

- PUBLIC MEETING -
Hope Board of Selectmen
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Hope Town Office/Zoom
-AGENDA-

This meeting may be attended via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93754349994>
Meeting ID: 937 5434 9994

Call to Order:

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Public Comment:

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Minutes:

- August 25, 2020:
- September 4, 2020:

Town Administrator Report:

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New Business:

- Award Fire Truck Purchase Bid:
- Review & Sign Quit Claim Deed (lien discharge timing error):
- Broadband Internet – Broadband Committee:
- Roads Update – Road Commissioner:
- Roads Advisory Committee – Thom Ingraham:
- Carry Forward(s) Requests:
- Concerns and Audio Recording Discussion – Amy Powers:
- Citizen’s Petition for a Recall Ordinance:
- Finalize November 3rd Municipal Ballot:

Old Business:

- Play Group Proposal at Town Office – Allie Feener:

Board of Assessors:

- Suspend as the Select Board and Convene as Board of Assessors:

- Review and Sign Abatements:
 - Adam & Maureen Scott - \$1260.85:
 - Adam & Maureen Scott \$422.51:
 - Kelly & Gaylon Marie Butler - \$8.35:
 - Mirra Kohlmoos & Walter Wetmore Jr. - \$8.35:
- Review and Sign Municipal Valuation Return (MVR):
- Adjourn as Assessors and Re-Convene as the Select Board:

Other Business:

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Executive Session:

- Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(E) - Communications with Town Attorney:

Warrants:

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Adjournment:

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MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

Hope Select Board

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

6:30 PM

Hope Town Office/Zoom

Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Brian Powers Jr., Thomas Ingraham, Bruce Haffner, and Amy Gertner

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Ron Smith, Jessica Snyder, Todd Snyder, Wendy Pelletier, Amy Powers, Bill Jones (*Present via Zoom*): Paul Smith, Daniel Dunkle, Larrain Slaymaker, Allie Feener, Allie Payor, Susan McIntyre, Fredica Chapman, Ellie Goldberg, Juanita Hunt, Nancy Ford, Betty Ingraham, Jim Guerra, Dave Stuhlbarg, Margaret Morse, Chris Pinchbeck, Dick Crabtree, Olivia Powers, Ella Powers, May Liao, Mike Ames, David Lothrop, Mary Ireland, Michelle, Serena Mo, Sue, Daniel, and others

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Sarah.

Minutes:

- August 11, 2020: Brian made a motion to accept the 8/11/20 minutes. It was seconded by Amy. **Motion passed 5-0**
- August 18, 2020: Brian made a motion to accept the 8/18/20 minutes. It was seconded by Thom. **Motion passed 5-0**

New Business:

- **Select Board Statement to the Town of Hope:** Sarah read a prepared statement on behalf of the entire Select Board as follows: *The Select Board for the Town of Hope and the Town Office staff want to assure the citizens of Hope that we take town elections seriously and that they are conducted in accordance with the law and regulation. It does appear, however, that some errors occurred in the last election; it appears these areas affected only the manually tallied and or Town Meeting Referendum Ballots. However, any error is unacceptable. We apologize and have already begun taking steps to ensure this does not happen again. On August 11th, a citizen of the Town of Hope raised concerns about the tabulation of the Annual Town Meeting Referendum Ballots in the July 14th Election, noting the total of the Yes, No, and Blank tallies added up to different numbers when, in fact, they should have been a consistent total for the total number of ballots. The concerns raised are ONLY about the Annual Town Meeting Referendum Ballot and were manually tabulated on July 14th (election day) and July 15th. The state and federal ballots were properly processed through the machine and, if the ballot would not feed or scan it to the machine correctly, as otherwise stipulated by law and regulation. The Select Board and Town staff are distressed at these errors, and again we apologize and are taking corrective action. The Town of Hope is working to address several other issues appropriately. Some*

background may prove useful: Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, the Town was unable to hold the annual in-person Town Meeting, which is where the citizens of the town serve as the town's legislature and vote on the Town Warrants to fund all town functions for the coming fiscal year. As a result, the Town placed all the usual Town in School warrants on a secret ballot, as well as elections for Municipal positions: two Select Board Members, two Budget Committee positions, the Road Commissioner, and the School Committee. Guidance from Augusta to the cities and towns of Maine was late in arriving about how to proceed with secret paper ballots for the July 14th election. This meant the printers that print our ballots could not handle printing demands for the many towns across the state and have them ready in time for the date to begin mailing out absentee ballots. Therefore, towns across the state ended up printing their own ballots, just as we did. Hope's Annual Town Meeting Referendum, a 6-page ballot printed on legal size manila colored paper, listed all the items that would normally have been discussed at an in-person town meeting. There were twenty-five separate Articles presented to the voters. If you multiply 25 articles by the (approximately) 500 ballots, that is 12,500 separate items that need to be counted and tallied manually. Then add the municipal elected positions and school warrants. Clearly, that is a daunting task. Hope's challenges in the July 14th election did not begin or end there. Earlier in the year, the town bookkeeper of 15 years retired, and the town clerk accepted a position that was a promotion in both position and pay. We therefore had two new employees for this election. Our new Town Clerk started in late January, and the new Bookkeeper began on February 28th. With the shut-down/stay at home order due to COVID-19 on March 15th, all formal training was cancelled. The staff did their best working from home or being in the office, one person at a time. The previous bookkeeper, Mary Tolles, even agreed to work one month past her intended retirement date to help out but did retire in early-to-mid May. In Maine, the Town Clerk is the person who is in charge of elections, and in Hope the Bookkeeper is the Deputy Clerk. Less than 10 days before the election, we learned that the Town Clerk would be out on an extended absence and would, therefore, not be there for the July 14th election. This led to a lot of activity trying to get everything covered. The Town Administrator had never managed an election, and the Bookkeeper had only a few months on the job with no formal training on elections. Our Town Administrator was therefore the Warden for the election. The Bookkeeper was one of the counters, and we fortunately had many of our experienced election volunteers there as well. Some very good news for November is that our Clerk is back, training for municipal employees has resumed, as she will have her official elections training at the start of September. To return to the municipal voting, Maine law allows recounts in only two instances. After consulting with Town Attorney for Hope, Bill Kelly, Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Legal Counsel, Michael Lichtenstein, and the Secretary of State's office (state government that oversees elections) we have learned that there are no legal avenues at this point to have a recount or even to open the boxes and compare the numbers on the tally sheets to those copied onto the spreadsheet of election results to see if the discrepancies were simply an error in copying. Even opening the box is not legal. Mr. Lichtenstein of MMA wrote to the Select Board Chair on Wednesday, August 19, 2020: "As we discussed on the telephone earlier this morning, the inspection and/or recount of municipal secret ballots is constrained by state law, as follows: For Secret Ballot Elections of Candidates to Municipal Office: a tied or losing candidate in an election for municipal office may apply to the municipal clerk to inspect the ballots and incoming voting lists. The application must be in writing and received by the municipal clerk within five days after the results of the elections have been declared, together with any fee (if required by the clerk). 30-A M.R.S. § 2530-A. Inspections must be held within five days after the municipal clerk receives the written application requesting the inspection. 30-A M.R.S. § 2530-A (5) A tied or losing candidate in the election for municipal office may apply to the municipal clerk for a recount. 30-A M.R.S. § 2531-B. The application must be in writing and received by the clerk within five business days after the date of the contested election, or within five business days after an inspection 30-A M.R.S. §2531B (4). If a tied or losing candidate claims to have been elected to municipal office, they may bring an action in Superior Court against the candidate who claims title to the office but must do so within 30 days after an election. The court shall decide the case as soon as reasonably possible. 30-A

M.R.S. §2533. For Secret Ballot Referendum Elections: There is no longer a provision for inspecting ballots from a municipal referendum election. The only way to inspect such ballots is to request a recount, which must be initiated by a written application of voters and must designate a person to be the official representative of the registered voters who request the recount. 30-A M.R.S. §2532. The time limits, rules and or other matters for a recount for a secret ballot referendum election are the same as for candidate elections; i.e. the recount must be requested within 5 business days after the day of the contested election. The Select Board regrets the Annual Town Meeting Referendum errors. We have taken immediate action. Once all of the issues have been addressed appropriately, the Select Board will share the results as fully as law allows.”

Ellie said that she is grateful to have a report from the town. However, she was expecting more information about the management of the town.

Sarah said there were a couple of issues surrounding this: 1.) per the Town Attorney and keeping things neutral and fair, the Select Board is taking appropriate action. She said that she would prefer to share everything, but there are a number of issues that deal with personnel, so we won't be able to share everything, but she promises to share everything that is legally permitted. On August 11th a lot of things were brought up. The meeting was recorded but it is still not available because we do not have an IT person to do it. Ellie wanted to know if the Town staff could do it. And Sarah said no, they don't have the expertise or the time. The Select Board is working on a communications policy and strategy, but we've been dealing with these things first. Ellie said she wanted to know more about the Town Attorney, MMA, and the Executive Sessions. Sarah said that she can't say what was discussed in Executive Session, but she could say what was not discussed, right now we are working under attorney privilege. Both the Town Attorney, and MMA legal, said the Select Board was on solid ground with the Executive Session.

Langley wanted to know if the Select Board received the new complaint that he had filed with the Town Clerk and both Sarah and Brian indicated that the Select Board had received his most recent complaint. Sarah said, the Select Board are working on it and we all want an honest and impartial result.

Bill Jones wanted to know if the Select Board can say what was not discussed, and also commented that MMA Legal is really more of an association, kind of like a teacher's association, is that correct?

Nancy Ford wanted to know if the Select Board had received a letter she had sent and asked for permission to read it. Sarah told her that there was an agenda item for her letter and asked if she could wait until that time. Sarah also mentioned that a letter from Bill Jones was received that was very similar to that of Nancy Ford's letter. Bill immediately spoke up and said that he did not send any letter. He said he was merely commenting that MMA was just a civic group and that the lawyers there are not the same as the town Attorney. Brian responded to Bill's comment by saying the Town pays dues to MMA and this organizations sole purpose for existing is to help all of the cities and towns in Maine.

