

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2024

The regular board of selectmen meeting was called to order in the lower level of the town hall 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: None

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of March 4, 2024: **John Tillinghast moved to accept the minutes of March 4, 2024. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Additions to Agenda: None

5. Communications:

The communication from the revenue collector stands out due to the revenue shortfall due to ongoing litigation with the solar park, and the motor vehicle software error. First Selectman Cahill will discuss this with the Board of Finance next week. DPW is working on road repairs, drainage, and storm clean-ups. First Selectman Cahill attended the elementary board of education last week and registered his frustration with the lack of cooperation regarding the enumeration. He has reached out to Attorney Roberts regarding his rights to information. The selectmen discussed the process and protocol for enumeration efforts at the elementary school and the Regional High School. Mr. Cahill is also working with DPW foreman Sholes to work on new driveway apron requirements. He also signed a contract for the fire truck last week, but the company producing the truck has replied the truck will now be finished in 48-50 months instead of the anticipated 36 months. He called the company, but is waiting hear back. The price remains the same, but the delivery date has been pushed out.

6. Financial Report: No questions

7. Tax Collector Report: Revenue Collector Madden provided a collection snapshot, and noted the current year collections for the pending litigation of the solar park represents 7.9% of the collection rate for Hampton.

A. Refunds – J Sforza: **Bob Grindle moved to approve the tax refund of 108.63 for John Sforza. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

8. Appointment(s): **Bob Grindle moved to reappoint Martin Mlyniec as a regular member of the IWWA, and Peter Witkowski as alternate for additional three year terms. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

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

10. Old Business

A. 2024 Budget: First Selectman Cahill reported there is no new budget information for the 2024-25 FY. The board discussed various options they will consider and continue discussion for the budget for the next fiscal year, and First Selectman Cahill will continue the conversation with the Board of Finance.

11. New Business

A. Approval of Paving Contract—Town Hall and Community Center: First Selectman Cahill discussed the All-States Paving Bids with the selectmen, including any work on the tennis courts. They will work to complete this task before the road paving/construction season begins this year. **Bob Grindle moved to approve the paving contract for the Town Hall parking lot up to \$81,800 and the Grange for \$37,400. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

12. Audience for Citizens: None

13. Adjourn: **John Tillinghast moved to adjourn at 7:39 PM. The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant