

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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: Barbara Bentley, Tim Pearse, Kathleen Hastings, Mike Ames, Ray Sisk

Others Present: Jon Duke, Ronald Bennett, Clarence Keller

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the December 22, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to table approval of the minutes until the December 22nd meeting of the Board of Selectmen. **Motion passed 4-0 (Sisk abstained)**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting will be at the Hope Town Office on January 26th.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- Villagesoup recently reported the 2009 Census estimates for Knox County towns and Hope came in second on the list in terms of population growth with 10.4% increase, just behind the town of Warren. Warren's numbers were inflated due to the move the prison population within the last 10 years.
- The Legal RFP was circulated to nearly 20 firms and we will soon pull together a screening committee from members of the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to cull the responses and interview a handful of finalists. The group will recommend a finalist to the Selectmen for final appointment.
- The Ordinance Review Committee is holding a Public Information session at the Hope Elementary School on February 10th at 7pm regarding potential zoning for South Hope Village.
- The Value In Education group that has been meeting with the CSD and SAD 28 school boards will be attending the next Selectmen's meeting to inform you on their work and some of their findings. They hope citizens in other communities in the five towns will join their efforts.
- Farley and Son contacted me regarding a number of residents plowing across the road during storms. This is against the law and the Road Commissioner and I will be working on circulating a letter to offenders informing them of this law and that the next time the violation is noticed the Knox County Sheriffs Patrol will visit.

V. Public Hearing

a. GA

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to adopt the General Assistance Maximums (October 1, 2009). Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

V. Old Business

b. New Fire Station Construction Update

The Administrator met with the David Nazaroff of the Penobscot Company, Will Gartley of Gartley and Dorsky, and Richard Higgins of Richard Higgins Architects to begin planning for the remaining site work to be done at the fire station. Costs for the work to complete the drainage ponds was more than double the estimated cost.

b. Town Office ADA/Maintenance Plan

The Administrator reported that he will be meeting with a representative from HP Cummings, which is a contractor that focuses on constructing ADA compliant facilities.

c. Old Fire Station Sale

The Administrator reported that there were some issues with the lines all parties assumed as the boundaries for the former fire station lot. There is a second 25 x 67 parcel adjacent to the fire station lot that was granted in the early 80's that was not accounted for in town tax maps. However because the buyer is an abutter the matter can be dealt with quickly.

In addition, the Administrator met with Joshua Leavitt, who hopes to operate his woodworking shop out of the former fire station building, and is working with him to file the necessary paperwork so that he can apply for a Site Plan Review to the Planning Board.

VII. New Business

a. Veteran's Memorial – Ronald Bennett

Ronald Bennett spoke with the Selectmen regarding his proposal for the town to support the construction of a veteran's memorial to be constructed.

b. Shoveling Contract Amendment

Mike Ames moved, and Tim Pearse seconded to amend the Shoveling Contract with Todd Snyder to add \$200 to FY 2010 and FY 2011 to shovel the South Hope Fire Station. **Motion approved 5-0.**

c. Municipal Building Use policy discussion

Ray Sisk moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to approve the new Hope Corner Fire Station Building Use Policy. **Motion approved 5-0.**

d. Hope Fire Truck

Several years ago the Town of Hope gave a tanker truck to the town of Appleton but retained the right of first refusal when Appleton ended their use of the truck. The Town of Appleton voted at a special town meeting to sell the truck back to the Town of Hope for one dollar in late December. Chief Keller proposed selling the truck to a needy

community once again and has contacted the Matinicus Fire Department to gauge their interest. The Chief of the Matinicus department is interested.

Ray Sisk moved to approve the purchase of the “Old Tanker 2” from the Town of Appleton and sell the truck to the Town of Matinicus. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

e. Approval of Warrants

Mike Ames moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve Warrants 50-56. **Motion approved 4-0.**

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

VII. Board of Assessors

a. Abatement – Jeremy and Marcie Howard

Kathleen Hastings made a motion to approve the abatement request of Jeremy and Marcy Howard in the amount of \$361.79. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

b. Abatement – David Lothrop

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the abatement request of David Lothrop, on the property formerly owned by Carole Whelan, in the amount of \$251.74. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Tim Pearse made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**