

**- PUBLIC MEETING -
Hope Select Board
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Hope Town Office**

-AGENDA-

Call to Order:

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

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

Minutes:

- January 24, 2023:

Warrants:

New Business:

- 2nd Qtr. Financial Report:
- Resignation, Bookkeeper – Catrina Murray:
- Recommendation for Amendment to Budget Committee Ordinance:
- Review & Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant:
- Discussion Town Report Dedication:

Old Business:

Other Business:

Board of Assessors:

- Suspend as Select Board/Convene as Board of Assessors:
- Abatement Request for Todd & Coragene Riggs – 841 Hatchet Mountain Rd. - \$245.25:
- Adjourn as Board of Assessors/Reconvene as Select Board:

Town Administrator Report:

Adjournment:

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

Hope Select Board
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
6:30 p.m.
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Dick Crabtree, Charlie Weidman, Mike Brown, and Michael Schultz

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Beth Gindel, Cynthia Della Penna, James Della Penna, and Jack Foley

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Sarah.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Dick made a motion to approve the agenda as written. It was seconded Michael.
Motion passed 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- January 10, 2023: Dick made a motion to approve the 1/10/23 minutes. It was seconded by Michael.
Motion passed 3-0-1 (Mike)
- January 18, 2023: Dick made a motion to approve the 1/10/23 minutes. It was seconded by Michael.
Motion passed 3-0-1 (Mike)

Warrants 50, 51, 52, & 53:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Michael made a motion to approve and sign warrants 50, 51, 52, and 53. It was seconded by Mike .
Motion passed 4-0

Old Business:

- Ground Penetrating Radar for Cemeteries – Cindy Della Penna: Cindy presented the Select Board with a proposal from Dr. Wang and Dr. Sebold from the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) to perfume ground penetrating services for the town. The cost will be far less and the product is more in line with what the Cemetery Committee and Select Board had originally envisioned. After a thorough discussion of the proposal, Dick made a motion which supersedes the January 10th vote, to secure the services of Dr's Wang and Sebold for a sum up to \$3,000 to be paid for using ARPA funds and placed on the warrant for the March 2nd Special Town Meeting. These funds cover the cost of meals, mileage, student stipends,

and donations to the labs of each of the Professors/Doctors. It was seconded Charlie.

Motion passed 5-0

New Business:

- Safety & Security at Town Office: The Town Administrator discussed a variety of measures that could be put in place for the safety and security of the town office and the staff in the event of unforeseen circumstances. The purpose of the discussion was to have a plan in place should situations arise that could escalate or warrant interventions.

- Resignation, Planning Board – Blaine Richardson: Dick made a motion to accept the resignation of Blaine Richardson from the Planning Board. It was seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed 5-0

- Committee Service Application, Planning Board – Joseph Curl: Dick made a motion to appoint Joseph Curl to the Planning Board for a 5-year term expiring 6/30/27. It was seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed 5-0

- Recommendation for Amendment to Planning Board Ordinance – Planning Board: The Select agreed to place the Planning Board Amendment on the warrant for the March 2nd Special Town Meeting, by unanimous consent.

- Recommendation for Moratorium on Medium- Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Facilities Ordinance – Planning Board: The Select agreed to place the Solar Moratorium on the warrant for the March 2nd Special Town Meeting, by unanimous consent.

Other Business:

- None

Town Administrator Report:

- I received a call from Bill Brewer’s office today giving a status update for the annual audit. The auditors were sending someone to the Central Office in Lincolnville to pick up the documents needed in order to complete Hope’s audit. They were contacted by the S.U. finance office indicating the material was not ready but made assurances that everything would be available by the end of this week.
- The Budget Committee has scheduled a meeting for tomorrow evening to discuss the error on the Hope Elementary School Special Town Meeting Warrant from May 2022. This is an easily corrected error as it will not have any financial impact on Hope taxpayers. In addition, they will discuss reducing the number of members on the Budget Committee from seven to five.
- The Board of Appeals is scheduled to begin hearings regarding both Notice of Violations issued to Doug Kelly beginning on Tuesday, February 14th. That is also the same day as the regularly scheduled Select Board meeting. The Select Board will meet in the smaller conference room.
- I spoke with Don Katnik again regarding chapter 1000 of the mandatory shoreland zone requirements for resource protection. He and I had the same assessment regarding the language. As a double layer of fact finding, I have also reached out to Colin Clarke of the DEP. He handles the shoreland zone NRPA part of things for our area. Once I get a

