

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
6:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Becca Swan, Jay Leech, Ted Steele, Susan Pushaw, Brad Boyd, Bill Jones, Rob Hoffman, Harold Mosher, Judith Jones, Ron Smith, Rick Bresnahan, Barbara Bentley, Meghan Vigeant, Nancy Ford, Danielle Fagonde, John Morrison, Ward Morrison, David Smith, Langley Willauer, Cameron Pinchbeck, Elizabeth Tibbets, Jim Guerra, Betty Ingraham, James Kimmett, Lindsay Pinchbeck, Adelaige Lock, Holly M^cBride, Christian Andrus, Barbara Karp, Valerie Behrens, Ellie Goldberg, Pat Finlay, Kelly Finlay, Esme Finlay, Bill Huntington, Emily Davis, and Chris Pinchbeck

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 1/22/2019 minutes. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 4-0

Administrator's Report:

- Contract for the Municipal Building plowing/shoveling is ending this season in April.
- Contract for mowing municipal facilities is ending in November this year.
- Because of the increased number of complaints that town office staff receives, a new complaint form has been drafted and is available on the town website under the "How Do I" section.
- April 9th is the deadline for having any new ordinances or amendments to ordinances if they are to appear on the ballots.
- I am working with the Planning Board regarding some possible amendments to the Land Use Ordinance.
- Met with MCSW Personnel Committee and Executive Committee. We will be making a recommendation to the Board of Director's regarding hiring an interim manager.
- Had a meeting for the Ambulance Review Committee but it has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts.
- Working on the budget. Mary will have budget books available for everyone next week.

- There are 1,002 outstanding 2019 real estate tax accounts totaling \$1,516,010.16. The second half of the taxes are due on April 30th.
- There are 25 outstanding 2018 real estate tax accounts totaling \$51,543.59 that were liened today. Automatic foreclosure on February 14, 2020 if accounts remain unpaid.
- There were 2 outstanding 2017 real estate tax accounts totaling \$3,226.94 with liens that automatically foreclosed on Friday, January 25, 2019.

New Business:

- **Solar Committee RFP Discussion and Recommendation:** Chris Pinchbeck began by thanking the Solar Committee for all of their time and effort, “it has been exciting and fun”. Chris also presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the process that the Solar Committee went through to get information. The Solar Committee interviewed other municipalities and schools that are using solar power. There were no towns or schools that gave a negative comment regarding solar power. The Committee analyzed the data and made a recommendation to move forward with scenario #2 and to contract with Revision Energy for the project. He further requested that the Selectmen not wait because the investors could receive a 30% federal tax incentive if the construction was completed by Dec. 31, 2019. The Committee proposed that the Town allocate \$12,000 annually for the next 6 years in a reserve account to pay for the system. Thereafter, the costs will be spread out over time and will have a minimal impact on the mil rate, according to Chris. Chris then took questions and comments from the Selectmen and others in attendance. Ron Smith asked the audience if they wanted to go forward with the solar project or do they want to forget it. The crowd responded with a resounding “yes”. Ron then stated that he “hoped the Selectmen heard what the people want”. The Selectmen stated that the solar project will be on the town meeting warrant however, they haven’t determined if it will have their recommendation with it. Dick stated that the presentation was good but that it didn’t give him enough adequate information to make a determination if this is really what is best for the town.
- **Tax Acquired Properties:**
 - Map/Lot 08-030 – 14 Alford Lake Rd: Tabled
 - Map/Lot 21-020 – 118 Ludwig Rd: Tabled
- **Applications for Committee Service:**
 - **Recreation Committee:** Todd Snyder: Sarah made a motion to appoint Todd the Recreation Committee. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 4-0
 - **Recreation Committee:** Benjamin Leavitt: Tabled
 - **Cemetery Sexton:** Beth Gindel: The Selectmen review the application from Beth. Dick made a motion to appoint Beth the Sexton beginning July 1, 2019 unless the current sexton would like to be done sooner. It was seconded by Sarah.
Motion passed 4-0
- **Letter from Lincolnville Board of Selectmen regarding MCSW:** The Selectmen read a letter sent by the Board of Selectmen from the Town of Lincolnville. No action was needed.

- 1 Year Ambulance Contract Extension – NEMHS: Dick made a motion to approve and sign a 1-year extension with NEMHS for ambulance services in the amount of \$38,659. It was seconded by Sarah.

Motion passed 4-0

- Administrative Budget Options: In preparing for the eventual replacement of the bookkeeper position, the Town Administrator presented the Selectmen with some options for budgeting purposes. No actual costs were discussed at this time.

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- Application for Liquor Licensing and Enforcement for Pushaw’s Trading Post – Susan Pushaw: Susan had a state form for the Selectmen to sign regarding selling and serving beer and spirits. The Selectmen signed the form.

Review and Sign Warrants:

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Dick made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58. It was seconded by Sarah.

Motion passed 4-0

Adjournment:

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 9:36PM. It was seconded by Sarah.

Motion passed 4-0