

# Hampton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Town Hall Lower Level

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:02 by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Members present were selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast. Also present were members of the public and administrative assistant Jennifer Nelson. The meeting was held in the lower level of the Town Hall.

2. Audience for Citizens: **None**

3. Acceptance/Approval of Minutes: **Bob Grindle moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2023. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

4. Communications: There are emails regarding reappointments of expired terms on committees, and will be addressed under Appointments.

5. Department Communications:

D. Public Works: The workers have started clearing culverts and swales along the roads.

E. First Selectman Cahill met with the new principal at the elementary school—Patrice Merendina. She is a previous resident of Hampton, and is happy to return. Mr. Cahill expressed his willingness to help out in any way possible, and gave her Don Sholes name and number for DPW as well as she acclimates again with Hampton. Tax bills started to arrive yesterday, and a software glitch in motor vehicle assessments was noted. The assessor and tax collector are working to reconcile and resend accurate tax bills. Mr. Cahill also met with Mary Ann and Neal Moon, and discussed two interests—specifically a plaque for the community center recognizing the land as originally Pearl property, and a scholarship for a student pursuing music education.

6. Financial Report: No questions or comments.

7. Tax Collector Report: There are no reports yet since the tax collection season has just started.

8. Appointments: Renew Bruce Spaman for Recreation Commission and Marcia Kilpatrick for the Conservation Commission.

**Bob Grindle moved to reappoint Bruce Spaman for Recreation Commission for a 4 year term ending 6/1/2027. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Bob Grindle moved to reappoint Marcia Kilpatrick to the Conservation Commission for a 3 year term ending 7/5/2026. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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

10. Additions to the Agenda: None

11. Old Business:

A. Sarah Pearl Road Resurfacing Bid Award: The town received 3 bids from Charles Pasteryak, Willis Construction, and All State Materials Group. All State was the winning bid. **Bob Grindle moved to accept the All-State bid to repave Sarah Pearl Road. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

12. New Business: None

13. Audience for Citizens: Mark Samios on behalf of the Conservation Commission thanked the town for all the work done thus far on the Little River Preserve and wished to discuss the ongoing upgrade for the maintenance of the Preserve to keep the trail maintained on a regular basis. The board and members of the audience discussed the timing of various maintenance projects achieved and considered to keep the Preserve usable by the public. Stan Crawford also asked when the kiosks will be needed for the parking area since they'll be done in 2-3 weeks. Andrea Kaye asked if there was an update on the tennis courts restoration. Mr. Cahill commented his conversations had yielded a very expensive project which would need additional approval from the town, but had asked if the seniors had considered using the elementary school gym since its vacant much of the time, and consideration could be given to setting up pickleball courts there so it could be used when no student activity is underway. This could possibly be coordinated the recreation commission.

**Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Nelson

Administrative Assistant