definitive answer from him about required resource protection boundaries, I will have the proposed official zoning map made. This could also impact the language used to amend the Shoreland Zone Ordinance.

- There was 1 new building permit and 0 plumbing permits issued since the 1/10/23 Select Board meeting:
 - Holly Grenert Loon Lane Bridge
- There are 2 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$4,108.92. Unpaid 2021 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 3, 2023, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 9 RE accounts for 2022, totaling \$24,387.63. Unpaid 2022 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 27, 2024, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 978 RE accounts for 2023, totaling \$1,520,890.63. The second half is due on May 2, 2023.
- There have pre-payments totaling \$438.39 for the 2024 RE taxes.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the Select Board meeting on 1/10/23.

Executive Session:

- Charlie made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A)(1) – personnel matters at 7:58 p.m. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0
- Charlie made a motion to exit executive session at 8:48 p.m. It was seconded by Dick.
Motion passed 5-0
- Action as Result of Executive Session: After completing the annual performance evaluation, the Select Board agreed to renew the employment contract with Town Administrator, Samantha Mank. The contract was signed by all parties present.

Adjournment:

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. It was seconded by Charlie.
Motion passed 5-0



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To: Samantha Mank, Administrator
Sarah Ann Smith, SB Chair
Richard Crabtree, SB Vice Chair
Michael Brown
Charles Weidman
Michael Schultz
William Brewer, CPA
William Pearse Jr., BC Chair

From: Chelsea Summers, Deputy Treasurer
Date: January 19, 2023
Subject: FY23 Second Quarter Financial Report

Attached is the FY23 financial report for the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The report contains the following summaries and statements:

- A. Property Tax Collection: Amounts committed and collected as of 12/31/2022
- B. Automobile Excise Tax: Amounts budgeted and collected as of 12/31/2022
- C. Revenue Summary: For the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022
- D. Expense Summary: For the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022
- E. Balance Sheet: As of 12/31/2022
- F. List of cash and investment accounts: Balances as of 12/31/2022

Please let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to provide further information. The First National Wealth Management Annual Market Review for 2022 is also now available upon request.

A. Property Tax Collections – Actual amounts received are shown in the table below. Due dates for taxes historically fall on or around 9/30 and 4/30, annually. The collected amounts reflect principal payments made toward the original tax commitment.

Amounts do not include:

- Abatements/supplements
- Payments made to prior/future tax years
- Interest on outstanding principal/costs associated with liens

Tax Year	Original Commitment	Tax Due Dates	\$Collected as of 9/30	%Collected as of 9/30	\$Collected as of 12/31	%Collected as of 12/31
FY19	3,169,013	10/2, 4/30	1,067,803	33.70%	1,611,452	50.85%
FY20	3,314,718	10/1, 4/30	1,106,191	33.37%	1,716,587	51.79%
FY21	3,295,412	9/30, 4/30	1,504,991	45.67%	1,744,718	52.94%
FY22	3,392,104	9/30, 5/3	1,683,486	49.63%	1,864,268	54.96%
FY23	3,475,235	9/30, 5/2	1,764,021	50.76%	1,931,747	55.59%

B. Automobile Excise Tax Collections – Budget amounts compared to actual collections including variance and rate of increase (decrease) over prior year.

