

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 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,

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 14, 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 reported to the Board that the trailer on Rt. 105 that had been placed without a permit had been moved from the property. Stewart Carle has taken possession of the trailer and will dispose of the trailer properly within the next 60 days.

The Board reviewed a copy of the 3rd Quarter financial statements which show revenues down significantly in Excise Tax and property tax collections. The town's cash position has dropped nearly 100,000 in the last twelve months.

Friday, May 1st, the final property tax payment of 2009 is due. The office has been quite busy over the past week and this activity will only increase in the next two days.

Also on Friday, the Administrator is meeting with representatives from the Penobscot Company, Richard Higgins, Gartley & Dorsky, and the fire department to kick off the construction phase of the new Hope Corner Fire Station project.

The Board asked for the Administrator to put together information regarding how various municipalities handle the administration of their roads budget in preparation for the first Board of Selectmen's meeting following Town Meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. New Fire Station Construction Update

The Town Administrator reported to the Board that the town had received the approved DEP stormwater permit last week. This allows the town to begin construction

immediately on the new fire station. However, amended language will need to be added to the permit to allow the town to wash fire trucks outside of the building.

V. New Business

a. Catering Permit

Mike Ames made a motion to approve the catering permit for a one day event. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. 2009 Annual Town Report

The Board discussed several members of the community to be considered for the town report dedication as well as potential sources for cover photographs.

e. Warrant Approval 87-89

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

Tim Pearse made a motion to enter Executive Session. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VI. Executive Session

a. Executive Session – Town Administrator’s Annual Review

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

V. New Business cont’d

d. FY 2010 Town Administrator’s contract

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve a contract with Jon Duke for FY2010 to serve as the Town Administrator/CEO/LPI, Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**