

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009  
HOPE TOWN OFFICE  
6:30 P.M.**

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**Board Members Present:** Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk, Mike Ames

**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 February 10, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Tim Pearse made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mike Ames seconded.

**Motion passed 4-0 (Sisk absent)**

**III. Town Administrator's Report**

The Administrator spoke with Palmer Pease regarding the property the town foreclosed on due to unpaid taxes in December and Mr. Pease reported that he believes he will have all the money in place to buy back the property from the town for the taxes due.

The committee working to raise funds for a science lab at the elementary school has reported very slow progress toward their goals. However, they are continuing to move ahead and will apply for grant funding soon that may ask for the support of the Board of Selectmen.

Despite some difficulties with power from the most recent storm, the town's email should be back up and running with a more robust address book for each member of the Board to utilize.

The town's budget meetings will take place the next three Wednesdays at 7pm at the Hope Town Office.

**IV. Old Business**

**a. Fire Station Update**

The town received a copy of a letter from the DEP acknowledging the receipt of our stormwater application.

**V. New Business**

**a. Warrant Approval 69-71**

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Tim Pearse seconded.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**c. Plowing and Sanding Concerns with Farley and Son**

The list of concerns is as follows:

- Barbara reported that she had received no complaints from constituents this year
- Eric asked if the snow can be pushed back at the intersection of Rt. 17 and Alford Lake Road on the South Hope village side as opposed to the Union side of Alford Lake Road.
- Ray pointed out that there is only room for parking one vehicle at the South Hope Fire Station due to the manner in which snow is being plowed. Mike Eaton is currently plowing the SHFS lot, but the snow accumulated is also coming from Harts Mill Road as well.
- Alex wished to see material dropped in the middle of the road as opposed to spreading that material all across the roadway.
- Alex asked that the shoulder not be sanded when they are pushing snow back.
- Eric noted that the driver who was on Alford Lake road the other day was not paying attention and had the plow far above the snow pack.
- Eric said that he had heard a couple of times this week that Farley's trucks are going up the Barrett Hill Subdivision road and clearing the road.
- Eric brought forward concerns about the Alford Lake Road and not being plowed as much as 4 or 5 hours at a time. Eric asked if the person plowing 235 could assist the person in charge of ALR so that it can be cleared more often.
- Eric said that he does not believe road is being plowed to the town line (specifically the Union line on 235) and the trucks are only going as far as the school and turning around as opposed to turning around at Chris Packard's house just past the town line.
- Eric heard from some residents who said that they heard Farley trucks would take sand from the Sand shed and deliver material to a private driveway in a few instances.
- Eric feels the drivers should be pulling back past Alford Lake Road and banking it in. In other words, rounding the corners on the Alford Lake Road and 235 intersection.
- Eric noted that he felt the roads on the Thursday storm were "perfect"
- Mike addressed the issues brought forward in the past regarding the equipment by noting that all the equipment used is included in the bid and thus signed off on by the town. In addition, the town has received plenty of attention from Farley's tri-axle.
- Mike brought forward a concern on Blueberry Hill Road by residents who are parking in the middle of the road during storms as they have difficulty leaving the driveways due to drifting snow. The residents parking on the road has created an issue as the residents refuse to move their cars despite being asked to move so that the road could be cleared.

**VI. Adjournment**

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**  
**(Sisk absent)**