Year	\$Budgeted	\$Collected	\$Variance	%Over (Under) Prior Year
FY19	310,000	337,921	27,921	1.2%
FY20	330,000	328,179	(1,821)	(2.9%)
FY21	318,000	402,520	84,520	22.7%
FY22	330,000	390,864	60,864	(2.9%)

Current Year	\$Budgeted	\$Collected as of 9/30	%Collected as of 9/30	\$Collected as of 12/31	%Collected as of 12/31
FY23	385,900	123,287	31.95%	206,674	53.56%

C.

Revenue Summary Report
July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

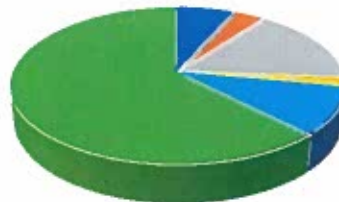
Account	Budget Net	Quarter 2 Net	Uncollected	%Collected
01 - ADMINISTRATION	5,584,864.00	4,635,638.04	949,225.96	0.83
01 - MV AGENT FEE	0.00	4,554.00	-4,554.00	----
02 - IFW AGENT	0.00	79.50	-79.50	----
03 - RV AGENT FEE	0.00	121.00	-121.00	----
04 - DOG FEES	0.00	475.00	-475.00	----
05 - INTEREST ON TAXES	0.00	5,701.03	-5,701.03	----
07 - INTEREST	0.00	7,862.63	-7,862.63	----
08 - INVESTMENT EARNINGS	0.00	2,011.37	-2,011.37	----
09 - UNREAL. GAIN (LOSS)	0.00	2,645.57	-2,645.57	----
10 - AUTO EXCISE	385,900.00	206,674.49	179,225.51	0.54
11 - BOAT EXCISE	0.00	932.60	-932.60	----
22 - VITAL RECORDS	0.00	418.80	-418.80	----
30 - BUILDING PERMIT	0.00	3,025.20	-3,025.20	----
31 - PLUMBING PERMIT	0.00	2,355.00	-2,355.00	----
40 - LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE	36,000.00	35,340.00	660.00	0.98
50 - STATE REVENUE SHARING	266,000.00	150,994.86	115,005.14	0.57
55 - PROP & CAS INS REBATE	0.00	725.00	-725.00	----
56 - WORKERS COMP INS REBATI	0.00	196.00	-196.00	----
57 - RENEWABLE ENERGY	0.00	650.00	-650.00	----
65 - TREE GROWTH REIMBURSEN	0.00	13,068.29	-13,068.29	----
70 - VETERANS REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	1,360.00	-1,360.00	----
71 - GEN. ASSIST. REIMBURSEME	1,575.00	195.80	1,379.20	0.12
73 - SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES	0.00	6,282.36	-6,282.36	----
74 - PROPERTY TAXES	3,478,854.00	3,478,854.06	-0.06	1.00
75 - ABATEMENTS & OVERLAY	-12,332.00	-132.06	-12,199.94	1.07
77 - LIEN COSTS	0.00	1,996.16	-1,996.16	----
78 - HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION RE	146,031.00	142,234.00	3,797.00	97.40
80 - FUND BALANCE USED	85,335.00	5,645.87	79,689.13	6.62
81 - BETE REIMBURSEMENT	30.00	30.00	0.00	100.00
85 - EDUCATION SUBSIDY	1,123,471.00	561,735.48	561,735.52	50.00
96 - PHOTOCOPIES	0.00	140.50	-140.50	----
98 - NSF OVERDRAFT CHARGE	0.00	30.00	-30.00	----
99 - MISC REVENUE	74,000.00	-564.47	74,564.47	-0.76
Final Totals	5,584,864.00	4,635,638.04	949,225.96	83.00

D.

