

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009
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: Tim Pearse, Kathleen Hastings, Ray Sisk

Board Members Absent: Mike Ames, Barbara Bentley

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Paul Gibbons

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Ray Sisk moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting with corrections.

The minutes were approved 3-0

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting will be at the Hope Town Office on December 22nd.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- The Administrator attempted to clarify the email from Chief Keller on the possible re-acquisition of a fire engine from the Town of Appleton. The offer was made to Chief Keller in an introductory phase as the Appleton Fire Department attempted to understand their options regarding the dispensation of this truck. Since that point the Town of Appleton chose to place an item on their Special Town Meeting Warrant without the knowledge of Chief Keller.
- With the removal of a variety of tables and chairs owned by the Ladies Club, it is time to purchase the tables and chairs for the library space. The Administrator and Board members will travel later this week to Augusta to pick up the materials.

Ray Sisk made a motion to enter executive session to consult with the Town Attorney regarding a legal matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 403b. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

V. Executive Session

a. Consultation with the Town Attorney regarding a legal matter

Ray made motion to exit executive session. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

VI. Old Business

a. New Fire Station Construction Update

Ray Sisk made a motion to amend the shoveling contract with Todd Snyder to add \$900 for the current fiscal year and \$950 for FY 2011 for the purposes of shoveling the new fire station at Hope Corner. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

b. Road Paving Plan FY 11

The Road Commissioner reviewed a section of Robbins Road, that included the steep hill between Pearse Road to the intersection with Howe Hill Road, to potentially include this in the paving schedule for FY 2011.

Ray Sisk made a motion to adopt the paving schedule proposed by the Road Commissioner for FY 2011 which includes High Street, Gurney Hill Road, and Robbins Road from Pearse Road to Howe Hill Road. Further, the Board directs the Road Commissioner to contact prospective bidders to provide tonnage amounts for these roads and possible thicknesses and mix options. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

c. Town Office ADA Review – Tim Higbee

Tim Higbee spoke with the Board regarding his review of the Town Office building. On the exterior, Higbee recommends a complete replacement from eaves to the foundation (shingles, trim, etc.) as they condition warrants immediate replacement.

Kathleen Hastings asked when decisions will need to be made as to how the decision can be made as to whether the cost of compliance with ADA is higher than looking at a different location for the town office. Higbee replied that balancing money will be key, but that in no way is falling short of ADA compliance allowable by law. The self evaluation Higbee is conducting is the record the town can use to guide how to get to compliance.

VII. New Business

a. Approval of Warrants

Ray Sisk moved, and Kathleen Hastings seconded, a motion to approve Warrants 42-45. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Ray Sisk made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

VIII. Board of Assessors

a. Abatement – Becca Swan

Tim Pearse moved, and Ray Sisk seconded, a motion to approve an abatement for Becca Swan in the amount of \$137.88. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Ray Sisk made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and convene as the Board of Selectmen. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

IX. Adjournment

Ray Sisk moved to adjourn at 9:53 pm. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**