Bruce added that he thinks it's great when people attend the meetings. He made a motion to move Nancy Ford's statement to now because he said all of the people who are in attendance are here because they want to hear what Nancy has to say. That motion was seconded by Thom. There was no vote taken on the motion. However, Nancy still read her letter: *Dear Members of our Town of Hope's Select Board: Respectfully, I write as a citizen of Hope hoping to help our town. In light of current citizen concerns, I write to provide you each with a copy of the following: 1. Questions and Requests 2. Helpful Statutes in Maine Law. With each question, you will see specific, hopefully helpful requests. As further help, I provide the wording in relevant Maine statutes. In that the posted Agenda for this week's Elect Board meeting does not include its usual Public Comment opportunity, I ask for a Board motion to read this letter containing citizen questions and requests be read into the record and discussed. Advance thank you's for your efforts of Hope citizens' behalf. Respectfully, Nancy Ford With Hopes for Helping Our Town My Questions for Our Select Board Aug. 25, 2020 1.) Action Plan for Town Governance: In your executive session and in your discussion with MMA and/or our town lawyer, did you decide on an action plan to address citizen concerns regarding not only potential election irregularities but also and needed performance measures, accountability checks and public access of public records? 2.) Formation of Investigation Committee: In that Maine law allows the a town to address concerns such as our current ones for performance, accountability and public record access with the formation of an investigation committee, would the Select Board consider an investigation committee comprised of neutral, well-respected and knowledgeable local citizens? 3.) Investigation Costs: If we appoint neutral and skilled locals, we not also save ourselves the additional costs while also receiving far better results for our taxpayers. 4.) Investigation Ideas: What additional ideas do Board members currently have to insure greater accountability and transparency? 5.) Executive Session Discussions: I understand that the motion for executive session was to discuss the duties of public officials. At this executive session, the discussion of duties necessarily involved discussion of more than one public official in our town office, especially in light of the recent Town Administrator's firing or our Town's Bookkeeper and Deputy Clerk. My question is this: To learn from mistakes, how can we be sure that potentially libelous mistakes made are not repeated? 6.) Prompt Public Access to Town Records: As one example, I note the long delays (weeks!) In accessing the recording of the meeting and so have a question concerning what can be done to promote the Town's providing prompt access to its citizens of these records, including recordings of meetings. 7.) Results of After-Executive Session Calls: What did the MMA and/or our Town lawyer tell us concerning the decision last week to deny complainants what appears to be their statutory right to attend last week's Executive Session? Helpful Maine Statutes Here are various, relevant and hopefully helpful citations to Maine Law (with copy of any statute available upon request). These statutory provisions concern ●1 M.R.S. §405 - Executive Sessions ●1 M.R.S. §412 - Public records and proceedings training for officials and public access officers ●1 M.R.S. §413 - Public access officer ● 30-A M.R.S. §2635 - Administrative service to be performed through town manager and Select Board appointment of investigative committee. ● 30-A M.R.S. §2636. Powers and duties of town manager. **1 M.R.S. §405. Executive sessions** Those bodies or agencies falling within this subchapter may hold executive sessions subject to the following conditions. 1. Not to defeat purposes of subchapter. An executive session may not be used to defeat the purposes of this subchapter as stated in section 401. 2. Final approval of certain items prohibited. An ordinance, order, rule, resolution, regulation, contract, appointment or other official action may not be finally approved at an executive session. 3. Procedure for calling of executive session. An executive session may be called only by a public, recorded vote of 3/5 of the members, present and voting, of such bodies or agencies. 4. Motion contents. A motion to go into executive session must indicate the precise nature of the business of the executive session and include a citation of one or more sources of statutory or other authority that permits an executive session for that business. Failure to state all authorities justifying the executive session does not constitute a violation of this subchapter if one or more of the authorities are*

accurately cited in the motion. An inaccurate citation of authority for an executive session does not violate this subchapter if valid authority that permits the executive session exists and the failure to cite the valid authority was inadvertent. 5. Matters not contained in motion prohibited. Matters other than those identified in the motion to go into executive session may not be considered in that particular executive session. 6. Permitted deliberation. Deliberations on only the following matters may be conducted during an executive session: A. Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, compensation, evaluation, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of an individual or group of public officials, appointees or employees of the body or agency or the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against a person or persons subject to the following conditions: (1) An executive session may be held only if public discussion could be reasonably expected to cause damage to the individual's reputation or the individual's right to privacy would be violated; (2) Any person charged or investigated must be permitted to be present at an executive session if that person so desires; (3) Any person charged or investigated may request in writing that the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against that person be conducted in open session. A request, if made to the agency, must be honored; and (4) Any person bringing charges, complaints or allegations of misconduct against the individual under discussion must be permitted to be present. This paragraph does not apply to discussion of a budget or budget proposal; B. Discussion or consideration by a school board of suspension or expulsion of a public school student or a student at a private school, the cost of whose education is paid from public funds, as long as: (1) The student and legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians are permitted to be present at an executive session if the student, parents or guardians so desire; C. Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition or the use of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interests therein or disposition of publicly held property or economic development only if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency; D. Discussion of labor contracts and proposals and meetings between a public agency and its negotiators. The parties must be named before the body or agency may go into executive session. Negotiations between the representatives of a public employer and public employees may be open to the public if both parties agree to conduct negotiations in open sessions; E. Consultations between a body or agency and its attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the body or agency, pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers and matters where the duties of the public body's or agency's counsel to the attorney's client pursuant to the code of professional responsibility clearly conflict with this subchapter or where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the State, municipality or other public agency or person at a substantial disadvantage; F. Discussions of information contained in records made, maintained or received by a body or agency when access by the general public to those records is prohibited by statute G. Discussion or approval of the content of examinations administered by a body or agency for licensing, permitting or employment purposes; consultation between a body or agency and any entity that provides examination services to that body or agency regarding the content of an examination; and review of examinations with the person examined; and H. Consultations between municipal officers and a code enforcement officer representing the municipality pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4452, subsection 1, paragraph C in the prosecution of an enforcement matter pending in District Court when the consultation relates to that pending enforcement matter. **1 M.R.S. §412. Public records and proceedings training for certain officials and public access officers** 1. Training required. A public access officer and an official subject to this section shall complete a course of training on the requirements of this chapter relating to public records and proceedings not later than the 120th day after the date the official takes the oath of office to assume the person's duties as an official or the person is designated as a public access officer pursuant to section 413, subsection 1. 2. Training course; minimum requirements. The training course under subsection 1 must be designed to be completed by an official or a public access officer in less than 2 hours. At a minimum, the training must include instruction in: A. The general legal requirements of this chapter regarding public records and public proceedings; B. Procedures and requirements regarding

complying with a request for a public record under this chapter; and C. Penalties and other consequences for failure to comply with this chapter. An official or a public access officer meets the training requirements of this section by conducting a thorough review of all the information made available by the State on a publicly accessible website pursuant to section 411, subsection 6, paragraph C regarding specific guidance on how a member of the public can use the law to be a better informed and active participant in open government. To meet the requirements of this subsection, any other training course must include all of this information and may include additional information.

3. Certification of completion. Upon completion of the training course required under subsection 1, the official or public access officer shall make a written or an electronic record attesting to the fact that the training has been completed. The record must identify the training completed and the date of completion. The official shall keep the record or file it with the public entity to which the official was elected or appointed. A public access officer shall file the record with the agency or official that designated the public access officer.

4. Application. This section applies to a public access officer and the following officials: A. The Governor; B. The Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and State Auditor; C. Members of the Legislature elected after November 1, 2008; E. Commissioners, treasurers, district attorneys, sheriffs, registers of deeds, registers of probate and budget committee members of county governments; F. Municipal officers, clerks, treasurers, assessors and budget committee members of municipal governments; G. Officials of school administrative units; and H. Officials of a regional or other political subdivision who, as part of the duties of their offices, exercise executive or legislative powers. For the purposes of this paragraph, "regional or other political subdivision" means an administrative entity or instrumentality created pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 115 or 119 or a quasi-municipal corporation or special purpose district, including, but not limited to, a water district, sanitary district, hospital district, school district of any type, transit district as defined in Title 30-A, section 3501, subsection 1 or regional transportation corporation as defined in Title 30-A, section 3501, subsection 2.

1 M.R.S. §413 - Public access officer

1. Designation; responsibility. Each . . . municipality, . . . shall designate an existing employee as its public access officer to serve as the contact person for that . . . municipality, . . . with regard to requests for public records under this subchapter. The public access officer is responsible for ensuring that each public record request is acknowledged within 5 working days of the receipt of the request by the office responsible for maintaining the public record requested and that a good faith estimate of when the response to the request will be complete is provided according to section 408-A. The public access officer shall serve as a resource within the . . . municipality, . . . concerning freedom of access questions and compliance.

4. Training. A public access officer shall complete a course of training on the requirements of this chapter relating to public records and proceedings as described in section 412.

30-A M.R.S. §2635 - Administrative service to be performed through town manager and Select Board appointment of investigative committee. It is the intention of this subchapter that the board of selectmen as a body shall exercise all administrative and executive powers of the town except as provided in this subchapter. The board of selectmen shall deal with the administrative services solely through the town manager and shall not give orders to any subordinates of the manager, either publicly or privately. This section does not prevent the board of selectmen from appointing committees or commissions of its own members or of citizens to conduct investigations into the conduct of any official or department, or any matter relating to the welfare of the town. Concerning town officials, Select Board can appoint citizens to conduct investigations into the conduct of any official or department, or any matter relating to the welfare of the town.

30-A M.R.S. §2636. Powers and duties of town manager

1. Executive and administrative officer. Is the chief executive and administrative official of the town;

2. Administer offices. Is responsible to the selectmen for the administration of all departments and offices over which the selectmen have control;

3. Execute laws and ordinances. Shall execute all laws and ordinances of the town;

4. Department head. Shall serve in any office as the head of any department under the control of the selectmen when directed by the selectmen;

5. Appoint department heads. Shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the selectmen, supervise and control the heads of departments under the control of the

selectmen when the department is not headed by the town manager under subsection 4; 6. Appoint town officials. Unless otherwise provided by town ordinance, shall appoint, supervise and control all town officials whom the municipal officers are required by law to appoint, except members of boards, commissions, committees and single assessors; and appoint, supervise and control all other officials, subordinates and assistants, except that the town manager may delegate this authority to a department head and report all appointments to the board of selectmen; 7. Purchasing agent. Shall act as purchasing agent for all departments, except the school department, provided that the town or the selectmen may require that all purchases greater than a designated amount must be submitted to sealed bid; 8. Attend meetings of selectmen. Shall attend all meetings of the board of selectmen, and the town manager may attend meetings when the manager's removal is being considered; 9. Make recommendations. Shall make recommendations to the board of selectmen for the more efficient operation of the town; 10. Attend town meetings. Shall attend all town meetings and hearings;

11. Inform of financial condition. Shall keep the board of selectmen and the residents of the town informed as to the town's financial condition; 12. Collect data. Shall collect data necessary to prepare the budget; 13. Assist residents. Shall assist, insofar as possible, residents and taxpayers in discovering their lawful remedies in cases involving complaints of unfair vendor, administrative and governmental practices; and 14. Remove appointments. Has exclusive authority to remove for cause, after notice and hearing, all persons whom the manager is authorized to appoint and report all removals to the board of selectmen.

