

HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, Jan 4, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Community Room

The regular meeting of the Hampton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 PM by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, and Jennifer Nelson, administrative assistant.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Acceptance/Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2023: Bob Grindle moved to table the acceptance/approval of minutes. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it was tabled.

4. Communications: First Selectman Cahill shared the following activity this month:

The construction company awarded the bridge replacement over Fuller Brook on Route 97 will start with one-way traffic around Jan 15th (not earlier, but may be later). The town clerk received grant money for the new early voting initiative in CT, and Mr. Cahill was informed this afternoon the litigation against the solar company will continue (the summary judgement was denied).

The DPW continues to prepare for winter. Hampton will work with Scotland to try to repair the compactors at the transfer station. The DPW also took delivery of the 550 truck, as well. Both trucks are over 20 years old. Town Hall alarm/emergency light system was tested, and Mr. Cahill met with the fire company. They still haven't picked a provider for the fire truck replacement. He's also met with Athens Micro, the company that's going to firewall and protect the town's digital system. They did a digital audit and provided a number of improvements the town will need. Mr. Cahill has also discussed the needs with the board of finance chair, and the money exists for the project, but it wasn't planned so it will be moved out of any contingency funds for this purpose. The week before Christmas we installed the parking lot fence at Little River parcel. The money to pay for the truck will come out of the ARPA funds.

5. Financial Reports: No questions.

6. Tax Collector's Report: No report.

Refunds:

Kevin Burnham: 94.54

Laura Phyfe: 396.23

Daniel Phyfe: 316.33

Maryann Miller: 464.31

James Gour: 64.74

Bob Grindle moved to approve the above-listed refunds. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

7. Appointments:

John Tillinghast moved to appoint Maurice Burr 3rd as full member with a term that expires Dec. 9, 2026. Bob Grindle seconded the appointment, and it passed unanimously.

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

9. Additions to Agenda: None

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

A. Athens-Micro Technology Services Contract: Bob Grindle moved to approve the Athens- Micro Technology Services Contract. John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Participation in the Region Eleven Medical/Dental Insurance Affiliation: Bob Grindle moved to approve the participation in the Region Eleven Medical/Dental Affiliation: John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Selectman Grindle did ask what the alternative would be if the town wanted to get insurance elsewhere, and Mr. Cahill responded there would be a union process that would need to be followed to start any process, but that affiliation needs to be completed by all the boards and committees in Region 11 that do participate so the agent can move forward with their processes.

12. Audience for Citizens:

Kathy Thompson asked the board if they had given any thought to posting recordings of the meetings online, and if our digital footprint would accommodate the process. The selectmen responded they were aware meetings of PZC were posted, and will add discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Cahill has noted the representatives are very accessible since we are such a small town.

The selectmen also asked for an update on the Code Red implementation. The postcards have been mailed and residents are starting to sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant

