

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009  
HOPE TOWN OFFICE  
6:30 P.M.**

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**Board Members Present:** Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk, Mike Ames

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, David Bowman, Sharon Mann, Terry Connelly – EPA, Rebecca Hewitt - Maine DEP

**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 26, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

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

**Motion passed 5-0**

**III. Selectmen's Roundtable**

The Board raised some concerns regarding the work done on the former Bowley lot on Route 17. The Administrator/CEO was asked to investigate and determine the extent of the fill added to the site to set a benchmark for future expansion.

Ray attended a meeting with Knox County Commissioners regarding the regionalization of services within the county. Several items that were identified as areas of consolidation are the group purchasing of road materials (salt, sand, asphalt, etc), animal control, highway engineering, and economic development. In addition, the county is considering changing the fiscal calendar from a calendar year to a July to June calendar. The county was welcoming comment from the municipalities regarding the impacts of his calendar change. The regionalization group will meet again on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Culvert on Gillette Road with hole is causing concerns by motorists. The Administrator was asked to investigate and speak with the Road Commissioner regarding when the culvert would be replaced.

**IV. Town Administrator's Report**

The Administrator noted that the Roadside Mowing bid would be on the next agenda, as would the re-appointment of town officials for the coming fiscal year. The town is looking for a new Health Officer as David Hall has asked to step down.

For next Monday's Annual Town Meeting, the Administrator is working on a flyer to handout to residents that explains, in layman's terms, what each article does. Next year, this flyer will be created earlier so that all items on the warrant will be included by Election Day.

## **V. Old Business**

### **a. New Fire Station Construction Update**

The Town Administrator noted how smoothly the second construction meeting went and reported that many of the color choices for the building have now been made. A mock up of the new building, with these new colors, is in the process of coming together.

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. Union Chemical Property Status**

Terry Connelly of EPA and Rebecca Hewitt of the Maine DEP spoke to the Board regarding the status of the Union Chemical site. Connelly reported that testing of the groundwater onsite has reached the point where current technology prevents further cleaning. Hewitt reported that the site may not be clean for nearly several decades, so use of onsite groundwater is problematic. A reuse study commissioned by the EPA three years ago initiated a set of standards that might govern future use of the site which included the possibility of utilizing groundwater from the adjacent parcel currently owned by the Town. One concern noted by Connelly and Hewitt is the existence of several rights of way over the property that are owned by Bruce Melanson and/or Leslie Robinson. The location of these rights of way bisect the lot and severely hamper future development.

### **b. Knox County Fish & Game Rifle Range complaint – David Bowman**

David Bowman has agreed to allow a local couple to hold a wedding ceremony on his property, and subsequently contacted the fish and game association to inquire regarding the possibility of reserving the rifle range so as to suspend shooting at the range during the wedding ceremony. Bowman contacted the current and past presidents of the organization and the prior range master to reserve the range during the ceremony and was rebuffed. The fish and game association cited that past practice has been to reserve the rights to use the

### **c. Office Equipment Policy**

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

### **c. Office Equipment Fee Schedule**

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

### **c. Town Office Use policy**

Ray Sisk made a motion to approve the Town Office Use policy as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

### **c. Returned Check policy**

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the Returned Check policy as presented. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**c. Warrant Approval 99-103**

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

Ray Sisk made a motion to enter as the Board of Assessors and exit as the Board of Selectmen.  
Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**VII. Board of Assessors**

**a. Letters to Farmland property owners**

Eric Campbell made a motion to send two letters (one certified mail and one first class mail) to those who have yet to respond to the Assessor's Agent's request for new farmland applications and maps. These letters will include the possibility that failure to submit new applications and maps could result in the town removing the parcels from the farm land program. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Ray Sisk made a motion to enter as the Board of Selectmen and exit as the Board of Assessors.  
Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 10:30 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**