

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 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, Tim Pearse

Board Members Absent: Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Hastings

Others Present: Jon Duke, Mike Eaton, Doug Merrill

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Tim Pearse called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Minutes

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

Tim Pearse moved, and Eric Campbell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 3-0.**

III. Town Administrator's Report

- Subsequent inspection of the town office septic tank and pipe leading to it has found that there is a break in the line. Brookside Plumbing has assisted in attempting to get a quote on repairing the line and contacted the Ted Berry Company investigate the matter further. The Ted Berry Company specializes in repairing pipes in complicated locations with a Kevlar liner and has found to be cheaper than excavation and replacement of the pipe.
- Doug Merrill spoke with the Board regarding the need for a Roads Committee and what possible charge the committee would have. The Board discussed the need to transform the roads budget to one that is project based as opposed to one based on forms of action.
- The Planning Board is conducting a public hearing on April 5th on the application from Chris and Lindsay Pinchbeck to construct Sweetland Corner, on the former Desroisers property, which would contain a bagpipe workshop and an art studio. Also to be considered is a pre-application consultation with the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol on their wish to place a communications tower on Hatchet Mountain.
- MMA and the Midcoast Managers Association are co-sponsoring a training for selectmen on their roles in the town manager form of government.
- Congratulations to Carol Hathorne on being named Maine Principal of the Year.
- The Town received notice from an attorney representing Matt and Alana Brown as a part of a lawsuit being filed in relation to the status of Bull Hill Road.

IV. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.

V. Unfinished Business

a. Town Office Renovation Bid Specifications

Jon presented to the Board the bid package for the Town Office Renovations. The Board asked to see the date of the mandatory meeting to April 4th, and circulate the advertisement outside the area for a wider net of potential bidders.

VI. New Business

d. Approval of Warrants

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve warrants 67-70.

Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Ames made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and enter as the Board of Assessors. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

VII. Board of Assessors

d. Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement Application

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to sign the ratio declaration as prepared. **Motion approved 3-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Eric Campbell moved to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**