Expense Summary Report
July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Account	Budget Net	Quarter 2 Net	Unexpended	%Spent
01 - ADMIN	522,977.00	205,690.49	317,286.51	39.33
01 - PAYROLL	224,022.00	87,904.02	136,117.98	39.24
02 - GENERAL	229,732.00	98,830.49	130,901.51	43.02
10 - MUN BLDG	15,313.00	4,274.28	11,038.72	27.91
25 - PROF SERV	51,660.00	13,781.70	37,878.30	26.68
40 - GEN ASSIST	2,250.00	900.00	1,350.00	40.00
05 - PUB. SAFETY	167,884.00	112,511.11	55,372.89	67.02
03 - ACO	7,795.00	2,330.06	5,464.94	29.89
05 - FIRE DEPT	106,211.00	80,433.78	25,777.22	75.73
06 - AMBULANCE	53,878.00	29,747.27	24,130.73	55.21
15 - PUBLIC WORKS	717,723.00	499,075.98	218,647.02	69.54
01 - ALL	0.00	1,842.37	1,842.37	-----
12 - RECREATION	10,062.00	4,958.68	5,103.32	49.28
13 - STR LIGHTS	1,400.00	179.01	1,220.99	12.79
15 - ROADS	642,717.00	445,420.74	197,296.26	69.30
20 - SANITATION	58,643.00	44,557.25	14,085.75	75.98
55 - CEMETERIES	4,901.00	2,117.93	2,783.07	43.21
20 - RESERVES	57,398.00	56,648.00	750.00	98.69
70 - EMERG ROAD	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.00
71 - FIRE DEPT EQ	9,170.00	9,170.00	0.00	100.00
72 - FIRE TRUCK	15,000.00	14,250.00	750.00	95.00
73 - MUN BLDG	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00
74 - OFFICE EQ	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00
77 - SOLAR PROJEC	6,228.00	6,228.00	0.00	100.00
28 - COUNTY TAX	303,265.00	303,264.89	0.11	100.00
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30 - EDUCATION	4,036,265.00	1,937,787.53	2,098,477.47	48.01
30 - HES	3,268,670.00	1,492,504.44	1,776,165.56	45.66
32 - CSD	767,595.00	445,283.09	322,311.91	58.01
Final Totals	5,805,512.00	3,114,978.00	2,690,534.00	53.66

Summary by Cost Center



- ADMINISTRATION
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- PUBLIC WORKS
- RESERVES
- COUNTY TAX
- EDUCATION



Balance Sheet
12/31/2022

Assets		3,469,594.46	Liabilities		382,959.06
Cash					
1010-00 PRIMARY CHECKING		1,601,709.88	2010-00 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		3,610.61
1013-00 HRA ACCOUNT		1,187.00	2015-00 SEPTIC PROGRAM RESERVE		3,129.62
1020-00 1ST ADVISORS - GENERAL RESERVE		520,659.99	2020-00 MISC. RESERVES & LIABILITIES		5,968.31
1025-00 PETTY CASH AND CHANGE FUND		350.00	2022-00 DUE TO HOPE SOLAR		-2,293.57
Taxes Receivable		1,573,162.90	2025-00 SCHOOL RESERVES		21,831.51
R/E Taxes		1,543,253.38	2035-00 TRUE PARK RESERVE		1,152.12
1100-21 R/E TAXES 21		70.63	2040-11 DUE TO HOPE CHEST		7,696.17
1100-22 R/E TAXES 22		0.00	2050-00 DUE TO EMP - MMA HEALTH TRUST		222.82
1100-23 R/E TAXES 23		1,543,620.61	2060-00 DUE TO CEMETERY FUND		0.00
1100-24 R/E TAXES 24		-437.86	2200-00 DEF. PROP. TAX		230,280.65
P/P Taxes		3,598.08	2205-00 FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT RESERVE		19,960.42
1150-23 P/P TAXES 23		3,598.08	2210-00 MUN BLDG R&M RESERVE		23,706.20
Tax Liens		26,311.44	2215-00 RENOVATIONS RESERVE		2,405.28
1200-21 TAX LIENS 21		3,704.77	2220-00 FIRE TRUCK R&M RESERVE		15,000.00
1200-22 TAX LIENS 22		22,606.67	2225-00 EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS RES		-155,592.23
Other Current Assets		294,721.68	2230-00 TAX MAP UPDATE RESERVE		0.00
1300-00 PREPAID EXPENSES		10,044.71	2235-00 REVALUATION RESERVE		1.00
1310-00 PREPAID ELECTRICITY		4,002.36	2240-00 OFFICE EQUIP. RESERVE		7,213.80
1340-00 ELECTRICITY CLEARING		694.48	2250-00 SOLID WASTE RESERVE		141,720.71
1425-00 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		34,450.55	2300-00 FEDERAL TAXES WITHHELD		0.00
1430-00 DUE FROM SPECIAL REV FUNDS		245,529.58	2310-00 FICA TAXES WITHHELD		0.00
			2315-00 STATE TAXES WITHHELD		0.00
			2320-00 MEDICARE TAXES WITHHELD		0.00
			2360-00 D/T BMV - REGISTRATION FEES		-1,003.00
			2365-00 D/T BMV - SALES TAX		0.00
			2370-00 D/T BMV - TITLE FEES		0.00
			2400-00 D/T STATE - DOG LICENSE		9.00
			2405-00 D/T IFW - HUNT. & FISH. LICENSES		0.00
			2413-00 D/T VITAL RECORDS STATE FEES		0.00
			2415-00 D/T IFW R.V. REGISTRATION FEES		0.00
			2420-00 D/T IFW - STATE SALES TAX		0.00
			2425-00 D/T STATE - PLUMBING FEES		155.00
			2435-00 D/T SCHOOL LUNCH PROG		52,499.89
			2437-00 DUE TO PRE-K		5,284.75
Fund Balance		3,086,635.40			