Sarah said she would try to answer these questions. 1.) Action Plan for Governance: The Select Board was already trying to look into this. It came about because Bruce started asking questions about Hope doing our own snow plowing. 2.) Given the amount of rancor that is blown up in our little Town, I think the best thing to do is to have a truly impartial person who is an expert look into these matters. 3.) Executive Session, we can't tell you what happened in Executive Session, but we are going to do everything we can in an appropriate manner. For prompt access to town records: For the past three years minutes have been taken in one week and approved at the next meeting then posted on the website. We are working on the ability to post recordings, but we do not have the capability yet.

Nancy said she wants to have "us", the Hope citizens involved instead of bringing in a third party. Brian said he wanted to speak to question number five: he said he was going to refer to a conversation he had with Mary Tolles a couple of years ago. We talked about checks and balances. Ultimately it comes down to we have a small office and we can't always make a rule or checks and balances, it comes down to the persons integrity, it's about as good as it gets.

Langley said he would like to speak about records. On August 7th he asked that the Planning Board meeting minutes be posted, and they have still not been posted yet.

He went on to say that he has made four FOAA requests and has not been given appropriate notification that his requests have been received.

Sarah told Langley that everything he has given to the town office has been received. Langley said that by law, he should be given an email not just a stamp that says received. He also said that he was requesting the building permit database off of the

Town server and that it would only take one minute to get it, but it has been over a week and a half since his request. Sarah told Langley that his request will be acknowledged.

Ron Smith so that he would like to know the mechanics of why Langley was dismissed. He said the Town Administrator cannot just say “it just won’t happen”. He wanted to know if the Town Administrator even has the authority to fire an employee. Sarah confirmed that the Town Administrator does have the authority to hire and fire employees. Ron said that he wanted a job description of the Town Administrator and also wanted to know what form of government Hope was. Sarah told him that the Town of Hope is a Select Board/Town Administrator/Town Meeting form of government. Ron said that he has been reading things and to him there is no way that a Town administrator couldn’t fire employee. He said he’s just sitting here wondering “why did this guy get fired, did he steal something or what?”

Sarah said that the Select Board is aware of a lot of things and that is why we are all in communication with the Town Attorney.

Thom said that he wanted to make sure that Nancy’s letter was entered into the record and Brian responded and said that it would be included in the minutes. Sarah explained that all of the meeting documents are also now on the website so that the public can see what is going to be discussed during a Select Board meeting.

Jessica Snyder asked for an update on the Roads Committee. Thom said that at the last meeting (Aug. 11th) the Select Board established a Road Advisory Committee. Hopefully over the next two meetings, the Select Board will have an actual charge for the new committee. Jessica wanted to know what happened to the previous committee.

Sarah explained that there was not an actual committee. There was a recommendation of some names, but Thom and Bruce asked if the creation of the committee could be tabled until after the election. Now the election is over, and the Select Board has created the committee, so now we’re just looking at what to have them do going forward. Ron Smith wanted to know when the committee would get going and Thom said hopefully within the next two meetings.

Amy Powers asked to speak and said that she had a prepared statement as follows: *My name is Amy Powers and I am a resident of Hope. I am deeply troubled by a recent incident involving our Select Board. I feel this incident was highly inappropriate, unbecoming of an elected official and has crossed many lines. I’m going to email an audio to the entire board that I feel you and the townspeople should hear. From my perspective it should be made public so that the residents of Hope are aware of the disturbing actions of one of our current board members. It is also important that the local school administrators and parents are aware of some unhinged behavior by an individual that has had access to our children for some time now. When you listen to this audio, please keep in mind that these comments were fueled by a simple difference of opinion as to how our roads were going to be plowed in the future. I am unsure if the board as a whole has been aware of this recording and if so, if any actions have been taken. I am embarrassed that he is a representative of Hope. After hearing this recording, I am unsure how the rest of the board will be able to sit with him to do the town’s work? I am aware that we do not*

have a mechanism in the town to remove an elected official. I hope that the citizens of Hope come together to change this. The audio includes threatening comments to other town officials and a town employee. As my husband was one of the individuals threatened in this rant, I am left wondering if I should be concerned for my safety as well and the safety of my children? I also am deeply concerned that we have a male board member threatening a female, town employee. As a female, this is something that I do not take lightly, and neither should you. In an effort to ensure all citizens of Hope are aware of these disturbing actions, I will also be sharing this audio on Hope Happenings, with the PenBay Pilot, Village Soup, The Bangor Daily News, the Portland Press Herald, and local school districts. I ask that you play this audio in a future public meeting to ensure the full audio becomes part of the official town record. There will always be discourse in politics, town government, and every day life. It matters how we conduct ourselves when faced with such discourse. There should be no place for this behavior in our community, let alone on a board representing the towns people. We deserve better...it's time for a resignation. In my opinion, an immediate resignation is the appropriate next step. Thank you for the time. Best, Amy

Sarah read another prepared statement: The Town of Hope will be taking appropriate action to review complaints to the Town. Because of the significant expense to the Town and taxpayers of the Town of Hope, if you have any additional concerns that you wish to submit to the Town regarding events up to and including August 25, 2020, all of them must be submitted in writing no later than noon, Friday, August 28, 2020. You may submit them by email or as a hard copy. Please provide specific, verifiable information and details. No further complaints for that time period will be accepted after the stated deadline.

Michelle, who was participating via Zoom said that she wanted to know that the town was acting with integrity and to have some kind of policy in place should something like this happen again. Sarah said that any Town employee is free to speak with any Select Board member at any time. And the Town Administrator receives an annual evaluation as do the employees.

Brian said that historically there have not been any problems like this in the Town Office ever before. This is a learning experience, and he suspects that the Select Board will be working collectively come up with a plan for any other possible future circumstances.

Betty said that she has a concern about the treatment of Langley. She wants to make sure that he had been treated fairly even though it was legal to dismiss him. She wants to know if the Select Board was involved in anyway. "This can't just be left the Town Administrator; I would like to think that the Board would be involved".

- **Playgroup Proposal – Allie Feener:** Allie Feener wrote a proposal as follows: *Dear Select Board Members, A small group of families are looking to put together a small playgroup in a neutral location to Hope center. The group would consist of 4-5 children under the age of 5, all to be watched/cared for successively by one of the group member's mother, with a rotating volunteer from the additional parents of the group.*

The mother whom would be caring for the children regularly is Alaina Garrigan, a Hope resident who has formal education in childhood development, two years' experience in a toddler aged classroom and over three years' experience in a preschool classroom. Additionally, she has two sons who are ages 5 and 2.

*While Alaina's elder son is in school at Sweetland Center (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) Alaina would be watching her younger son and 3-4 other boys between the ages of 2 and 4. One of these boys is also a Hope resident (Ivan Feener), and all of the families have children at Sweetland School. TO BE VERY CLEAR – this group is not affiliated with Sweetland school itself, it is a group of families who are wishing to limit exposure during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the families still rely on childcare to work and want their young, developing children to still have social/emotional developing opportunities. While the logistics of an overlapping schedule with Sweetland school is still in discussion with the school, we are asking the Select Board Members to approve the *possibility* of our playgroup using a room in the town office 3 days a week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) between the hours of 8:00AM and 2:00PM. It is our hope to be outside as much as possible (True Park and surrounding), but to have a dedicated space in the town office to allow for a developed area in inclement weather (playgroup materials to be provided by the families). We are asking for a decision to be made before the approval of a shared space from Sweetland school is obtained as we are aware that Select Board Meetings occur bi-weekly; the next to occur less than a week before school is to start. Additionally, it would help us to plan for an intentional space. We are in full communication with Sweetland school about our plans despite not being affiliated with them and would invite you to ask any questions to the school or the play group. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Allie Feener.*

Sarah said that she thinks that the Town Office basement is a bit gritty and probably would need some sort of insurance which is relatively inexpensive through MMA.

Brian said there could be a sticking point with the fire code and insurance. That is one of the problems that the Sweetland School ran into when they wanted to be in the basement. The Playgroup would probably have to be called a day care. He suggested that Allie F. contact the Fire Marshal's office and find out about these things. Allie F. told the Select Board that there no DHHS licensing required because there is only going be four kids and likely two adults with one of the adults being the mother of one of the children. So, it is not actually a daycare but really an organized play group.

Amy G. said that she is happy to keep looking into this and is going to also check with the Library Board as well.

Allie F. said the overlapping schedules with the older kids is something that the Sweetland School and Lindsay P. has agreed to arrange schedules to help with the overlap time when both groups may want to use the upstairs area. She also said that they have checked into other venues, but the church is not interested in have the kids there and she checked with Clarence, but he didn't think the Playgroup and the fire station would not be a good fit either.

Amy G. double checked with Allie F. that she had already spoken with Lindsay about using the upstairs community room which Allie F. confirmed. Allie F. wanted to make it perfectly clear that they are not associated with the Sweetland School.

- **Discussion Townhall Stream Option:** Ron Smith wanted to know if the Select Board had received any recommendations from any other vendors or just Townhall streams.

Sarah said they were so many IT issues with the other options this is really the simplest it's more of a plug and play.

Brian said that he was concerned and thought that the Town should not enter into a long-term commitment. He would like to propose that the Town could sign up with Townhall streams until June and if there are any other options at a better cost then we are only locked in unless and until the funding is approved at a Town Meeting next June, and then we go forward from there.

Brian made a motion to place a question on the November 3, 2020 ballot to fund the Town communications project through the end of the fiscal year until June 30, 2021 and to not exceed \$2000. It was seconded by Thom.

Motion passed 5-0

- **Review and Sign Assessors Agent Contract:** Brian made a motion to sign the Assessors Agent annual contract with C. Vernon Ziegler in the amount of \$14,550, which was approved by the voters at the July 14th election. It was seconded by Thom.

Motion passed 5-0

- **Appoint Registrar of Voters:** Brian made a motion to appoint Alexenia Payor as the Registrar of Voters for a period of two years or until another Registrar has been appointed. It was seconded by Amy.

Motion passed 5-0

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- Questions & Requests from Nancy Ford: Taken out of order

Public Comment:

- Jessica Snyder said that Amy Powers had brought up something earlier in this meeting regarding a recording and would like to know what it is she has. Jessica said if it is going to get posted online and sent to the news media shouldn't we hear it first in this room?

Amy P. said she's fine with whatever the Select Board wants to do, she just wants to at least have it on a future agenda. Jessica reiterated that she thinks the public should be able to hear it before it is released.

Thom said that he would rather listen to it alone.

Brian said that since we have not discussed it as a Board, it would probably be best for the Board to talk about it first before playing it publicly. Jessica said there's already a lot of talk in Town about Langley, and Sam, and now an elected official. Shouldn't the Towns people have a right to hear it?

Amy G. said that she would like to hear it privately first.

