

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008
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, Fred Holbrook, Eric Gallant, Vern Zeigler

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Pearse seconded.
Motion passed 4-0-1 (Sisk abstained)

b. Minutes of the July 29, 2008 workshop of the Board of Selectmen

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Ames seconded.
Motion passed 4-0-1 (Campbell abstained)

III. Town Administrator's Report

The Town received from Knox County the results of the area Road Salt bid with Mid-Atlantic Salt being the lowest bidder at \$71.28/ton. This is \$11.28 over what the FY09 budget used for a figure, which would amount to an overage in that line of \$4,230 if the town uses as much salt as it proposed in the budget.

The Town Administrator reported to the Board that he has hired Eric Bendtson of Ludwig Road to begin working around the Town Office to complete minor repairs.

IV. Old Business

a. Fire Station Project

Barbara Bentley and the Town Administrator attended a meeting with Town Attorney Paul Gibbons to advise the Board with their next steps as it relates to approving the contract for the construction of the new fire station at Hope Corner. The Town Attorney still must review the contract documents, and rumors persist that an appeal of the Planning Board approval for the project may come forward. However, the deadline for an appeal to be filed should come prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Therefore the Selectmen should be able to sign a contract that evening.

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

V. Board of Assessors

a. 2009 Tax Commitment

Tim Pearse made motion to set 12.8 as the mill rate for 2009. Eric Campbell seconded.
Motion passed 3-1-1 (Ames abstained)

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

VI. New Business

a. Route 17 Corridor Management Plan - Eric Gallant MCRPC

Eric Gallant of the Midcoast Regional Planning Commission spoke to the Board regarding the draft of the Route 17 Corridor Management plan that was developed with assistance from citizens in Route 17 towns from Washington to Rockland. The Board reviewed the draft and made a number of suggestions in relation to South Hope village in an attempt to create much more of a village atmosphere despite the high speeds. Gallant took back all of these suggestions and would make the necessary changes to the plan to reflect the wishes of the Selectmen.

b. Subdivision Ordinance - Tom Ford/ORC

Tom Ford, Chairman of the Ordinance Review Committee, spoke to the Selectmen regarding the completion of his committee's efforts in drafting a new subdivision ordinance. The draft will then be circulated to the Planning Board, and pending their review, then return to the Selectmen for the approval to be placed on the November ballot. After being placed on the ballot, the ORC will provide public meetings to inform citizens on the changes proposed in the new ordinance as compared to the current ordinance and receive feedback. The Board thanked Tom and his committee for their years of work on this document.

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

V. Board of Assessors cont'd

b. Certificate of Assessment

Eric Campbell made motion to approve the Certificate of Assessment as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 3-1-1 (Ames abstained)**

Eric Campbell made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and re-enter as the Board of Selectmen. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

VI. New Business cont'd

c. Deputy Clerk Resignation – Faith Hart

Barbara Bentley made a motion to regretfully accept resignation of Faith Hart as Deputy Clerk, effective September 1st, and thank her for her years of service. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

d. Deputy Clerk position discussion

The Administrator informed the Board that there were two individuals who expressed interest in filling the now vacant position of Deputy Clerk, but neither candidate could commit at this time to being available 100% of the time due to the on call nature of the position. The Board asked the Administrator to speak with the candidates and if they were interested to appoint a few individuals to the position so that they can be trained and are available should the need arise for someone to fill in.

e. Warrant Approval 8-15

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the Warrants as presented. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. Adjournment

Tim Pearse moved to adjourn at 9:27 pm. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**