

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009  
SOUTH HOPE FIRE STATION  
6:30 P.M.**

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**Board Members Present:** Barbara Bentley, Tim Pearse, Mike Ames, Ray Sisk, Kathleen Hastings

**Others Present:** Jon Duke, Alex Ludwig, Leslie Robinson, Marie Powers, Brian Powers, Jason Luce, Kevin Jones

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

Barbara Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

**II. Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting with corrections.

**The minutes were approved 4-0 (Pearse absent)**

**III. Selectmen's Roundtable**

- Next regular meeting will be at the Hope Town Office

Barbara Bentley reminded those attending the meeting that this is a section of the meeting where the Board discusses events going on around town and comment from the public is welcomed during this time.

Barbara Bentley noted an email she received from the Midcoast Regional Planning Commission announcing a meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast where there will be presentations regarding land use planning.

**IV. Town Administrator's Report**

- Rapid Renewal will be live in a matter of days as beta testing has now been completed and we are only waiting for the state to "turn on" the system for the town. There will be a link on the town website announcing this new service.
- Alford Lake Road is being paved at this time and while we had no notice that they were starting today, we are grateful to see work beginning.

**V. Old Business**

**a. New Fire Station Construction Update**

Mike Ames made a motion to approve Change Order #3. Kathleen Hastings seconded.  
**Motion passed 4-0. (Pearse absent)**

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. Climate Change Discussion**

Barbara Bentley, in the absence of the guest speaker, spoke to the Board regarding the 350 Challenge which is an attempt to quantify how climate change affects us even on a municipal level. These impacts can include the damage to town roads. In particular, this effort is hoping to see towns adopt “No Idling” policies due to environmental, economic, and health concerns.

### **b. TABOR II / Excise Tax Referendum**

Ray Sisk made a motion to support the proposed resolution opposing the excise tax referendum. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Ray Sisk made a motion to table consideration of the TABOR II resolution until the Administrator has investigated whether a local debate of the opposing sides of the debate will be held and the town will post a link to a panel discussion regarding TABOR II debate. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 4-1**

### **c. 2009 Winter Sand Bid**

The town received two bids for the 2009 Winter Sand bid. John Hart bid \$8.50 per cu. yard for the first 2000 cu. yards and \$8.00 per cu. yard for additional sand up to 1500 cu yards. Lucas Construction bid \$8.45 per cu. yard for the first 2000 cu. yards and \$9.00 per cu. yard for additional sand up to 1500 cu yards.

Ray Sisk made a motion to accept the bid from Lucas Construction. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

### **d. Approval of Warrants**

Ray Sisk moved, and Mike Ames seconded, a motion to approve Warrants 22-25. **Motion approved 5-0.**

### **e. Harts Mill Road– Main Street (Route 17) Intersection**

The Board discussed with the citizens in attendance possible options in attracting DOT attention to the issue of the Harts Mill Road intersection with Route 17. The Board agreed to ask the Administrator to draft petition language to be circulated by residents living in the area and then present signed petitions to the DOT.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Ray Sisk moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Kathleen Hastings seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**