

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007
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: James Annis, Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk

Others Present: Jon Duke, Vern Zeigler

I. Call the Meeting to Order

James Annis called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting of the Board of Selectmen as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Eric Campbell made a motion to exit as Selectmen and enter as the Board of Assessors. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

III. Board of Assessors

a. Personal Property Tax letter

Assessors' Agent Vern Zeigler spoke with the Board regarding interest earlier in the year to send a letter to Hope residents regarding personal property tax.

Barbara Bentley made a motion asking the Assessors' Agent to draft a letter, with the assistance of Barbara Bentley, to inform residents on changes in personal property tax law and present the letter to the citizens to the Board at the next meeting. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

b. Abatement Request

Eric Campbell made a motion to accept the abatement request in the amount of \$1786.52. Tim Pearse seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Eric Campbell made a motion to exit the meeting as the Board of Assessors and re-enter as the Board of Selectmen. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

IV. New Business

a. Heating Oil Increases

Ray presented to the board an email from the Governor's Energy Task Force and discussed the options available for citizens who are having difficulties paying their heat bills. The Board will ask Francina to place something in her column to inform citizens on these options, including the town's general assistance program.

b. Warrant Approval

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve warrants 47-50. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

c. Honeymoon Point renaming

Ray Sisk made a motion to invite the Addressing Officer to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss changing Honeymoon Point to Sandy Point. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

d. Town Meeting Warrant

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the January 28, 2008 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

V. Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator suggested that the Board discuss at a future meeting a way in which the town can recognize volunteers such as members of boards, committees, fire department volunteers, etc. Everything from recognition at town meeting, a letter to the newspaper, and others were suggested.

The Administrator spoke with Richard Higgins who related to him his conversation with David Allen of Maine DOT regarding the possible approval of a driveway for the fire station at its proposed location. Allen felt there would be no issue with approving a permit for that location so Higgins and the Town Administrator are working towards completing the application.

VI. Adjournment

Tim Pearse made a motion to adjourn. Ray Sisk seconded. Motion passed at 9:10pm 5-0.