

*Town of Hampton, Connecticut  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
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A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, January 2, 2012 at the Town Hall.

**Present for the Board:** Selectman Mike Chapel, Selectman Bob Grindle

**Staff Present:** Liz Stillman, Recording Secretary

**ITEM 1: Call to Order:** Selectman Chapel called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

**ITEM 2: Audience for Citizens**

Lisa Sanchez Gonzalez respectfully submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding a potential Feral Cat Community Committee. Ms. Sanchez Gonzalez additionally reported some progress made since the last meeting.

Angelika Hansen reported that there was a Hammond Hill Road break in two weeks ago, suggested a citizen alert system- a calling tree or email list was suggested.

Selectman Chapel mentioned First Selectman Cahill's absence at the meeting this evening.

Selectman Grindle read a statement regarding First Selectman Cahill's health written by the Cahill family.

Gary Decesare agreed with Ms. Hansen that a communication system ought to be in place, and mentioned the history of an arsonist in town. Mr. Decesare asked for the selectmen to report back next month with the status of that case, and whether that individual has been released. He would like Troop D to let the town know if this individual is released.

Selectman Chapel mentioned a couple of situations in town in the past with criminals.

John Gorman suggested going to the CT State Judicial website and look up specific information about cases.

**ITEM 3: Acceptance of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Selectman Grindle moved to accept the December 5, 2011 Special Board of Selectmen meeting as written. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**MOTION:** Selectman Grindle moved to accept the December 5, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting with as amended. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**ITEM 4: Liaison Reports**

**A. D-11 Board of Education**

George Askew reported that the graduation rate has bumped up to 97%. Working on the budget, insurance will be tricky this year, worked through brokers to get the best insurance plan. The Board of Education has settled the gas price and other communities have worked with them to take advantage of that. As the budget process progresses, the BOE will have hearings and meetings coming up.

**B. Hampton Board of Education**

**C. Fire Department**

**D. Ambulance Corps**

**ITEM 5: Communications**

Selectman Chapel read a letter submitted by Roger Dionne on behalf of the Green Energy Committee.

**ITEM 6: Financial Reports**

Selectmen reviewed the financial reports.

**MOTION:** Selectman Grindle moved to transfer \$27.00 from Contingency account to Probate Court account. Selectman Chapel seconded. Motion Passed.

**MOTION:** Selectman Grindle moved to accept the financial report. Selectman Chapel seconded. Motion passed.

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**ITEM 7: Tax Collector Report**

First Selectman Cahill read the Tax Collector's report dated December 1, 2011.

MOTION: Selectman Chapel moved to accept the refund requests of \$81.51 and \$36.50 as requested by the Tax Collector.

Selectman Grindle moved to accept the Tax Collector's report as written. Selectman Chapel seconded.

**ITEM 8: Appointment(s)/ Term(s)**

**A. Green Energy Committee**

MOTION: Grindle/ Chapel moved/ seconded to appoint Roger Dionne, Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Ev Hyde, Bob Marsh and Paul Wakely to the Hampton Green Energy Committee for two years, with a term ending January 4, 2014. Motion passed.

**B. Adhoc Website Review Committee**

MOTION: Grindle Chapel moved/ seconded to appoint Eleanor Linkkila, Mary Oliver, Melanie Johnston, Kris Crawford, Donna Tommelleo, Kathi Newcombe and Gay Wagner to the Ad-hoc Website Review Committee with a term ending June 1, 2012. Motion passed.

**C. Ordinance Committee**

MOTION: Grindle / Chapel moved/ seconded to appoint Stanley Crawford and Gay Wagner to the Ordinance Committee with a term ending July 6, 2012. Motion passed.

**ITEM 9: Board/ Committee/ Commission Minutes for Review**

Selectmen reviewed board/ committee/ commission minutes from the month of December.

**ITEM 10: Old Business**

**A. Garage Update**

Toby Vertefeuille - An issue with the thermostat has been straightened out at the garage, so the heating bills should be more in line now. Phone calls are being transferred from the old garage to the new garage.

**ITEM 11: New Business**

**A. Discuss Feral Cat Population**

Selectman Chapel asked that any people who are interested in serving on this ad-hoc committee contact the board of selectmen.

Selectman Grindle asked if there were any volunteers from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Chapel said that he would do it.

**B. Discuss and Act on Conservation Commission Letter to Mike Alberts on Vadnais Property**

Selectman Grindle asked for the Conservation Commission to report on the piece of property.

Wayne Kilpatrick described the property: 50 acres abuts the Goodwin Forest and some other property. Conservation Commission wants to work out a deal with the owner and the state has expressed interest in purchasing the property. The Commission would like the State of Connecticut to move on this before it's too late. The Conservation Commission would like the support from the board of selectman with the letter written to State Representative Mike Alberts.

Both Selectman Grindle and Chapel expressed their full support of the Conservation Commission's efforts.

**C. Discuss and Act on Conservation Commission, regarding town property on Windy Hill (Suline Property)**

Randy Thompson discussed the history of 60-65 acres on Windy Hill just passed the finished road towards Brooklyn. It was to be used for recreational use and the Conservation Commission had been charged many years ago to research appropriate uses.

MOTION: Selectman Chapel renewed the charge for the Conservation Commission. Selectman Grindle seconded. So charged.

**D. Charge Ad-hoc Website Review Committee to review and report back to the Board of Selectmen with their recommendations by June 1, 2012 on website improvements**

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**MOTION:** Selectman Chapel moved to charge the Ad-hoc Website Review Committee to review and report back to the Board of Selectmen with their recommendations by June 1, 2012 on website improvements. Selectman Grindle seconded. So charged.

- E. Discuss and Act on opening the Town Hall on the third Saturdays of the month

**MOTION:** Selectman Grindle moved to open the town hall on the third Saturday of the month with hours to be decided, with the first Saturday opening being January 21, 2012. Selectman Chapel seconded. Motion approved.

- F. Discuss and Act on adding interim help for Public Works department and on appointing Interim Road Crew Foreman (Executive Session)

**MOTION:** Selectman Chapel moved to enter executive session at 8:19PM. Selectman Grindle seconded.

**MOTION:** Selectman Chapel moved to return to open session at 8:29PM

**MOTION:** Selectman Grindle moved to appoint Toby Vertefeuille as interim road crew foreman with back pay going back to November 8, 2011. Selectman Chapel seconded.

Toby thanked the board.

**ITEM 12: Audience for Citizens**

Pete Vertefeuille congratulated Toby Vertefeuille.

Brad Waite asked if the interim help would be addressed tonight.

Selectman Chapel indicated that would be address when Allan comes back.

Selectman Grindle expects the foreman to attend the BoS meetings and report as any other dept would.

Toby Vertefeuille indicated that those hired by the town per diem should get the job offer first.

**ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** There being no further business for the Board to discuss at this special meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Chapel/Grindle moved/seconded to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Stillman  
Recording Secretary