

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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,

**Board Members Absent:** Tim Pearse

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, Francina Pearse, Lewis Merrifield, Alex Ludwig, Jon Powers, Wendy Pelletier

**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 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Mike Ames moved, and Eric Campbell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 4-0**

**III. Town Administrator's Report**

- The Planning Board met last Tuesday night to consider the Site Plan Review application by Jim Laurita regarding his plans to bring an elephant to his property in Hope Corner and operate a non-profit enterprise there. A number of letters were submitted to the Planning Board which raised concerns with members of the Board and Mr. Laurita agreed to their request to continue the meeting until July 5<sup>th</sup> at which point, Mr. Laurita could adequately respond to the issues outlined in those letters.
- Jon Powers of Union Ambulance spoke to the Board on what services the ambulance service provides and to answer any concerns the Town may have. Powers presented a packet of information which included a number of statistics on the number and scope of what Union Ambulance does in Hope. Union Ambulance serves a section of Hope that is south and west of Alford Lake Road. The service has added a number of new EMT's and paramedics to make Union Ambulance more available. The average wait time for a call for Union Ambulance in Hope is 6 minutes thanks to a number of volunteers who live in town. Most calls are directed to Pen Bay from Hope, but Union Ambulance can provide service to Waldo County Hospital and Miles Memorial. Within the past two years, they were able to provide AED's to Hope Elementary School and the Hope Fire Department and free training for those locations. Union Ambulance hopes to provide more CPR classes and online training for the service's providers. In addition due to a change in the service's billing provider, Union Ambulance has dramatically increased revenue which will allow a greater scope of services to be provided to the communities. Alex Ludwig asked how the service replaces its ambulances and Powers responded that the revenues are the primary source for this need. Powers indicated that service has requested of the

Union Board of Selectmen to purchase a second ambulance but have yet to receive support during their budget process.

- Andrew Stewart of the Recreation Committee spoke with the Board regarding the plans for a swim float near the town owned boat launch ramp on Hobbs Pond. The Board suggested that the Committee speak with the neighbors regarding any concerns they may have about placing a float at that location. In addition the Board requested the following items be provided at their next meeting: a list of responsibility for float maintenance, the dates the float would be put in the water and removed, where the float is stored in the off season, what signage would be installed to inform swimmers that the dock is used at their own risk, and what relationship this float would have with the Hobbs and Fish Pond Association.
- Jon reported on the Budget Committee meeting at on June 1 and their consideration of a handful of recommendations they wished to make to the Board of Selectmen. The list had been winnowed down through discussion and should be forthcoming. The Committee also considered areas in the budget where they disagreed with the Selectmen and what stance they wished to take at the Annual Town Meeting. Jon informed the committee that Clean Drains of Maine had revised their quote for repairing the Town Office's broken sewer line to \$2995, which including the costs of Brookside Plumbing, puts the overall project under \$3500. Bill Pearse suggested that the line from which this would be expended should be amended at the Town Meeting to account for this issue.

#### **IV. Selectmen's Roundtable**

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office
- The open meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting will take place Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Hope Elementary School.

#### **V. Unfinished Business**

##### **a. Town Office ADA Renovation**

The Board agreed to have Eric Campbell and Tim Pearse meet with 2A Architects and Laukka Construction to finalize the budget for the propose renovation.

##### **b. Purchasing Policy**

Kathleen Hastings moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the Purchasing Policy as amended. **Motion approved 4-0.**

##### **c. Road Commissioner Policy**

The Board continued consideration of a Road Commissioner Policy by discussing each section of the proposed policy. The Board asked the Administrator to investigate the cost of having the road commissioner bonded and to determine if the language under section 5 is required by state statute. Lastly, they wish to revisit the approved purchasing policy for purchase orders for purchases between \$0 and \$5000.

##### **d. Land Use Ordinance Consultation**

Eric Campbell made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator, with the assistance of Tom Ford and Mary Cooke, to finalize a land use ordinance draft that can be considered by voters in November. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. Cemetery Committee discussion**

Francina Pearse reported to the Board that the committee is quite happy with the work completed to remove and trim trees in the Hope Corner cemetery.

Francina reported that the committee is recommending the Selectmen endorse the creation of the position of Sexton. The committee suggests a stipend of \$500 to fund this position, and the monies for this could be found from reducing the tree work for Morey Hill to \$250 as volunteer labor was able to produce the desired results which would leave this money unspent.

The committee also requests the layout of the cemetery be altered to use the vacant aisles between rows in the new section of the cemetery. This would alleviate concerns of burials in improper locations and provide more lots to be sold without requiring more surveying.

The committee is looking into placing a stone in the cemetery for the purpose of providing a location for names of those who were not buried in the cemetery but were longtime Hope residents. Jaime Carle, on Francina's request, donated the stone and the stone will be placed on one side of the bench at the entrance of the new part of the Hope Grove cemetery.

### **b. Fire Truck Bid Opening**

The Board opened five bids for the purchase of the 1977 Ford 4x4 former Utility 3 fire truck ranging in price from \$730 to \$1560.

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to accept the bid from Tim Pearse in the amount of \$1560. **Motion approved 4-0.**

### **c. FY 12 Roadside Mowing Bid Opening**

The Board opened two bids for the Town's roadside mowing ranging from \$40 per mile to \$67 per mile.

Mike Ames moved, and Eric Campbell seconded, a motion to accept the bid from Dana Kennedy in the amount of \$40 per mile. **Motion approved 4-0.**

### **d. Approval of Warrants**

Eric Campbell moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve warrants 86-93. **Motion approved 4-0.**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Eric Campbell moved to adjourn at 10:25 pm. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**