

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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, Mike Brown, Dick Crabtree

Others Present: Jon Duke, Alan Lowberg, Brien Davis, Barbara Bentley, Mary Tolles

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Minutes

a. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Dick Crabtree moved, and Mike Brown seconded, a motion to approve Brian Powers as Chair and Wendy Pelletier as vice chair. **Motion passed 3-0-2. (Powers and Pelletier abstained)**

III. Minutes

a. Minutes of the June 14th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Wendy Pelletier moved, and David Bosken seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of June 14th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. **Motion passed 3-0-2. (Brown and Crabtree abstained)**

IV. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.

V. Town Administrator's Report

Emails for Mike and Dick
Tim Carroll
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VI. New Business

a. Route 17 Road Conditions and Economic Impact – Alan Lowberg

Alan Lowberg of Liberty Crate Company spoke to the Board regarding his concerns over the speed of traffic on Route 17 and impacts associated with that speed. Lowberg noted that at a recent Farmer's Market he sold four of his crates because those who purchased the crates indicated there they were reticent to stop because of the condition of speed along that road. The impacts of speed along that road have diminished prospects for business along that stretch of road, according to Lowberg. Brian Powers stated that he initiated an effort to lower the speed limit along Route 17 and the representatives from Maine DOT and State Senator Ed Mazurek. Brian stated that the efforts came up short as Maine DOT suggested that not only could they not lower that speed limit, but the

potential exists that Maine DOT could increase the speed limit along the road according to

b. Septic System Use Expansion – Brien Davis

Jon explained to the Board the history of the Town Office's septic system and the involvement in that system by the properties owned by Brien and Emily Davis (Hope Orchards) and Christian Andrus (the red metal building). The system is located on the Davis's property and an easement was given to a prior owner of the red building to allow that structure to connect to the Town's septic system.

The Board agreed to postpone a decision on this matter until the new members have had an opportunity to review letter from the Town Attorney drafted April 26, 2010 and the draft license agreement.

c. FY 17 Town Appointees

David Bosken made a motion to approve the list of Town Appointees as presented. Dick Crabtree seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

d. Town Administrator/CEO/LPI Succession Planning

Barbara Bentley asked if the Board had made plans how to handle the departure of the Town Administrator/CEO/LPI. Brian Powers noted that the Town has circulated an ad for the hiring process.

Dick Crabtree made a motion to authorize Mary Tolles to hire part-time labor at the Town Office to cover the staffing needs of the office as needed. Wendy Pelletier seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

e. Liquor License Approval – Hatchet Mountain Publick House

Mike Brown made a motion to approve the application as presented. Dick Crabtree seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

e. Audit Engagement Letter – William Brewer and Associates

Mike Brown made a motion to authorize Brian Powers Jr. to sign the audit engagement letter with William Brewer and Associates. Dick Crabtree seconded. **Motion passed 4-0-1. (Powers abstained)**

f. Approval of Warrant

David Bosken made a motion to approve Warrant 94-97. Wendy Pelletier seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. Future Agenda Items

Brian Powers made a motion of regret and sadness at the departure of Jon Duke as Town Administrator.

VIII. Adjournment

Mike Brown moved to adjourn at 10:07 pm. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**