

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Sept 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also in attendance were Selectman Bob Grindle, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant. Selectman John Tillinghast could not attend.

First Selectman Cahill asked for a moment of silence in memory of Margaret Haraghey, former First Selectperson, administrative assistant, and held many town positions.

2. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of August 4, 2025: **Selectman Grindle moved to approve the minutes of August 4, 2025. First Selectman Cahill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
3. Additions to Agenda : None
4. Communications: First Selectman Cahill noted Selectman Tillinghast is out of town right now. Mr. Cahill also noted a request for a port-a-potty for the pickleball courts, as they are not used frequently, and he will relocate the current port-a-potty behind the community center to a more central location so baseball/softball players and pickleball players have easy access to such a facility. Selectman Cahill also received an email from town resident Robin Thompson regarding current ICE activity and asked the town to affirm their respect for all people in Hampton. Selectman Grindle read the email out loud, and Mr. Cahill deferred further action until all selectmen are present and able to affirm their support. First Selectman Cahill also had a zoom meeting with DOT online to discuss road safety issues on Route 6 and Route 97, invited town planner John Guszowski to attend as well, and expressed concern with speeding along the state routes and expressed interest in installing roundabouts at intersections (such as Brook Rd/Route 6 and Route 6/Route 97) to help slow traffic down on those roads, and raised crosswalks that would also force traffic to slow down by the elementary school on Route 97. Mr. Cahill is also in discussion with Casella Waste to develop a proposal for curbside waste collection. DPW foreman Don Sholes submitted his report to the selectmen and highlighted he and the DPW crew removed to underground storage tank from HES, backfilled, topsoiled and seeded the area, excavated test holes at the fire department's septic site, completed the first pass of roadside mowing, and spent time correcting noted OSHA violations, and made repairs to damages done at the transfer station. Tree removal and trimming is taking place on Bigelow Rd in anticipation of that road being repaved.
5. Financial Report: No questions.

6. Tax Collector Report: The report is delayed until the Board of Finance meets.
 - A. Tax Refunds: None
7. Appointment(s): None
8. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review: None
9. Old Business
 - A. OSHA Report Update: First Selectman Cahill noted he requested a 30-day extension to respond to OSHA violation report. First Selectman Cahill and DPW Foreman Sholes are working to mitigate all weaknesses.
10. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action for Fall Fest: The Fall Fest is on schedule for September 27th from 10AM – 3 PM, and the Recreation Commission is co-hosting a bonfire on Friday at the ballfield from 5-9pm for Hampton residents.
 - b. Discussion and Act on Special Town Meeting Time, Place and Date Agenda for 2024-25 budget overages: First Selectman Cahill recommended this meeting take place right before the next selectmen's meeting on Oct. 6, 2025. After a brief discussion of the process, **First Selectman Allan Cahill moved to set the special town meeting for Oct. 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the town hall. Selectman Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
 - c. Household Hazardous Waste—event in November with Pomfret: First Selectman Cahill noted this conversation began NEECOG, and will be managed in Pomfret on November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each town that participates will be charged per household. This hasn't been budgeted, but helps Hampton to be compliant with hazardous waste collection.
11. Audience for Citizens: First Selectman Cahill used this time say the selectmen will discuss designating the Connecticut State Police to conduct pistol permit protocols instead of the Selectmen's Office per PA 25-18 since Hampton does not have a resident trooper or police force in town. Mr. Cahill wants all the selectmen to be available to take part in the discussion.

Selectman Grindle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM. First Selectman Cahill seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Administrative Assistant