

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Hope Board of Selectmen & Assessors'**  
**Tuesday, June 26, 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, Vern Ziegler, and John Monroe

**Call to Order:**

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

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Election of Officers:**

- Board of Selectmen – Chair: Sarah nominated Brian to be the Chair. It was seconded by Mike. During the discussion, Wendy nominated Dick for the Chair position. Brian said that he thought that it is in the best interest of the Town if Dick would be the Chair. Dick said he didn't want to be the Chair and that he thought he could be more effective in a different role other than the Chair.  
**Motion passed 4-0-1** (*Brian*)
- Board of Selectmen – Vice Chair: Dick nominated Wendy to be the Vice Chair. It was seconded by Sarah. During the discussion, Wendy nominated Dick for the Vice Chair position. Dick said that he felt that he could be just as effective in the role of Vice Chair. Dick withdrew his motion. Mike made a motion to nominate Dick to be the Vice Chair. It was seconded by Wendy.  
**Motion passed 4-0-1** (*Dick*)

**Minutes:**

- Mike made a motion to accept the 6/12/2018 minutes. It was seconded by Sarah.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**Recess/Convene:**

- Sarah made a motion to recess as Board of Selectmen and to convene as the Board of Assessor's at 6:47PM. It was seconded by Wendy.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**Board of Assessor's:**

- Vern provided statistical analysis on mobile homes in Hope. He explained that there are several mobile homes in Hope but that they were not all coded the same during the revaluation in 2006 because of a variety of factors including the type of property the mobile home was on and other features such as decking. Vern has proposed to adjust the assessment percentage of mobile homes only meaning not the land or any features but strictly the

structure to 60% of a single-family dwelling. This adjustment would reduce the Mid-Quartile Mean to 106 which makes it closer to the comparable values assessments of a stick-built home. The Board of Assessors' agreed. No vote is required at this time. The approval will be given at the time of the tax-commitment.

#### **Administrator's Report:**

- The Sexton said that the Hope Cemetery Extension Deeds would take approx.. 4 hours of data entry.
- I have not sent in the Ambulance contract yet. However, the other 3 Towns have. There are some proposed amendments being discussed. It appears that the Ambulance Review Committee will be meeting again to approve or not approve the changes.
- Deadline for the paving bids are Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Awarding the paving bid will be on the July 24<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- Tax Commitment is scheduled July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- This Friday is the end of the fiscal year.
- As of today, \$17,161.21 have been paid pre-paid over 46 different real estate accounts for 2019.
- As of today, there are 92 outstanding 2018 real estate tax accounts totaling \$132,225.04
- As of today, there are still 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:**

- Review, Approve, and Sign Assessors' Agent FY 2018-2019 Contract: The Selectmen reviewed the contract. Dick made a motion to sign the contract to retain assessing services with Fort Halifax Appraisals for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 5-0**
- Road Commissioner Updates – John Monroe: John informed the Selectmen that advertisement for the paving bids have gone out.  
He also noted that there is a beaver dam on Hobbs Pond The water is approximately 1.5 feet from going over the road. The beaver dam is inside the culvert by Rankin's. It is against the law for the Road Commissioner to remove the dam even though it is getting close to the road. He is concerned that one good rain could cause the water to flood over the road. He has attempted to contact Michelle Merrifield for assistance, but she has been unavailable.  
A float and some tires have been abandoned at the sand/salt shed. People are using the area to dump their unwanted items. Brian has suggested have cameras up around the property year-round. The Selectmen instructed the Road Commissioner to haul the items away.  
Sand/Salt bids from the County were received. Salt was \$14.75/ton and sand was \$12.50/ton. John would like to solicit bids from New England Salt and Lucas before making a decision. The Selectmen agreed.
- Donation of See-Saw – John Wood: Asked to be removed from agenda.
- Legislation Policy Committee Ballot: The Selectmen voted and signed the ballot.
- Application for Catering Permit: The Selectmen reviewed, approved and signed the catering permit for an event at Beaver Lodge.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other Business:**

- None

**Review and Sign Warrants:**

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Mike made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 91, 92, 93, 94, and 99. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Adjournment:**

- Sarah made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 PM. It was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 5-0**