

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Hope Board of Selectmen
Tuesday June 11, 2019
6:30PM
Hope Corner Fire Station

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Curtis Dow, Matthew Winston, Rick Bresnahan, Chris Pinchbeck, Cameron Pinchbeck, Harold Mosher, Thom Ingraham, Ron Smith, Jim Guerra, Elizabeth Tibbets, and Langley Willauer

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Brian

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- Sarah made a motion to accept the 5/28/19 minutes as corrected. It was seconded by Dick.
Motion passed 4-0-1 (Mike)

Administrator's Report:

- Held a Candidate's Night on Thursday May 30th. All in all, it was a success. Thank-You to Brian Powers Sr. for moderating the event. We had 33 adults and 1 child including the candidates. The sign at South Hope Fire Station actually inspired another municipality to conduct a candidate's night in their town as well.
- I spoke with the Chair of the Hope School Committee about a School Committee member who had registered to vote in a different municipality back in January. The School Committee as well as people in the Town Office thought residency was determined by the amount of time spent in each community. It was believed that 6 months and 1-day would determine that he was still a Hope resident. I did go through and check the minutes of the meetings since January. There were actions taken that relied solely on this individual. Therefore, all business conducted would still have been able to be conducted even in the absence of this individual. I shared the Maine statues with all involved. Apparently, a similar situation happened on the Appleton School Committee as well. Going forward, everyone knows that for elected officials on the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Budget Committee must be registered voters in the Town in which they are serving. Furthermore, I made sure there were a majority of signatures on the warrants for today so that there would be enough even if this individuals' signature was missing.

- MCSW has hosted one of the manager finalists. The other one is expected to be here on Friday and Saturday. Hopefully the Board of Director's will be able to choose one of them after the hosting events have been completed.
- Discussion with Mr. Mayo regarding moderating Town Meeting.
- The roof at the front of the building is leaking. I have put a trash can up there to catch the water. I recommend acquiring bids to have at least that section replaced.
- Mary is away on vacation until June 4th. Chelsea will be returning to work tomorrow morning.
- Had the 2nd round of interviews with 3 candidates. The Board of Directors have narrowed the field down to 2 finalists. The plan is to have each of the finalist to come to the facility and have a tour and meet the staff. They are hoping to be able to make a decision soon after that on which one they will offer the position to.
- The Planning Board held a Public Hearing for the amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and the adoption of the new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, last Thursday. No one showed up. This meets the legal requirement to have it on the warrant at Town Meeting.
- Reminder that the meet the Candidate's Night is this Thursday at 6:30 at the Hope Corner Fire Station. Clarence will host. Brian Powers Sr. will moderate.
- I will be in Augusta on Friday June 7th for a Shoreland Zoning Training.
- The next Selectmen's meeting is on election day. We can meet in the conference room if need be. If there is a topic in which we may have members in the audience present, we would need to have an alternate location.

New Business:

- Presentation of Energy Analysis Report – Curtis Dow from Cordjia: Curtis began by stating that all of the municipal buildings are very efficient. There will not be any significant return on the investment of heat pumps. There is no way that heat pumps will increase the efficiency of any of the town owned buildings. Therefore, he is recommending that the Town not make any changes until the end of life of the current heating systems.

Rick B. said that what we really need to now is if the heat pumps are completely paid for, would the heat pumps generate enough kwh for the solar array to provide the power? Mr. Dow why would the Town intentionally increase usage just to install a solar array. Rick explained that they are trying to eliminate the propane gas and replace it with electricity and then have the solar array to pay for the electricity – which would be free to the Town after 10 years.

Curtis said the current heating system at the Town Office have as additional 15 years until end of life and the Hope Corner Fire Station's heating systems has about 20 more years before needing to be replaced. He said that it seems odd that the Town has already paid for the current heating systems. He doesn't understand not using them since they are already paid for.

Chris P. wanted Mr. Dow to know that the plan is to have the 2 systems work together and to not quit using the current heating but to use the heat pumps and the current heating

systems alternately especially when it is extremely cold because heat pumps don't work as well in the colder temperatures.

Sarah asked if it would extend the life of the current systems even longer if heat pumps were added. Mr. Dow said that it most likely would extend the life to about 30-35 years.

After much more discussion, Rick asked what was going to be the next step. Brian asked if Hope LLC would be interested in a smaller array. Sarah said that she is in favor of having a solar array but emphasized that we need to be wise with the resources. She wondered if we should take a step back and look and see if there is a different place or way to move forward instead of having a big one in True Park and to not include the fire station. Perhaps putting it on the roof of the Town Office or some other option. Rick stated that solar arrays on roofs don't work. He also stated that there comes a point when the project is too small and then it would just be better to walk away.

Rick said that we are still working on True Park with the DEP. He estimates that the total impact to the wetland will be about 8 sq. ft. if only the screws for the legs of the solar array are counting in the impact.

Rick said that he has a contract ready to be signed. Brian stated that he was going to need hard numbers, facts and details. When the Town Administrator receives the contract for the PPA, she will send it the Town Attorney for review.

- Appointment to Board of Appeals:
 - Brian Powers Sr.: Dick made a motion to appoint Brian Powers Sr. to the Board of Appeals for a 5-year term expiring on June 30, 2024. It was seconded by Mike. **Motion passed 4-0-1 (Brian)**
- Signing of Cemetery Deeds - Beth Gindel: The Sexton brought several cemetery deeds to be signed by the Chair of the Board of Selectmen so that they may finally be issued to the proper owners. Brian signed the deeds.

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- Brian said it has been a pleasure in dealing with this Board in all ways. In the past 7 years of serving on this Board, we have never gotten more done than with this particular Board. He expressed his appreciation for everyone and for their dedication. He said, we have worked peacefully, happily and respectfully with each other, thank-you.

Mike said that he would also like to thank this Board of Selectmen. He said that he has learned a great deal from both Dick and Brian.

Dick agreed. He said that he has worked with hundreds of Boards and committees and that he has never worked with a group of people that he has respected more than this group.

Review & Sign Warrants #'s 80, 81, and 82:

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Sarah made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 88. It was seconded by Wendy.

Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

- With no further ado, Dick made a motion to adjourn at 8:21PM. It was seconded by Sarah.

Motion passed 3-2 (*Brian & Wendy*)