

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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, Eric Campbell, Kathleen Hastings, Tim Pearse

Board Members Absent: Barbara Bentley

Others Present: Jon Duke, Bryan Austin, Amanda Austin, Clarence Keller

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Tim Pearse called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the February 8th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Mike Ames moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 4-0.**

b. Minutes of the February 15th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Mike Ames moved, and Eric Campbell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 3-0-1 (Hastings abstained).**

III. Town Administrator's Report

- ORC was asked to attend the Selectmen's meeting on March 8, but members of the ORC have indicated that they do not believe such a meeting would be of value to the Selectmen. Their notes are not in such a form that could be useful, nor do they feel their philosophy on what a new ordinance would be like or would be in conflict with the Selectmen's philosophy. The Board asked Jon to ask the ORC members to attend the March 8th meeting.
- VIE has begun meeting on the SAD 28 and Five Town CSD budgets. They've expressed concern in the size of budget increase in tough times. If interested in getting VIE emails, let Jon know.
- Budget books will be available March 1 to account for any changes made as a result of the special town meeting.

IV. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.
- Special Town Meeting Feb. 28 at 7pm Town Office

V. Unfinished Business

a. 2A Architects Design Development Update

Amanda and Bryan Austin of 2A Architects presented to the Board their completed design development drawings which provide a greater amount of detail on the scope of the project. Tim Pearse and Kathleen Hastings asked about how this project could potentially be phased so the Town Office can remain open during the construction period.

VI. New Business

a. Fire Truck Utility 3 Update

Clarence Keller spoke with the Board regarding his efforts to complete the new Utility 3 truck project. The truck is in service and at work for the fire department. The Board gave authorization to pay for the truck and equipment save a skid unit that would have cost the town more than the more than \$38,000 set aside in the Fire Truck Replacement capital reserve account. The department was able to repurpose a light bar formerly used by the Knox County Sherriff's department, but some costs in other areas of the project budget were more costly than expected.

\$7,435 remains in the truck replacement account which could be used toward the purchase of the skid unit, but efforts to obtain grants to pay for the remaining costs of the skid unit have been unsuccessful. However, the Hope Volunteer Fire Department Inc. has pledged to pay the difference between the amount remaining in the truck replacement fund and the cost of the skid unit. The estimated amount of the gift is \$5,500 and the total cost of the skid unit is approximately \$13,000.

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to authorize Chief Keller to purchase the skid unit with the remaining funds in the fire truck replacement fund and a gift from the Hope Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to cover the remainder of the cost.

Motion approved 4-0.

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to put the former Utility 3 fire truck out to sealed bid. **Motion approved 4-0.**

b. Approval of Warrants

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve warrants 60-63.

Motion approved 4-0.

Mike Ames moved, and Eric Campbell seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the Town Administrator's annual performance review pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §407 6E). **Motion approved 4-0.**

VII. Executive Session

a. Town Administrator's Annual Personnel Review (1 M.R.S.A. §407 6E)

Kathleen Hastings moved, and Eric Campbell seconded, a motion to exit Executive Session. **Motion approved 4-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Kathleen Hastings moved to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**