

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010
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, Mike Ames, Tim Pearse, Kathleen Hastings

Board Members Absent: Ray Sisk

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Lew McGregor, Leslie Robinson

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Barbara Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as modified. **Motion passed 4-0.**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting will be at the Hope Town Office on May 11th at 6:30PM
- The Fire Department will hold an event on May 3rd.
- Further investigation into the Census forms that never appeared in Hope residents' mailboxes appears related to the fact that Hope's mail comes through the Camden post office and that Hope's Census forms were sent using the Camden zip code and thus were sent back. Congresswoman Pingree's office is looking into the issue to determine how the situation can be rectified.
- The Board asked Jon to invite the Ordinance Review Committee to their next meeting so that the Board can be updated on the status of the new Land Use Ordinance.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- MMA's Sounding Board meeting on the "Fix and Swap" proposal was interesting in highlighting the extreme difficulty the DOT will have in funding such a proposal, let alone determining how to help small towns, like Hope, that are disproportionately harmed by this plan.
- The Board reviewed and accepted the Third Quarter financial report.
- The good news at the last Board meeting regarding eligibility for the Town Office/Library ADA/Maintenance Plan in getting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds is tempered slightly. Subsequent conversations with the Department of Economic and Community Development have revealed that architectural drawings and sketches are not eligible with Planning Funds. However the overall project may still have a possibility of being funded. Jon is planning to meet with individuals from DECD this summer to explain the unique relationship of the library and the town office within the

building and why funding is necessary for ADA access to the library and shared spaces like bathrooms.

- The energy audit was conducted the week prior to the meeting and while Jon was out on vacation and the Town has not yet received the report from the auditor, it is expected that the water heater and lighting fixtures are two areas that could receive some attention in the report.

V. Old Business

a. Anti-Idling Policy – Lew McGregor

Lew McGregor spoke with the Board regarding his request that the Town adopt an Anti-Idling policy. Mr. McGregor presented information regarding the harmful environmental effects caused by idling vehicles and the policies adopted by the Town of Camden to address municipal vehicles and the general public.

b. Town Office/Hope Corner Leachfield

Jon Duke spoke with the Board regarding the results of the examination of the town office's leach field and circulated a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the rights and responsibilities for those who share the use of the leach field. Jon will meet with the other stake holders in the leach field to begin negotiations on a revised agreement concerning that leach field.

VI. New Business

a. FY 11 Paving Bid

The Board reviewed the language in the FY 10 Paving Bid and made the necessary corrections to better specify the correct thickness of the pavement and shim and to provide adequate notification to the Road Commissioner when work is to commence.

b. Public Hearing Date

Kathleen Hastings moved, and Tim Pearse seconded, a motion to set the Public Hearing to discuss Article 3 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant regarding the elected Road Commissioner position. **Motion approved 4-0.**

c. 2010 School Special Town Meeting Warrant

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the 2010 School Special Town Meeting Warrant as proposed. **Motion approved -0.**

d. Approval of Warrants

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve warrants 78-80. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Tim Pearse made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

V. Board of Assessors

a. 2010 Ratio Declaration

Tim Pearse moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve 2010 ratio declaration as presented. **Motion approved 4-0.**

VIII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**