

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Hope Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, June 12, 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 6:30 PM by Brian.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Minutes:**

- Dick made a motion to accept the 5/22/2018 minutes. It was seconded by Wendy.  
**Motion passed 4-0-1** (*Sarah*)

**Administrator's Report:**

- The Town Sexton, Jan Campbell, says she is too busy to get all of the information for the new deeds into the new software program. She has asked if she can relinquish that duty to someone at the Town Office. She also said that she would be willing to train someone.
- Received a letter from ConnectME regarding the application for a grant to get high speed internet throughout the Town. The Town of Hope was not selected in this round to receive the grant.
- Received a complaint about the mowing and lack of mowing for True Park.
- The Planning Board met last Wednesday and have approved a plan for the 75 Loon Lane property.
- All of the paperwork necessary for the FEMA reimbursement caused by the October storm has been completed and submitted. Now we wait to see if we will receive any of the funds that were expended and unplanned/unbudgeted back.
- Received an email from the Terrence Connelly of the EPA sending the Town a Notice of Deletion. The Notice is on file at the Town Office.
- There has been a lot of activity for code enforcement and plumbing inspecting. So far for this assessment year which began on April 1<sup>st</sup> - 23 building permits have been issued and 11 plumbing permits have been issued. There are more plumbing permits pending.
- As of Friday, June 8th, \$16,602.45 have been paid pre-paid over 46 different real estate accounts for 2019.
- As of Friday, June 8th there were 100 outstanding 2018 real estate tax accounts totaling \$149,600.48
- As of Friday, June 8th there were 18 outstanding 2017 real estate tax accounts totaling \$37,581.88 with liens that will automatically foreclose in January 2019 if the accounts remain delinquent.

**New Business:**

- Application for Committee Service- Planning Board-John Fallows: Sarah made a motion to appoint John Fallows to a 5-year term on the Planning Board. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 5-0**
- Final Approval and Sign Ambulance Contract: The Selectmen reviewed the contract for NEMHS. There are still some questions regarding the needed amendments to the contract. The contract will not be signed at this time. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Hobbs & Fish Pond Association Insurance Waiver Request: Jeff Connon, President of the HFPA, submitted a letter requesting an insurance waiver in order to have the annual meeting at the Town Office. Per the Building Use Policy, organizations that are not town entities must obtain liability insurance in order to use any town owned buildings. The Selectmen agree that the services the HFPA provides are important. However, the organization is not a town entity. Therefore, the HFPA is not covered by the town's liability insurance. For that reason, the Selectmen deny the insurance waiver request.
- Quit Claim Deed & RE Transfer for Map 21 Lot 020 located at 118 Ludwig Rd: The former property owner paid the RE 2016 taxes and associated fees and agreed to by the Selectmen. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the Quit Claim deed and real estate transfer tax form returning the property that was tax acquired back to the previous property owner.
- Review Town Meeting Warrant and Town Meeting Process: The Selectmen reviewed the warrant articles for Town Meeting and discussed any amendments that may need to be made.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other Business:**

- Close Town Office early on July 14, 2018: The Selectmen agreed that the Town Office will close at 5:00PM on Thursday, 6/14/2018 so office staff could be ready for Town Meeting.

**Review and Sign Warrants:**

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Dick made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90. It was seconded by mike.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**Adjournment:**

- Mike made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM. It was seconded by Sarah.  
**Motion passed 5-0**