

TOWN OF HAMPTON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 20, 2025  
MINUTES

The Legal Voters and those qualified to vote in Town Meeting assembled in Town Meeting at the Hampton Town Hall, lower level, 164 Main Street Hampton, Connecticut on June 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM and transacted the following business:

Allan Cahill asked for a moment of silence to honor Rose Bisson, Chair of the Hampton Elementary School Board (HES), as she is gravely ill.

1. Call to order: First Selectman Allan Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. To elect a moderator for said meeting. Kathy Donahue/Bob Grindle moved/seconded to elect Allan Cahill moderator. There were no other nominations. Allan Cahill was elected moderator unanimously by voice vote.
3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow, if necessary, money to defray expenses until other funds are available: Bob Grindle/Kathy Donahue moved/seconded to so authorize. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. To nominate and elect one member to the Regional District 11 Board of Education for a term of three years beginning with their first Board meeting in July 2025. Joy Becker/Maryellen Donnelly moved/seconded to elect Stephanie Bayne. There were no other nominations. Stephanie Bayne was elected to the Board by acclamation.
5. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreement with the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the expenditure of funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for improvement and maintenance of Town roads: Kathy Donahue/Mark Becker moved/seconded to so authorize. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve and accept Local Capital Improvement Funds (LoCIP) from the State of Connecticut for road improvement: Bob Grindle/Regina DeCesare moved/seconded to so authorize. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. To approve the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan including the 5-year Road Plan: Bob Grindle/Mark Becker moved/seconded to approve. Allan Cahill noted the line item for town hall maintenance includes a Community Center roof, new town website, IT improvements. Work will be started on the pickleball courts in the first week of July 2025. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. To hear discussion and act on the General Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Board of Finance, and to appropriate sums of money as required: Kathy Donahue/Bob Grindle moved/seconded to open discussion. Mr. Cahill presented the major increases and decreases in the budget. Questions were asked and answered regarding expenditure. The vote on this matter will take place in a referendum.
9. To hear discussion and act on the Hampton Elementary School Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Board of Finance, and to appropriate sums of money as required: Kathy Donahue/Bob Grindle moved/seconded to open discussion. Mark Becker presented the major increases and decreases in the budget. The Board of Finance reduced the HES budget request by \$6,826 using funds in the HES non-lapsing fund. The vote on this matter will take place in a referendum.
10. To hear discussion and act on the transfer of CNR unallocated funds to Trucks and Equipment. Allan Cahill stated that the CNR fund accumulates interest but needs a motion to transfer for use. The vote on this matter will take place in a referendum.
11. To hear discussion and act on the appropriation of \$150,000 from the General Fund for the purchase of a Department of Public Works Tractor & Road Mower. Questions were asked regarding the cost of the mower - \$168,000 – and plans for the old one. The old mower has 6,500 hours and DPW plans to keep it for the present time. The vote on this matter will take place in a referendum.
12. To hear discussion and act on the request to combine the Capital Building Fund – account 2400 with the Reserve Town Hall account 2410-02. Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez stated that this is a bookkeeping change approved by our auditor. Bob Grindle/Kathy Donahue moved/seconded to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
13. To hear discussion and act on the transfer of \$27,000 from the Unassigned General Fund for a building and mechanical evaluation study of HES. Per HES board members, this study is required by CGS §10-220. The vote on this matter will take place in a referendum.
14. To hear discussion and act on the transfer of \$50,000 from the Unassigned General Fund for the Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Program. The vote on this matter will take place in a referendum.
15. To hear discussion and act on the transfer of funds from the unassigned fund balance to cover 2024-2025 budget overages. Per information provided by the auditor, transfers from within other budget departments can be covered up to \$20,000.

Allan Cahill read the following information:

At its meeting held on June 2, 2025 the Board of Selectmen voted, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that items 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 on the call of the June 20, 2025 Annual Town Meeting be submitted to referendum vote on June 27, 2025 between the hours of Noon and 8:00 P.M at the Town Hall, 164 Main Street, Hampton, CT.

The designation of the questions on the ballot for said referendum vote shall be as follows:

1. “Shall the Town of Hampton appropriate \$1,949,439 for General Government for the 2025-2026 fiscal year?”
2. Shall the Town of Hampton appropriate \$2,262,603 for the Hampton Elementary School for the 2025-2026 fiscal year?”
3. Shall the Town of Hampton transfer Account 2450 in the Capital Nonrecurring Fund of unallocated funds to Account 2430 Trucks and Equipment?”
4. “Shall the Town of Hampton approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the Unassigned General Fund to the Capital Nonrecurring 2430 Trucks and Equipment for the purchase of a Department of Public Works Tractor & Road Mower?”
5. “Shall the Town of Hampton approve the expense of \$27,400 from the Unassigned General Fund for a Building and Mechanical Evaluation Study of Hampton Elementary School, as required by CGS §10-220?”
6. “Shall the Town of Hampton approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance for the Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Program?”

16. Adjournment: Bob Grindle/Regina DeCesare moved/seconded to adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Dated at Hampton, this 20th day of June 2025

Kaye Johnson, Town Clerk