

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Hope Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday August 13, 2019**  
**6:30PM**  
**Hope Town Office**

**Board Members Present:**

- Brian Powers Jr, Wendy Pelletier, and Thom Ingraham

**Others Present:**

- Samantha Mank, Rick Bresnahan, Matt Winston, Chris Pinchbeck, Lindsay Pinchbeck, Cameron Pinchbeck, Elsie Pinchbeck, Ron Smith, and Ellie Goldberg

**Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Brian

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Minutes:**

- 7/23/2019 meeting: Thom made a motion to accept the July 23, 2019 minutes. It was seconded by Wendy.

**Motion passed 3-0**

**Town Administrator Report:**

- The no smoking signs were ordered and have arrived. They will be hung up later this week.
- Contacted Dan Ford regarding the shed he has for sale. He built it a couple of years ago for the purpose of selling it to make money. It is an 8' X 12' wooden shed for which he is asking \$2,500.
- The new MCSW manager has arrived in Maine. The Executive Committee is planning on meeting with him on Friday morning (Aug. 16th) and his actual first day will be on Monday, August 19th.
- Attended the New England Managers Conference last week. While there, I had the chance to meet the Rockport Town Manager, Bill Post. There were several sessions covering a variety of topics including: Solar Energy, LED street light conversion, recycling, aging populations in municipalities, capital planning, broadband internet, ethics, sharing services, and more.
- There are 16 outstanding 2018 real estate tax accounts totaling \$25,329.43 with liens that will go to automatic foreclosure on February 14, 2020 if accounts remain unpaid.

- There are 43 outstanding 2019 real estate tax accounts totaling \$70,916.99.
- There are 1,177 RE 2020 tax accounts totaling \$3,221,716.46. Taxes were committed on July 23rd. The total represents both halves of the due tax payments.

**New Business:**

- **FY 2019 Budgetary Carry-Overs:**
  - **General Admin/Municipal Bldg. - \$1,000:** The request for this carry over from FY 2019 is because the septic system at the Town Office was scheduled to be pumped in June, but the work wasn't actually done until August. Thom made a motion to carry forward \$1,000 from the General Administration cost center in the Municipal Building line of the budget. It was seconded by Wendy.  
**Motion passed 3-0**
  - **Public Safety – Fire Truck Repair - \$14,000:** The request for this carry over from FY 2019 is because the funds were approved at a special Town Meeting for the emergency firetruck repairs on 2 trucks. The first truck repairs were completed prior to July 1, 2019, the second truck repair was not completed until after July 1, 2019. Thom made a motion to carry forward \$14,000 from the Public Safety cost center in the Fire Department budget. It was seconded by Wendy.  
**Motion passed 3-0**

**Old Business:**

- Rent Town Office Space for Sweet Tree Arts School – Lindsay Pinchbeck: The Town Administrator gave an update including concerns from the Fire Marshalls Office. Some of the concerns included the need for a sprinkler system in the basement, the bottom edge of the windows could be no higher than 44 inches from the finished surface of the floor, and there would need to be special 2-hour sheetrock on the ceiling to prevent the spread of a fire.

Brian took a straw poll of the Selectmen present asking if the Board was in favor of leasing space to the Sweet Tree Arts School – all 3 were in favor. Right now, Lindsay is waiting to have conversation with the Fire Marshall. She has called and left messages, but the calls have not been returned yet. Lindsay said that she wants to have a common-sense conversation with the Fire Marshall. Since the current school is not required to have a sprinkler system, she believes that once the space is actually inspected and the learning space is explained, that the undue hardship required for the school to remediate these issues would be a factor to having a positive outcome. Brian instructed the Town Administrator to also contact the Fire Marshall's Office and try to get an inspection scheduled.

- PPA and Capital Equipment Lease Agreement – Hope Solar LLC: The Town Administrator provided the Selectmen and Rick a list of items that either needed to be

corrected, added, or deleted from the proposed power purchase agreement and the capital equipment lease agreement. Rick suggested having Bill Behrens from ReVision contact the Town Attorney directly to work on the wording of both contracts. The Selectmen agreed. This item will be put back on the agenda once the revised agreements are ready.

**Other:**

- Award/Re-Advertise Roofing Bid: The Town Administrator provided the Selectmen with a list of detailed references from various businesses and municipalities that had hired William's Construction and Roofing in the past, all of which were positive. During the discussion Brian asked for some specific information such as the grade of the proposed shingles and the ice and water shield needing to be extended through the entire valleys and not just 6 feet [of the valleys]. Thom made a motion to award the roofing bid to William's Construction and Roofing contingent on the shingle grade and the extending of the ice and water shield in all the valleys [of the roof]. It was seconded by Wendy.

**Motion passed 3-0**

**Review & Sign Warrants #'s 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14:**

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Thom made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. It was seconded by Wendy.

**Motion passed 3-0**

**Adjournment:**

- Wendy made a motion to adjourn at 8:25PM. It was seconded by Thom.

**Motion passed 3-0**