

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007
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: James Annis, Barbara Bentley, Eric Campbell, Tim Pearse, Ray Sisk

Others Present: Jon Duke

I. Call the Meeting to Order

James Annis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

a. Minutes of the Tuesday, July 24, 2007 Board of Selectman's meeting.

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Barbara Bentley seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

II. Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported that the town has begun the process of looking into putting its road sand purchases out to bid. The Administrator contacted the City of Rockland, who annually conducts a group purchase for road sand for a number of area municipalities, and has asked that Hope be included in next year's bid package. The Selectmen suggested contacting John Hart of Hartland, Inc. and see if the Town of Hope may be able to also purchase sand for \$8/yd. As the Town of Union will be for the coming winter. In addition the Town Administrator is asked to investigate the quality of sand purchased and determine the amount of sharp sand utilized.

III. Unfinished Business

a. Fire Station/Town Office informational meeting

The Town Administrator reviewed plans for the informational meeting this coming Tuesday night at 7pm. Barbara Bentley and Jim Annis pledged to meet with the Town Administrator on Thursday to review the presentation for the Town Office portion of the meeting.

IV. New Business

a. Capital Planning Committee

Eric Campbell made a motion form a committee to focus on capital and long range planning for the Town of Hope. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. School Reorganizational Committee member

Tim Pearse nominated Ray Sisk to serve as Hope's Board of Selectmen representative to the Five Towns School Reorganizational Committee. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Sisk abstained)**

c. Road Salt Bid

Eric Campbell made a motion to accept the bid from International Salt for the price of \$58.75 delivered. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

d. Liquid Calcium Chloride Bid

Tim Pearse made a motion to approve the bid from South Paris Farmers Union for \$1.35/ gal. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

e. Morey Hill Road rocks.

Adolphsen Bros. submitted a bill to John Monroe for moving stumps and rocks in 2004 last week. Board advised John to talk with Alan and say that this could not be paid by the town.

f. Approval of Warrants 8-14.

Eric Campbell made a motion to approve Warrants 8-14. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

g. Communications Policy

The Town Administrator asked the Board to review the current Office Equipment policy due to some complaints by members of the public. The discussion moved on to the office fees charged for materials (tax maps, copies, etc.)

Barbara Bentley made a motion to rescind the current Office Equipment policy and amend the present office materials fee with the following amendment to the opening: "Office equipment is principally used for official municipal business purposes, but available to the public at the following fee schedule."

Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

h. Personnel Review discussion

The Board asked the Town Administrator to search for personnel review criteria used by other municipalities and report back to the Board .

i. Ordinance Review Committee update

Ray Sisk reported to the Selectmen that the ORC is stalled in their work and wishes to receive some direction from the Board and perhaps a timeline. Various Board members suggested the ORC receive comment from a variety of sources on the most recent draft including the planning board, zoning board of appeals, selectmen, road commissioner, and other area code enforcement officers. In addition the Board would like the ORC to contact Nancy Ninnis on the potential costs of codifying the proposed ordinance.

V. Adjournment

Eric Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 10:15pm. Ray Sisk seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____ with the following amendments: