

**- PUBLIC MEETING -  
Hope Select Board  
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
Hope Town Office**

**-AGENDA-**

**Call to Order:**

**Agenda Adjustments/Approval:**

**Public Comment** (*Please limit comments to 2-3 minutes*):

**Board of Assessors:**

- Suspend as Select Board/Convene as Assessors:
- Abatement Update for Lynn Thomas, 10 Bryan Lane \$311.52:
- Adjourn as Assessors/Reconvene as Select Board:

**Warrants:** Treasurer's Warrants 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, & 32

**New Business:**

- Appointment of Election Clerks in accordance with 30-A M.R.S S2602(2)
- Review of HES Quarter 1 Financials

**Old Business:**

- Hope's Edge Farm Conservation Update

**Other Business:**

**Town Administrator's Report:**

**Adjournment:**

October 10, 2023

Lynn Thomas  
PO Box 6  
Searsmont, Maine 04973

Dear Ms. Thomas,

On August 24, 2023 you filed an Application for Abatement of Property Taxes with the Hope Board of Assessors. Under Maine law the Assessors must give written notice of their decision on your request within 60 days from the date of filing of the application unless the applicant consents in writing to a delay. If the Assessors fail to act, the application is deemed to have been denied and the applicant must then file an appeal.

As indicated in a prior letter to you dated September 26, 2023, on October 10, 2023 the Board of Assessors met to discuss your application. The Assessors have some questions for which they seek answers before making a final decision. The Board of Assessors voted at their meeting to offer an extension delaying action on your application so that you can answer their questions.

I am writing to request your consent to an extension and am asking that we extend the date until October 24, 2023 to allow sufficient time for the Board of Assessors to make their decision and send written notice to you.

Please sign and date the consent below and return it to the Town Office.

The Board of Assessors has asked me to discuss with you some of their questions. Please contact me at my office by calling 207-907-6621

Sincerely,  
*Vernon Ziegler*  
C. Vernon Ziegler CMA, for the Board of Assessors

My signature below is consent to a deadline extension of my *Application for Abatement of Property Taxes* filed with the Town of Hope on August 24, 2023 to October 24, 2023.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Lynn K Thomas



TOWN OF HOPE, MAINE

To: The people on the attached list, of the Town of Hope. in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

The undersigned Select board do, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. S2602(2)  
30-A M.R.S. s 2636, hereby appoint you as Election Clerks with and for the  
Municipality of Hope, such appointment to be effective until October 24, 2025.

Given under our hands this 24, day of October 2023.

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Sarah Smith

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Michael Brown

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Michael Shultz

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Charles Weidman

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Wayne Luce

Select Board of the Town of Hope

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION CLERKS & BALLOT CLERKS  
2-YEAR TERMS 2023 - 2025

Boyd, Bradley  
Bresnahan, Richard  
Chapman, Sarah  
Crabtree, Richard  
Dilorenzo, Eugene  
Doubleday, Mary Jane  
Ford, Nancy  
Griffith, Donna  
Hall, Sydney  
Humphries, Adrian  
Jones, William  
Jones, Judith  
Lewis, Linda  
Ludwig, Margaret ( Peggy)  
McTeer Mardi  
Mosher, Harold  
Powers, Amy  
Rooney, Regina  
Sisk, Hannah  
Synder, Jessica

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Sarah Smith

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Michael Brown

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Michael Shultz

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Charles Weidman

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Wayne Luce

Dated: October 24, 2023



STATE OF MAINE  
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY  
 LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE PROGRAM  
 22 STATE HOUSE STATION  
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

JANET T. MILLS  
 GOVERNOR

AMANDA E. BEAL  
 COMMISSIONER

October 10, 2023

Hope Select Board  
 441 Camden Road  
 Hope, ME 04847

**RE: *Hope's Edge Farm - Project in your Community***

Dear Select Board:

The Land for Maine's Future Program works to coordinate, and provide funds for the acquisition of lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland and working waterfront protection. These projects are funded through General Fund allocations appropriated by the legislature.

At the September 28, 2023 LMF meeting, the Board selected a proposal from the Georges River Land Trust titled *Hope's Edge Farm* for funding under the Working Farmland Access and Protection Program. The project lands are located in the Town of Hope and the proposal included a letter of support from the Select Board – thank you for your support.. This letter is to notify you that this project was selected as a finalist. Notice is also being provided to the State Senator(s) and Representative(s) who represent the area.

LMF staff will work with the applicant on the LMF due diligence process on each project. Before project funding is finally approved, the Board will publish a public notice and take public comment at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. All LMF Board meetings are open to the public and provide opportunity for public comment prior to the Board's vote to select projects as finalists. Written comments can be addressed to: Chair, Land for Maine's Future Board, 22 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0022.

If you have questions about the *Hope's Edge Farm* project please contact the applicant: Annette Naegel, Georges River Land Trust, PO Box B, Rockland, ME 04841; [annette@grlt.org](mailto:annette@grlt.org).

Visit the Land for Maine's Future website <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf/> to learn more about the Program and past projects, or you can reach me at 592-0934 or email [stephen.s.walker@maine.gov](mailto:stephen.s.walker@maine.gov) should you have any questions about the Land for Maine's Future Program.

Sincerely,

Steve Walker  
 Director, Land for Maine's Future Program



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