

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Monday December 23, 2019
6:30PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Brian Powers Jr, Sarah Ann Smith, Wendy Pelletier, and Thom Ingraham

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Brian

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- 12/10/2019 meeting: Thom made a motion to accept the December 10, 2019 minutes. It was seconded by Sarah.

Motion passed 4-0

Town Administrator Report:

- At the regularly scheduled MCSW Board of Director's meeting last week, a draft budget was submitted in the packets. However, the Finance Committee said that they could not recommend passage of the budget as is. The Facility Manager with the support of the Finance Committee requested a 30-day extension. The MCSW Board granted the extension. The budget is expected to be available to the Towns by January 31, 2020.
- The Town's new Bookkeeper, Chris, has left the employ of the Town of Hope. He was offered a job that provides the opportunity for both accounting and personal training all at the same facility and was offered full health benefits. He sends his thanks and his regrets. An ad for the re-opened bookkeeper position has be placed.
- The deadline for the Town Clerk position is on December 31st. Interviews will be conducted the following week.
- A request for an appeal regarding the CEO's decision on the Knox County Fish & Game shooting range. The requestor has asked to have the deadline for filing the appeal extended as they are out of state until the beginning of the year. I have forwarded this to the Appeals Board and am waiting their direction. The actual deadline is December 26, 2019.

- There are 10 outstanding 2018 real estate tax accounts totaling \$15,845.02 with liens that will go to automatic foreclosure on February 14, 2020 if accounts remain unpaid. (No change)
- There are 19 outstanding 2019 real estate tax accounts totaling \$40,129.31 with liens that will go to automatic foreclosure on February 16, 2021 if accounts remain unpaid. (Decrease of 1 account and \$2,310.11 from 12/10/19)
- There are 1,031 RE 2020 tax accounts totaling \$1,622,068.86. The second half of real estate taxes are due on April 30, 2020. (Decrease of 2 accounts and \$11,829.53 from 12/10/19)

New Business:

- Appointment of Registrar of Voters (Mary Tolles): Sarah made a motion to appoint Mary Tolles as the Registrar of Voters for the Town of Hope. It was seconded by Thom.
Motion passed 4-0
- Review, Approve, & Sign 1/6/20 Special Town Meeting Warrant: The Selectmen reviewed the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Thom made a motion to approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant as written. It was seconded by Sarah.
Motion passed 4-0

Other Business:

- Brian asked to have Ben Luce and John Monroe to attend the next Selectmen's Meeting to discuss plowing or not plowing the school bus turn arounds.

Review & Sign Warrants #'s:

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Thom made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 52, 53, 49, and 54. It was seconded by Sarah.
Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

- Thom made a motion to adjourn at 7:44PM. It was seconded by Sarah.
Motion passed 5-0