

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010  
HOPE TOWN OFFICE  
6:30 P.M.**

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**Board Members Present:** Mike Ames, Tim Pearse, Eric Campbell, Barbara Bentley  
Kathleen Hastings

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, John Fallows, Bill Jones, Martie Cooper, Chris Hardy, William Neils, Joe Berry, Brian Powers, Jason Luce

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

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

**II. Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the August 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 August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**III. Selectmen's Roundtable**

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Town Office
- Board and Committee workshop on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM at the Town Office.
- Mike Ames noted some washouts along Gillette Road following the heavy rain accompanying what was left of Hurricane Earl.
- Tim Pearse asked if the winter sand bid has been put out. Jon responded that it has not, but will be put out in the next two weeks with the bids due on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. Town Administrator's Report**

- Jon confirmed with the owner of the failed septic system, Luranna McCreadie, the terms with which the town will charge Ms. McCreadie for work done to address the septic issue. This week, Jon will make contact with a licensed site evaluator to prepare a design for a replacement septic system.
- Last Thursday was the first meeting of those individuals of the Roads Committee that is investigating how to better structure the handling of roads in Hope. The committee reviewed a number of job descriptions for road commissioners and public works directors from across the state and discussed the various forms roads are dealt with in neighboring communities. The town of St. George recently investigated the costs of creating their own town road crew in comparison to putting their entire roads budget out to bid. Jon is working to get a copy of this report to see how comparable their results are to Hope's situation.
- MMA's property and casualty insurance dividend, in the amount of \$769, arrived after yet another claimless year for the Town of Hope.

- The Midcoast Ladies Club met at the Hope Corner Fire Station for the first time this week and reported the building to be outstanding, and are planning to return very soon.
- DOT work on the Bog Bridge boat launch will be postponed until next spring, but the bridge itself will be undergoing renovations in the coming months.
- A proposal to accept credit cards at the Town Office will be on your next meeting agenda.

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

## **V. Board of Assessors**

### **a. Abatement – William Neils**

Mike Ames made a motion to deny the abatement request for William Neils for Town of Hope Tax Map 17 Lots 1 and 2. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

### **b. Abatement – Carol and Aubrey Owen**

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve an abatement to Carol and Aubrey Owen for their property on Barrett Hill Road in the amount of \$882.97. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and re-convene as the Board of Selectmen. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Cell Tower**

The Board discussed the ongoing conversations regarding the placement of the cellular tower on the site proposed by the Drew Group on the town's property off Route 17. Brian Powers suggested looking at all the town properties in South Hope including the Union Chemical property for potential placement of the tower. Eric Campbell suggested the Board move on and allow a private citizen to work with the developer to place a cell tower. Kathleen Hastings also recommended telling the developer to look elsewhere. Tim Pearse asked for more public input on the process, and then holding a public hearing to gauge interest. Pearse also spoke with parents of children who live in South Hope and were in favor of placing the tower on the proposed site 10 to 1. Martie Cooper noted that the town holds the ability to make greater restrictions on the developer to make the project more acceptable to the town due the fact the Planning Board has little ability augment the proposal. Mike Ames noted that he didn't believe he has enough information to make a decision at this point, and that there needs to be a more specific plan as to what the tower proposal looks like.

Tim Pearse made a motion to create a draft lease to discuss with Jack Drew so as to gain more information regarding a proposal to lease space for the construction of a cell tower on the town's property on Route 17. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 4-1 (Hastings opposed)**

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Land Use Ordinance**

Jon presented the timeline of the Ordinance Review Committee's work since its inception in June 2006. The ORC was created in the aftermath of the Bull Hill Road court case and was charged with reviewing and developing a new subdivision ordinance, a new land use ordinance, a new shoreland zoning ordinance, and a new comprehensive plan. Martie Cooper took issue with the suggestion that the work had stalled on more than one occasion, and noted that this group who is currently involved has really only been engaged for the past year. This group has worked diligently over this past year, and the work on the shoreland zoning ordinance has been completed. Cooper asked the Selectmen to appoint a liaison to work with the ORC to stay informed of the committee's work.

Barbara Bentley noted that the Board is hoping for increased communication from the ORC and would like to set a goal for when the ordinance could be adopted. Bentley asked the ORC if they wish have administrative help to assist in the actual drafting of the ordinance.

Tim Pearse made a motion to appoint Chris Hardy, Martie Cooper, John Fallows, Bill Jones, and Tom Ford to an Ordinance Review Committee for a two year term for the purpose of reviewing and drafting a new land use and shoreland zoning ordinance. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**b. Town Office ADA Design RFP**

Mike Ames made a motion to extend the deadline for the Town Office ADA Design RFP until October 11th. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

**c. Committee Appointments – Recreation Committee**

Mike Ames made a motion to appoint Amy Root to the Recreation Committee. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion approved 5-0.**

**d. Approval of Warrants**

Eric Campbell moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve warrants 17-21, and to hold the check for Warrant 20 until grass growth can be reviewed over the next two weeks. **Motion approved 5-0.**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Eric Campbell moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**