

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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, Ray Sisk, Mike Ames, Tim Pearse

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, Fred Holbrook, Steve Marin, Paul Gibbons, Clarence Keller, Roger Moody

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

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

**II. Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Ray Sisk made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Ames seconded.  
**Motion passed 4-0. (Pearse absent)**

**b. Minutes of the August 14, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Ray Sisk made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Ames seconded.  
**Motion passed 3-0-1 (Pearse absent)**

**III. Town Administrator's Report**

The Town Administrator spoke to the Board regarding the results of the regional sand bid. The Board asked the Administrator to put the town's winter sand purchase out to bid.

The Administrator reported to the Board that the suggestions made at the last meeting to Eric Galant of the Midcoast Regional Planning Commission's Rt. 17 Corridor Management Plan were included in its most recent revision.

Ray Sisk made a motion to enter Executive Session (1 M.R.S.A §412) to get advice from the Town Attorney regarding contract negotiations. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**IV. Executive Session**

**a. Advice from Town Attorney (1 M.R.S.A. § 412)**

Ray Sisk made a motion to exit Executive Session. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**V. Old Business**

**a. Fire Station Project**

The Board asked Paul Gibbons to work with the contractor to resolve any questions regarding the proposed contract and present a completed contract at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. Knox County Commissioner candidate – Roger Moody**

Roger Moody came to speak to the Board regarding his candidacy for the position of Knox County Commissioner for the district that includes Hope. Moody, a former Camden town manager, is running against incumbent Lawrence Nash, and while Moody is running as a Democrat he feels the issues of county government are not partisan. Moody feels there is a place for regional services in our area including corrections and solid waste.

### **b. Septic System Variance discussion – Brian Powers**

Brian Powers approached the Board to discuss a septic system variance he had applied for in the Fall of 2007. Powers wishes to continue pursuing the construction of a septic system on the property in question, 215 Main Street, and had additional information to add to the discussion back in Fall 2007. Powers believes that the rights to use the dug well on his lot were not perpetual for the owners of the grange lot and instead constituted a license which can be revoked by the owner at any time. Powers is approaching the Board due to the fact that his leach field would be within 75 feet of a dug well.

Tim Pearse made a motion to table discussion of the Septic System Variance for Brian Powers until the Town Attorney has reviewed the matter. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

### **c. Warrant Approval 16-18**

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

### **d. Road Sand bid**

Eric Campbell made a motion to put the town's road sand purchase out to bid. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

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

## **VII. Board of Assessors**

### **b. 2008 Knox County Warrant**

Tim Pearse made motion to approve the 2008 Knox County Warrant. Eric Campbell seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

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

## **VI. New Business cont'd**

### **e. FEMA Grant**

Ray Sisk reported to the Board that the Town's application for a FEMA grant to deal with stormwater mitigation work along Gillette Road was never submitted. Since the Road Commissioner was paid for time spent on this grant request, the Board asked the Administrator to contact the prior Road Commissioner to obtain the materials prepared for the grant application.

**f. Historical Society Signs**

Mary Ireland of the Hope Historical Society contacted Barbara Bentley to ask where the Board would like to see the sign placed.

Ray Sisk made a motion to allow the Hope Historical Society to affix the sign to the Town Office building and work with the fire department to determine a place to put the sign on the site of the old school house on the new Hope Corner fire station lot. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 4-1**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Ray Sisk moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**