

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Hope Board of Selectmen**  
**Hope Board of Assessors'**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Hope Town Office**

**Board Members Present:**

- Wendy Pelletier, Dick Crabtree, Mike Brown, and Sarah Ann Smith

**Others Present:**

- Samantha Mank

**Call to Order Board of Assessors':**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Wendy.
- The Assessors' reviewed the Ratio Declaration that was prepared by Vern Ziegler, the Assessors' Agent. Dick made a motion to approve and sign the Ratio Declaration regarding the Homestead Exemption as recommended by Vern. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Adjourn Board of Assessors' – Convene as Board of Selectmen:**

- Sarah made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors' and to convene as the Board of Selectmen at 6:38 PM. It was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Minutes:**

- Mike made a motion to accept the 3/20/2018 minutes as written. It was seconded by Dick.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Administrator's Report:**

- Had a meeting with MMA Risk Management on March 2, 2018. At that time, Zach Collins did a risk management survey of the Town Office building including the Library, the shed out back that holds the trash, and of True Park.
- I received an email from Rebecca Hewitt for the Maine DEP. The judge has signed a Court Order authorizing the sale of the former Union Chemical site.
- There are 853 outstanding 2018 tax real estate accounts totaling \$1,163,374.44
- There are 22 outstanding 2017 real estate accounts totaling \$43,205.93 with liens that will automatically foreclose in January 2019 if the accounts remain delinquent.

**New Business:**

- Quit Claim Deed -Lien Error from 1980: While doing a title search, a bank discovered that a lien discharged had not been properly filed at the Knox County Registry of Deeds in 1980. It is believed that this was a filing error as there have been additional deed and searched conducting since 1980 and all were approved. The Hope resident and the bank have asked the Selectmen to approve and sign a quit claim deed discharging the 1980 lien. The bank sent a

prepared deed. The Selectmen reviewed to deed and found several minor errors. Sarah made a motion to approve and sign a corrected quit claim deed. It was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Old Business:**

- Broadband Internet LCI Connect Maine Grant Support Letter: Wendy stated that since this issue is not a policy issue that no official motion or vote is required by the Selectmen. Any Selectmen who would like to sign the letter may do so. The Town Administrator will forward the signed letter to Lincolnville Communications, Inc.
- Disposal of Foreclosed Property: The Town Administrator presented the Selectmen with several different options of how to dispose of the property that was automatically foreclosed in January for non-payment of real-estate taxes. After much discussion, Dick made a motion to enter into an agreement with the prior owner to make payment in full for the 2016 taxes by June 1, 2018 for the property located at 118 Ludwig Rd Map 21 Lot 020. If the 2016 RE taxes are paid in full by June 1, 2018, the Selectmen will issue a Quit Claim Deed reconveying the property to the previous owner. This is a one time offer agreement. The property has a 2017 lien against it that will automatically foreclose in January 2019. The Selectmen will dispose of the property by other means should that happen. The Town Administrator will make this offer to previous owner. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 4-0**

- Dedication of Town Report: The Selectmen had discussion about the Annual Town Report dedication. They have unanimously made the choice. It will remain undisclosed until the actual time of the dedication.

**Other Business:**

- Next Budget Meeting is Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 6:30PM
- Next Ambulance Review Committee Meeting is Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 5:00 in Camden
- Next MCSW Meeting is Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 in Camden

**Review and Sign Warrants:**

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Sarah made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 69, 70, and 71. It was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Adjournment:**

- Mike made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 4-0**