

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, November 22, 2016
6:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Bobbi Oxton, John Monroe & Dan Zappala

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Brian.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

- Mike made a motion to accept the 11/8/16 minutes as written. Seconded by Wendy.
Motion passed 4-0-1. (*Dick abstained*)

Old Business:

- **Appointment to Mid-Coast Solid Waste Board:** Dick will think about serving as a board member. Brian will speak to his father to see if he would be willing to serve a term. All the Selectmen agree that they should appoint someone who is objective regarding the decisions that need to be made and someone who is also an objective communicator. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting.
- **Sale of Bull Hill property:** The Selectmen would like a copy of the Bull Hill Road Association by-laws/rules. In addition, they want to know what the annual dues are and if any liens have been placed on the property for unpaid dues. Samantha will provide a recommendation for the sale price of the TAP which will consider all past due taxes and fees as well fair market value from a realtor's perspective. No action was taken, will be placed on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting.

New Business:

- **Town Office Roof Repair:** Samantha sent out 8 requests for bids on the roof repair work. Only one has responded. Dick made a motion to accept the bid made by Farley Home Improvements if they could provide proof of proper insurance. Seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0.
- **Change of Speed Limit request on Rt. 235/Hatchet Mountain Rd:** Dan Zappala requested that the Selectmen send a letter to the Maine Department of Transportation requesting that the speed limit be reduced on Rt. 235/Hatchet Mountain Rd. to 25 mph. At this time, he is unable to obtain a driveway permit for his property from MDOT which makes his property unusable by him. Selectmen asked Samantha to draft a letter to David Allen, MDOT, regarding this matter.
- **Move next Selectmen's meeting to 12th of December:** The next Selectmen's meeting has been moved to Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Other Business:

- **Beaver Dam at Hobbs Pond:** John Monroe reported that the beavers are back and Hobbs Pond and have rebuilt the dam and the new culvert is being blocked and damage could be forth coming to the culvert and road work that was recently done. The water levels are back to normal but it is not flowing into Fish Pond. The water is going out the other end of Hobbs Pond by Rankin's. John will contact Michelle, the warden, about this issue.
- **Farley & Son's Sanding:** There was a need for Farley's to do some sanding last night. Farley's used their own sand and not the Town's sand because they may not have been prepared for the temperature to drop so low. Town will not be billed extra for the sand per Mike Ames.
- **Legalized Recreational Marijuana Law:** Dick brought up the topic of what the Town's response to the passage of State Regulations for Question 1: *Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?* The Selectmen will discuss this at a future meeting.

Warrants: Dave made a motion to approve and sign warrants 40, 41, 42 & 43. Seconded by Wendy.
Motion passes 5-0.

Executive Session:

- **Personnel Matters:** {Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6) (A)} Dick made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Mike.
Motion passes 5-0. Entered Executive Session at 8:10pm. Left Executive Session at 8:34pm.

Adjournment:

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 8:35. Seconded by Wendy.
Motion Passes 5-0.