

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 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: Barbara Bentley, Mike Ames, Ray Sisk, Kathleen Hastings

Board Members Absent: Tim Pearse

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Mike Hoffman, Mari Hoffman, Kathleen Butler, Tim Higbee, Mike Eaton, Fred Holbrook, Clarence Keller

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23rd meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 5-0.**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting will be at the Hope Town Office on March 23rd
- Chief Keller reported that the Fire Department had a significant structure fire at the home of Glen and Robin Adolphson on Meadow Lane. Keller noted that nearly 90% of the structure remained intact with damage mostly to personal affects.
- Kathleen Hastings reports a live auction taking place at Hope Elementary School on Friday evening.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- CSD cuts 4 tiers totally nearly 1.5 million
- Chief Keller and a number of the fire department's chief officers spoke with the Board of Selectmen regarding the potential of hefty repair bills required to maintain the department's utility/brush vehicle. The cab mounts are beginning to give way and may require replacement, which has been estimated at a cost of \$2,000. The town has put aside nearly \$18,000 in capital reserve funds to replace the next fire truck, and the Board asked Chief Keller to return at their next meeting with more information about the costs of a new pre-owned, fully equipped truck.
- Chief Keller submitted an EMPG grant on behalf of the town to fund 50% of his stipend in his capacity as the town's EMA Director.
- Chief Keller also noted the creation of a Fire Department Auxiliary to assist the department in identifying sheltering needs during emergency situations.

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion 5-0**

V. Board of Assessors

a. Abatement – Mike Hoffman

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to postpone consideration of the abatement for Mike and Mari Hoffman. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and re-convene as the Board of Selectmen. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Voters/Election Warden appointment

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to appoint Kathleen Butler as Town Clerk, Election Warden, Deputy Registrar of Voters. Kathleen will begin work on March 23. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

b. RPC Selectmen appointment

The Board elected to wait on an appointment until all Board members were in attendance.

c. Approval of Warrants

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve Warrants 67-70. **Motion approved 4-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**