

Hampton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 5th, 2023
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Members present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast. Also present was Board of Finance Chair Kathy Donahue, members of the public, and administrative assistant Jennifer Nelson.

2. Audience for Citizens: **None**

3. Acceptance/Approval of Minutes: **Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, May 18, and May 25, 2023 special meetings. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

4. Communications:

First Selectman Cahill received a letter from town resident Trudy Brockett asking the Pride Month Proclamation be reposted this year since it was warmly received last year, and received a great deal of positive feedback. After a brief discussion and since Hampton is always a safe location for all people, **John Tillinghast moved to repost the proclamation with appropriate dates for 2023. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Other subjects of interest included:

- Mr. Cahill also noted he had discussions with the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) regarding support for the installation of rumble strips along Route 6 in Hampton to help traffic in the corridor.
- He will also put out the digital sign to advertise the town-wide tag sale weekend.
- He also received many complements about the Memorial Day presentations and parade and wished to personally thank Selectmen Grindle and Tillinghast and the committee members who worked well to manage the town wide events.
- Homeland Security and FEMA also came to the town hall to complete a cyber security of town offices—no report has been written, yet.
- The RFP for repaving Sarah Pearl Road was published in the Bulletin and the men at the DPW are aware of the scope of the bid.
- Mr. Cahill also met with town attorney Rich Roberts and discussed multiple issues facing the town.

- The Hinding Group (referred by Kevin Grindle) came out to look at the Tennis Courts, and Mr. Cahill also met with a commercial painting company to look at the community center/grange and the handicapped ramp at the town hall.
- John Berard will start the sill work on the community center soon.

5. Financial Report: None

6. Tax Collector's Report: No tax collector's report yet, but there's a refund request:

A. Refunds: John Tillinghast moved to approve the tax refund of \$72.97 to Rose Bisson. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. A letter from tax collector Lisa Madden noting two accounts that will be moved to the suspense list. The Board of Finance will act on the request, but BOS can acknowledge the request. **Bob Grindle moved to approve the Board of Finance action. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** The accounts remain in collections, but are moved to suspense.

7. Appointments:

A. First Selectman Cahill received a letter noting Andrea Kaye's present term had expired in January and she volunteered to be reappointed. **John Tillinghast moved to appoint Andrea Kaye. Bob Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Kaye's term will expire on 1/31/2025.**

B. There are three vacant positions for alternates on Planning and Zoning and the Board of Assessment Appeals. Marc Cardwell has volunteered to serve for one of those vacancies. **John Tillinghast moved to appoint Marc Cardwell to alternate position on the Board of Assessment Appeals. Bob Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Cardwell's term will expire 6/5/2025.**

8. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes/Reports for review: **None**

9. Additions to the Agenda:

Mr. Cahill received the renewal for the transportation contract for the transfer station today. There are no changes to the existing language, except for the fuel surcharge language which notes any fuel fee's over \$4.50/gallon will result in a surcharge. **Bob Grindle moved to approve the renewal a trash transport. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

10. Old Business: **None**

11. New Business:

A. Discuss and Act on Tax Due date grace period extension:

It was done last year, and doesn't hinder cash flow much since ~70% is transmitted by escrow companies, and is a courtesy to residents. **Bob Grindle made a motion to extend the grace period to 9/1/2023. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

12. Audience for Citizens: Mark Samios complemented the selectmen regarding the new sign on the Town Hall. It was done by Gagnon Signs in Danielson.

Everyone was appreciative of all the touch-ups completed for the Memorial Day events.

Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:22 PM. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Administrative Assistant