

Town of Hope Planning Board

Minutes

January 5, 2010

Present: William Pearse, Jr., Richard Brodis, Marty Cooper, Peter Sexton, Tug Kellough

Also Present: Jon Duke CEO

7:08 p.m.: Meeting called to order

Minutes read and accepted as written.

Jon Duke reported on the Select Board's search for new legal representation.

- . Of candidates so far, closest is Bangor, so there will need to be allowances for conferencing by phone.
- . There are relatively few law office in Maine that have any considerable experience in the legal needs of a town.
- . Does not necessarily want local attorneys applying for fear of the appearance of too much vested interest.
- . But wanted input from Planning Board at this point because we would be using the services almost as much as the Select Board.
- . Finally, it was hoped that the vetting would be done by February 14 so that a selection could be made and duties assumed by spring.

Discussion ensued of which, while in general agreement with everything to this point, the Planning board wished it to be known that, whatever legal council was chosen should have a single designated person for our town as opposed to operating out of a pool. That is not to say that the depth of specialized knowledge in a firm's various departments would not be accessed, but rather that we need the consistency of one person overseeing our issues and needs.

Other business:

Orloff subdivision is on hold at least for the moment, while the owner makes decisions on which options, if any to pursue.

Everett Smith wishes to move his home occupation back to its original site and have the sign along with that. The sign has been previously found meet the requirements of the town of Hope.

Sine he was not present, a motion was made and seconded and passed to allow for a meeting on January 16th if needed.

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn and passed at 8:02 p.m.