

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 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: Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk, Mike Ames

Others Present: Jon Duke, Tim Higbee, Matthew Brennan, Andrew Stewart, Paul Gibbons

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the July 8, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Eric Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ray Sisk seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

III. Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator informed the Board that he received a letter from the state's Ethics Commission regarding a complaint received from John Monroe regarding the conduct of the June election. After having a conversation with the Commission's director, it appears that the Commission felt that the matter was not in their jurisdiction.

Lastly, the Administrator noted that he would be away for several days beginning on Friday the 25th and returning 31st.

IV. Old Business

a. Hope 4 Jazz Liquor License Approval – Mainely Bartenders

Matthew Brennan of Mainely Bartenders spoke to the Board on behalf of Hope 4 Jazz's application to offer the sale of beer and wine at the jazz festival. This would be the first year that alcohol will be sold at the event, and will be done within a 20 x 40 tent that is roped off from the rest of the festival goers. Unlike last year there are no plans to have a uniformed policeman onsite for the event, but the organizers pledged they would hire a policeman if asked by the Selectmen.

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the license. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

b. Fire Station Project

The Town Administrator and the Town Attorney updated the Board on the latest concerns that relate to gathering enough road frontage to turn the town's lot into being buildable. Due to concerns that any gift from the Hope Historical Society would further the non-conformance of their lot, the Town Attorney and Town Administrator recommend setting

the date of a Special Town Meeting to consider a swap of land which would provide the town and Hope Historical Society with what they need to make their lots conforming. To do so, the Town and the HHS would need to approve an agreement that spells out the land swap and sets restrictions for the parcel given to the HHS.

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Hope Historical Society and the Town of Hope with amendment. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Ray Sisk made a motion to set a Special Town Meeting on August 4, 2008 at 7pm at the Hope Town Office. EC 2nd. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Mike Ames made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant as proposed. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Fire Station Project Clerk of the Works

The Administrator updated the Board of Selectmen on those who remain interested in serving as the town's Clerk of the Works for the Hope Corner Fire Station project. However, until the town has received a copy of the contract, the search is at a standstill until the contract can be circulated to the candidates.

c. Roadside Mowing

The Town received two bids for roadside mowing. Dana Kennedy bid \$70 per mile and Tim Pearse bid \$68 per mile.

Eric Campbell made the motion to accept the bid from Tim Pearse for \$68 per mile. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Pearse abstention)**

V. New Business

a. Goal Setting Workshop

The Selectmen re-scheduled their first Goal Setting Workshop for July 29th at 6:30 at Barbara Bentley's home at 546 Hatchet Mountain Road.

b. Land Use Fee Waiver – Hope Corner Fire Station

Ray Sisk made a motion to waive any and all land use fees in relation to the Hope Corner fire station project. Barbara Bentley seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

c. Land Use Fee Waiver – HES Dugout/Chris Josselyn

Ray Sisk made a motion to waive any and all land use fees in relation to the HES dugout project. Barbara Bentley seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

d. Warrant Approval 3-7

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the Warrants as presented. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

e. Assessor's Agent Contract

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

f. RSU

Mike Ames made a motion to conceptually support the leasing of Hope Elementary School to RSU #21 pending legal review of the documents of the agreement. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VI. Adjournment

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