

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Alex Ludwig, John Hart, Paul Gibbons

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

Barbara Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M.

**II. Minutes**

**a. Minutes of the August 26, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Eric Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mike Ames seconded.  
**Motion passed 3-1-1. (Campbell opposed, Bentley abstained)**

**III. Town Administrator's Report**

The Administrator informed the Board of the following concerns:

A complaint was filed with the DOT regarding parking in front of the Hope General Store and that the obstruction prevented vehicles from leaving the corner safely. The Board asked the Administrator to ask Andrew Stewart to work with the town to find a solution and send a letter to MDOT informing them of the defective highway statute and ask they come to Hope to do a safety assessment of the corner.

The Administrator has been involved with the owners of a mobile home located on Rt. 105 that was placed without permits.

Tim Pearse 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)**

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

**V. Old Business**

**a. Septic System Variance discussion**

Ray Sisk moved to grant a septic system variance for the property at 215 Main Street due to the fact the dug well on Mr. Powers' property was within 75 feet but the rights to that

well given to the abutters is only through a revocable license. Mike Ames seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. 2009 Winter Sand bid**

The Town received three bids for the 2009 winter sand bid. Lucas Construction was the lowest bid for the initial 2,000 cu. yards at \$8.95 per cu. yard, and John Hart was the lowest bid for the “up to additional” 1,500 cu. yards at \$8.50 per cu. yard. George Hall also submitted a bid at \$11.50 per cu. yard for the initial 2,000 cu. yards.

Ray Sisk made a motion to table the acceptance of the bid until the Road Commissioner has had an opportunity to review the sand from Lucas Construction and John Hart. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

### **b. FY 2008 Carry Over**

Mike Ames made a motion to approve the carry over amounts as suggested by the Town Administrator with the amendment that the Cemeteries account carryover \$2,100. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0**

### **c. Warrant Approval 19-23**

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

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

## **VII. Board of Assessors**

### **a. Abatement/Supplement – Don Young, et al.**

Eric Campbell made a motion to supplement Mark and Michael Young \$1,141.76 and Donald and Eunice Young \$376.32. Tim Pearse seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Eric Campbell made a motion to abate Donald and Eunice Young \$1,360.64. Ray Sisk seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

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

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Eric Campbell moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Mike Ames seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**