seconded to accept the tax collector report. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Refunds – Gina Cote \$1,344.35 C/O Dime Bank

Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to approve the refund of \$1,344.35 for Gina Cote. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Appointments – Penny Newbury to Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. She will replace Pat Cascio who has resigned.

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade moved/seconded to approve the appointment of Penny Newbury to Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Will forward the name of Jay Gigliotti to Inland/Wetland Agency for Enforcement Officer . He is qualified for the position.

Motion: Selectman Grindle/Selectman Meade moved/seconded to appoint Jay Gigliotti Inland Wetland Enforcement. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Steep Grant –Selectman Cahill would like to be appointed Clerk of the Works and Grant Writer for the Steap Grant. Suggestion for the grant are: Tennis Courts, Kitchen improvements at the Community Center which would include – the sill and foundation, Air conditioning, Barbeque Pit, New Roof, lighting , vents water in kitchen. This would make the Community Center more appealing and used more by the seniors.

Would like to make the grant in 2 parts A. Community Center B. Tennis Courts.

Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to appoint First Selectman Clerk of the Works and Grant writer for the Steep Grant. Motion passed unanimously

11. New Business:

1. Discuss and Act on Setting Annual Town Meeting – Time, Date and Call.

Set date for July 30, 2020. Application from the Audubon Society for energy efficient windows at Trailwood for \$9000. Transfer \$75000 from account 2425 Capital and Non- Recurring , \$25,000 from account 2450 Capital Non-Recurring Transfer to general fund. To replace backhoe and the STEAP Grant.

Motion: Selectman Grindle - Table. Take questions on RD#11 and Board of Finance.

Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to approve Town Meeting on July 30, 2020 and the call will be Audubon – Trailwood, 5year Capital plan, Sweep \$97,000 to account 2430 and purchase backhoe. Motion passed unanimously.

Dayna – Can't have referendum within 2 weeks from town meeting. Have primary Aug. 11 and the state will supply the cleaning and we don't know how long that will take. Abolish Board of finance? Not everyone is comfortable with that. Why ? Selectman – Not everyone comfortable with the way budget went. – How Board of Finance crafted budget.

Dayna – For the record would the Selectman give 4% increase to Board of Education.

Selectman Cahill for the record no comment.

Biggest problem – officers, they crafted and approved 2 budgets without assessing financial position of Town. Never accepted or approved the Town audit. This is reason to abolish Board of Finance. Did not discuss the audit, a Connecticut state requirement.

- 12. Adjourn- Motion: Selectman Meade/Selectman Grindle moved/seconded to adjourn at 7:08 PM motion passed unanimously.**

Approved by the Board of Selectman 8/3/2020