Town of Hope
Cash and Investment Accounts

Bank	Account #	Balance at 12/31/21	Balance at 3/31/22	Balance at 6/30/22	Balance at 9/30/2022	Balance at 12/31/22
The First	55144990 Primary Account	1,266,329.75	645,305.25	1,261,969.41	1,970,249.70	1,287,242.69
The First	55145008 HRA Account	1,187.30	1,200.30	1,200.30	1,200.57	1,202.99
*First Nat'l Wealth Mgmt.	General Reserve	571,768.81	548,571.05	517,080.27	499,256.38	514,360.85
	Petty Cash and Change Fund	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
	Total Operating Accounts	1,839,635.86	1,195,426.60	1,780,599.98	2,471,056.65	1,803,156.53
*First Nat'l Wealth Mgmt.	Fire Truck Reserve	22,885.27	21,956.77	20,696.34	19,982.93	30,762.29
*First Nat'l Wealth Mgmt.	Solar Reserve	30,232.25	29,005.66	27,340.59	26,398.16	33,533.66
	Total Capital Accounts	53,117.52	50,962.43	48,036.93	46,381.09	64,295.95
*First Nat'l Wealth Mgmt.	Cemetery Perpetual Care	22,446.46	21,210.48	19,992.89	19,621.58	20,018.50
*First Nat'l Wealth Mgmt.	Cemetery Vets funds	218.66	209.78	197.74	190.93	196.70
*First Nat'l Wealth Mgmt.	Cemetery Maintenance	7,314.95	7,018.17	6,615.28	6,743.39	6,885.59
	Total Cemetery Accounts	29,980.07	28,438.43	26,805.91	26,555.90	27,100.79

To: Samantha Mank
From: Catrina Ober Murray
Date: February 10, 2023
Subject: Resignation

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from my position as bookkeeper for The Town of Hope. My last day of employment will be Friday, February 10, 2023.

I have greatly enjoyed my time with the Town of Hope and those I have had the pleasure of working with, I only leave this position due to family commitments. Samantha, Pam, Chelsea, Matt and all of the selectboard have been incredibly supportive and accommodating in the past 8 months when my family was faced with extensive hardship. Samantha, thank you for leading this team with empathy, compassion, loyalty, and strength. The entire office has gone above and beyond to support my needs and varying schedule. I look forward to continuing as a support person for the foreseeable future and assisting in the training of whomever will be taking my place.

Forever Grateful,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Catrina'.

