

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Hope Board of Selectmen & Assessors'**  
**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Hope Town Office**

**Board Members Present:**

- Brian Powers Jr., Dick Crabtree, Wendy Pelletier, 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 8/14/2018 minutes as amended. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Administrator's Report:**

- The Town Administrator will be away on vacation all next week.
- There have been a few concerns raised by neighbors on Loon Lane. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Sept. 12th. The Selectmen would like to move forward with proposing a change to the Land Use Ordinance as soon as possible. The change would include having any party bringing an appeal or suit against the Town or the agents of the Town unsuccessfully, would have to be liable for any legal costs incurred by the Town.
- There was a MCSW meeting last Wednesday. The Board of Director's have instructed the Executive Committee to take a more active role in assisting with defining the goals, aligning the inter-local agreement and the by-laws, having greater oversight of the finances, checking over the union contract, and begin a fair but frequent performance evaluation system.
- Mary has been training Chelsea how to do the warrants for when she is away on vacation next month. Chelsea prepared all town and school warrants this week.
- There are 1,158 outstanding 2019 real estate tax accounts totaling \$2,942,895.49.
- There are 34 outstanding 2018 real estate tax accounts totaling \$75,348.53 that were lienied today. Automatic foreclosure is in January 2020 if accounts remain unpaid.
- There are 14 outstanding 2017 real estate tax accounts totaling \$30,858.63 with liens that will automatically foreclose in January 2019 if the accounts remain delinquent.

**New Business:**

- Award Bid for Fire Department Air Bottles: Clarence received 2 bids for the replacement of sixteen Scott Safety 2216 PSI 30-minute duration carbon fiber cylinder air bottles that are expiring soon. IPS bid \$799 per bottle totaling \$12,784.00. Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc. bid \$763 per bottle totaling \$12,208.00. Clarence recommended accepting the lower bids as the product is identical in both bids. The balance in the Fire Department Equipment Reserve fund is \$18,102. Dick made a motion to award the bid to Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc. for the amount of \$12,208.00. It was seconded by Sarah.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other Business:**

- Suspend as Selectmen/Call to Order as Board of Assessors':
  - Sarah made a motion to suspend as the Board of Selectmen and to convene as the Board of Assessors' at 6:58PM. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 5-0**
  - Assessors' Return for the County Tax: The Assessors reviewed and signed the Assessor's Return.

- Adjourn as Assessors'/Reconvene as Board of Selectmen:
  - Dick made a bifurcated motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors' and to reconvene as the Board of Selectmen at 7:03PM. It was seconded by Sarah.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

- Executive Session – Labor Contract- Pursuant to 1-M.R.S.A. 13(1) §405(6)(D):
  - Sarah made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1-M.R.S.A. 13(1) §405(6)(D) for labor contract negotiations at 7:04PM. It was seconded by Dick.  
**Motion passed 5-0**
  - Dick made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:25PM. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**Review and Sign Warrants:**

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Dick made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 13, 14, and 15. It was seconded by Sarah.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**Adjournment:**

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 7:40PM. It was seconded by Sarah.  
**Motion passed 5-0**