Sarah said Amy P. has the recording and could upload it from the parking lot if she wanted.

Ron Smith spoke out and said it should only be heard and Executive Session.

Amy G said, "I think the way the Amy Powers presented this was very diplomatic and respectful to allow the Select Board to hear it first".

Ron Smith wanted to know if the recording was from somebody who had a knowledge of the inner workings of the Town Office.

Amy P. said that the Town does not have any kind of mechanism to remove an elected official(s) from office. She said, "I wonders if I need to be afraid for my home and the safety of my children. The Towns people have a right to know who they elected".

Dick Crabtree asked to remind the Chair-lady that the Select Board may receive public comments but may not deliberate on things that are not on the agenda.

Sarah stated that this item would be placed on the September 8th agenda.

- Thom reminding folks that there is a Zoom meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020 to have a session/discussion on the Brown Tail Moth.
- Thom also reminded everyone that the Broadband Survey is on the website and to please if they haven't already filled out a survey to go to the website and do so.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Spoke with Jen Conner, who is the accountant who was hired by the Town to do the quarterly reports and audit preparation. She expressed some concern regarding a lack of journal entries and bank reconciliation information that she needs in order to create the reports and prepare for the audit which typically occurs within the first two weeks of September. She said she was at the Town Office working with Langley for a while but that he still had quite a bit of "homework" to complete and get it to her. She asked me to see if he had completed any of the required items and get back in touch with her. She strongly suggested contacting the Auditor and moving the audit back a couple of

weeks.

- Contacted Town Auditor's Office to push the audit schedule back to the end of September or first of October. He will be back in the office on Monday so I should know more after talking with him.
- I have hired a temporary employee to fill in while the bookkeeper position is vacant. His name is Michael Siddall. He has a degree in mathematics and has a great positive front counter presence.
- Contacted Mary who has agreed to do some contracted work to help get the June and July bank reconciliations updated as well and complete some inventory and other finance task items need to be sent to the accountant in order to prepare the fourth quarter report and to do the audit preparation. She spent several hours yesterday in the office assisting in getting the finance area up-to-date.
- Gail from the Superintendent's Office said that she emailed a signed payroll warrant to the Town Office. I was able to see that the proper information was submitted to the bank however, the warrant (not even an emailed copy) has been received yet. I sent her an email letting her know that we were not in receipt of the warrant and to please contact me in the morning. I believe there is only one payroll warrant. If it is received in the morning, is there three Select Board members willing to come in and sign the school payroll warrant?
- The Town Report has been completed and posted on the Town's website.
- There are 8 outstanding 2019 RE accounts totaling \$14573.23 with liens that will go to automatic foreclosure on February 16, 2021 if accounts remain unpaid.
- There are 67 2020 RE accounts totaling \$14,573.23. The 2020 liens will be filed on August 28, 2020. (This Friday)
- The 2021 RE taxes were just committed on July 28, 2020. There are 1,135 accounts totaling \$3,017403.48.

Warrants:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Brian made a motion to approve and sign warrant #'s 16, and 17. It was seconded by Amy.

Motion passed 5-0

Executive Session – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(E): Communication between Select Board and Town Attorney:

- Brian made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:15 PM Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(E) - Communication between the Select Board and Town Attorney. Motion was seconded by Thom.

Motion passed 5-0

- Thom made a motion to exit Executive Session at 10:10 PM. It was seconded by Brian.

Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

- Brian made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 PM. It was seconded by Amy.

Motion passed 5-0

DRAFT

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING
Hope Select Board
Friday, September 4, 2020
1:00 PM
Hope Town Office/Zoom

Select Board Members Present: Sarah Ann Smith

Others Present: Samantha Mank, Alexenia Payor, Dan Dunkle, Bill Jones, Ellie Goldberg, Langley Willauer, and Saili

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Sarah.

New Business: All items tabled until Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 due to not having a quorum.

- Review, Discuss, and Decide Articles/Questions to appear on the Municipal Ballot(s) for the November 3, 2020 Election:
 - Funding for Town Communication Project
 - Town of Hope Dog Ordinance
 - Citizen's Petition to adopt a Recall Ordinance

Adjournment:

- Sarah adjourned the meeting at 1:16 PM



TOWN OF HOPE

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Ph: (207) 763-4199 • Fax (207) 763-4195
www.hopemaine.org

Fire Truck Bids
Opened 2:30pm

September 3, 2020

Aaron Freeman \$1,200.00

91 North Main Street, Apt B
Rockland, ME 04841
aaronanderin@hotmail.com, 207-691-8353

Wayne "Beaver" Stinson, Beaver Enterprises, Inc. \$2,744.80

PO Box 712
207-596-3129

Aaron Grindle \$2,250.00

3288 Atlantic Highway
Waldoboro, ME 04572
207-266-7303

Charles Weidman \$2,010.00

118 Luce Lane
Hope, ME 04847
twelvetoe@gmail.com, 207-691-3483

Mike Eaton \$1,380.00

10 Brookside Lane
Hope, ME 04847
brookside@tidewater.net, 207-785-2145

Robert Pearse \$5,656.00

667 Howe Hill Road
Hope, ME 04847

Frank Cochran \$827.00

302 Tolman Road
fksalvage@aol.com, 207-390-5185



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Kevin Prock \$1,877.00

400 Orff's Corner Road

Waldoboro, ME 04572

twentytencamaro@yahoo.com, 207-832-5529

Elijah Giguere \$5,170.00

44 Sandhill Roaf

Somerville, ME 04348

centralmaineservices@yahoo.com, 207-314-7687

Isaac Monroe \$2,575.00

207-790-3950


Alexeria Payor, Town Clerk

09/03/2020 FIRE TRUCK BIDS

2:30 PM

1. AARON FREEMAN, \$1,200.00
2. WAYNE "BEAVER" STINSON \$2744.80
3. AARON GRINDLE \$2250.00
4. CHARLES WEIDMAN \$2010.00
5. MIKE EATON \$1,380.00
6. ROBERT PEARSE \$5656.00
7. FRANK COCHRAN \$ 827.00
8. KEVIN PROCK \$1,877.00
9. ELYAH GIGUERE \$5,170.00
10. ISAAC MONROE \$2,575.00

TOWN OF HOPE
FIRE TRUCK BID FORM
1983 GMC Sierra Pierce Built Tanker Fire Truck

Name: Aaron Freeman
Address: 91 N. Main Apt B Rockland ME 04841
Email Address: aaronanderin@hotmail.com
Telephone #: 207 691 8353
Additional Comments: _____

Bid Price: \$ 1200.00 Date: 9/2/20

Signature: 

The Town of Hope is requesting bids on a 1983 GMC Sierra Peirce Built Tanker Fire Truck with 9,732.5 total miles. It has a 1,200 gallon tank with a 350 gpm PTO pump. It has a gas engine and hydraulic brakes.

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TOWN OF HOPE FIRE TRUCK BID FORM

1983 GMC Sierra Pierce Built Tanker Fire Truck

Name: ^{"Beaver"} Wayne W. Stinson/Beaver Enterprises, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 712

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: (207) 596-3129

Additional Comments: _____

please call with bid results
to (207) 596-3129 call thank you Beaver

Bid Price: \$ 2744.80

Date: 8/28/2020

Signature: W Stinson

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Aaron Grindle ph. # 207-266-7303
3288 Atlantic Hwy
Waldboro ME 04572

Freight bid
\$ 2250.00

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Name: CHARLES WEIDMAN

Address: 118 LUKE LANE

Email Address: TWELVETOE @GMAIL.COM

Telephone #: 207-691-3483

Additional Comments: ~~NO OFFER TO BE MADE~~

Bid Price: \$ 2010.00

Date: 9-3-20

Signature: 

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Name: MIKE EATON

Address: 10 Brookside Ln. HOPE

Email Address: brooksid@tidewater.net

Telephone #: 785-2145

Additional Comments: _____

Bid Price: \$ 1,380.-

Date: 8/25/20

Signature: 

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ROBERT W. PEARSE
667 Howe Hill Rd
Hope ME 04847

Bid on fire truck
83 GMC in So. Hope

5656.00

TOWN OF HOPE
FIRE TRUCK BID FORM
1983 GMC Sierra Pierce Built Tanker Fire Truck

Name: Frank Cochran

Address: 302 Tolman Road

Email Address: fk.salvage@aol.com

Telephone #: 390-5185

Additional Comments: _____

Bid Price: \$ 827.00

Date: Aug 19, 20

Signature: Frank Cochran

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Name: Kevin Rock

Address: 400 Off's Corner Rd Waldoboro ME 04572

Email Address: Twenty 10 Camden @ yahoo

Telephone #: 207-542-9565^{cell}, 207-832-5529 Home

Additional Comments: _____

Bid Price: \$ 1877.00 Date: 8/30/20

Signature: 

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Name: Elijah Giguere
Address: 44 Sandhill Rd Somerville Me 04348
Email Address: centralmaineservices@yahoo.com
Telephone #: 314-7687
Additional Comments: Best way to get a hold of me is a text message. ON vinalhaven a lot with spotty service.

Bid Price: \$ 5,170.00 Date: 8-30-2020

Signature: Elijah Giguere

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I agree to pay the amount of \$2575.00 for Truck vin# 1GDN7D1B4DV519713
payable in Visa/ Cash

Isaac MONROE

790-3950

CORRECTIVE MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

THAT the Inhabitants of the Town of Hope, a corporate body, by and through its Selectmen, for consideration paid grant to BONNIE LEE POLAND, f/k/a BONNIE LEE ALLEN, and f/k/a BONNIE L. FISH, of 21 McCurdy Road, Bremen, ME 04551, a certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Hope, County of Knox and State of Maine, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar set with a cap in the easterly line of the Gurney Hill Road and at the northwesterly end of a 60-foot wide area reserved for access, said rebar lying North $2^{\circ} 26' 3''$ East 448.69 feet from a $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar set at the intersection of the Gurney Hill Road with Route #235;

THENCE North $03^{\circ} 34' 23''$ East along the Gurney Hill Road 200.74 to a $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar at the southwesterly corner of property now or formerly of LaRue;

THENCE North $73^{\circ} 41'$ East along the land of LaRue 332.95 feet to a $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar;

THENCE South $8^{\circ} 22' 39''$ East along land of Weaver 182.84 feet to a $\frac{3}{4}$ rebar;

THENCE South $81^{\circ} 37' 21''$ West along the 60-foot wide area reserved for an access 168.74 feet to a $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar;

THENCE in a counterclockwise curve to the West, the radius of which is 60.0 feet, a distance of 17.68 feet to a $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar;

THENCE South $64^{\circ} 31' 36''$ West 193.73 feet to a $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar set in the easterly line of the Gurney Hill Road, the place of beginning. The above-described parcel is a portion of the property described in a deed from Hall to Pease recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 1368, Page 208. For further reference, see Plan of Myriah Woods Subdivision recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds, Plan Cabinet 13 at Sheet 120.

REFERENCE may be had to a deed from Nathan R. Pease and Charlotte H. Pease to Bonnie Lee Allen, dated July 27, 1999 and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 2388, Page 240.

The purpose of this deed is to confirm that the matured tax lien in favor of the Town of Hope against Bonnie Lee Allen dated June 15, 2005 and recorded in Book 3438, Page 335 and discharged by instrument dated October 6, 2006 in Book 3692, Page 202 is hereby released to the Grantee herein.

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Witness

Selectman

Witness

Selectman

Witness

Selectman

STATE OF MAINE
LINCOLN, ss.

_____, 2020.

Personally appeared the above _____ and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, in said capacity

Notary Public/Attorney at Law

From: [Thomas Ingraham](#)
To: [Sarah Ann Smith](#); [Amy Gertner](#); [Samantha Mank](#); [Brian Powers](#); [Bruce Haffner](#)
Subject: Fwd: Daily survey update 8-28
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:57:26 PM
Attachments: [image009.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image011.png](#)
[image012.png](#)

Update from Duane Wright, tracking broadband survey.

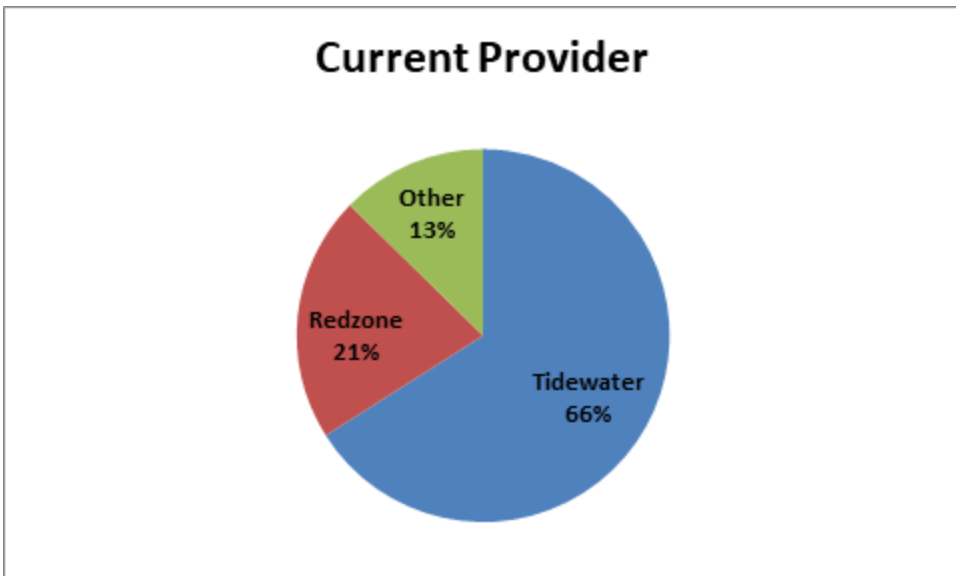
Thom

Sent from my iPad

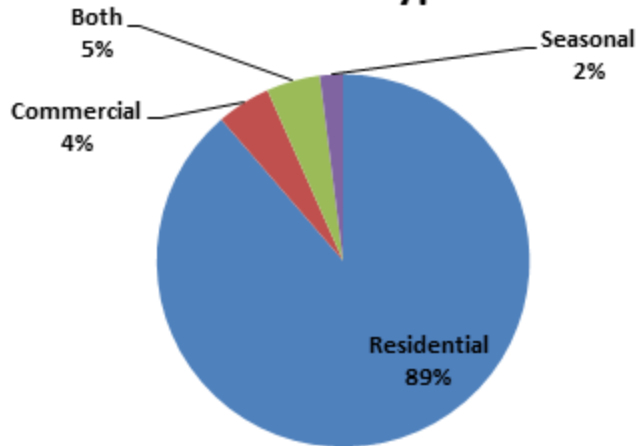
Begin forwarded message:

From: Duane Wright <dwright@douglasdynamics.com>
Date: August 28, 2020 at 11:00:50 AM EDT
To: "ahfeener@gmail.com" <ahfeener@gmail.com>, "Thomas Ingraham' (thomas.ingraham@gmail.com)" <thomas.ingraham@gmail.com>, "rickb4526@gmail.com" <rickb4526@gmail.com>, "mimifoster@gmail.com" <mimifoster@gmail.com>, "Dieter Weber (dieter.d.weber@gmail.com)" <dieter.d.weber@gmail.com>, "Regina Rooney (regina.g.rooney@gmail.com)" <regina.g.rooney@gmail.com>
Cc: "wright2802@gmail.com" <wright2802@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Daily survey update 8-28

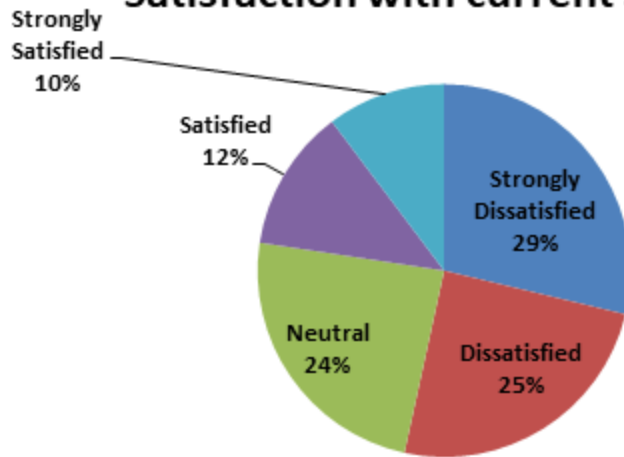
FYI with the now 150 responses:



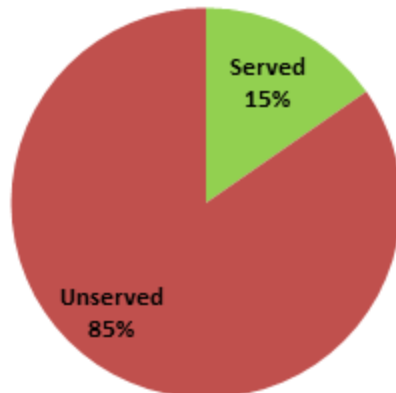
Service Type



Satisfaction with current service



"Served" IAW FCC (25Mbps x 3Mbps)



Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:35 AM

To: ahfeener@gmail.com; 'Thomas Ingraham' (thomas.ingraham@gmail.com); rickb4526@gmail.com; mimifoster@gmail.com; Dieter Weber (dieter.d.weber@gmail.com); Regina Rooney (regina.g.rooney@gmail.com)

Cc: wright2802@gmail.com

Subject: Daily survey update 8-28

Good morning all!

Allie and I would like to have a committee meeting next week to discuss the proposal from Mission Broadband as well as next steps with the survey efforts. Can you all respond with the nights that would work best for you? 5:30pm Start time.

Here's where we're at as of this morning:

Total address: 907 (includes 4 "new" addresses)

Total completed surveys: 141 or 15.55% (does not include duplicate submissions)

Total addresses left: 766

Here's the list of all names that have submitted (I've removed duplicate submissions):

FirstN LastN

Gina	?
Greg	Abendroth
Christine	Alberi
Mike	Ames
Tracy	Barley
Valerie	Behrens
Barbara	Bentley
Marie	Berry
James	Bickel
Patti	Bosken
tammy	boulette
Marlayne	Brace
Becky	Brace
Rick	Bresnahan
Nicole	Brown
June	Brown
Stephen	Bunting
Mary	Butler
Holly	Campbell
Brady	clark
Robert	Cleveland
Kim	colson
Elizabeth	Crabtree
Celeste	Crabtree
Sarah	Craig
Marie	Curtis

Cynthia	DellaPenna
David	Doubleday
Mike	Douglass
Teresa	Duke
Andrew	East
Wendy	Eaton
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Gino	Fanelli
Lynn	Farrin
Allie	Feener
Chris	feener
dallas	fields
Cathi	Finnemore
Timothy	Fong
Nancy	Ford
Amy	Froehlich
Sara	Gagan
Adrienne	Gallant
Jason	Gindel
Sam	Glover
Elinor	Goldberg
Claudia	Goodwin
Holley	Grenert
David	Hall
Robert & Anne	Hall
Melissa	Hall
Thomas	Hardy
Richie	Hawkins
Jan	Haynes
Doug	Hayward
Sue	Heal
Karen	Hebb
Alicen	Heintzman
Tucker	Hill
Kathleen	hirst
Fred	Holbrook
Alicia	Holmes
Marcie	Howard
Roger	Hunt
Bill	Huntington
Thom	Ingraham
Megan	Jones
Eric	Jones
robert	josselyn
Lizabeth	Joy

Clarence	Keller
Kathy	Kellett
Heidi	Kelley
Brian	Kevin
Sarah	Kingsbury
Bridget	Leavitt
Linda	Lewis
May	Liao
Kim	Lincoln
Timothy	Lock
David	Lord
John	Lord
Molly & Wayne	Luce
J	Luce
Alex	Ludwig
Sharen	Machado
Courtney	Mank
Michelle	Mank
Barbara	Mason
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Damon	McClure
Patrick	McGrath
Deborah	McSweyn
Shawna	Mitchell
Joe	Moody
Harold	Mosher
Shaun	O'Brien
Nicholas	O'Hara
Bill	Pearse Jr.
Carleen	Pearson
Lisa	Pendleton
Iride	Piechocki
Olivia	Powers
Richard	Preston
Betty	Richards
Debora	Richardson
Crystal	Robinson
Joseph	Ryan
Jodi	Saastamoinen
Sandie	Sabaka
Jestine	Sawyer
Jesse	Simko
Sarah Ann	Smith
David	Smith
Todd	Snyder

Don	Spear
Hope	Spinnery
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Megan	Strout
John	Sylvester
Jane	Thorndike
Michael	True
Ryan	Twisla
Deborah	Vendetti
Meghan	Vigeant
Angel	Wall
Mary & Graham	Waltz
Dieter	Weber
Craig	Weider
Charles	Weidman
Jessica	Welt
Walter	Wetmore
Stacy	Whitley
Betty	Whitney
Langley	Willauer
Duane	Wright
Dennis	Wright
Randy	Wright

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From: [Thomas Ingraham](#)
To: [Sarah Ann Smith](#); [Amy Gertner](#); [Samantha Mank](#); [Brian Powers](#); [Bruce Haffner](#)
Subject: Fwd: Daily survey update 8-28
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:58:14 PM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image009.png](#)

And this...

