

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
6:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Brian Powers Jr., Dick Crabtree, Wendy Pelletier, Mike Brown, and Sarah Ann Smith

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, John Monroe, Matt Weaver, Necole Janzura, and Jake Miller

Call to Order:

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

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- Dick made a motion to accept the 10/23/2018 minutes. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0

Administrator's Report:

- Chelsea and I were able to do an election demonstration with a class of 4th graders. It was a lot of fun and it was very informative for the students. A couple of parents actually commented that their children liked the presentation. (Included)
- Last week's election ran flawlessly at the Hope Town Office. Chelsea ran an exemplary election. Mary stayed very busy with handling the day to day town office and regular business as well as registering over 30 new voters and making several name and address changes.
- Tomorrow marks a year that Chelsea has been our Town Clerk. This coming February will mark Mary's 15th year working for the Town.
- The 2nd Tuesday in December is the 25th – The Town Office will be closed on Christmas. Would you like to move the meeting to the following day? The following week is New Years and the Town Office will be closed on that Tuesday as well. {The Selectmen's Meeting will be held on December 27th}
- There have been 3 accounts that have paid \$577.37 toward 2020 RE taxes.
- There are 1,036 outstanding 2019 real estate tax accounts totaling \$1,604,978.66.
- There are still 28 outstanding 2018 real estate tax accounts totaling \$55,703.09 that were liened today. Automatic foreclosure is in January 2020 if accounts remain unpaid.
- There are still 12 outstanding 2017 real estate tax accounts totaling \$29,166.55 with liens that will automatically foreclose in January 2019 if the accounts remain delinquent.

Old Business:

- Investment Policy:

Matt discussed managing the Town's funds. He said that he worked with Samantha and Dick to help develop a good but conservative investment Policy. The rates on Cd's are going up which is a good for municipalities. It may be possible to earn 3% and maybe even more next year. Brian wanted to know the benefits of using the First for banking and 1st Advisors for Investments. Jake told the Selectmen that the benefits of using only one institution (The First/1st Advisors) includes the ease of doing business. Any rate changes are easy to manage. The benefits aren't just having the same bank it's having the right one. We offer a service that is hard to beat. Frequent check-ins, higher rates, willingness to come to meetings. Jake said that he has never lost a municipality yet. Matt said that 1st Advisors can make all of the same claims that the First NA makes. Matt stated that they were going to lower our fees to .5% permanently. He believes a full transition can happen within 30 days. Jake mentioned that the bank also offers payroll services which could be helpful for the school. Dick made a motion to adopt the proposed Investment policy. It was seconded by Mike.

Motion passed 5-0

Dick made a motion to engage the 1st Advisors and The First NA as the financial institution for all of the Town's financial needs. It was seconded by Mike.

Motion passed 5-0

- Roads – Town Ownership/Easements: The Town Administrator presented the Selectmen with documents outlining the responsibilities to the towns regarding the rights-of-way and the trees located within those rights-of-ways. The Selectmen would like Samantha to contact the Town Attorney and get specific information regarding any town liability or responsibility.

New Business:

- Inland Waterway Mooring Committee – Town of Lincolnville Request for Participation: The Selectmen reviewed the documentation sent regarding the Inland Waterway Mooring Committee and Moratorium. After much discussion, Sarah made a motion to not participate on the Inland Waterway Mooring Committee at this time. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0
- Quarterly Report – 1st Quarter: Samantha presented the first quarter report to the Selectmen. Everything seems to be in order. The Selectmen were curious why the Hope School Class Accounts came off of the books after 2015. Samantha will find out the answer to that question and will present it at the next Selectmen's meeting.
- MCSW Update: Mike gave an update about Mid-Coast Solid Waste. All meetings are recorded and may be viewed by clicking the link on the Town of Camden website.

Other Business:

- None

Review and Sign Warrants:

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Sarah made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 30, 31, 32, and 33. It was seconded by Dick.
Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 9:29PM. It was seconded by Sarah.
Motion passed 5-0