

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
6:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Brian Powers Jr., Wendy Pelletier, Dick Crabtree, Mike Brown

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Brian.

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- Mike made a motion to accept the 5/8/2018 minutes. It was seconded by Wendy.
Motion passed 4-0

Administrator's Report:

- Dick and I met with the CEO from North East Ambulance to review the budgeting of the Rockport base. We were satisfied with the meeting.
- I called the previous owner of the foreclosed property to give him a gentle reminder that the June 1st deadline was less than 2-weeks away.
- A meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow morning to meet with FEMA regarding reimbursing approx. \$8,000+ for the October 2017 storm.
- I attended the Mid Coast Manager's Association Meeting in Rockland. The main topic was paving alternatives taught by Jerry Douglass formerly of Maine Local Roads.
- There was an MCSW Executive Board meeting last week. Topics discussed were the facility redesign options and Waste Watch Committee.
- The personal property tax due date has passed. Therefore, all personal property taxes that were assessed for this fiscal year have been removed from the books as approved by this Board on August 8, 2017.
- The Town Clerk, Chelsea Summers has successfully completed her 6-month probationary period.
- To date, \$14,661.79 have been paid pre-paid over 44 different real estate accounts for 2019.
- There are 117 outstanding 2018 tax real estate accounts totaling \$181,515.90.
- There are 18 outstanding 2017 real estate accounts totaling \$37,581.88 with liens that will automatically foreclose in January 2019 if the accounts remain delinquent.

New Business:

- Discussion about Town Investment Policy: The Town Administrator presented the Selectmen with a draft Investment Policy template. There was some discussion regarding the cash flow analysis of each of the Town's accounts in order to see what and how much should or could be

invested. There were many questions such as length of time of investments, knowledge base for monitoring investments, and how can risk be minimized. Ultimately, the Selectmen are concerned with handling taxpayer money in the best possible way.

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- MCSW – Discussion: Dick reminded the Board of Selectmen about a letter that had been written in April 2017 to the MCSW Board of Director’s about eliminating the weighted vote system and adopting an equal vote on the Board of Director’s for all 4 Towns. Dick made a motion that the Hope Board of Selectmen approve him going to the MCSW Board and propose a bylaw change of the current voting structure to an equal vote for all 4 Towns and to undertake the steps necessary to make that happen. If this Board approves the motion, it will be discussed at the May 23rd MCSW meeting. Wendy seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0

- Brian asked if the vacancies on Town boards and committees could be included as a recurring request in the Hawkeye for the remainder of the school year. The Town Administrator will check on it.

Review and Sign Warrants:

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Mike made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 82, 83, 84 and 85. It was seconded by Dick.

Motion passed 4-0

Adjournment:

- Mike made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. It was seconded by Wendy.

Motion passed 4-0