

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Hope Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Hope Town Office**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

- Samantha Mank

**Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Brian.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Minutes:**

- Dick made a motion to accept the 4/10/2018 minutes. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 4-0-1** (Sarah)
- Mike made a motion to accept the 4/12/2018 minutes. It was seconded by Dick.  
**Motion passed 4-0-1** (Sarah)
- Sarah made a motion to accept the 4/17/2018 minutes. It was seconded by Dick.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**Administrator's Report:**

- There will only be limited and basic/routine services available at Town Office on Wednesday May 9, 2018 while staff is at training.
- There are 501 outstanding 2018 tax real estate accounts totaling \$673,889.37
- There are 21 outstanding 2017 real estate accounts totaling \$42,768.89 with liens that will automatically foreclose in January 2019 if the accounts remain delinquent.

**New Business:**

- Review and Accept 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report: The Town Administrator presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report to the Board of Selectmen.
- Appointment for Committee Service – Marie Berry Recreation Committee: Dick made a motion to appoint Marie Berry to the Recreation Committee for an additional term. It was seconded by Sarah.  
**Motion passed 5-0**
- Appoints of Election Clerks: Sarah made a motion to appoint Brad Boyd, Sydney Hall, Margaret Ludwig, Mary Jane Doubleday, Donna Griffith, Richard Crabtree, Brittany Spear, Hannah Sisk, Elinor Goldberg, and Nancy Ford as Election Clerks for a 2-year term. It was seconded by Wendy.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

- Review and Sign Municipal Withdrawal Agreement: Upon review of the Withdrawal Agreement, Dick made a motion to sign the agreement to withdrawal from Municipal Review Committee (MRC). It was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 5-0**

- Review and Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The Selectmen carefully reviewed the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Mike made a motion to accept and sign the Town Meeting Warrant with some adjustments and amendments. It was seconded by Dick.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other Business:**

- Sarah presented the Selectmen with a spreadsheet showing how the Town money is spent and what the Board of Selectmen actually have control over. She noted that the municipal expenses have only risen 9% in the past 7 years. This includes the roads budget that has only had an accumulative increase of 1% and the Administration accumulative budget increase of 0% in the past 7 years. In contrast, the Five Town CSD High School budget has increased 44% in the past 7 years, the Five Town CSD Adult Education has increased 38% in the past 7 years, and the Hope Elementary School Budget has increased 53% in the past 7 years. The Knox County Budget has gone up 44% in the past 7 years. Sarah felt it is important for taxpayers to see what departments have significant increases.

**Review and Sign Warrants:**

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Dick made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 76, 77, and 78. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Adjournment:**

- Mike made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 5-0**