

Hampton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7th, 2023

7:00 PM

Town Hall Community Room

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:01 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Members present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast. Also present was Emergency Management Director David Paine and members of the public.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes: **John Tillinghast moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2023. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

First Selectman Cahill shared the following: Public Works has focused on mowing, drainage, swales, and culverts since Hampton received over 14" of rain in July. They were commended for a job well done. Paving of Sarah Pearl Road was completed on August 1st. He has also met with the new technology team of Mike McDaniel and Wayne Lowe from Windham. They intend to complete a technology audit of the building before making any recommendations. First Selectman Cahill also attended the Board of Education finance and operations committee meeting regarding the HVAC upgrades at Hampton Elementary School. The motor vehicle tax bills have been corrected and mailed. He also met with Hampton's Eversource contact. Since Storm Isaias, they must meet quarterly. DOT is working on rumble strips on Route 6 which is ongoing work since it is going all the way to Brooklyn center. There was minimal storm damage from the small tornado on July 29th.

4. Communications: Elizabeth Lindorff addressed the board regarding traffic control on Station Road. She asked if a speed bump can be reinstalled to control speeding. First Selectman Cahill commented it is a universal issue with all town roads whenever they're improved. Selectman Grindle agreed any road improvements create issues with cars increasing speed. Mr. Cahill also received an email communication from Conservation Commission Chairman Samios regarding expanding the Conservation Commission and Selectman Cahill spoke of communications from Randy Thompson from 2016 asking to reduce the commission to get quorums to conduct business. Mr. Samios commented they expect additional work needed soon, and are hoping to add expertise. Mr. Cahill noted they wouldn't need to be members to provide expertise.

5. Financial Report: No questions

6. Tax Collector Report: Tax collector report was received.

A. Refunds – **Bob Grindle moved to the tax refund for David Faford for 182.29. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

7. Appointment(s): **John Tillinghast moved to reappoint Penny Newbury to the Inlands Wetlands Commission with a term expiring August 7 , 2026. Bob Grindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

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

9. Additions to agenda: None

10. Old Business

A. 2023 STEAP application is due the 17th of this month, and is awarded some time in November. Little River Parcel improvements may be a good candidate for the next round of applications. STEAP is designed for small municipalities, and much of the work has been done. After a continued discussion of the program, **Bob Grindle moved to pursue an application for the Little River Parcel. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

11. New Business

A. Code Red Alert System. Emergency Management Director David Paine was asked to investigate the Code Red Alert System for town wide notifications of town wide information. Mr. Paine received a quote for the system based on households in town. The board and Mr. Paine discussed the efficacy of the system and use by residents. He negotiated a cost of \$6800 for three (3) years. The board and Mr. Paine discussed the app and how you're notified of any warnings through text messaging and emails, and how it compares to other emergency notification systems.

12. Audience for Citizens: Cathy Thompson asked if the CODE RED expense isn't in the existing budget, then where does the money come from. The board said there is a contingency budget. They also asked if there was any notice during the most recent weather event, and how people were notified.

Mr. Samios will go back to the Conservation Commission to report what was said tonight. Selectman Cahill noted changes to the commission would need to go through the Ordinance Committee, and will share the historical information he has with him.

Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. John Tillinghast seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson
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