

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2010
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

Board Members Absent: Tim Pearse, Kathleen Hastings

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Edgar Crowley, Jean Ettlinger, Francina Pearse, Nancy Dowling

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 14th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 3-0.**

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.
- Last week, Jon took the time and created a Facebook page and a Twitter handle for the Town of Hope. While most residents do not use either online service, both Facebook and Twitter are growing as means of communication for people in the larger world. It may be only time before their influence comes to Hope.
- With the school budget process beginning shortly, Jon will be contacting members of the Budget Committee to get together to organize and elect officers for the coming year.
- The annual audit report has been completed and a copy was provided to each member of the Board. Once again, the Town received a clean bill of health from the auditors.

IV. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.
- Farley and Son is winging back snow drifts across town though many more problem areas exist.

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. Paving Schedule FY 2012

Alex Ludwig presented to the Board the quotes received from Marriner's on paving in next year's budget. These quotes included Gillette Road: 900 tons @ 2 inches, 4110 feet in distance, Pushaw Road: 620 tons @ 1.5 in, 3318 feet in distance, and Howe Hill Road: 670 tons @ 1.5 inches, 4655 in distance. A total of 2190 tons @ \$75 ton equals \$164,250.

VI. New Business

a. Cemetery Committee By-Laws

Mike Ames made a motion to table consideration of the Cemetery Committee By-Laws until the January 11th meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Eric Campbell seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Mailbox Damage/Replacement Policy discussion

Eric Campbell made a motion to table consideration of the Cemetery Committee By-Laws until the January 11th meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Mike Ames seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. Registrar of Voters Appointment – Mary Cooke

Eric Campbell moved a motion to appoint Mary Cooke as Registrar of Voters. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion approved 3-0.**

d. Approval of Warrants

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve warrants 47-49.

Motion approved 3-0.

VII. Adjournment

Eric Campbell moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**