

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008  
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:** James Annis, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk

**Board Members Absent:** Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, Mike Ames, Lee Andrews, Lane Construction representative, Brian O'Neil, John Monroe

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

James Annis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**II. Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Tim Pearse made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen as presented. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

**III. Town Administrator's Report**

The Town Administrator noted that he received positive feedback from many of those noted at the last Board meeting who might serve as Clerk of the Works for the fire station project. The Administrator asked for some direction as to how he should proceed in the selection process and if the Board wishes to interview the candidates. The Board asked the Administrator to circulate a job description to the Board via email and individual Board members would provide their edits.

The Administrator also explained the outcome of Monday's ballot inspection by John Monroe and Walter Campbell. Neither candidate found noticeable discrepancies with the vote totals and have accepted the results. However, John Monroe presented the Administrator with a letter following the inspection questioning the presence of his opponent's mother and wife in working at the polling place. The Board told Monroe, present at the meeting, that they would ask that immediate family of any candidate on the ballot not work at the polls that particular election day in the future.

Lastly, the Administrator noted that the price for new cemetery lots rises to \$400 on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

**a. Annual Paving Bid**

The Town of Hope received two bids from Lane Construction and Marriner's Inc. for \$75.56 and \$77.80 respectively.

Tim Pearse made a motion to accept the bid from Lane Construction in the amount of \$75.56 per ton. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

**b. Liquor License Renewal**

Brian O'Neil of the Hatchet Mountain Publick House requested a renewal of his liquor license. O'Neil noted that while business is slow, it appears to be in line with the economic climate in the region as a whole.

Tim Pearse made a motion to renew Hatchet Mountain Publick House's liquor license for one year. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

Provide Old fees vs. new fees side by side

**c. Committee/Staff Appointments**

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve the list of appointments as presented with the amendment that David Hall would be appointed for a three-year appointment and add NIMS Coordinator to the list of titles held by Clarence Keller. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

The appointments are:

Jonathan Duke – Town Administrator, Treasurer, GA Administrator, CEO/LPI

Florance A. Merrifield – Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Registrar of Voters, Election Warden

Mary Cooke – Bookkeeper, Registrar of Voters, Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector

Faith Hart – Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector

C. Vernon Ziegler – Assessors' Agent

Clarence Keller – Fire Chief, Addressing Officer, Emergency Management Director, NIMS Coordinator

David Hall, MD – Health Officer (3-year term)

Suzanne White – Animal Control Officer

Courtland Bennett – Animal Control Officer Alternate

Kenneth Bailey – Inland Harbormaster

Thomas Ford – Alternate CEO/LPI

**d. Warrant Approval 99--102**

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve Warrants 99-102 as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

**e. Cemetery Lot Sales**

Tim Pearse made a motion to sell six cemetery lots to Ramona Graves. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

**VI. Adjournment**

Ray Sisk moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**