

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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, Walter Campbell, Andrew Stewart, Jim Guerra

**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 24, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Eric Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mike Ames seconded.

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

**III. Town Administrator's Report**

**Planning Board Training:** Town Attorney Paul Gibbons provided to the Planning Board a free training session on subdivision approvals at their meeting last Tuesday. Gibbons split the presentation into two parts, the first of which was given this month and with part two coming in April. This first section dealt with the pre-application stage and the various state and Federal statutes that relate to subdivisions and large scale development in general. In April, Gibbons will delve into the standards of the new subdivision ordinance.

**Siding/Chimney Prices:** At the last budget meeting I was asked to receive prices for completing the siding project and the chimney repair. Tony Simaitis, who won the roofing bid for the town a year ago and set the town office flagpole this past fall, estimated a price of \$1,500 to repair the chimney top. For the siding, Scott and Ronnie McIntyre offered to provide the town with an estimate of the prices to complete the siding project with various options for siding ranging in price from \$15,000 to \$26,000.

**December Storm Damage Recovery** – The Town is currently in the process of filing our necessary paperwork to gain some re-imbursement from the storm related costs incurred from December 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Alex and I met with the gentlemen from FEMA a few weeks ago, and since that time I have been chasing down what we spent during that time and then attempting to make it fit into the framework FEMA has set up.

**Martz Subdivision** – Charlie Martz closed the sale on a property within his subdivision on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and subsequently executed a drainage easement on his abutters land which finally puts to rest the matter. As a result of this easement, the property will be once again considered

buildable and will be back on the tax rolls in that capacity for the town's commitment this summer.

#### **IV. Old Business**

#### **V. New Business**

##### **a. Rtes. 105/235 and Church Street intersection discussion**

Andrew Stewart of the Hope General Store spoke to the Board regarding the issue of line of sight at the intersection. Andrew met with David Allen, traffic engineer with Maine DOT, and Mr. Allen suggested that the best solution for the corner would not be to outlaw parking in front of the general store but rather to install a four way stop at that intersection. For Mr. Allen to consider this, he requested the Board of Selectmen endorse the study and send a letter to him confirming this support.

Tim Pearse made a motion to send a letter to David Allen at the Maine DOT on behalf of the Board of Selectmen asking Mr. Allen to conduct a study at the intersection and implement the suggestions from the study. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0 (Sisk absent)**

##### **b. Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation – Fee Increase**

Jim Guerra, manager of MCSWC, spoke to the Board to request Hope's Board of Selectmen endorse the increase of per-ton and per bag fees. The MCSWC Board recommends the increase as the costs of trucking and disposing of waste have increased steadily since the Pay As You Throw program began in 2002, as well as the cost of the bags themselves. Exacerbating these increases is the incredible drop the corporation has seen in revenue from the sale of recyclables. Other area transfer stations have higher per bag increases including \$3 per bag in Belfast and \$1.25 at the Tri County facility in Union.

It is expected that the higher bag fee will cause more individuals to recycle, which should improve the revenues of the facility and decrease the amount of solid waste trucked to Orrington to be burned at the PERC plant. On the macro level, the amount individuals can be responsible for paying for the amount of solid waste they produce it will decrease amount paid through the property tax.

Mike Ames made a motion endorse the increases proposed for the per bag and per ton fees by the Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 4-0 (Sisk absent)**

##### **c. Winter Maintenance Contract – Farley & Son Landscaping**

Tom Farley of Farley & Son Landscaping spoke with the Board regarding the proposed contract for snow removal for the 2010-2012 winter seasons. Farley and the Board agreed to amend two sections: One, to explicitly note the minimum concentration of sand/salt and utilizing raw salt piles. Two, to have the Town become responsible for the removal of snow beyond the equipment listed within the contract.

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the amended winter maintenance contract with Farley & Son Landscaping for the winter seasons 2010-2012. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

**d. NIMS Compliance**

Clarence Keller spoke to the Board in his capacity as the EMA Director to the town and the need for the town to finally become 100% NIMS compliant. The town faces a March 31 deadline to become NIMS compliant in order to qualify for a grant to receive radios for the fire department. Clarence asked the Board to approve a proposed policy for the town that asks the town government to be NIMS compliant in perpetuity and have new individuals in town government obtain the necessary certifications. Currently, the town is very close to receiving 100% compliance with only a few individuals with certifications outstanding.

One major item that the town still must adopt is an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Every community in the country must adopt an EOP that is consistent with NIMS and dealing with disasters for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Board will consider the adoption of the draft Town of Hope EOP at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Ray Sisk made a motion to adopt the NIMS/ICS training policy for the Town of Hope with amendment. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

**e. Warrant Approval 72-76**

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

Tim Pearse made a motion to enter Executive Session to conduct the annual review of the Town Administrator pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 407 A. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**VI. Executive Session**

**a. Town Administrator FY 10 Contract / FY 09 Review**

Tim Pearse made a motion to exit Executive Session. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**VII. Adjournment**

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 10:30 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**