

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 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: Mike Ames, Tim Pearse, Eric Campbell, Barbara Bentley

Board Members Absent: Kathleen Hastings

Others Present: Jon Duke, Leslie Robinson

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Tim Pearse called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the July 13th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 3-0 (Bentley absent)**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30PM at the Town Office.

Eric Campbell made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 3-0. (Bentley absent)**

IV. Board of Assessors

a. FY 2011 Municipal Property Tax Commitment

Mike Ames made a motion to set the TY 2011 mil rate at 12.65, the same as the TY 2010 rate. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion approved 3-0. (Bentley absent)**

Mike Ames made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and convene as the Board of Selectmen. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 3-0. (Bentley absent)**

V. Public Hearing

a. Hatchet Mountain Publick House – Liquor License

Mike Ames made a motion to renew the liquor license for the Hatchet Mountain Publick House. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 3-0. (Bentley absent)**

VI. Town Administrator's Report

- Sue MacMullan responded to the concerns addressed at the last Board meeting regarding individuals from Alford Lake Camp leaving horse waste in the road and riding in groups in the middle of the road. Ms. MacMullan responded that she would ask that the riders do a better job of cleaning up after the horses and that law enforcement has asked the horses ride 2 x 2 to improve the visibility for motorists.
- Property tax bills will likely go out next week as the property liens will be filed this week at the Registry of Deeds.
- Amy Wilton was approved for a Change of Use by the Planning Board to allow her photography business to operate at her home near Hope Corner.
- She was approached by the US Border and Customs Service regarding the possibility of locating a tower on Hatchet Mountain for their new communications system they hope to install statewide. At this time there is no estimate as to when they wish to proceed with a site plan review application to have that tower approved.
- The Hobbs-Fish Pond Association met last week and elected new officers for the coming year. The association has pledged to work with Jon to inform him of questions or concerns of a code enforcement nature around the pond. In addition, continued concern regarding the rock pile has brought about the suggestion of a float be installed at the town boat launch off Pond Road. The Board discussed the positives and negatives of a float at that location as well as ownership of such a float. A revived Recreation Committee may be helpful in determining how that location can be best utilized by Hope residents.

VII. Unfinished Business

none

VIII. New Business

a. Summer Road Work

Alex Ludwig spoke with the Board regarding the road projects to be paved this summer. All culvert work has been completed along the sections of road that were due to be paved. The Board asked the Road Commissioner to get prices to pave the entire length of Robbins Road at the same thickness, add a .5" to the paving already due on High Street, paving of the sharp corner on Gillette Road, 1.5" paving on Pushaw Road, 1.5" paving on Howe Hill Road.

Eric Campbell made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Selectmen and -reconvene as the Board of Assessors. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 3-0. (Bentley absent)**

IV. Board of Assessors cont'd

a. FY 2011 Assessors' Commitment Papers

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the Assessor's Certification of Assessment, the 2010-2011 Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, the Certificate of Commitment, and the Certificate of Assessment To Be Returned To Municipal Treasurer as presented by the Assessors' Agent. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion approved 3-0. (Bentley absent)**

Eric Campbell made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 3-0. (Bentley absent)**

VIII. New Business cont'd

b. Fire Station Project Stormwater Re-Application

Eric Campbell made a motion to authorize Jonathan Duke to sign a letter of agreement with Gartley and Dorsky to submit a revision to the stormwater application for the Fire Station. Barbara Bentley seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

c. Committee Appointments

Barbara Bentley made a motion to appoint Andrew Stewart to the Recreation Committee. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion approved 4-0.**

d. Approval of Warrants

Eric Campbell moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve warrants 4-9. **Motion approved 4-0.**

IX. Adjournment

Mike Ames moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**