

Hampton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 7th, 2023

The Hampton Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:30PM 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: Kathy Donahue wanted to ensure the agenda, legal notice, and posting was adjusted to reconcile with date requirements. First Selectman Cahill confirmed the dates were adjusted before sending on to The Chronicle and before approval of the agenda tonight.

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of August 7, 2023: **John Tillinghast moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Communications:

EASTCONN invited First Selectman Cahill to meet with the facilities director regarding an expansion. There was no information regarding whether it is program or facility related, so he will report after the meeting with the subject matter. Public works is continuing with tree trimming, landscaping, road mowing, and brush clearing. Alex Bass will go to New Haven to get the final education component to get tree warden certification. We got our 10-year extension from DEEP for the transfer station. The Fall Festival is on the 23rd. We've also received the plaque for the creation of the Grange, and they're in discussion of where to hang it. We also submitted the next STEAP grant application within the application deadline, much appreciation was expressed to all who contributed.

5. Financial Report: No questions.

6. Tax Collector Report: There will be a more complete view of collections next month after all mail and payments are recorded.

A. Refunds: There is a list of refunds that are corrections from the motor vehicle programming issue, and one additional refund to Nissan Infinity for \$361.98. This will be reconciled with the \$160,000 request at the special town meeting. **Bob Grindle moved to approve the tax refunds, as presented. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

7. Appointment(s): **None**

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

9. Additions to agenda: **None**

10. Old Business:

A. Code Red Platform Discussion and Possible Action: First Selectman Cahill spoke with First Selectman Greenberg in Scotland, and about 80% of residents are signed up, and communications are controlled by each individual and OnSolve, as they get text messages, emails, and/or phone communications based upon their choice when enrolling. Mr. Cahill also discussed how the information would reach residents who sign up, and he and selectmen reviewed the proposal for 1, 2, and 3 year program, and how to fund it. Pomfret also uses OnSolve for town notifications. People who sign up for the notifications can filter what is reported, when, and how. After a continued discussion of the notification systems in place in the area, **Bob Grindle moved to approve the OnSolve notification system for Hampton. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

11. New Business

A. Special Town Meeting Agenda including tax collection software glitch, town hall and community center campus upgrades: First was a request from the revenue collector to adjust revenue assumptions in the town budget, since the current budget would be deficient, and after a discussion with the BOF chair it would be easiest to take the money from the undesignated general fund. This explanation will reconcile with communications with Lisa Madden, and represents the first question of the referendum. The next question would be to fund projects that would support various needs noted by Homeland Security for our cybersecurity, and to our Town Hall Campus, including upgrades to the handicapped ramp to the town hall, paint restorations to the exterior of the community center, and restoration of the tennis court/pickleball court at the town hall. There is a STEAP award that will fund a portion of the noted Town Hall Campus improvements, and the balance would be funded by the Undesignated General Fund. **Bob Grindle moved to approve the questions for the referendum, as written. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

B. Reilly Road paving contract: Low bidder was 43,500—All-State Materials Group. They will pave from John Mack to Windham Road. **John Tillinghast moved to award All State Materials Group to pave Reilly Road for a bid of \$43,500. Bob Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

12. Audience for Citizens: **None**

John Tillinghast moved to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Bob Grindle seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
Administrative Assistant