

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 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 May 12, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

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

Motion passed 3-0-1 (Sisk abstained, Pearse absent)

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

The Board discussed a few building projects around town and reviewed the list of building permits issued since January 1st.

Terry Connolly of EPA will be at next meeting to discuss the status of the Union Chemical property.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported to the Board that he had received a request to allow the town to register boats online as many other municipalities allow. The reason for this is that those towns and cities utilize MOSES, the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife's computer database, to handle all registrations and permits within their purview. While there are no costs to use the system, the town must dedicate time for training and that is difficult to come by in July and August.

The Administrator wanted to note that the town office will be closed on the 3rd of July in observance of the 4th of July and requested that the Board endorse closing the office at 4:30pm on June 30th to allow the office staff time to complete the close out of the town's finances.

Lastly, the Administrator asked if the Board would approve allowing him to carry over two vacation days from this fiscal year into FY2010 so that he can complete his vacation from June 29th to July 2nd. The Board had no objection to this request.

V. Old Business

a. New Fire Station Construction Update

The Administrator noted the date of the next construction meeting on June 8th at 3pm at the Hope Town Office.

VI. New Business

a. Rescind Out of Date Policies

Eric Campbell made a motion to rescind the Administrative Expense Reimbursement Policy. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Policy Revisions

The Board reviewed new and revised policies for town office use, town owned office equipment, returned checks. In addition, a new fee schedule for office materials was reviewed, and action will be taken at the next Board meeting on June 9th.

c. Warrant Approval 95-98

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

VII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**