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Duane Wright <dwright@douglasdynamics.com>
Date: August 28, 2020 at 11:44:00 AM EDT
To: "ahfeener@gmail.com" <ahfeener@gmail.com>, "Thomas Ingraham' (thomas.ingraham@gmail.com)" <thomas.ingraham@gmail.com>, "rickb4526@gmail.com" <rickb4526@gmail.com>, "mimifoster@gmail.com" <mimifoster@gmail.com>, "Dieter Weber (dieter.d.weber@gmail.com)" <dieter.d.weber@gmail.com>, "Regina Rooney (regina.g.rooney@gmail.com)" <regina.g.rooney@gmail.com>
Cc: "wright2802@gmail.com" <wright2802@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Daily survey update 8-28

Below is a snip of a letter referencing the Knox county area from Tidewater. This is the problem!!! They say they've already identified the "UNSERVED" population based off the ConnectMe map. Problem is that the ConnectMe map has Hope as almost 100% served. Nearly 17% of the town has been surveyd and based off their input, only 15% of them are "served" where 85% are "UNSERVED".

The one finding in the report that supports all three of the critical relief categories noted above, is that the
Governor should invest \$65 mil. of the federal CARES funds to expand high speed broadband access in Maine – NOW.

The Broadband Industry in Maine and the ConnectME Authority have already identified the "UNSERVED" areas in Maine - and as an industry sector, we all stand ready to end the digital divide that now exists in Maine. The federal CARES money, when combined with private sector matching funds, would allow us to continue our mission to bring FTTH access to those who desperately need this service.

We urge the Governor to commit the \$65 mil. now. The federal CARES funding, when combined with private sector match, will allow us to make significant progress toward closing Maine's "digital divide" within the next 12 -18 Months.



Legend



ConnectME Public Viewer

Town Broadband

Areas with internet connectivity reported at least 25x3 Mbps



Areas with internet connectivity reported at least 10x1 Mbps and less than 25x3 Mbps



Areas with internet connectivity reported at less than 10x1 Mbps



Areas with no internet connectivity



From: Duane Wright

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 11:01 AM

To: ahfeener@gmail.com; 'Thomas Ingraham' (thomas.ingraham@gmail.com); rickb4526@gmail.com; mimifoster@gmail.com; Dieter Weber (dieter.d.weber@gmail.com); Regina Rooney (regina.g.rooney@gmail.com)

Cc: wright2802@gmail.com

Subject: RE: Daily survey update 8-28

FYI with the now 150 responses:

DRAFT

August 25, 2020

The Hope Select Board established the Hope Roads Advisory Committee (HRAC) to help ensure that our town roads are well maintained in a cost-effective manner. To that end, the HRAC has two substantial charges:

1. To survey and rate all town-maintained roads for condition and, taking into account the number of vehicles using each road, create short-term and long-term plans for maintenance and improvements.
2. To review present procedures for procuring work on town roads and to also investigate the manner in which other towns similar to Hope organize the work – for example, employing a Supervising Road Commissioner, town operated snow plowing, or public works departments.

The HRAC shall be comprised of 5-7 town residents who will elect a Chair. The town's Road Commissioner shall also serve on the committee but shall abstain from voting on issues connected with the second charge (*as listed above*).

The HRAC will report to the Select Board from time-to-time as warranted; the committee will be involved in the town's budget building process and will write a report to Hope citizens for the Town's Annual Report.

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08.25.20

Proposed Town of Hope Recall Ordinance

Any elected official may be recalled and removed by the voters of the Town as herein provided.

A. Procedure for Filing Petition.

- 1.) Any voter may submit an affidavit with the signatures of five (5) or more registered voters of the Town and file that affidavit with the Town Clerk in order to seek the removal of any elected official of the Town provided that such affidavit shall contain the following information:
 - a.) The name and address of the five or more registered voters. The address to which all notices are to be sent from the Town Clerk to the person submitting the petition.
 - b.) The name and address of the elected official whose removal is sought.
 - c.) A detailed statement of the reasons why the removal of that elected official is sought.
- 2.) Upon receipt of the affidavit, in proper form, the Town Clerk shall thereupon within five days deliver to the person submitting such affidavit, copies of petition blanks (printed forms of which shall be kept on hand for that purpose). Such blanks shall be issued by the Town Clerk with the Town Clerk's signature and official seal thereto attached; they shall be dated and addressed to the Select Board, shall contain the name of the persons to whom issued, the number of blanks shall be issued and circulated for each official whose removal is sought. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk.
- 3.) The recall petition, to be effective, must be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within thirty (30) calendar days after the filing of the affidavit.
- 4.) The petition, upon being returned and filed, shall contain the signatures of no less than ten (10%) percent of the voters of the municipality voting in the last gubernatorial election.
- 5.) The petition, to be valid, must also contain the following information:
 - a.) The name and address of the elected official whose removal is sought by the petition
 - b.) The name and address of the five registered voters who commenced the circulation of the petition
 - c.) A detailed statement of the reason why the removal from office is sought by the petitioners

B. Signatures to Petitions

- 1.) The signatures to petitions need not all be affixed to one petition, but to each separate petition there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator thereof stating that the circulator, and they only, personally circulated the foregoing paper; that it bears a stated number of signatures; that each signature appended thereto was made in the circulator's presence and is to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.
- 2.) With each signature shall be stated the same name printed, the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number or other description sufficient to identify the same.

C. Filing, Examination and Certification of Recall Petitions.

- 1.) All petition papers comprising a recall petition shall be assembled and filed with the Town Clerk as one instrument.
- 2.) Within ten (10) working days after a petition is filed, the Town Clerk shall determine whether each paper of the petition has a proper statement of the circulator and whether the petition is signed by a sufficient number of qualified voters. The Town Clerk shall declare any petition paper entirely invalid which does not have attached thereto an affidavit signed by the circulator thereof.
- 3.) If a petition paper is found to be signed by fewer persons than the number certified, the signatures shall be accepted, unless void on other grounds.
- 4.) If the Town Clerk's certificate shows the petition to be insufficient, the Town Clerk shall forthwith so notify in writing one or more of the persons designated on the petition as filing the same; and the petition may be amended at any time within the five (5) day after the giving of the notice of a supplementary petition upon additional papers, issued, signed and filed as provided herein for the original petition.
- 5.) The Town Clerk shall, within ten (10) working days after such amendment, make like examination of the amended petition, and attach thereto the certificate of the result. If then found to be insufficient, or if no timely amendment was made, the Town Clerk shall file the petition in the Town Clerk's office and shall notify each of the persons, designated thereon as filing it, of that fact.
- 6.) The final finding of insufficiency of a petition shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose. After completing examination of the petition, the Town Clerk shall certify the result thereof to the Board of Selectmen at its next regular meeting. If the Town Clerk shall certify that the petition is insufficient, the particulars in which it is defective shall be set forth in the certificate.

D. Calling of recall election.

- 1.) If the petition or amended petition shall be certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient, the Town Clerk shall submit the same with the certificate to the Select Board at its next meeting and shall notify the member or members whose removal is sought of such action.
- 2.) The Select Board shall at such meeting order an election to be held not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after the Select Board meeting; provided that, if the date set for the special election shall fall within four (4) months of the next regular or state or municipal election, no such special election shall be called and the question shall be submitted at the regular election.

E. Form of ballot in recall election.

- 1.) Unless the member or members whose removal is sought shall have resigned before the receipt by the Select Board of the Town Clerk's certificate, the form of the ballot at such election shall be as nearly as may be: "Shall "A" be recalled? Shall "B" be recalled?" etc., (the name of the member or members whose recall is sought being inserted in place of "A", "B", etc.)
- 2.) In case of a majority of those voting for and against the recall of any official shall vote in favor of the recall, such official shall be thereby removed, provided however that the total number of votes cast equal or exceed 40% of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election.
- 3.) Any such vacancy shall be filled at the next scheduled regular or special election. Should the Select Board by vote deem it in the best interest of the Town to fill such vacancy before the next scheduled election, then the vacancy shall be filled within sixty (60) days by a special election called by the Board for that purpose.
 - a.) No elected official that has been recalled shall be employed by the Town for at least twenty-four (24) months.
 - b.) No employee of the Town shall serve as an elected official simultaneously.
 - c.) No former employee, regardless of reason for separation, shall be eligible to be an elected official of the Town for at least twenty-four (24) months.

F. Procedure on refusal of Board of Selectmen.

- 1.) In the event the Select Board fails or refuses to order a recall election, pursuant to the provisions set forth in this Ordinance, then such election may be ordered by any Justice of the Superior Court, upon complaint to the Superior Court by any registered voter of the Town, such complaint shall be filed pursuant to Rule 80-B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure and in accordance with the time limits for filing of such complaint set forth in Rule 80-B.

