

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 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, Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Kathleen Hastings, Tim Pearse

Others Present: Jon Duke, Amanda Austin, Bryan Austin, Martie Cooper, Joe Berry, Kirby Ouellette, Lee Andrews, Juanita Hunt, Peter Walker, Bruce Laukka, Bill Jones, Lewis Merrifield, Wendy Pelletier, Dorie Klein, Kathleen Meservey, Bill Meservey, Dick Brodis, Dan Johnstone, Jean Ettlinger, Will Neils

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Barbara Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:29 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the May 10th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Mike Ames moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 5-0**

III. Public Hearing

a. Article 4: Sale of Spirits on Sunday

The Board received no comment

b. Article 5: Sale of Spirits on Days Other than Sunday

The Board received no comment.

c. Article 6: Moratorium on Wind Power Development

Kathleen Meservey said she was involved in the effort with the Friends of Ragged Mountain in opposition to the proposed wind power development on the top of Ragged Mountain. Meservey noted several Hope residents expressed concern with the application at that time. Dorie Klein, who was the primary organizer of the Friends of Ragged Mountain, informed the Board on the work taking place in Camden and Rockport to speak toward the development of wind power. Joe Berry suggested that involving the town in a legal battle over wind power projects is a dangerous proposition and supports a moratorium until clear regulations can be defined.

d. Article 7: Addressing Ordinance Amendments

The Board received no comment

e. Article 8: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance

The Board received no comment

III. Town Administrator's Report

- The initial meeting of the revised Midcoast Economic Development District general assembly took place at the Rockport Opera House last Tuesday night. Jon reported that the new district, which stretches from Brunswick to Northport, will help center economic growth in the region with like minded assistance from economic development officials. Previously, Knox County had been a part of Eastern Maine Economic Development, but their focus has long been on projects in Bangor and parts east and north of there. The new district should help to put better focus on efforts to attract new business and jobs into this area.
- On Monday evening, the Town held its Special Town Meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed school budget. The budget passed easily and will be sent to voters in the form of the validation vote at the polls at the June 14th election. In addition, Jon presented to the Board a copy of the sample ballot for items to be considered by voters on that date.
- Jon brought to the Board's attention an article in Villagesoup this past week where an apartment house in Rockland was fined \$35,000 for issues regarding lead based paints on that building. This issue serves as a reminder of the scope of the federal government operates. When the accessibility concerns with the Town Office are considered, this can be quite a wake-up call for all involved.

IV. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office
- The secret ballot election section of the Annual Town Meeting will take place Tuesday, June 14th from 10:00am to 8:00pm at the Hope Town Office.
- The open meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting will take place Monday, June 20th at 7:00pm at the Hope Elementary School.

V. Unfinished Business

a. Town Office ADA Renovation

Amanda Austin of 2A Architects prepared a memo for the Board regarding subsequent discussions with Bruce Laukka and the Town Administrator regarding the proposed Town Office ADA renovations. Changes to shingle color, adding a covered roof over what will be the staff entrance to avoid lingering winter maintenance issues, and preparing costs for an optional renovation to the library section of the building were among the items modified and proposed to the Board. Peter Walker and Bruce Laukka of Bruce Laukka Incorporated also added information as to the pricing for an office trailer if the building were uninhabitable during construction, as other bidders had suggested during the bid process.

Martie Cooper suggested the Board put more information on the website regarding the proposal. Tim Pearse felt keeping the information fresh was important so as to not fatigue voters on the project. Pearse proposed holding a public information meeting in August and then placing the item on the ballot in September for a November vote might be best. Bill Jones asked about other options suggested and how much investigation was completed by the Board in winnowing toward the current proposal. Bill Jones also

wondered about using an approach that failed to reach 100% ADA compliance immediately, but worked toward that goal in a piecemeal fashion.

The Board discussed circulating a handout at the polls on Election Day, with accompanying signage, on the proposal for Town Office renovation. In July, the Town would conduct an Open House so individuals could come in and meet the architect/builder and discuss the pending changes to the building. In August, there would be a public information session to discuss the matter in greater detail, followed by the Board setting the warrant in September for a vote on Town Office renovations at the November election.

b. Road Commissioners Policy

The Board tabled consideration of this policy until work on the purchasing policy is complete.

c. Fire Station Maintenance Items

Jon shared with the Board his conversation with Andrew Hedrich of Gartley and Dorsky, who designed the drainage ponds at the Fire Station. Hedrich told Jon that the ponds should not be mowed more than 2-3 times a year and that these areas are not meant to be kept as lawn.

d. Land Use Ordinance Consultation

Jon reported that he had yet to get more responses regarding assistance with a new land use ordinance draft. Martie Cooper expressed concern regarding the scope of the proposal and what role the Planning Board would have in creation of a new land use ordinance. Brian Powers questioned whether it was wise to create a land use ordinance when the comprehensive plan had not been re-done since the 90's. Barbara Bentley responded that Board wished to have a comprehensive plan done as soon as possible, but the issues with the current land use ordinance are too great to put off fixing that ordinance any longer.

VI. New Business

a. FY 2012 Paving Bid

The Board opened three bids for FY 2012 paving:

Pike Industries: \$80.79/ton, tack option: \$70/.1 mile, shoulder option:
\$375/.1 mile

Lane Construction: \$73.95/ton, tack option \$69/.1 mile, shoulder option:
\$400/.1 mile

Marriners Construction: \$73.75/ton, tack option \$150/ .1 mile, shoulder
option: \$800/.1 mile

Tim Pearse made a motion to accept the bid from Lane Construction. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Approval of Warrants

Eric Campbell moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve warrants 82-85. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. Board of Assessors

a. 2011 Knox County Tax Warrant and Assessors Return

Eric Campbell made a motion to sign and approve the 2011 Knox County Tax Warrant and Assessors Return as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Eric Campbell moved to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and re-convene as the Board of Selectmen. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**