Catrina Ober Murray

Hope Budget Committee Ordinance Proposed Amendments

Section 1. Establishment

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. §3001, a Budget Committee is hereby established for the Town of Hope, Maine.

Section 2. Composition; Election; Qualifications; Terms; Vacancies; Transition.

The Committee shall consist of (5) five members who shall be elected and who shall be registered voters of the Town. The Town Administrator, Municipal Officers, and members of the Hope School Committee may not be a member of the Budget Committee.

Members shall serve for terms of three years, except that they shall continue in office until their successors are elected. Expiration of terms shall be such that two expire in a year, then two others the year after that, and one the following year.

Vacancies shall be filled within thirty days by the Municipal Officers, acting upon a Budget Committee recommendation, for the period ending at the next Annual Town Meeting. Unexpired terms of greater than one year shall be filled by special election at Annual Town Meeting. Transition from the number and unexpired terms of current Committee members to composition of the Committee specified here shall be accomplished by action of the current Committee at its first meeting held upon adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Officers; Meetings; Quorum; Procedure.

The Budget Committee shall annually elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from among its members. The Chair shall call meetings as necessary or when so requested by a majority of the members or the Municipal Officers. A quorum necessary to conduct Budget Committee business shall consist of three (3) members. The Chair or Vice Chair shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all proceedings, including all correspondence of the Budget Committee. All meetings and records shall be subject to the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S.A. §401-410. The Budget Committee may adopt rules of procedure not inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Section 4. Powers and Duties; Authority; Recommendations; Official Cooperation.

The Budget Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To review and make recommendations on the Town annual operating budget, as proposed by the Municipal Officers.
- B. To review and make recommendations on annual capital expenditures, as proposed by the Municipal Officers.

Hope Budget Committee Ordinance Proposed Amendments

- C. To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and on other budgetary actions, as proposed by the Municipal Officers.
- D. To make such other recommendations on fiscal and capital investment matters as the Budget Committee may from time to time deem advisable.

The Budget Committee's authority shall be advisory. Any recommendation on a matter requiring Town Meeting action shall be printed with the corresponding Article in the Warrant or on the ballot, if any, along with such other recommendations as may be included by the Municipal Officers or required by law. The printed information on the Warrant or the ballot shall indicate the vote by which the Budget Committee decided the recommendation. The Municipal Officers shall cooperate with and provide the Budget Committee with such information as may be reasonably necessary and available to enable it to carry out its functions under this Ordinance in a timely and efficient way.

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**TOWN OF HOPE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 2, 2023 - Thursday

6:30 p.m.

Hope Elementary School

TO: Adrian Humphreys, resident of the Town of Hope, in the County of Knox

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hope, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, in said Town on THURSDAY, the SECOND day of MARCH 2023 at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 through 6, all of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to enact a moratorium ordinance entitled: “Moratorium Ordinance on Ground Mounted Medium- and Large-Scale Solar Energy Facilities”.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to enact proposed amendments to the “Town of Hope Planning Board Ordinance”.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to enact proposed amendments to the “Town of Hope Budget Committee Ordinance”.

The proposed ordinance and ordinance amendments are available for public inspection at the Town Office and will also be available at the Town Meeting

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$3,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for using ground penetrating radar services at Morey Hill Cemetery.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will amend Article 11 of the vote taken on May 19, 2022, which allocated \$863,799.00 additional local funds that exceeded the State’s Essential Programs and Services model by \$863,799. Will the Town allocate to the school an additional \$105,000.00, which would increase the total allotment to \$968,799.00.

School Committee recommends: Amending Article 11 of the ballot for the vote taken on May 19, 2022 to increase the amount allocated to the school by \$105,000.00 for a total of \$968,799.00.

The Budget Committee recommends: Amending Article 11 of the ballot for the vote taken on May 19, 2022 to increase the amount allocated to the school by \$105,000.00 for a total of \$968,799.00.

