

Hampton Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Hampton Town Hall  
April 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:06 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Others present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, many members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.

2. Audience for Citizens: Dave Paine discussed the Alzheimer's 5K road race he is organizing. It is scheduled to happen on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9AM and he has walked the route he intends to use. First Selectman Cahill and Mr. Paine also reviewed the emergency personnel who would also be available for the event, the pavilion will be used for registration on the day of the event, and the advertising that will be used to publicize it. Andrea Kaye asked if Mr. Paine could send digital information to her, and she will use the recreation commission's Facebook page to also publicize.

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of March 2 and March 19, 2026 Minutes: **Selectman John Tillinghast moved to approve the minutes of the March 2 meeting and the March 19 meeting. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Additions to Agenda: None. First Selectman Cahill will add Dairy Abatements to the next meeting.

5. Communications:

The members of the Library Board expressed their thanks to the public works department for the tree removal, and First Selectman Cahill received the Hazard Mitigation plan from Eversource. Members of the public works department are rotating vacation time now, and continue to perform pothole repair, and low hanging tree branch removal. Mr. Cahill continues to work with NECCOG on municipal services that can be offered mutually among towns, and the town is wrapping up responding to OSHA recommendations. Mr. Cahill asked Mr. Grindle for any updates from the Memorial Day committee. Selectman Grindle responded with the various ideas the committee would like to incorporate in the Memorial Day celebration, including commemoration of Revolutionary War veterans that are in Hampton cemeteries, observances tied to the 250-year anniversary of the Fourth of July, and the committee is also working with the Rec. Commission to be sure there are celebrations and activities that are tied to everyone in the community.

6. Financial Report: Selectman Tillinghast noted the town was 75% through the fiscal year, and about 75% through the approved budget. The selectmen accepted the financial report.

7. Tax Collector Report: Mr. Cahill went to Windham and retrieved the most recent tax reports, and is reviewing them with the treasurer. There are no refunds.

8. Appointments: First Selectman Cahill gave a brief introduction of the candidates who wish to serve on the recreation commission, and asked if they'd like to say a few words to the board and public in attendance. After a brief conversation, **Selectman Grindle moved to appoint Jessica Brockett and Rachel LaVoie to the recreation commission. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** Ms. LaVoie's new term will start on May 6, 2026, and Ms. Brockett's term commences immediately. Both members should be sworn in by the town clerk.

9. Board/Committee/Commission minutes/reports for review: Selectman Cahill asked Mark Samios if any activity was happening at the Little River Preserve since Mr. Cahill noted a new structure at the preserve. Mr. Samios was unable to elaborate, but it became clear it was a birdhouse structure that had been previously approved.

10. Old Business:

A. 2026-27 Budget proposal: Mr. Cahill noted the treasurer had put in new numbers, but there were still agencies and departments who needed to submit proposals. It will be completed soon.

11. New Business: None

12. Audience for Citizens: Mark Samios asked if the selectmen had heard anything from the board of education regarding educational opportunities with Pomfret. Mr. Cahill responded he had not heard anything yet. Dayna McDermott asked which board of ed the question was in regard to. Mr. Cahill and Mr. Samios responded it was the elementary school. Mr. Samios also expressed gratitude that residents stayed after the special town meeting to listen to the meeting.

**Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Allan Cahill seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant