

MINUTES for HOPE BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Monday, February 5, 2018 6:30 pm

Hope Town Office

The meeting was called to order by Steve Bowman at 6:46 pm. Board members present: Steve Bowman, Ronald Wright, Mary Ireland, John Jensen and Brian Powers, Sr. Also attending: Samantha Mank

Steve Bowman took a moment to praise the character, expertise and “boundless energy” of the former Chair Tom Ford and his work for the Hope Board of Appeals, among other services rendered to the town over many years. Tom died in 2017.

The members of the Hope Board of Appeals signed and took the oath of office read by Samantha Mank.

The Board elected Brian Powers, Sr. Chair; Steve Bowman Vice Chair; and Mary Ireland Secretary. All votes were unanimous.

Samantha Mank handed out to all board members updated copies of the Maine Municipal Association Manual for Local Land Use Appeals Board ; the Hope Land Use Ordinance; Documentation prepared by the Hope Code Enforcement Officer for the 75 Loon Lane property; and the Appeal response from Lawyer Paul Gibbons on behalf of his client, Gregg Grenert. Ms. Mank walked the Board through the history of the Hope Planning Board decisions and the actions of the Hope Code Enforcement Officer as well as the response to the Stop Work order from Mr. Grenert and Mr. Gibbons. Some discussion followed.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 pm for an Ordinance Review and the development of questions for the town attorney. A suggested date of Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm was set for the Appeal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ireland, Secretary