

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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, Mike Ames

**Board Members Absent:** Ray Sisk

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Kathleen Hastings

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

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

**II. Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Eric Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tim Pearse seconded.

**Motion passed 3-0 (Ames and Sisk absent)**

**III. Selectmen's Roundtable**

Barbara Bentley asked that, in his last meeting on the Board of Selectmen, Eric Campbell provide the Board with a primer on how to review the warrants and what to look for. Eric suggested reviewing the warrant recap to pick out the highs and lows of the recap, and then attempting to answer any questions through reviewing the individual invoices within the warrant.

**IV. Town Administrator's Report**

The Administrator noted that the next Selectmen's meeting will be the first meeting of the new board and that the Board will need to elect a new chair and vice chair that evening.

Further the Administrator noted that there are some high profile absences on town committees including one person to serve on the Mid Coast Solid Waste Corporation's Board of Directors and a vacancy on the Planning Board and Budget Committee.

**V. Old Business**

**a. New Fire Station Construction Update**

The Administrator noted that the Hope Historical Society agreed to approve its portion of the land swap with the town so that the town can solve its issue of insufficient road frontage on Camden Road. A subsequent deed will be forthcoming for the town to deed land to the Historical Society so that their lot can become legally conforming.

**VI. New Business**

**a. FY 2010 Municipal Officials Appointment**

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve list of municipal officers to be appointed as presented by the Town Administrator from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 3-0 (Ames and Sisk absent)**

**b. Carry Forward Approval FY 2009**

Eric Campbell made a motion to carry forward from the FY 2009 budget \$1500 from General Administration, \$1500 from Municipal Buildings, and \$2000 from Cemeteries to the same departments in the FY 2010 budget. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0 (Sisk absent)**

**e. Office Equipment Reserve Expenditure**

Eric Campbell made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator after July 1<sup>st</sup> to purchase the TRIO motor vehicle software module as quoted on June 23, 2009, and a new phone system for the town office as quoted by HI-TECH on June 23, 2009. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0. (Sisk absent)**

**c. Roadside Mowing Bid FY 2010**

The town received three bids for Roadside Mowing for FY 2010 ranging from the low bid of \$64 per mile from Tim Pearse to \$348.84 per mile from 10-4 Construction.

Mike Ames made a motion to award the FY 2010 Roadside Mowing bid to Tim Pearse for \$64 per mile. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 3-0-1. (Pearse abstained, Sisk absent)**

**d. Town Administrator FY 2010 Amended Contract Approval**

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the amended FY 2010 contract for the Town Administrator with Jonathan Duke for the term from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-0-0 (Sisk absent)**

**e. Road Commissioner Position Discussion**

The Town Administrator presented the findings of his research regarding the position of Road Commissioner and potential options for the Town in altering how it could structure the position.

**e. Committee appointments/resignations**

Tim Pearse made a motion to accept the resignation of Kathleen Hastings from the Budget Committee. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 4-0. (Sisk absent)**

**f. Warrant Approval 104-107**

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 4-0. (Sisk absent)**

**VII. Adjournment**

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 4-0. (Sisk absent)**