

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008
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, James Annis, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk,

Others Present: Jon Duke

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Barbara Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

II. New Business

a. Fire Station Bid Opening

The Town Administrator reported that the town received seven bids for the new Hope Corner Fire Station. The base prices ranged from \$557,545 to \$677,203, but these amounts did not include the cost of bonding each contractor nor did it include any of the alternates listed in the bid. However because of the variety of results in the various packages, the review committee has asked to meet with a pair of contractors to get further information on their bids and to determine if further cost savings can be attained. They will meet with the bidders on Friday the 18th, with the expectation that they will provide you with a recommendation for your next meeting.

b. Budget Committee recommendations

The Town Administrator reported to the Board the results of the Budget Committee meeting the previous evening. The Budget Committee elected not to support increasing the amount of hours budgeted for the front office staff, the motor vehicle registration software, or the phone system. Further, the committee was unable to offer any recommendation on the roads and municipal buildings portions of the budget.

III. Adjournment

Barbara Bentley moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 4-0 (Annis abstained).**