

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
6:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Executive Session:

- The Board of Selectmen entered into Executive Session at 5:45 PM Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §2702 (1) (A) – Town Attorney Interviews
- The Board of Selectmen exited Executive Session at 6:30 PM

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Bobbi Oxton & Langley Willauer

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Brian.

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- Dick made a motion to accept the 1/10/17 minutes as written. Seconded by David.
Motion passed 4-0-1 (Mike)

Administrator's Report:

- None

New Business:

- **Set dates for Department Heads to present budgets to Selectmen:** The budget calendar for the departments to present to the selectmen is as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 7th – Cemetery, Admin & Fire. Thursday, Feb. 9th – Roads.
- **2017 Hope Spirit of America Tribute:** Selectmen took no action at this time.
- **Animal Control Contract:** The Selectmen would like to have more information. No action taken at this time.
- **Assessments and property taxes discussion:** Dick wrote a general outline of how assessments are figured. No action taken at this time.

Old Business:

- **Town snowplowing contract review:** The Town Administrator and Road Commissioner are not present this evening for discussion. No action taken at this time.
- **Roads snow plowing contract review:** The Town Administrator and Road Commissioner are not present this evening for discussion. No action taken at this time.
- **Marijuana ban proposal:** Selectmen would like to discuss matter with the Town Attorney. No action taken at this time.

Other Business:

- **New Town Attorney:** The Selectmen interviewed law firms for a new Town Attorney. Wendy made a motion to hire Mr. Kelly as our new Town Attorney to start in 2017. Seconded by David. The Selectmen agreed that he seemed to be a good fit with a broad range of municipal experience.
Motion passed 5-0
- **Annual Town Meeting:** The Selectmen had some discussion regarding their roles and process of the upcoming town meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Future Agenda Items:

- February 14, 2017 - 5:45 PM Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (A) – Town Administrator 3-month evaluation.

Warrants:

- Dick made a motion to approve and sign warrants 56, 57 & 58. Seconded by Wendy.
Motion Passed 5-0

Adjournment:

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 8:09. Seconded by Mike.
Motion Passes 5-0