

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008
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: Barbara Bentley, James Annis, Eric Campbell,

Board Members Absent: Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk,

Others Present: Jon Duke, Mary Ireland, John Monroe

I. Call the Meeting to Order

James Annis called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Barbara Bentley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

b. Minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Barbara Bentley made a motion to table the minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

III. Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator explained to the Board the results of a recent meeting with Five Town CSD Superintendant Pat Hopkins and area municipal officials regarding the changes in school budget validation. Like the Hope Elementary School budget, the CSD budget will require approval from what amounts to a special town meeting of sorts and then a subsequent voter approval at the polls. The special town meeting for the CSD will be held Thursday, June 5th at 8pm at Camden Hills Regional High School.

The Administrator also noted that the news story on WCSH and WLBZ regarding the Hope Corner fire station was due to run that evening. The town will provide a link to the video of the story on the town website for those that missed it.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

a. Preliminary Budget discussion

John Monroe spoke to the Board regarding his budget and his proposal to apply for a FEMA grant to address mitigation areas on Hope roads. Monroe expressed great concern as to whether re-paving Alford Lake Road will address the needs of the road. He believes that the ever increasing amounts of salt and calcium chloride have worsened difficult conditions in the winter and raising frost heaves. However, the additional expense to re-

pave the road alone is a tremendous expense. The Board suggested John Monroe provide an alternate option for repaving next year, but staying on, at the very least, the 10 year plan.

John Monroe will work with the Town Administrator to get quotes on fixing the shed door damage and building a lean-to for excess sand for the purposes of allowing citizens to get sand for personal use.

b. Hope Historical Society.

Mary Ireland has been working with a group from the Hope Historical Society researching important places in Hope for the purpose of placing plaques noting these places. They have categorized these with the importance placed with civic places including schools, town buildings, etc. The HHS has begun contacting land owners to receive their permission to place these markers on the land, and collecting the dates and data to be placed on these plaques. These would be black and white markers and no bigger than 14 x 14.

Barbara Bentley moved to support the Hope Historical Society's signs for historical sites. The signs will not be larger than 16 x 16, and the Hope Historical Society will install and maintain these signs for their lifetime. Further, the Town will waive the fees as suggested in the Sign Ordinance portion of the Hope Land Use Ordinance. Eric Campbell seconded.
Motion passed 3-0

c. Subdivision Ordinance Revision

Tom Ford met with the Board to present an introductory draft of a new Subdivision Ordinance. Tom serves as chair of the Ordinance Review Committee, a group that was initially created to modify and amend the ordinance to address concerns with the current subdivision ordinance. The current ordinance was drafted in the late 1980's and does not reflect changes in state law or way in which subdivisions are developed today. Most local subdivision ordinances are based upon the Model Subdivision Ordinance as created by a land use planning group from Southern Maine. This draft will be amended after this draft has been reviewed by the Planning Board, developers, and other citizens. No zoning changes are included in this document. This ordinance has been drafted using the themes of other area subdivision ordinances.

The Board suggested that the ORC attempt to meet with the public as much as possible as that will be critical to the approval of this document. Tom Ford mentioned his support of the budget item to hire an outside consultant to aid the ORC in drafting a new land use ordinance as the immense time required to draft the comparatively smaller subdivision ordinance.

d. Warrant Approval 72-75

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve Warrants 72-75. Barbara Bentley seconded.
Motion passed 3-0.

e. Dog Warrant 2008

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the 2008 Dog Warrant. Barbara Bentley seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

VII. Adjournment

Eric Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 9:50pm. Barbara Bentley seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**