

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016
HOPE TOWN OFFICE
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, Brian Powers Jr., Wendy Pelletier, Chris Pinchbeck

Others Present: Jon Duke,

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Brian Powers called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the April 26th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Jim Annis moved, and Wendy Pelletier seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of April 26th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Pinchbeck abstained)**

b. Minutes of the April 29th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Jim Annis moved, and David Bosken seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of April 29th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Pelletier abstained)**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

Jon presented to the Board a letter from Avery Larned raising concerns on the status of road discontinuances made by Town Meeting in 1952. The discontinuances at that time affected the status of roads in her neighborhood, near Hobbs Lane. The Board agreed to take the letter home and digest the information presented.

Jon reported on an email he received from Ginny Ryan this past weekend indicating the presence of needles (also known as "sharps") along the side of Gillette Road while Ginny conducted her own roadside cleanup of the area. These "sharps" can be a very serious matter that can injure bystanders and in some cases can be signs of illegal activities nearby. Residents who wish to clean up their roadsides should do so with great caution and the use of rubber gloves to avoid the spread of infectious diseases.

Five Town Little League is once again using True Park for their baseball activities this spring, and conducted a spring cleaning of the field two weekends ago. Though Five Town Little League is not charged to use the field, the League director, Rick Thackeray, thought it was important to give back to a community who is helping make their program a success.

Lastly, Road Commissioner John Monroe reported at the previous meeting he had removed a beaver dam adjacent to culvert on Crabtree Road. However, this action caused the level of Hobbs Pond to drop significantly over a short period of time. Hobbs and Fish Pond Association President David Hall contacted Jon Duke last week to inquire about the dam removal and to raise concerns with the rapid level decrease. Game Warden Michelle Merrifield was asked to look into the situation and reported to Jon Duke that while protecting the Town road is a high priority for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, it is important that the Town involve the Warden's Service if the Town needs to remove any future beaver dams.

V. New Business

a. FY 17 Town Administrator Contract

Wendy Pelletier made a motion to approve the FY 17 Town Administrator's contract with Jonathan Duke. Jim Annis seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Approval of Warrant

Jim Annis made a motion to approve Warrants 82-85. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VI. Future Agenda Items

VII. Adjournment

Jim Annis moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**