

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016
HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6:30 P.M.**

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

Board Members Present: Jim Annis, David Bosken, Chris Pinchbeck, Wendy Pelletier, Brian Powers Jr.,

Others Present: Jon Duke,

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Brian Powers called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the February 9th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Jim Annis moved, and Chris Pinchbeck seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of February 9th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as written. **Motion passed 5-0.**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, March 8th at 6:32pm at the Hope Town Office.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

Jon outlined for the Board the coming month or so of meetings for the MidCoast Solid Waste Board of Directors as they work toward putting together a recommendation for the municipal officers of the four communities in MCSWC. The MCSWC Board will be interviewing organizations who have submitted proposals on March 3rd and 7th at 6pm at the Rockport Opera House. Following those interviews, the MCSWC Board will conduct a public hearing from residents of the four communities on March 21st at the Rockport Town Office to gauge the sentiment of the region, and will begin debating the recommendation that evening. The Board may make a decision that night or postpone a vote until their regular Board meeting on March 23rd at the Rockport Town Office. Finally, the MCSWC Board will host the municipal officers of the four communities on April 4th at the Rockport Opera House to discuss their recommendation.

On election day, the Board conducted a straw poll from the voters who participated that day. On the question of changing the primary ambulance provider for South Hope from Union Ambulance to North East Mobile Health Services, poll respondents endorsed the move 143 to 33. On the second question, whether members of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee should receive a stipend for their efforts; the poll respondents agreed with that policy 104 to 85.

Town report season has begun and Jon presented to the Board a handful of possible honorees for the town report dedication.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

a. Purchasing Policy discussion

Jon presented to the Board a copy of the Town's Purchasing Policy, as was last amended in June 2015. The Town's auditor spoke with the Board at their last meeting to discuss the findings from the FY 2015 audit and told the Board that it is critical for the Board to review its purchasing policy to ensure that Town expenditures meet the criteria they expect for payment. In particular, the Board discussed methods to alter the policy to reflect the manner in which the Board and Road Commissioner handle purchases and repairs to town roads. Jon suggested that if the Board could not come to agreement on an amendment to the policy, the policy contains the ability for the Board to approve purchasing methods outside of the policy's limits by calling a public hearing to inform residents why the Board wishes to seek an alternative means of purchasing.

b. Pole Permit

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to approve a pole permit on Seacoast Road. Jim Annis seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

c. Approval of Warrant

Jim Annis made a motion to approve Warrants 61-63. Chris Pinchbeck seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. Future Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment

Wendy Pelletier moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**