

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk. Kathleen Hastings

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Leslie Robinson, Chris Hardy, John Fallows, Lee Andrews – Marriner's, Kerby Ouellette – Lane Construction

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the April 27, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Sisk abstained)**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting will be at the Hope Town Office on May 25th at 6:30PM
- Public Hearing on the referendum question regarding proposed change from an elected road commissioner to an appointed position will take place at the regular Board of Selectmen meeting on May 25th.
- Community Sheltering meeting took place at the new fire station on the 24th to train citizens in Knox County (including many Hope residents) on assisting in the event of a storm.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- Absentee ballots are available for the June 8th election at the Town Office.
- The Town of Camden currently has a committee that is investigating installing wind turbines along Ragged Mountain's ridge and has asked Hope to be aware of the ongoing discussions as their committee nears its final recommendations.
- The town school ballot will include a question asking voters if they wish to continue with the school budget validation process that was initiated by the Legislature three years ago.
- Work on the fire station grounds should begin shortly, in hopes of completing the paving, loam, and seeding within the next few weeks.
- Census takers have begun circulating through town, and citizens who do not see someone visit their home should contact the Census Bureau to make sure they are counted.

V. Old Business

a. FY 11 Town Paving Bid

Marriner's Paving submitted a bid for \$70 per ton, and Lane Construction submitted a bid for \$72.50 per ton.

Ray Sisk made a motion to accept the bid from Marriner's Paving for \$70 per ton. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Town Office/Hope Corner Leach Field

Jon has worked with the Town Attorney to begin working on a draft for an agreement with Rob Gardner and Brian Davis on the use of the town's septic system. A baseline will need to be set on the septic needs of each property and a test pit dug so that it will be known that each property has the means to install a septic system on their own parcel.

VI. New Business

a. Ordinance Review Committee Progress Report

Chris Hardy and John Fallows of the Ordinance Review Committee met with the Board to update the Selectmen on the process of Land Use Ordinance. Hardy related the difficulty of creating a new ordinance by working quickly and amending a prior model ordinance as opposed to deliberating on the needs of the town. However, gaps remain in sewing pieces of the draft ordinance together and maintaining a consistent ordinance from start to finish. Hardy noted the committee wishes to take a different approach to South Hope and Hope Corner and instead referring to them as village districts as opposed to business transition districts. The Committee feels the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is nearly complete and could be ready at any time. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance could then be incorporated into a larger Land Use Ordinance once the remainder of that ordinance has been drafted by the ORC.

b. Barnestown Road Speed discussion

Kristi Bagnall spoke to the Board on behalf of the other residents on Barnestown Road regarding the high rate of speed on the road. With a number of school children now living on that stretch of road, the need for a review of the speed along that stretch.

Ray Sisk moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to contact the DOT regarding a review of the speed limits of Barnestown Road from Route 235 to Seacoast Road and investigate traffic calming measures along that stretch. **Motion approved 5-0.**

c. Amend FY 11 Roadside Mowing Bid

The Board asked the Administrator to include bare minimum standards and past practices for roadside mowing in Hope in the new bid specifications.

d. Cemetery Lot Sale – Arnold Johnson

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the sale of a cemetery lot in the Hope Grove Cemetery Extension to Arnold Johnson for no cost as a result of a clerical error where Mr. Johnson's lot was sold twice and an individual is buried there. Further the Board asks the Town Clerk to digitize the Town's records in regards to the location of cemetery lots in the Hope Grove Extension. **Motion approved 5-0.**

e. Cemetery Committee Appointment

Tim Pearse moved, and Ray Sisk seconded, a motion to appoint Janice Campbell to the Cemetery Committee. **Motion approved 5-0.**

f. Approval of Warrants

Ray Sisk moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to approve warrants 81-83. **Motion approved 5-0.**

VII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**