

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Hope Board of Selectmen**  
**Wednesday, March 28, 2017**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Hope Town Office**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

- Samantha Mank, John Monroe, Mike Ames, Gretchen Richards, Michelle Heald & Chris Pinchbeck

**Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Brian.

**Minutes:**

- Dick made a motion to accept the 3/15/17 minutes as written. Seconded by Wendy.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**Administrator's Report:**

- Furnace is still not working properly. Called Maritime Energy. They will be here on Wednesday morning to handle the problem.
- Attended the Mid Coast Municipal Association manager's meeting. The main topic was working with municipalities related to sea level rise and storm tide resiliency and floodplain management.
- Attended the Mid Coast Solid Waste board meeting. Selectmen, Mike Brown, was elected to be the vice chair until the July elections.
- Looked into the phosphorous treatment ponds at the fire station. The plan forward is to make incremental cost effective steps in ensuring they are functioning properly. The first step is to wait for the snow to melt and make sure the area is free from leaves and other debris and then to wait for it to rain to see how the drainage is working.
- Presented the Selectmen with Town Office security updates – will proceed as discussed.
- Met with Terrence Connelly from the EPA regarding Union Chemical. Not much has changed. The property is still in receivership. The EPA and DEP attorneys are reviewing deed language for restrictive covenants. Once that has been completed and approved, the EPA and the DEP must go back before a judge to have the property removed from receivership. At that time, the DEP will be seeking to sell the property.
- I received a letter from Knox County Sheriff, Donna Dennison regarding County Animal Control Services. In the letter, it states that the county is “unable to provide regular animal control services to the towns at this time”. She cited the varied allotted budget lines, differing complaint volumes and a lack of interest to increase costs as the reasons.

**New Business:**

- Road Snowplowing bids review & discussion: John Monroe is going to check the equipment capability and availability that each bidder submitted and to see if they have over committed their resources. The Selectmen will have a time of Q & A regarding each contractor's ability to perform the responsibilities of the snowplowing contract at the next Selectmen's meeting. Mike Ames said the he personally thinks that their (*Farley & Son*) services speak for themselves. “We have had several storms plus two major blizzards and there have not been any serious complaints. This should be taken into account when making the decision.”

Samantha will send out letters to all of the bidders inviting them to the next Selectmen's meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Award mowing bid: There were a total of 6 bids for the Town mowing contract. The Town Administrator contacted all of the references for each bidder and submitted the top 2 to the Selectmen for a final selection. Mike made a motion to award the 3-year mowing contract to Steven's Lawn Care for \$25,050. It was seconded by Dick.

**Motion passed 4-0-1 (Brian)**

- MCSW Board meeting update: There was an assessment mistake made when MCSW submitted the original budget. The amount Hope will now need to budget for MCSW is \$49,915. There was additional discussion about the Board meeting and ending the equity partnership with PERC. The first amount due back to Hope will be approximately \$7,171. This is called exercising the "Put" option which will go before the voters at Town meeting.
- Budget process, discussion, & review: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:30 AM to review the entire budget. The Selectmen will make the final vote on the budget at that time.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (A) Annual Employee Evaluations

- Dick made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:33 PM it was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 5-0**

- Selectmen exited Executive Session at 8:43 PM

**Review & Sign Warrants #'s:**

- Selectmen reviewed warrants 73, 74 & 75. David made a motion to accept and sign the warrants. It was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Adjournment:**

- Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. Seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 5-0**