The reason for this increase is that an error was made when calculating the amount for Article 11 and \$105,000.00 of unallocated funds that were applied toward the budget to reduce the impact on taxpayers was incorrectly subtracted from the amount needed beyond the State's Essential Programs and Services model. There should be no increase to taxpayers due to this change.

State Mandated Explanation:

The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Eight as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

HOPE SELECT BOARD

Sarah Ann Smith, Chair

Richard Crabtree, Vice Chair

Michael Brown

Michael Schultz

Charles Weidman

Town Report Dedication

1987	Raymond Ludwig	<i>(This is the first year the Town Report included a Dedication)</i>
1988	Servicemen and Committee Members	
1989	Faith Hart	
1990	Katherine Brown	
1991	Servicemen in Desert Shield and Desert Storm	
1992	John Pearse	
1993	None	
1994	Thank you - John Wilson, Florance Merrifield, John Blanchard	
1995	John and Elsie Wilson	
1996	Lura Norwood	
1997	Anna Hardy	
1998	Frank & Arlene Willis	
1999	Margaret Sprowl, Barbara Hall, Daniel Bowley, Albert Hastings	<i>in memory of</i>
2000	Francina Pearse	
2001	Raymond Ludwig	<i>in memory of</i>
2002	Katherine Brown, Elmer Hart	<i>in memory of</i>
2003	William & Anna Hardy	<i>in memory of</i>
2004	Robert Wright Sr., Ruth Desrosiers	<i>in memory of</i>
2005	Robert Crabtree, Donald Pushaw	
2006	Ruth Pearse	<i>in memory of</i>
2007	John Wilson	
2008	Rick & Ann Bresnahan	
2009	Carol Hathorne	
2010	Clarence Keller	
2011	William Pearse, Sr.	
2012	Ken Bailey	
2013	Faith Hart	<i>in memory of</i>
2014	Donald Pushaw, Michael Bracher	<i>in memory of</i>
2015	Sarah Doubleday, Jim Laurita	<i>in memory of</i>
2016	Peggy Ludwig, Margaret Morse and Barbara Ludwig	<i>(longtime election clerks)</i>
2017	Hope's Volunteer Firefighters	
2018	Barbara Ludwig	
2019	Bill & Judith Jones	
2020	Mary Tolles	
2021	All the Residents of Hope	
2022	Brian Powers Jr.	

February 2, 2023

To: Board of Assessors
From: Assessors' Agent
Re: Abatement for February 14, 2023 Meeting

Attached is an abatement form for consideration at your meeting on February 14, 2023. The abatement is to Todd and Coragene Riggs for their property at 841 Hatchet Mountain Road. Todd called and said that he was being assessed for 75 acres of land and he thought he owned 65 acres of land. Todd stated that he thought this was corrected years ago but looking at the property card in TRIO it has been the same since at least 2009. I reviewed the deed with Todd, but it as an old description not a modern distance and direction deed that we can plot for acreage. The deed states 83 acres with some parcels excepted out but there is no acreage reference on the out-parcels. Looking at the tax maps, the parcel has a digitized acreage of 60.69 acres. I told Todd we could use that acreage until he gets a survey and brings a copy of that to the town. Changing the acreage from 75 to 60.7 lowers the valuation by \$14,300 and results in a tax abatement of \$245.25.

Your signature on the abatement form that Samantha has will correct this error.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Vern

TOWN OF HOPE

Office of Selectmen, Assessors, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the accounts listed, contain a list of the estates, real and personal, to be abated for the fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) located within the Town of Hope; Under Title 36 MRSA sec. 841.

Acct. #	Name	Tax Abated	Reason
RE525	Todd and Coragene Riggs	\$245.25	Error in Land

Total Abatements: \$245.25

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have set our hands this Fourteenth day of February, 2023.

ASSESSORS OF
HOPE, MAINE

Tax Collector:	Initials _____	Date _____
Computer Adjustments:	Initials <u>CVZ</u>	Date <u>2/2/23</u>
Assessor's Adjustments:	Initials <u>CVZ</u>	Date <u>2/2/23</u>