

# Hampton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6th, 2023

7:00 PM

Lower Level

The meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen 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.

First Selectman Cahill called for a moment of silence for Ken Henrici, Superintendent of Schools of Regional District 11, who unexpectedly passed away.

2. Audience for Citizens: Kathi Newcombe and Peter Witkowski would like the Hampton Senior Club to be recognized under the offices of the town government. Ms. Newcombe and Mr. Witkowski noted the seniors do much for the community, and would like to be covered by the town's insurance policy, and to allow an agent to coordinate available services available to seniors. Mark Samios also commented he attended lunches in the past, and they were quite good.

3. Acceptance/Approval of Minutes of Oct. 2, 2023: **John Tillinghast moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2023. Bob Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

4. Communications:

Public works is preparing for winter, have completed the paving of Reilly Road between John Mack and Windham Rd. First Selectman Cahill met with Board of Education Building and Grounds members at Sterling to review the upgrades they've accomplished on an HVAC upgrade—all electric split units system, comparable to what's being considered for the HES upgrade. The big hurdle will be the back-up generator and what the Eversource credits will be worth. There is still research happening. BOE member John Russell was also available this evening to clarify any questions.

Mr. Cahill has filed a letter with NDDH to withdraw from the district—must be done by end of year in compliance with state law. Plainfield has already withdrawn. Hampton can always return, but the board is looking for complete restructuring and independent analysis of the health district before we can move forward.

Mr. Cahill also met with a state engineer for the CT DOT, and the company awarded the bridge reconstruction/culvert replacement past Utley Road to NERI Construction—NERI Construction will rent the former Small Cities office space in the town hall for their base of operations. Atty. Roberts is completing a contract they will sign to use the space.

NEECOG is applying for a Regional Performance Incentive Grant to promote shared services among the small towns in the area, including an independent department of health, a building official, assessor's office, and sharing town manager services. The COG is just doing research right now. Towns are happy with services right now, but they're looking at several years down the road to sustain services affordably.

5. Financial Report: Received

6. Tax Collector's Report: The October report was just received. **John Tillinghast moved to approve the September report. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**John Tillinghast moved to table the October report until next month. Bob Grindle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**A. Refunds:**

**Bob Grindle moved to approve the following refunds:**

Richard Gagne:	74.66
Deborah Donahue:	248.88
Morris Bunn:	69.82
Virginia Payne:	541.57
Patricia Hart:	109.10

**John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

7. Appointments: None

8. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes Reports for Review: None

9. Additions to Agenda: None

10. Old Business:

A. Discuss Update on OnSolve Implementation: Jennifer met with the company representative last week and another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. We hope to be up and running on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There are options for emergency notices, town notices, and what kinds of notices you choose to receive.

11. New Business:

A. Discuss and Possible Action on Paving the Community Center Parking Lot:

Mr. Cahill received one quote today from All-State. The selectmen can accept the one bid or wait until spring. Most companies are starting to wind down for the season, and additional bids may be available in spring. Selectman Grindle opined it may be in our best interest to wait until spring so any action will be tabled.

B. Discuss and Act on Renting Office Space in Town Hall:

Mr. Cahill has not received the rental agreement from Attorney Roberts yet, but he'd like approval to rent the vacant office space that housed Small Cities to the DOT for their staging needs for the culvert replacement on Route 97. The rental agreement will be

similar to the agreement reached with the Mennonite community and will be \$1,000/month for a year subject to renewal as the work requires. **Bob Grindle moved to approve renting the former Small Cities space to NERI construction. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

C. Discuss HES Mechanical Upgrades: Discussed during First Selectman's communications.

12. Audience for Citizens: None

**Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:21 PM. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson  
Administrative Assistant