

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2025
7PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Roll Call: Kathy Donahue, Joan Fox, Nick Brown, Regina DeCesare, Fran Gustaveson.
Staff and Others Present: First Selectman Allan Cahill, Recording Secretary Dayna McDermott-Arriola
Fran Gustaveson and Regina DeCesare were seated, upon request, for Ed Adelman and Judy Buell.

Citizen Comments: Registrar of Voters Dayna Arriola reported that the Secretary of State announced at a conference that the legislators approved \$2 million for Early Voting and that each municipality will receive at least \$5,000.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Regina DeCesare, seconded by Fran Gustaveson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2025. Motion carried unanimously, Nick Brown abstaining.

Reports/Actions

First Selectman: First Selectman Cahill reported on two items which might impact the budget: several towns are working collaboratively to sponsor a household hazardous waste in Pomfret in November; and Hartford Health Care Paramedics from Windham, who respond to KB Ambulance in emergencies, are reportedly planning to charge more for their service.

Tax Collector: None received this month.

Treasurer: Treasurer Rodriguez was not present. Chairman Donahue reported that one of the Certificates of Deposit is maturing in a few weeks. In anticipation of lowered interest rates, the money will be transferred to the STIF account if it offers a better rate.

Boards of Education:

Regional District #11: Chairman Donahue reported that new staff has been hired to fill all vacancies, and that the projected enrollment is 184 students in the building with the exact count due to the State in October. She also reported that an administrative retreat will discuss the recruitment and retention of students. Nick Brown asked if the rates for students tuitioning to Parish Hill Middle/High School had increased. First Selectman Cahill reported that the amount was raised to \$8,900. Mr. Brown remarked that this amount is significantly less than the tuition rates of area towns, and Mr. Cahill concurred, stating that towns should at least be paying an amount equivalent to the Educational Cost Sharing per pupil received, noting that towns are making money by sending their students here. Mr. Brown suggested advocating for an increase in tuition to our town's representatives on the RD#11 Board, Stephanie Bayne, Joy Becker and Susan Lovegreen.

Hampton Elementary School: Chairman Donahue reported that the Hampton Elementary School ended the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget with a \$171,500 surplus. She said that after purchases made by the school in May, the surplus was reduced to \$100,000, with the school board holding 2%, the amount statutorily allowed, and returning approximately \$60,000 to the Town.

Chairman Donahue announced that both school will benefit from a new State grant, District Repair and Improvement Project (DRIPS) which is earmarked for capital projects. RD#11 is expected to receive \$39,000 and Hampton Elementary School, \$33,000.

Policies and Procedures Committee: none.

Correspondence: Chairman Donahue reported receipt of statements from the bank on the Length of Service Award Program account, financial reports from the schools, the Hampton Elementary School Facility Study, which she distributed to all members, and the Hampton Elementary School board packet, which she will request be sent to all members of the finance board monthly from the school.

Old Business

a. Discussion on Year-End Transfers

The Selectmen have scheduled a Town Meeting for October 6 at 6:30PM, prior to the Board of Selectmen's monthly meeting, to approve the approximate \$5000 in transfers that require Town approval.

Additions to the Agenda: none.

Citizen Comments: none.

Suggestions for Next Agenda: Members are encouraged to send any other suggestions for discussion to the Chairman.

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting: October 14, 2025 at 7PM.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Secretary

This is a draft version of the Minutes until approved by the Board of Finance.