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✓ 1) <i>A. Marie Powers</i>	ANN MARIE POWERS	11 HART'S MILL RD.	Hope
✓ 2) <i>E. Kevin Jones</i>	E. Kevin Jones	98 HART'S MILL RD	Hope
✓ 3) <i>Wendy Eaton</i>	Wendy Eaton	10 Brookside lane	Hope
✓ 4) <i>Megan Strout</i>	Megan Strout	10 Harts Mill Rd	Hope
✓ 5) <i>Michael A. Strout</i>	MICHAEL A. STROUT	10 Harts Mill Rd	Hope
✓ 6) <i>John H. Jensen</i>	JOHN H. JENSEN	160 MAIN ST.	HOPE
✓ 7) <i>Lois A. Jensen</i>	LOIS A. JENSEN	160 MAIN ST	HOPE
✓ 8) <i>Lorinda Boyd</i>	LORINDA BOYD	318 LUDWIG ROAD	HOPE
✓ 9) <i>Bradley W. Boyd</i>	BRADLEY W. BOYD	318 Ludwig Rd	HOPE
✓ 10) <i>Todd Snyder</i>	TODD SNYDER	51 BEVERAGE RD	HOPE
✓ 11) <i>Jessica Snyder</i>	Jessica Snyder	51 Beverage Rd	Hope
✓ 12) <i>Andrea Space</i>	Andrea Space	592 Camden Rd	Hope
✓ 13) <i>Jeffrey Space</i>	Jeffrey Space	592 Camden Rd	Hope
✓ 14) <i>Virginia Fanelli</i>	Virginia Fanelli	37 BEVERAGE RD.	Hope
✓ 15) <i>George S. Fanelli</i>	GEORGE S. FANELLI	37 BEVERAGE RD	HOPE
✓ 16) <i>Melissa C. Nelson</i>	Melissa C. Nelson	145 Church St	HOPE
✓ 17) <i>Scott Nelson</i>	SCOTT NELSON	145 Church St	HOPE
✓ 18) <i>Lesley Hardy</i>	Lesley Hardy	16 Beverage Rd	HOPE
✓ 19) <i>Thomas V. Hardy</i>	THOMAS V. HARDY	16 Beverage Rd	HOPE
✓ 20) <i>Marie S. Berry</i>	Marie S. Berry	183 Church St	HOPE
✓ 21) <i>Mike Brown</i>	Mike Brown	51 Highfield	HOPE
✓ 22) <i>Julie Brown</i>	Julie Brown	51 Highfield Rd	HOPE
✓ 23) <i>Daniel Dickson</i>	DANIEL DICKSON	295 MAIN ST	HOPE
✓ 24) <i>Arlene Crabtree</i>	ARLONE CRABTREE	7 ALFRED LAKE RD	HOPE
✓ 25) <i>Ruth Winchenbach</i>	Ruth Winchenbach	158 Main St	HOPE
✓ 26) <i>Dana Winchenbach</i>	DANA WINCHENBACH	158 MAIN ST	HOPE
✓ 27) <i>Michael Eaton</i>	Michael Eaton	10 Brookside Ln	HOPE
✓ 28) <i>Stacy Whitley</i>	Stacy Whitley	10 White Hart Ln.	HOPE
✓ 29) <i>Jim Denman</i>	Jim Denman	10 White Hart Ln	HOPE
✓ 30) <i>June Brown</i>	June Brown	5 ASH LN	HOPE
✓ 31) <i>William Brown</i>	William Brown	5 Ash Ln	HOPE
✓ 32) <i>Brian Powers</i>	BRIAN POWERS	11 HARTS MILL ROAD	HOPE
✓ 33) <i>Allie Feener</i>	ALLIE FEENER	52 SACOIA RIDGE WAY	HOPE
✓ 34) <i>Owen Feener</i>	Owen Feener	52 Sacoia Ridge Way	HOPE
✓ 35) <i>William P. Peapack</i>	William P. Peapack	727 BURNHAM RD	HOPE
✓ 36) <i>Douglas Merrill</i>	Douglas Merrill	174 Main St	HOPE
✓ 37) <i>Kate Mitchell</i>	Kate Mitchell	26 Emma's Way	HOPE
✓ 38) <i>Emma Mitchell</i>	Emma Mitchell	26 Emma's Way	HOPE
✓ 39) <i>Adam Mitchell</i>	ADAM MITCHELL	26 Emma's Way	HOPE
✓ 40) <i>Margaret A. Haberman</i>	Margaret A. Haberman	1 George Hill Road	HOPE
✓ 41) <i>Paul R. Fayson</i>	PAUL R. FAYSON	495 ALFORD LAKE RD.	HOPE
✓ 42) <i>Judith A. Brackett</i>	Judith A. Brackett	54 Maple Dr Hope	HOPE
✓ 43) <i>Bryan Brackett</i>	BRYAN BRACKETT	54 Maple Dr Hope	HOPE

State of Maine, County of Knox, ss

I, ARMY POWERS of HOPE Maine, on oath, depose and say that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature herein contained are genuine and that the persons signing are qualified to vote in the town of HOPE, Maine.

Circulator Signature

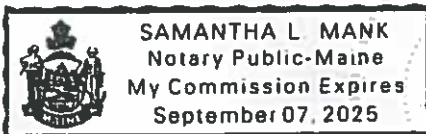
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Subscribed and sworn to me by the above said name on

9/2/2020

Town Clerk

Alexandra Payne



Samantha Mank

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44) <i>Lee Pelletier</i>	LEE PELLETIER	17 GURNEY HILL	HOPE
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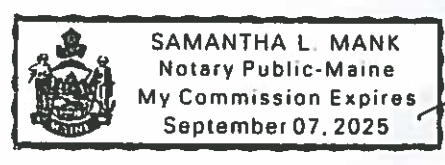
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✓ 1) Amy G Monroe	Amy G Monroe	310 Main Str	Hope
✓ 2) Florence A Mariell	Florence A Mariell	290 Main Street	Hope, ME
✓ 3) Ryan Burgess	Ryan Burgess	105 Harts Mill Rd	Hope, ME
✓ 4) Ed Tooley	Ed Tooley	105 Harts Mill Rd	Hope.
✓ 5) Frank E Willis	Frank Willis	20 Old Lane	Hope
✓ 6) Ruth Willis	Ruth Willis	20 Old Lane	Hope
✓ 7) Rebecca Murray	Rebecca Murray	13 Martzville Rd	Hope
✓ 8) Vincent M. Murray	Vincent M. MURRAY	13 Martzville Rd	Hope
✓ 9) Kate F. Dishop	Kate F. Dishop	21 Martzville Rd	Hope, ME
✓ 10) David Hannan	DAVID HANNAN	360 me st Hope	Hope ME
✓ 11) Linda A Hannan	Linda A Hannan	360 Main St Hope	Hope, ME
✓ 12) Steven J. Dodd	Steven J. Dodd	7 Hastings Ln	Hope, ME
✓ 13) Kristi H. Dodd	Kristi H. Dodd	7 Hastings Ln	Hope, ME
✓ 14) Kimberley Lawe	Kimberley Lawe	16 Hastings Ln	HOPE ME
✓ 15) Bradley Meserve	BRADEY MESERVE	373 MAIN ST	HOPE ME
✓ 16) Marion Meserve	Marion Meserve	373 Main St	Hope Me.
✓ 17) Yanna E. Perry	Yanna E. Perry	112 Hackleburnham Rd.	Hope, Me.
✓ 18) Peter Paul Perry	Peter Paul Perry	112 Hackleburnham Rd	Hope, ME
✓ 19) Alina Smith	Alina Smith	15 Jones Hill Rd.	Hope, Me
✓ 20) Holly A Campbell	Holly A Campbell	12 Gurney Hill Rd	HOPE, ME
✓ 21) Donna L. Winslow	Donna L. Winslow	1 Head of the Lake Dr.	Hope, ME
✓ 22) Robert G. Winslow	Robert G. Winslow	1 Head of the Lake Dr.	Hope, Me
✓ 23) Clarence J Keller	Clarence J Keller	654 Hatchet Mt. Rd	Hope, Me
✓ 24) Nancy F Keller	Nancy Keller	654 Hatchet Mt. Rd.	Hope ME
✓ 25) Brandy Monroe	BRANDY MONROE	27 WILLIS DR.	HOPE, ME
✓ 26) KIL MONROE	KIL MONROE	27 Willis Dr	Hope
✓ 27) Sally Varney	Sally Varney	50 Willis Drive	Hope
✓ 28) John London	John London	50 Willis Drive	Hope
✓ 29) Aaron Varney	Aaron Varney	50 Willis Drive	Hope
✓ 30) Kristie Pitt	Kristie Pitt	124 Harts Mill Rd	Hope
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Samantha L. Mank

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✓ 2) <i>P. McGrath</i>	Patrick J. McGrath	119 Robbins	Hope
✓ 3) <i>Lewis Merrifield</i>	Lewis Merrifield	290 Main St	Hope
✓ 4) <i>Susan Pushaw</i>	Susan Pushaw	169 Main St	Hope
✓ 5) <i>Adam Mitchell</i>	Adam Mitchell	26 Emma's Way	Hope
✓ 6) <i>Amy Powers</i>	Amy Powers	20 Harts Mill Road	Hope
✓ 7) <i>Brian Powers Jr</i>	Brian Powers Jr	20 Harts Mill Rd	Hope
✓ 8) <i>Mary Jean Monroe</i>	Mary Jean Monroe	96 Fogler Rd	Hope
✓ 9) <i>Frederick B. Monroe</i>	Frederick B. Monroe	96 Fogler Rd.	Hope
✓ 10) <i>Donald R. Tibbets</i>	Donald R. Tibbets	243 Hope ME	Hope
✓ 11) <i>Roger L. Hunt</i>	Roger L. Hunt	983 Hatched Mt. Rd	Hope
✓ 12) <i>Juanita Hunt</i>	Juanita Hunt	983 Hatched Mt. Rd	Hope
✓ 13) <i>Timothy Leach</i>	Timothy Leach	310 main st	Hope
✓ 14) <i>Deborah Hastings</i>	Deborah Hastings	166 Hideaway Drive	Hope
✓ 15) <i>Don Hastings</i>	Don Hastings	166 Hideaway Dr.	Hope
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✓ 19) <i>William E. H. Smith</i>	William E. H. Smith	339 Ludwig Road	Hope
✓ 20) <i>P. A. C. Smith</i>	P. A. C. Smith	339 Ludwig Rd	Hope
✓ 21) <i>Randy Wright</i>	Randy Wright	773 Baintown rd	Hope
✓ 22) <i>Richard A. Crabtree</i>	Richard A. Crabtree	9 SERENITY LANE	HOPE
✓ 23) <i>Richard A. Crabtree</i>	Richard A. Crabtree	57 BACKPASTURE Lane	Hope
✓ 24) <i>Elizabeth L. Crabtree</i>	ELIZABETH L. CRABTREE	57 BACKPASTURE LANE	HOPE
✓ 25) <i>Mary Pushaw</i>	Mary Pushaw	262 Crabtree St	HOPE
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State of Maine, County of Knox, ss

I, John F. Monroe of HOPE Maine, on oath, depose and say that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature herein contained are genuine and that the persons signing are qualified to vote in the town of HOPE, Maine.

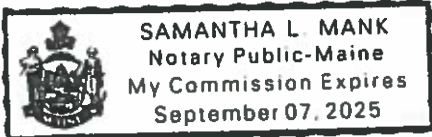
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Circulator Signature

John F. Monroe

Subscribed and sworn to me by the above said name on September 2, 2020 Town Clerk

Alexander Payne



Samantha Mank

**For the Municipal Ballot
November 3, 2020
Election**

1.) Shall the Town appropriate up to \$2,000 from the undesignated fund balance to purchase, lease, and/or rent camera equipment and subscription fees to have live stream capabilities and video availability on the Town website for all Town public meetings until June 30, 2021 at which time any additional future expenditures will go before the voters at the Annual Town Meeting?

2.) Shall the Town vote to enact an Ordinance entitled: “Hope Dog Ordinance” which is detailed by Maine State Law and used on the Dog Ordinance Violation Form?

A copy of the Violation Form is available for public inspection at the Town Office and on the Town Website

3.) Shall the Town vote to enact a Citizen’s Petition Ordinance entitled “Recall Ordinance in the Town of Hope, Maine 04847”?

This is a Citizen’s Petition Ordinance. The Ordinance is available for public inspection at the Town Office and on the Town Website

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE/TITLE 7 MAINE ANIMAL LAW VIOLATION NOTICE

Town of Hope

PH: 207-763-4199

441 Camden Road

Hope, ME 04847

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

OLN _____ State _____ Zip _____

Issued by _____

Heidi J. Blood, ACO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the date above the owner/keeper of this animal has been ticketed and/or warned by the HOPE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER for the violation(s) checked below.

