

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
6:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Brian Powers Jr., David Bosken, Wendy Pelletier & Mike Brown

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank & John Monroe

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Brian.

Minutes:

- Mike made a motion to accept the 10/25/16 minutes as written. Seconded by David.
Motion passed 4-0.
- Wendy made a motion to accept the 10/31/16 minutes as written. Seconded by Mike.
Motion Passed 4-0

Town Administrator Report:

- Just completed first month as the Town Administrator. Everything seems to be going quite well. The Town Office has been busy. The staff is amazing. The revenues and expenses are on par with the budget. Nothing out of the ordinary. Had a discussion with Northeast Ambulance and the other 3 Town Administrators/Managers regarding ways to make the services rendered to the municipalities better. There is going to be a meeting of the EMS Review Board and the managers along w/ NE Ambulance on Thursday, Nov. 17th to consider changes that can be made to ensure good emergency responses for the towns. The Mid-Coast Solid Waste Board met and voted to have Jim Guerra continue serving on the MRC board at least for the next 3 years. Jim Annis announced that he would be moving out of Hope and a replacement on the MCSW Board would be necessary. Jim Owen has resigned from the Planning Board and a replacement will be needed for his position.

Old Business:

- **Review & Vote on South Hope Veterans Memorial Policy:** Dick Crabtree proposed making a policy regarding placing signs on the Veteran's Memorial in South Hope during the 10/25/16 Selectmen's Meeting. The proposed policy is as follows: *It is the policy of the Town of Hope that no signs or foreign objects shall be placed on the grounds of the Veteran's Memorial located in the Village of South Hope at the intersection of Hart's Mill Road and Route 17. Any employee or Official of the Town of Hope is authorized to remove any sign or foreign object placed in violation of this policy.* Mike made a motion to accept and pass enactment of this policy. Wendy seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0**

- **New overtime rules – MMA opinion:** Since this law does not go into effect until December, there is no precedent case to refer to. However, employees who receive pay in lieu of benefits are taxed on that additional income and has historically been considered salary. Therefore, it is MMA’s opinion that the Town of Hope will be in compliance with the new law.
- **Update on Hobbs & Fish Pond Association dam repair:** The HFPA rescinded the building permit application. Kim Lincoln, a reporter & editor from Village Soup requested a copy of all documentation submitted by the HFPA and sent a formal Freedom of Information request. At this time, the Town is waiting for a response from DEP.
- **Update on Bull Hill Tax Acquired property:** There has not been a response from the previous owner to the certified letter that was sent regarding personal property that was left. The Selectmen will consider disposition of the property at their next meeting.

New Business:

- **Recommendations and/or appointments to boards & committees:** There have been some resignations from various boards and committees. The selectmen need to appoint a new member to each of the following: EMS review board; MCSW representative & planning board. Bobbi put up a sign showing vacancies and asking the community to volunteer if they were interested during the election. Brian suggested having the vacant positions advertised in the Hawk Eye to see if interest could be generated.

Warrants:

- Mike made a motion to approve and sign warrants 37, 38 & 39. David seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0**

Adjournment:

- David made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09. Mike seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0**