

Hampton Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:04 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, two members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, administrative assistant.

Audience for Citizens: No Comments.

Acceptance/Approval Minutes of Dec. 1, 2025: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Additions to Agenda: **Selectman Grindle moved to add discussion of the alarm system at the Community Center under New Business, item B. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Communications: The public works department was busy with the recent windstorms, and snow removal. Unfortunately, these weather events happened on weekends and over New Years. First Selectman Cahill drove the new 550 truck purchased last year during a weekend clean-up event. It handled very well.

First Selectman Cahill attended the last elementary school board meeting. They acknowledged receipt of the letter from Pomfret regarding combining school populations. They took no action, but may discuss at a future retreat. Mr. Cahill received concerns from DEEP regarding animal activity at the Little River Preserve, and a zoom meeting has been scheduled for Thursday with Kevin Grindle in attendance, as well. Mr. Cahill also authorized the repair of the compactors at the transfer station. The audit is ongoing, and he hopes to have a first draft of next year's budget next month. All three compactors needed to be replaced.

Financial Report: No questions.

Tax Collector:

Tax Refunds: **Selectman John Tillinghast approved the refund of \$283. to Nissan Lease Trust, and \$148.77 to Quiana Dang. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Appointment(s): **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to appoint Steve Donahue as an unaffiliated representative to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the appointment, and it carried unanimously. Selectman Bob Grindle**

**moved to appoint Everett Hyde, Penny Newbury, and Mark Samios to the Conservation Commission for 3-year terms. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the appointments, and it carried unanimously. Selectman John Tillinghast moved to appoint John Matcheson, Everett Hyde, Maryellen Donnelly, Sharon Wakely, and Kate Donnelly-Colt to the Green Energy Committee for 3-year terms. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the appointments, and it carried unanimously.**

Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review: None

Old Business: None

New Business

- A. Health Insurance Affiliation Letter: Hampton signs the affiliation letter every year, as RD 11 is the parent company of the health insurance pool for Hampton, Scotland, and Chaplin. **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the affiliation letter for Health Insurance. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
- B. Discussion of Alarm System at Community Center: Selectmen discussed the alarm system and contact protocol for the selectmen who monitor any notifications, and the communication system. First Selectman Cahill will also contact the appropriate representatives to be aware of notification protocols.

Audience for Citizens: Jessica Samios asked about the tax refund to Nissan Lease Trust, and the selectmen explained many people now lease vehicles, and those companies pay the property taxes, so any overpayments are refunded to the leasing companies. Mrs. Samios also wanted to make sure appointments appear on the website. The town clerk posts information as it becomes available through the minutes as they're posted. Mark Samios wanted to know if the zoom information could also be forwarded to him regarding the Little River Preserve discussion. Mr. and Mrs. Samios also asked for clarification regarding discussions of the selectmen's meeting. First Selectman Cahill also shared Dave Paine is planning to move his Alzheimer's Road Race to May 16<sup>th</sup>, a week earlier.

**Selectman Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:42 PM. First Selectman Cahill seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant