

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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, Tim Pearse, Kathleen Hastings

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Leslie Robinson, Christian Andrus, Dawn Smith-Cote, Brian Davis, Emily Davis

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

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

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23rd meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 4-0-1.**
(Hastings abstained)

b. Minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Mike Ames moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31st 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 April 27th at 6:30PM
- The Board was asked to send items to Mary Cooke for inclusion in the Selectmen's report for the town report prior to the next meeting.
- The Board asked Jon to check on a gazebo that appeared to be too close to the water and the abandoned ice shack on Pond Road.
- Ray Sisk reported on the Grants Workshop put on by MMA that he attended with Jon this past week, and came away pleased to see there are a number of opportunities for the town to make itself eligible for grants previously thought to be out of reach due to Hope's relatively high median family income. Jon is in the process of working with the Department for Economic and Community Development on seeing if the town's plans to make improvements to the library and town office building would be eligible to receive block grant funds.
- A number of complaints have come in regarding the absence of Census forms in Hope residents' mailboxes and while Mary has called to determine why Hope was seemingly missed, the Census Bureau does not know why this oversight occurred.

- Recent rain storms have worsened and undermined the pavement in a number of areas in town, but notably state roads like Routes 105, 235, and Barnestown Road. Alex has contacted the DOT regarding these areas of concern, but little has been done to address the problems.
- Jon attended the Kickoff Meeting for the federal disaster declaration that effected town roads in late February. Representatives from FEMA visited the Town Office today and the total damage bill amounts to over \$1700, of which the town will be reimbursed 90% once the damage has been repaired.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- Jon will be attending a Sounding Board meeting at MMA's headquarters in Augusta to discuss the work completed thus far by the Highway Simplification Committee which could include the "Fix and Swap" program where Hope would be given back Routes 105, 235, and Barnestown Road.
- The Megunticook Watershed is inviting an Invasive Aquatic Plant Expert to speak to the public regarding milfoil and other invasive plants on April 14th at 7pm at Lincolnville Central School. All are welcome to attend.

V. Old Business

a. Fire Station Sale

The Board discussed the various options they could put before voters to authorize the sale of the former Hope Fire Station at 6 Hatchet Mountain Road.

VI. New Business

a. Holding Tank Ordinance

Christian Andrus of Pine Ridge Carpentry (owner of the former Grange Hall) spoke to the Board regarding the hurdles he is facing in further development of his property due to the limited uses of holding tanks in Hope due to the lack of a town ordinance regulating such tanks. The Board argued that more needs to be known regarding the rights and responsibilities of the town's leachfield adjacent to Mr. Andrus' property before proceeding with the consideration of such an ordinance.

b. 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Ray Sisk moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to accept the Budget Committee recommendation of spending \$64,000 from undesignated fund balance. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Ray Sisk moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, to amend Article 17 to allow the Board to dispose of personal property in value of \$1000 or less. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Ray Sisk moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, to amend Article 18 to use language prepared by the Town Attorney to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the former Hope Fire Station land and building. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Kathleen Hastings moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, to amend Article 21 to allow the Board to accept gifts of real properties with annual liabilities of no more than \$1000. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Kathleen Hastings moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, to adopt the 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as amended **Motion approved 5-0.**

c. 2010 School Special Town Meeting Warrant

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the 2010 School Special Town Meeting Warrant as proposed. **Motion approved 5-0.**

d. 2010 Five Town CSD Annual Warrant

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the 2010 Five Town CSD Annual Warrant as proposed. **Motion approved 5-0.**

e. Town Check Signing Authorization

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to authorize Kathleen Butler as a signer on town checks. **Motion approved 5-0.**

f. Historical Society Land Swap Deed Signing Authorization

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to authorize Barbara Bentley to sign the necessary deeds to convey property to the Hope Historical Society for the process of completing the land swap for the new Hope Corner Fire Station. **Motion approved 5-0.**

g. FY 11 Portable Toilet Bid

Mike Ames moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to accept a bid from Handy Portable Toilets in the amount of \$1000 for handicapped accessible portable toilets at True Park and Pond Road. **Motion approved 5-0.**

h. FY 11 Town Report Bid

Mike Ames moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to accept a bid from Lincoln County Publishing for the FY 10 Town Report bid **Motion approved 5-0.**

i. Committee Resignation

Mike Ames moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to accept the resignation of Marie Berry from the Cemetery Committee. **Motion approved 5-0.**

j. Approval of Warrants

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve warrants 74-77. **Motion approved 5-0.**

VII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**