

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011
HOPE TOWN OFFICE
6:30 P.M.**

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

Board Members Present: Mike Ames, Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Kathleen Hastings

Others Present: Jon Duke, Jan Campbell, Jean Ettlinger, Wendy Pelletier, Bruce Melanson, Leslie Robinson

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Barbara Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the December 28th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Mike Ames moved, and Eric Campbell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 3-0-2. (Pearse and Hastings abstained)**

III. Town Administrator's Report

- 2A Architects are nearing the end of finalizing a pair of schemes for the Board to consider at its next meeting before planning and sketching begins to design future renovations to the Town Office building.
- The Maine DOT's Highway Simplification Study is nearly complete and will be submitted to the Legislature by week's end. It appears that the latest recommendations include sharing the costs of long term maintenance between the state and municipalities along minor collector roads such as Routes 235, 105, and Barnestown Road. While this lessens the burden of such a situation, even the additional monies coming from an improved funding formula for towns in Hope's situation will struggle meet the costs of maintaining these roads.

IV. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.

V. Unfinished Business

a. DEP Letter for Union Chemical

Jon related to the Board an email from Town Attorney Sally Daggett that provided to the Board an update on her investigation on the Union Chemical property. Sally believes she is near the end of her investigation and should be prepared to offer some recommendations to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting on January 11th.

b. Mailbox Damage/Replacement Policy discussion

Eric Campbell made a motion to adopt the Farley and Son Mailbox Damage/Replacement policy. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Ames abstained).**

c. Cemetery Committee By-Laws

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the proposed Cemetery Committee as amended at the Board's last meeting. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Tim Pearse made motion to go into Executive Session to hear legal advice from the Town Attorney on the matter of drafting a letter requesting that the town take ownership of the Union Chemical property per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 6E. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VI. Executive Session

a. Consultation with Town Attorney on Request Letter for the Union Chemical Property

Tim Pearse made a motion to adjourn executive session. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. New Business

a. Approval of Warrants

Eric Campbell moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to approve warrants 50-53. **Motion approved 5-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**