

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Hampton Town Hall
Aug 3, 2026
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Also present were Selectmen Bob Grindle and John Tillinghast, two residents of Hampton, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.
2. Audience for Citizens: Jessica Samios expressed frustration with the new town website, and was curious what the project was at the Town Hall as it was loud and dusty. First Selectman Cahill explained a storage closet was being removed to add classroom space for the Mennonite school community in the lower level.
3. Acceptance/Approval Minutes of July 6, 2026: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to accept the minutes of July 6, 2026. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
4. Additions to Agenda: First Selectman Cahill wanted to add discussion and possible action on setting a special town meeting for the HES budget referendum under new business item 11.b. **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to add discussion of HES referendum to the agenda. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
5. Communications: First Selectman Cahill noted he received notification from Windham they wish to drop IT support as of June 30, 2027. First Selectman Cahill and Emergency Management Director Dave Paine attended a hazard mitigation and climate adaption planning meeting with representatives from CIRCA (Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation) and NECCOG to review Hampton's emergency management plans and review what was available for Hampton's continued safety from climate events. Mr. Cahill also shared he should be getting dates for anticipated paving of South Bigelow Rd later this week. There is fencing at Little River Preserve and funding will be at the direction of the auditor regarding which fiscal year is impacted. Mark Tripoli is completing deep cleaning at the town hall this week and Mike Becker will help with vegetation removal on the outside.
6. Financial Report: No questions.
7. Tax Collector Report:

A. Tax Refunds: Jeffery Boric (for Tesla): 264.29 **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to approve the tax refund of 264.29 for Jeffrey Boric (for Tesla). Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

8. Appointment(s): None

9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/reports for review

10. Old Business: First Selectman Cahill noted the selectmen are not empowered to authorize tax abatements. An ordinance through the ordinance committee needs to be established to authorize those abatements.

11. New Business

A. Interlocal Agreement for Shared Revenue Collection Services: First Selectman Cahill noted the RPIP (Regional Performance Incentive Program) grant failed, NEECOG needed to be removed since they will not be a fiduciary, this is now a straightforward agreement between Canterbury and Hampton and an agreement between Canterbury and Scotland.

B. HES Budget Referendum: The Hampton Elementary School BOE amended their new budget and forwarded it to the Board of Finance. The Registrars are unable to manage the referendum until after the August 11 Democratic primary is completed. The selectmen will then hold a special meeting to schedule a Special Town Meeting to advance the vote for the school budget. Mr. Cahill believed this meeting could be held the first week of September.

12. Audience for Citizens: Jessica Samios asked when the bird house would be removed from the Little River Preserve. First Selectman Cahill responded he will facilitate the removal.

13. Adjournment: **Selectman Bob Grindle moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Selectman John Tillinghast seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant