

**- PUBLIC MEETING -
Hope Select Board
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Hope Town Office**

-AGENDA-

Call to Order:

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

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

Minutes:

- April 11, 2023:
- April 18, 2023:

Warrants:

New Business:

- Reappointment to Cemetery Committee- Mary Berry:
- *Recommendation for Metallic Mining Activities Ordinance Moratorium – Planning Board:*
- Mowing Bids:
- FY2023-24 Municipal Budget Final Vote:

Old Business:

Other Business:

Town Administrator's Report

Adjournment:

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

Hope Select Board
Tuesday, April 11, 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:

- Chelsea Summers

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Sarah.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Charlie made a motion to approve the agenda as written. It was seconded by Dick.
Motion passed 5-0

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- March 28, 2023: Michael made a motion to approve the 3/28/23 minutes with one minor edit to the time of adjournment. It was seconded by Dick.
Motion passed 5-0

Warrants 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, & 75:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Charlie made a motion to approve and sign all warrants. It was seconded by Michael.
Motion passed 5-0

New Business:

- Knox County Fiscal Year 24 Tax Assessment – Upon Board review, Dick made a motion to approve and sign the assessment. It was seconded by Charlie.
Motion passed 5-0
- Five Town CSD Warrant and Notice of Election – Upon Board review, Dick made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion Passed 5-0
- Mid Coast Solid Waste Fees and Bag Prices – The Municipal Solid Waste Options, Breakdown, & Waste Increase Calculations sheet was presented alongside the Corporation's Board of Director's meeting minutes from January, February, and March of 2023. Mike led a brief discussion involving bag fees, price per tonnage, and methods surrounding the disposal of various items. Dick made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 24 schedule of fees and bag prices as presented. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0

Old Business:

- Town Office Roofing Bids – The Board was presented with 2 bids, each containing multiple options. Sarah noted that snow guards along the perimeter of the entire building may be an unnecessary cost, and that it may be prudent to only have guards spanning specific areas including doorways and pathways to entry. Charlie expressed his preference for a metal roof due to its durability and longevity compared to asphalt shingles. Michael mentioned his concern regarding the aesthetic of a half metal-half asphalt roof and what that may imply to the citizenry regarding the financial position of the Town. All Board members agreed that the portion of the roof needing replacement appears to be more susceptible to the elements due to its northern exposure; consequently, weather factors need to be considered when choosing a proper material. Dick discussed the feasibility of manually raking or installing electrical tape on the area of the roof that accumulates the greatest snow-load. Charlie stressed the importance of having the work performed correctly so that the issue is only addressed once. Dick noted that one of the bids did not contain an option for metal specific solely to the area of roof needing repair. Sarah posed a question regarding the probability of issues with a metal roof becoming apparent within a five-year warranty timeframe. The discussion culminated with a plan to ask one of the bidders for their work references with photos, their earnest opinion regarding the current and potential future states of the problematic portion of the roof with covering options, and an additional bid for half the roof in metal. The matter was then tabled.

Other Business:

- The Board was made aware of a number of used Hope Elementary School computers available for purchase.
- Sarah asked for an update on potential hires for the position of Deputy Clerk. There were no applications to report.
- Dick asked if there were any updates to report regarding the status of the Senior Citizen’s Tax Stabilization program. There were no updates to report.

Town Administrator Report:

- The school is dispensing some surplus laptops. They are \$40/ ea.
- There were 2 new building permits and 3 plumbing permits issued since the 3/21/23 Select Board meeting:
 - David Pettee 7 Notch Rd. Accessory Structure
 - Ron Howard 128 Jones Hill Rd. Accessory Structures
- There are 9 RE accounts for 2022, totaling \$24,677.74. Unpaid 2022 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 27, 2024, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 781 RE accounts for 2023, totaling \$1,194,521.44. The second half is due on May 2, 2023.
- There are pre-payments totaling \$1,388.93 for the 2024 RE taxes.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the Select Board meeting on 3/28/23.

Adjournment:

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. It was seconded by Michael.
Motion passed 5-0

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

**Hope Select Board
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
9:30 a.m.
Hope Town Office**

Board Members Present:

- Dick Crabtree, Charlie Weidman, and Michael Schultz

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Dick.

New Business:

- Authorize Town Administrator to enter contract with CAI-Tech: CAI-Tech is a company that is going to update the Official Zoning Map for the Town. Michael made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with CAI-Tech . It was seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed 3-0

Adjournment:

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 a.m. It was seconded by Michael.

Motion passed 3-0



APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE SERVICE

Town of Hope 441 Camden Road Hope, ME
04847

Name: Mary Berry
Home Address: _____
Work Address: Same
Mailing Address (if different): Same
Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
E-mail Address: _____

Committee you wish to serve on: Cemetery

Why do you want to serve on this committee?

To help continue the restoring and
Maintaining our Cemeteries

Do you have any background that would be helpful to this committee?

Have Served on Committee Since 2019.

APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE SERVICE – continued

Land Use philosophy: (if applicable)

Are there objectives you wish to see accomplished?

More restrictions on Stones.
Finding graves, cleaning up Hope Grove
and Morey

Are you interested in serving on other committees?

Not at this time.

Interview comments:

Appointment Date: _____

Town of Hope
Proposed Metallic Mining Activities Ordinance Moratorium
(DRAFT #2 4/12/23 from PB Workshop)

WHEREAS, neighboring towns have been approached by an international mining company which has requested permits for exploration, advance exploration, mining, and/or extraction of metallic minerals particularly in areas near or adjacent to a great pond, and the Town of Hope borders at least one of these towns; and

WHEREAS, residents and officials of the Town of Hope have expressed concerns about the need to review and update the existing Land Use Ordinance with regard to recent inquiries for mineral exploration, advanced exploration and mining operations, extracting operations, including concerns regarding quality of life, adjacent property values, health and safety concerns, decommissioning liabilities and costs, visual impacts, and environmental concerns. The exploration for and mining of metallic minerals and the location of such facilities are not specifically regulated by any Town Ordinances. The process of exploration and extraction of metallic minerals has the potential to be environmentally damaging to the Town's water, groundwater, soil, and the general environment of the Town. The potential for contaminating property and environmental damage exists with regard to these activities and needs to be properly regulated and located. Based on these circumstances, the Town makes a finding that the level of necessity required to support a Moratorium Ordinance due to lack of appropriate regulation does, in fact, exist and that a Moratorium is in the best interest of the general health, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Hope.

WHEREAS, the Town currently lacks uniform standards for metallic mineral mining and exploration activities sufficient to allow for mitigation of the threats to public health, safety and welfare identified above; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, as amended in 2017, the State of Maine adopted the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act (38 M.R.S. 490-LL, et seq.), which specifically provides municipal authority for the Town of Hope to regulate and control mining, including but not limited to, construction, operation, closure, post-closure monitoring, reclamation and remediation activities, all of which the Town has not addressed since the passage of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act, which needs to be done to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Hope and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hope needs at least 180 days to consider, develop and/or amend current ordinances, including the land use ordinance, the shoreland zoning ordinance. The Town finds that current standards as stated in the Maine Metallic Mining Act merely require "reasonable assurance" that a permitted activity will not violate water quality, and "will not unreasonably cause or increase flooding," and merely "adequate provision for protection of

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public safety” are not sufficiently satisfactory standards for the Town of Hope and the Town finds that it must review and examine its local ordinances to better safeguard the natural resources and population; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Town, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 30-A M.R.S. §4356 requiring an immediate moratorium on any new or expanded metallic mining and exploration activities for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the proceeding findings, be it ordained by the Town of Hope, the following Metallic Mining and Exploration Moratorium Ordinance (Moratorium Ordinance) be, and hereby is, enacted and, in furtherance thereof, the Town does hereby declare a moratorium on all metallic mining and exploration within the Town.

1. Authority. This Moratorium Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. §4356 and the Town of Hope’s home rule authority pursuant to the Maine Constitution 30-A M.R.S. §3001.
2. Purpose. The purpose of this Moratorium Ordinance is to allow Town officials and staff reasonable time to evaluate the concerns raised in regard to proposed Metallic Mining and Exploration Activities and to develop necessary Land Use Ordinance amendments to provide adequate protection for the property, health, welfare, and safety of the Town of Hope’s residents to address these concerns.
3. Definition. For the purposes of the Moratorium Ordinance, Metallic Mining Activities and Exploration shall use all of the same definitions found in 38 M.R.S. §490-MM. This Moratorium will not apply to the excavation, processing, or quarrying of sand, fill, gravel, topsoil, peat, silt, or rock not associated with metallic mineral mining.
4. Effective Date. This Moratorium Ordinance shall take effect once enacted by the Town of Hope at the Annual Town Meeting, but notwithstanding the provisions of 1 M.R.S. § 302, shall be applicable as of June 15, 2023 as expressly provided in Section 5.
5. Applicability. Notwithstanding the provisions of 1 M.R.S. §302 or any other law to the contrary, this Moratorium Ordinance, when enacted, shall govern any proposed Metallic Mining and Exploration Activities for which an application for approval has not been deemed complete by the Planning Board and has not been the subject of at least one substantive review meeting by the Planning Board prior to June 15, 2023 , the Applicable Date of this Moratorium Ordinance.

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6. Duration of Moratorium. The moratorium shall remain in effect for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Moratorium Ordinance, unless extended, repealed, or modified by the Town Select Board under 30-A M.R.S. §4356.

7. Prohibition. A moratorium is hereby imposed, effective immediately. The exploration for and/or extraction of industrial metallic minerals, whether permanent or temporary, and any activity associated with the exploration and/or mining, within the Town of Hope is hereby prohibited and the Town shall issue no license, permit, or approval relative to the exploration for or mining of metallic minerals. (as defined by 1 M.R.S. §302.) During the time this Moratorium Ordinance is in effect, no officer, official, employee, office, board, or agency of the Town of Hope shall accept, process, approve, deny, or in any other way act upon any application for a license, building permit or any other type of zoning, planning, or land use approval or permit.

8. Notification. Upon adoption of this Ordinance by the voters of the Town of Hope, the Select Board shall notify the State of Maine and its various agencies of the extent of the Moratorium and request that the prohibited activities not be approved, and that any State determination on these activities be deferred during the period of the Moratorium or extension thereof.

9. Enforcement. If any Metallic Mining Activities are established in contravention of this Moratorium Ordinance, the Select Board is hereby authorized to institute any and all actions, either legal or equitable, that they deem necessary or appropriate to enforce the provisions of this Moratorium Ordinance. Any violation of this Moratorium Ordinance is subject to an enforcement action under 30-A M.R.S. § 4452. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. All civil penalties shall inure to the benefit of the Town of Hope. Any violation of this Moratorium Ordinance constitutes a nuisance.

10. Severability. Should any section or provision of this Moratorium Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a declaration shall not invalidate any other section or provision.



TOWN OF HOPE

441 Camden Road, Hope, ME 04847
 Ph: (207) 763-4199 • Fx: (207) 763-4195
 www.hopemaine.org

Town Mowing Bids: Opened 11:00 a.m.

April 14, 2023

	OPTION A. All Facilities	OPTION B. True Park	OPTION C. Cemeteries	OPTION D. Municipal Bldgs.	TOTALS
Calderwoods Lawn Mowing & Snow Plowing 48 Punkin Rd. So. Thomaston, ME 04858	\$58,050/yr. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$174,150
Calderwoods Lawn Mowing & Snow Plowing 48 Punkin Rd. So. Thomaston, ME 04858	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$7,200/yr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$13,650/yr.	\$62,550
Green Thumb Landscaping P.O. Box 22 West Rockport, ME 04865	\$33,626/yr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$100,875
Knight's Property Maintenance 10 Chelsea Ln. Northport, ME 04849	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$4,200/yr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$12,600
Fuller's Landscaping 1564 Appleton Ridge Rd. Appleton, ME 04862	\$17,160 yr. 1 \$17,360 yr. 2 \$17,560 yr. 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$52,080

Pamela Smith
 Pamela Smith, Town Clerk

Town of Hope
441 Camden Road
Hope, ME 04847

Attention: Town of Hope Select Board

Re: Specifications:

#1: I am bidding on all locations BUT if I am not awarded **Option A** I am ONLY interested in Option B & D together.

#2: I live in South Thomaston Maine

#3: Proof of Insurance attached in packet

#4: Equipment:

A: Walker mowers with GHS & Side discharge mowing decks

B: Kubota skid steer with broom/collection attachment

C: Kubota skid steer with bush hogg attachment

D: Trimmers

If awarded the contract I will need an email & contact number for the Town Administrator so I can submit mowing dates.

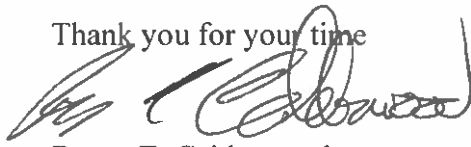
If I am awarded Option A I will need the sexton & recreation director contact information.

If I am awarded Option A or just Option B & D I want it to be known that May 28th through June 1st 2023 I will be out of state. All mowing's will be completed before I leave the state.

Payment: Checks to be made out to Calderwoods LMSP LLC & mailed to 48 Punkin Hill Road South Thomaston, ME 04858

Any questions please feel free to contact me 207-975-7684 or via email @ calderwoodslmsp@gmail.com

Thank you for your time



Bryan T. Calderwood

Owner/Operator

Town of Hope
441 Camden Road
Hope, ME 04847

Attention: Town of Hope Select Board

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If awarded the contract I will need an email & contact number for the Town Administrator so I can submit mowing dates.

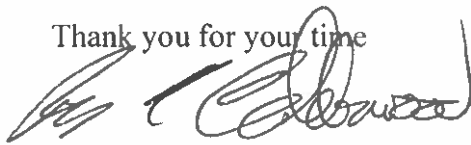
If I am awarded Option A I will need the sexton & recreation director contact information.

If I am awarded Option A or just Option B & D I want it to be known that May 28th through June 1st 2023 I will be out of state. All mowing's will be completed before I leave the state.

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Thank you for your time



Bryan T. Calderwood

Owner/Operator

**TOWN OF HOPE
MOWING BID SHEET
Option A – All Locations**

My bid for mowing per the specifications in this bid document for the **one-year** period of April 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023, and/or **one-year** extension period for April 1, 2024 through November 15, 2024, and/or an additional **one-year** extension period for April 1, 2025 through November 15, 2025 are as follows:

(Note: Bidder may choose to bid on any combination of years)

April 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023 \$ 33,625.00

April 1, 2024 through November 15, 2024 \$ 33,625.00

April 1, 2025 through November 15, 2025 \$ 33,625.00

Total Bid Price \$ 100,875.00

Break down the first year bid by location and option:

TRUE PARK	HOPE GROVE CEMETERY	MOREY HILL CEMETERY	TOWN OFFICE	HOPE CORNER FIRE STATION	SOUTH HOPE FIRE STATION
\$ <u>10725.00</u>	\$ <u>6300.00</u>	\$ <u>3200.00</u>	\$ <u>5000.00</u>	\$ <u>6700.00</u>	\$ <u>1700.00</u>

Company Name & Address Green Thumb Landscaping
P.O. Box 22 West Rockport

Signed: Skip Starr (Name) \ owner (Title)

Telephone: 594-5070 Date: 3/31/2023
Cell 596-4157

References:

<u>Amy Quirion</u>	<u>Waterville</u>	<u>207-649-4584</u>
<u>Dennis Ross</u>	<u>Owlshhead</u>	<u>207-844-1426</u>
<u>Hannah Shute</u>	<u>Friendship</u>	<u>207-776-5411</u>

*Return this form to the Hope Town Office, 441 Camden Road, Hope, ME 04847
no later than Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.*

**TOWN OF HOPE
MOWING BID SHEET
Option C – Cemeteries**

My bid for mowing per the specifications in this bid document for the **one-year** period of April 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023, and/or **one-year** extension period for April 1, 2024 through November 15, 2024, and/or an additional **one-year** extension period for April 1, 2025 through November 15, 2025 are as follows:

(Note: Bidder may choose to bid on any combination of years)

April 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023 \$ 4,200

April 1, 2024 through November 15, 2024 \$ 4,200

April 1, 2025 through November 15, 2025 \$ 4,200

Total Bid Price \$ 12,600 for 3 years

Break down the first year bid by location and option:

HOPE GROVE CEMETERY	MOREY HILL CEMETERY
\$ 3,000	\$ 1,200

Company Name & Address Knights Property Maintenance
10 Chelsea Lane Northport ME 04861

Signed: [Signature] owner
(Name) (Title)

Telephone: (207) 322-1085 **Date:** April 13-23

References:
Todd Salanson (207) 509-8573 David Clark (207) 565-7553
Lorraine Overlock (207) 322-6301
(I included a few more also)

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