

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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: David Bosken, Brian Powers Jr., Wendy Pelletier, Chris Pinchbeck

Board Members Absent: Jim Annis

Others Present: Jon Duke, David Hall, Jeff Connon, Nancy Connon, Linda Lord, Julie Jones, John Monroe, Charlie Weidman

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Brian Powers called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the May 24th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Chris Pinchbeck moved, and Wendy Pelletier seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of May 24th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. **Motion passed 4-0.**

a. Minutes of the June 7th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Chris Pinchbeck moved, and Wendy Pelletier seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of June 7th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. **Motion passed 3-0-1. (Pelletier abstained)**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

Jon reminded the Board that the decisions regarding the ecomaine vote will be taking place in Camden, Rockport, and Lincolnville over the next few days. Depending on the outcome, voters at the Hope Town Meeting may not have as much of a decision in front of them, but a split decision will likely force all of the communities to come back to the table to discuss the next steps.

Jon, members of the school committee, Superintendent Dianne Helprin, Principal Danielle Fagonde, and engineer Will Gartley walked the area set to be the new location of the Hope Elementary School septic system. Though none of the neighbors who had been invited attended the meeting, all present were able to get a clear picture as to the plan for the septic system replacement and how it will manage to divert surface water into the ditchline on Highfield Road.

V. Public Hearing

a. FY 17 Roads Plan/Road Resurfacing Plan

John Monroe reported that he spoke with Union Town Manager Jay Feyler with experiences on using All States Asphalt and choosing to avoid bidding that project out. Feyler said the Union Selectmen elect each year to bypass putting the resurfacing plan out to be because All States Asphalt is far and away the best vendor and other vendors are merely purchasing the chipseal product from them. Monroe said that he initially was against using chipseal, but the increasingly poor asphalt quality we have received over recent years is shortening the lifespan of the resurfacing treatment. Additionally, the potential of using a greater amount of shim material underneath the chipseal mitigates the issues he foresaw with a thinner treatment to the roads.

VI. New Business

a. Hobbs and Fish Pond Association Update

Hobbs and Fish Pond Association President David Hall spoke on behalf of the association to the Board on the status of the dam the association owns near the spillway between Hobbs and Fish pond. Hall noted the Road Commissioner has plans to replace the culvert that runs under Crabtree Road and wishes to coordinate with the Town for the purposes of repairing their dam. Association Vice President Jeff Connon indicated that there have been a number of rumors as to what work plans to be done and want the Town to collaborate with the association. Julie Jones provided the history of the dam placed at that location and called for more communication between the Town and the pond association. John Monroe explained to the members of the association the steps that precipitated his removal of the beaver dam and showed a number of photos he took which showed the condition of the area prior to the dam's removal. Monroe agreed to work with the association on the replacement of the culvert once the association receives word from the Maine DEP as to the approval of their permit to repair the existing dam.

b. FY 17 Roads Plan/Road Resurfacing Plan

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to approve the bid from All States Asphalt to resurface Jones Hill Road and Seacoast Road at a cost of \$56,067.75. Wendy Pelletier seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to approve FY 17 Roads Plan as proposed. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

c. FY 17 Winter Salt

David Bosken made a motion to reject all Knox County winter salt bids and request the Road Commissioner negotiate a price not to exceed \$62.50 per ton. Chris Pinchbeck seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

d. Resignation of Town Administration/CEO/LPI Jonathan Duke

David Bosken made a motion to accept the resignation of Jonathan Duke as Town Administration/CEO/LPI/GA Administrator as of July 1, 2016. Chris Pinchbeck seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

e. Approval of Warrant

Wendy Pelletier made a motion to approve Warrant 93. Chris Pinchbeck seconded.
Motion passed 4-0.

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

VII. Executive Session

a. Personnel Matter

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Brian Powers made a motion to thanks and gratitude to Chris Pinchbeck and Jim Annis for three years of service to the Town and this community. Wendy Pelletier seconded.

IX. Adjournment

Chris Pinchbeck moved to adjourn at 9:07 pm. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**