

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
5:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Clarence Keller, Harold Mosher, Bill Jones, Chris Pinchbeck, Ron Smith, David Hall, Langley Willauer, and Rick Bresnahan

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:33PM by Brian.

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

- Fire Truck(s) Repairs: Two of the Towns fire trucks have rust problems that need to be addressed and could potentially cause damage if not repaired soon. Dick proposed to fund the repair of one fire truck immediately by over spending the budget and to put the repair of the other truck in next year's budget. Clarence agreed with this approach from the stand point of it being fiscally responsible. Dick is not recommending a Special Town Meeting because it should be considered in the context of the whole budget. Mike said he didn't understand why we didn't just have a Special Town Meeting. Sarah said that she would be more comfortable with having a brief Special Town Meeting. Sarah suggested that the Board hold off on making a decision on whether or not to have a Special Town Meeting until the Solar discussion is completed. All Selectmen agreed.
- Solar Array for Town of Hope: Dick began by stating that he thought the Selectmen should reject both RFP's from Revision Energy and from Sundog Solar as neither met the financial return for the Town. He also thinks that the Selectmen should reject the recommendation of the Solar Committee to go with Revision Energy as it also doesn't meet the threshold for the internal rate of return and cash-flow. Furthermore, he stated that the Selectmen should disband the Solar Committee as an agent of the Town as they have fulfilled their charge. Lastly, he thinks the Selectmen should place an article on the Town Warrant for the Annual Meeting for the voters to approve or disapprove. There was much discussion that ensued following Dick's opening remarks from those in attendance as well as the Selectmen. Sarah made a motion to have a Special Town Meeting in March to vote on the Solar Project and the Fire Truck. During the discussion, Mike seconded the motion with an amended motion that both fire trucks and the solar project be funded from the undesignated fund at that Special Town Meeting.

Motion failed 2-3 *(Brian, Dick, and Wendy)*

Dick made a motion to pay for one truck now out of the current budget and to include the repair for the second fire truck in the 2019-2020 budget and to place the Solar Committee's Recommendation on the warrant at the Annual Town Meeting. It was seconded by Mike. Again, there was much discussion that ensued. Dick clarified that the intent of his motion did not include a Special Town Meeting. Members from the public in attendance voiced their opposition to this motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 6:42PM. It was seconded by Sarah.

Motion passed 5-0