

Hampton Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Hampton Town Hall Community Room  
October 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.

2. Audience for Citizens: Robin Thompson wished to ask the selectmen to consider and make a statement regarding deportations, ICE activity, and a Hampton community values statement regarding vulnerable populations. First Selectman Cahill thanked Ms. Thompson for her comments, and selectmen will add discussion under new business: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to add discussion of Hampton Community Values under New Business. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Dayna McDermott also expressed her support for Ms. Thompson's community values statement. She has also discussed placement of a "welcome to Hampton" sign under the stop sign at the end of West Old Route 6. First Selectman Cahill commented on his actions to date for a welcome sign. Mr. Cahill needs to be sure of sight line clarity. She also wanted to ask if we could invite someone to next year's Memorial Day parade since it will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution.

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of Sept 4, 2025: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of Sept. 4, 2025. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** First Selectman Cahill noted the September communication from Ms. Thompson was read into the minutes, but noted he wanted to wait until he had a full board seated before acting on the request.

4. Additions to Agenda: The selectmen will discuss Ms. Thompson's request under New Business agenda item 11.

5. Communications:

D. Public Works—The department worked to help clean up debris around the town hall and the elementary school, and Bigelow Road was paved.

E. First Selectman—Mr. Cahill wanted to thank Andrea Kaye and the rec. department of all the work done for the Fall Fest. It was a successful financially, socially, and fellowship community event. Mr. Cahill also noted the court is moving forward with the McHenry Solar Trust, the summary judgement motion by the lower court was affirmed, and the electrical generation is not manufacturing.

6. Financial Report: No questions.

7. Tax Collector Report: No questions. September was a big month of collections due to the extended grace period. **Selectman John Tillinghast moved to approve the reports, and Selectman Grindle seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**
  - a. Tax Refunds: Francis Jones, Jr.: **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the tax refund of \$70.24. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
8. Appointment(s): Enumerators—K. Newcombe, K. Donahue; N. Brown—IWWA  
**Selectman Grindle moved to approve appointing K. Newcombe, K. Donahue, and A. Cahill as enumerators. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**  
**Selectman Grindle moved to appoint Nick Brown to IWWA after the expiration of H. Bonneksen term. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the appointment, and it passed unanimously.**
9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review: None
10. Old Business
  - a. Little River Preserve Proposals: Mr. Samios of the Conservation Commission discussed the grant awarded the commission to provide walking trails and upgrades at the Little River Preserve, and handicapped accessible walkways to the pond. The proposal was sent to selectmen. **First Selectman Cahill moved the bid proposals go forward for the Little River Park improvements. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
  - b. Commissioner Newbury also discussed the commission is meeting Thursday to complete the quarterly report for the grant, and has asked the treasurer to provide information to complete the report.
11. New Business:
  - a. **Selectman Grindle moved the selectmen have a conversation regarding a Hampton Community Values statement. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**  
Selectman Grindle read the statement into the minutes. The selectmen and audience members discussed the document, and the significance of the statement. The selectmen will post the 4 bullet points of the value statement on the town website, voted and approved on October 6, 2025. **Selectman Grindle moved to include Robin Thompson's the 4 bullets of Hampton Community Values Statement onto the Hampton website. Selectman Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
12. Audience for Citizens: Andrea Kaye wanted to thank Allan Cahill for 3 hayrides at the Hampton Fest on Saturday, and the library made over \$1500.00. It took everyone helping to make it a success. The selectmen also thanked Andrea because it was a

tremendous amount of work, and thanked Andrea for the pickleball court open house. Mrs. Samios also encouraged residents to attend to meetings to hear how policy is set, and what the conversations are, and Mr. Samios encouraged people to get involved in committees and/or commissions.

**Selectman Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:33 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant