

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Barbara Bentley Kathleen Hastings

Board Members Absent: Eric Campbell

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the September 14th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Mike Ames moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 4-0.**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30PM at the Town Office
- Tim Pearse noted that he has received a request from a couple members of the public to have the minutes note how the Board members voted. The Board discussed the various ways in which the minutes already note how the members voted.
- Mike Ames suggested that Town employees and Selectmen utilize the sample email disclaimer.
- Mike Ames also suggested including the Lincolnville Telephone Company cable service in the list of locations the town sends important notices to raise awareness of municipal events.
- Mike Ames brought up the issue of boards and committees needing to take minutes and create meeting agenda.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- Jon received commitments from representatives from the EPA, Maine DEP, and Attorney General's office to attend the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on October 12th to meet with the Selectmen and interested community members regarding the status of the Union Chemical site
- MMA is conducting yet another Sounding Board session on the proposed Highway Simplification Study which includes the "Fix and Swap" proposal by which Routes 235, 105, and Barnestown Road would be given back to the town. The session will take place

in Augusta on October 7th and Jon will report back regarding the findings from this most recent meeting.

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 4-0**

V. Board of Assessors

a. Abatement – Eric and Janice Campbell

Mike Ames made a motion to approve the abatement request for Eric and Janice Campbell in the amount of \$346.61. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

b. Abatement – Tim and Judith Pearse

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to approve an abatement to Tim and Judith Pearse for their property on Robbins Road in the amount of \$126.50. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 3-0 (Pearse abstained).**

c. Supplement – Tim and Judith Pearse

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to approve a tax supplement to Tim and Judith Pearse for their property on Robbins Road in the amount of \$126.50. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 3-0 (Pearse abstained).**

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and re-convene as the Board of Selectmen. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

a. 2011 Road Sand Bid

The Town received three bids for the 2011 Road Sand Bid: Farley and Son (\$7.70/cu. Yd for the first 1,200 cu. Yds, \$8.70/ cu. Yd. for up to an additional 1,500 cu. Yds.); Hartland (\$8/ cu. Yd. for first 1,200 cy. Yds., \$8/ cu yd. for up to an additional 1,500 cu yds.); and Lucas Construction (\$8.45/ cu yd. for the first 1,200 cu. Yds, \$9/ cu. Yd. up to an additional 1,500 cu. Yds).

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to award the 2011 Road Sand Bid to Farley and Son Inc. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 3-0-1 (Ames abstained).**

b. Town Office Credit Card Service

Mike Ames made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with InforME allow credit card processing at the Town Office. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Official Payments to allow credit card processing online. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Mike Ames made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to contact InforME to allow accepting credit cards as a part of the Rapid Renewal program and include on the Town website a disclaimer that indicates to the user that the Town will see reduced revenue if they use a credit card as opposed to an eCheck. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-1 (Bentley opposed).**

c. Fire Station Final Payment

Tim Pearse made a motion to release the final payment toward the construction of the Hope Corner Fire Station in the amount of \$5000. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion approved 4-0.**

d. Administrative Office Help Discussion

Tim Pearse made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to work up to an additional three hours per week to accomplish only the list of projects proposed to the Board. The Board will review continuing these additional hours by January 1. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion approved 4-0.**

e. Approval of Warrants

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve warrants 22-24. **Motion approved 4-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**