

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010  
HOPE TOWN OFFICE  
6:30 P.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig,

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

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

**II. Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Hastings abstained)**

**III. Town Administrator's Report**

- Jon has been meeting with landowners who would be affected by the state mandated change to the town's resource protection zones on the shoreland zoning map. There are over 25 properties affected by this change, and each landowner received a letter and a copy of the map that indicates the new zone location on their property. While resource protection is more restrictive than the limited residential areas that consist of 95% of the town's shoreland zone, with the larger resource protection areas come revised shoreland zoning rules that in many cases allow more choices for a landowner in those areas.
- Though this evening's meeting was due to consist of a discussion on the merits of sending a letter to the Maine DEP to begin the process of resuming ownership of the property that contained Union Chemical, the Town Attorney has not completed her review of the numerous documents surrounding the case. In addition, our Town Attorney's firm also represents one of the hundreds of companies who are responsible for clean-up of the site. The town would need to sign a waiver, as would the company, acknowledging that a conflict could exist and that the town is aware of this situation and could request separate representation on this matter in the future.
- 2A Architects has begun their review of the Town Office building and should have their review of the property complete in the next few weeks.
- The well pump at the Town Office failed last Friday and required a call to Brookside Plumbing to replace the faulty pump.
- The Roads Committee investigating a change to the structure of the road commissioner position is approximately half way through its work with a plan to put before the Board a proposal in January.

**IV. Selectmen's Roundtable**

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.
- Tim Pearse asked if Farley and Son could place some equipment at the sand shed with winter weather on the way soon.

## **V. New Business**

### **a. Jensen Baird Disclosure**

Eric Campbell made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Board of Selectmen's behalf the disclosure statement acknowledging the possible conflict for Jensen Baird Gardner and Henry in its simultaneous representation of the Town of Hope and one of the responsible parties for Union Chemical's clean-up. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

### **b. FY 12 Paving Schedule**

The Board discussed with Alex Ludwig the roads that could be considered as a part of the paving budget in the FY 12. Howe Hill Road, Gillette Road, and Pushaw Road are to be considered and submitted to a handful of local paving companies to receive proposals on the amount of asphalt needed to pave those roads.

### **c. Approval of Warrants**

Eric Campbell moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to approve warrants 36-38. **Motion approved 5-0.**

## **VI. Adjournment**

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**