

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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: Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk, Mike Ames

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Fred Holbrook, 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 January 27, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Eric Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Tim Pearse seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

III. Town Administrator's Report

The Administrator spoke with Palmer Pease regarding the Board's proposal to allow Mr. Pease to purchase the home for the cost of all unpaid taxes by March 31st. Mr. Pease was unhappy with the arrangement, and asked whether Hope was more restrictive in attempting to collect unpaid taxes than other towns in the area. While the Administrator was unsure how other towns handle the collection of unpaid taxes, the town uses state law as its guide.

There is a new handle and lock on the side door to the Town Office. New keys for this door are available for those who previously had keys to old lock. The benefit of the new handle will allow the door to latch, but remain unlocked during the business day.

All electrical work, and outstanding BLS work, has been completed. The town will be filling in the next couple days the forms to BLS indicating that the town has fixed all issues cited in the inspection in late November.

The March 10th meeting of the Board of Selectmen will contain an agenda item to ask the Board to endorse the Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation's proposal to increase the per bag fee to \$1.50. This would raise the bag fee price by 50 cents, and any change to the corporation's fee schedule must be adopted by the municipal officers of each town in the corporation.

IV. Old Business

a. Winter Maintenance Bid Specifications

The Administrator presented the results of the winter maintenance bid opening as follows:

Bidder	FY10	FY11	FY12	Option Year % Increase	Bond Amount	Three Year Cost (w/o bond)	Five Year Cost (w/o bond)
Farley & Son Landscaping	84,000.00	87,360.00	90,854.00	4.00%	7,393.28	262,214.00	454,969.85
Tim Pearse	105,000.00	110,000.00	118,000.00	3.75%		333,000.00	582,440.94
Kevin Jones	98,000.00	98,000.00	98,000.00	0.00%		294,000.00	490,000.00

Ray Sisk made a motion to accept the bid from Farley & Son Landscaping for a three year period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$262,214.40. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 3-0-2 (Ames and Pearse abstained)**

V. New Business

a. Fire Station Stormwater Permit

The Administrator presented to the Board a letter from Gartley & Dorsky regarding issues that came to light in the stormwater permitting for the new fire station construction. Unbeknownst to the Town, engineers, builders, and architect; the proposed lot for the fire station is within the Megunticook Lake north basin watershed. Being within that watershed means that the town is forced to meet a much higher standard due to the

Eric Campbell made a motion to fund the additional cost of the phosphorous compensation fee required for the DEP stormwater permit from monies raised by the fundraising for the new Hope Corner Fire Station. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-1. (Campbell opposed)**

b. Fire Station Financing Bid

Tim Pearse made a motion to accept the bid from The First for a General Obligation Bond at a rate of 4.46% on an as needed basis over a term of 15 years. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

c. Budget FY 10

The Administrator presented to the Board a copy of the Department Head draft of the FY 10 municipal budget. While the overall budget is up 9% over last year, the vast majority of that year over year increase is due to the cost of asphalt rising by nearly a third over the last year and a proposal to increase the stipends for the Fire Chief, EMA Director, and fund the for the first time stipends for the volunteer firefighters.

e. Warrant Approval 65-68

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VI. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**