NAME/DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL _____

VIOLATION	WARNING ISSUED	State mandated FINES/FEES
<input type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed dog	_____	\$50-\$100 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Missing proof of rabies vaccination	_____	\$50-\$100 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog at Large	_____	\$50-\$250 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Trespass	_____	\$50-\$500 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Nuisance Barking	_____	\$50-\$100 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum Shelter Requirements	_____	\$500-\$2500 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	\$50-\$2500 Fine \$ _____
		Total Fines \$ _____

The above listed charge(s) must be paid within 10 days to avoid a court appearance. To pay indicated fine(s) by mail or return in person your

Signed copy of the violation along with a check or money order to:

TOWN OF HOPE

441 CAMDEN ROAD

HOPE, ME 04847

-----APPEAL OR TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY-----

IF YOU WISH TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY CHECK THIS BOX

Print your name and address on reverse side and mail within 7 days of violation date. You will receive a summons to appear in court. Either the owner or keeper may appear.

If appeal or payment is not made within 10 days of violation, fine(s) will double, after 21 days, original fine will triple

Signed _____ Date _____

8/25/2020

Dear Select Board Members,

A small group of families are looking to put together a small playgroup in a neutral location to Hope center. The group would consist of 4-5 children under the age of 5, all to be watched/cared for successively by one of the group member's mother, with a rotating volunteer from the additional parents of the group.

The mother whom would be caring for the children regularly is Alaina Garrigan, a Hope resident who has formal education in childhood development, two year's experience in a toddler aged classroom and over three year's experience in a preschool classroom. Additionally, she has two sons who are ages 5 and 2.

While Alaina's elder son is in school at Sweetland Center (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) Alaina would be watching her younger son and 3-4 other boys between the ages of 2 and 4. One of these boys is also a Hope resident (Ivan Feener), and all of the families have children at Sweetland School.

TO BE VERY CLEAR – this group is not affiliated with Sweetland school itself, it is a group of families who are wishing to limit exposure during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the families still rely on childcare to work and want their young, developing children to still have social/emotional developing opportunities.

While the logistics of an overlapping schedule with Sweetland school is still in discussion with the school, we are asking the Select Board Members to approve the *possibility* of our playgroup using a room in the town office 3 days a week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) between the hours of 8:00AM and 2:00PM. It is our hope to be outside as much as possible (True Park and surrounding), but to have a dedicated space in the town office to allow for a developed area in inclement weather (playgroup materials to be provided by the families).

We are asking for a decision to be made before the approval of a shared space from Sweetland school is obtained as we are aware that Select Board Meetings occur bi-weekly; the next to occur less than a week before school is to start. Additionally, it would help us to plan for an intentional space. We are in full communication with Sweetland school about our plans despite not being affiliated with them and would invite you to ask any questions to the school or the play group.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Allie Feener
207-706-6015

Alaina Garrigan
707-599-0848

September 2, 2020

To: Board of Assessors

From: Assessors' Agent

Re: Abatements for September 8, 2020 Meeting

Attached is an abatement form for your consideration at your meeting on September 8, 2020. The first two abatements are to Adam and Maureen Scott for their property on Cook's Point and Crabtree Roads. The Scott's acquired two parcels prior to this year's assessment. I missed the section of the second deed that stated that the intent of that deed was to merge the parcel with their other land. And merging that parcel also merged the first parcel with their other land. Instead of having three lots for this tax assessment, the Scott's only have one parcel. Correcting this error lowers their assessment by \$1,260.85 for one parcel and \$422.51 for the other. Your signature on the abatement form will correct this error. I have deleted the two accounts and added the acreage of each deleted account to their other parcel of land.

Abatements #3 and #4 on the form correct an error between the deeds and the property survey as shown on our tax maps. Kelly & Gaylon Marie Butler bought a parcel of land on Barrett Hill Road from David and Leslie Vangel. Mirra Kohlmoos & Walter Wetmore, Jr. bought a parcel of land on Barrett Hill Road from Vernon Dent, LLC. The deeds for both parcels stated the size of the parcels and that was used to prepare the tax commitment. When the parcels were added to our tax maps it showed that 0.2 acres of each parcel was located in Union. This was confirmed by a survey of the parcel. Since we cannot assess land in another town, the 0.2 acres was removed from each parcel resulting in an abatement of \$8.35 for each owner.

If you agree with these abatements, please sign the original form that Samantha has.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "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 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) located within the Town of Hope; Under Title 36 MRSA sec. 841.

Acct. #	Name	Tax Abated	Reason
RE1392	Adam & Maureen Scott	\$1,260.85	Error in Land
RE1389	Adam & Maureen Scott	\$ 422.51	Error in Land
RE1386	Kelly & Gaylon Marie Butler	\$ 8.35	Error in Land
RE1351	Mirra Kohlmoos & Walter Wetmore, Jr.	\$ 8.35	Error in Land

Total Abatements: \$1,700.06

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have set our hands this Eighth day of September, 2020.

ASSESSORS OF

HOPE, MAINE

Tax Collector:	Initials _____	Date _____
Computer Adjustments:	Initials <u>CVZ</u>	Date <u>9-2-2020</u>
Assessor's Adjustments:	Initials <u>CVZ</u>	Date <u>9-2-2020</u>



TOWN OF HOPE

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

September 2, 2020

To: Board of Assessors
From: Assessors' Agent
Re: 2020 MVR

I have prepared the *2020 Municipal Valuation Return* (MVR) for your signature. A copy is attached to this memo for your review. You are required to file the MVR annually with Maine Revenue Services by November 1. This will allow us to collect reimbursement for homestead exempt property and value in use assessments.

The MVR is the document used by all municipalities to report specific information to Maine Revenue Services. A majority of the information is a restatement of our commitment, i.e. valuations, mil rate, exemptions, value in use assessments and tax rate calculations. It also collects some general information about the age of our tax maps, the date of the last revaluation and if we have computerized assessment records. There are no surprises here since we are reporting on events that have already happened.

You may notice that on Page 6 I wrote in the municipality name. This form is provided by Maine Revenue Services and the entire form is protected so information can only be entered in specific areas. In some areas the information pulls from another entry field in the form. On page 6, the entry field is locked and not properly populated so I wrote in our name.

This report, once signed, is bound into the annual tax commitment book that we maintain in the vault.

Please sign the original report that Samantha has so we can send a copy to Maine Revenue Services.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

2020 Municipal Valuation Return



DUE DATE - NOVEMBER 1, 2020 (or within 30 days of commitment, whichever is later)

*Mail the signed original to Maine Revenue Services, Property Tax Division,
PO Box 9106, Augusta, ME 04332-9106 and affix copy to front cover of Municipal Valuation book.*

For help in filling out this return, please see the Municipal Valuation Return Guidance Document at
www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/appsformspubs.htm

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

(36 M.R.S. § 383)

DUE DATE - NOVEMBER 1, 2020 (or within 30 days of commitment, whichever is later)

Hope
Municipality

1. County: **Knox** Commitment Date: **7/28/2020**
mm/dd/yyyy

2. Municipality **Hope**

3. 2020 Certified Ratio (Percentage of current just value upon which assessments are based.) 3 **98.00%**
Homestead, veterans, blind, and BETE Exemptions, Tree Growth and Farmland values must be adjusted by this percentage

TAXABLE VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE

(Exclude exempt valuation of all categories)

4. Land (include value of transmission, distribution lines and substations, dams and power houses) 4 **78,949,300**

5. Buildings 5 **118,380,780**

6. Total taxable valuation of real estate (sum of lines 4 & 5 above) 6 **197,330,080**
(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 1)

TAXABLE VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Exclude exempt valuation of all categories)

7. Production machinery and equipment 7 **153,900**

8. Business equipment (furniture, furnishings and fixtures) 8 **8,900**

9. All other personal property 9 **81,500**

10. Total taxable valuation of personal property (sum of lines 7 through 9 above) 10 **244,300**
(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 2)

OTHER TAX INFORMATION

11. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (sum of lines 6 & 10 above) 11 **197,574,380**
(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 3)

12. 2020 Property Tax Rate (example .01520) 12 **0.016700**

13. 2020 Property Tax Levy (includes overlay and any fractional gains from rounding) 13 **\$3,299,492.15**
Note: This is the exact amount of 2020 tax actually committed to the collector
(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 19)

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM

Homestead exemptions must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio

14. a. Total number of \$25,000 homestead exemptions granted 14a **509**

b. Total exempt value for all \$25,000 homestead exemptions granted (Line 14a x \$25,000) 14b **12,470,500**

c. Total number of properties fully exempted (valued less than \$25,000) by homestead exemptions granted 14c **0**

d. Total exempt value for all properties fully exempted (valued less than \$25,000) by homestead exemptions granted 14d **0**

e. Total number of homestead exemptions granted (sum of 14a & 14c) 14e **509**

f. Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted (sum of 14b & 14d) 14f **12,470,500**
(Must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 4a)

g. Total assessed value of all homestead qualified property (land and buildings) 14g **117,518,200**

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

Municipality: Hope

BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION (BETE) REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM

15. a. Number of BETE applications processed for tax year 2020	15a	2
b. Number of BETE applications approved	15b	2
c. Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property (Must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 5a)	15c	7,200
d. Total exempt value of BETE property located in a municipal retention TIF district	15d	0

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)

16. a. Total amount of increased taxable valuation above original assessed value within TIF districts	16a	-
b. Amount of captured assessed value within TIF districts	16b	-
c. Property tax revenue that is appropriated and deposited into either a project cost account or a sinking fund account	16c	-
d. BETE reimbursement revenue that is appropriated and deposited into either a project cost account or a sinking fund account (Lines 16c and 16d combined must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 9)	16d	\$0.00

EXCISE TAX

17. a. Enter whether excise taxes are collected based on a calendar or fiscal year	17a	Fiscal
b. Motor vehicle excise tax collected	17b	\$261,727.53
c. Watercraft excise tax collected	17c	\$3,695.90

ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION PROPERTY

18. Total valuation of distribution and transmission lines owned by electric utility companies	18	\$3,893,300
19. Total valuation of all electrical generation facilities	19	\$0

FOREST LAND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE TREE GROWTH TAX LAW PROGRAM

(36 M.R.S. §§ 571 - 584-A)

20. Average per acre unit value used for undeveloped acreage (land not classified)	20	\$2,500
21. Classified forest land. (Do Not include land classified in Farmland as woodland)		
a. Number of parcels classified as of April 1, 2020	21a	43
b. Softwood acreage	21b	211.17
c. Mixed wood acreage	21c	822.18
d. Hardwood acreage	21d	1029.78
e. Total number of acres of forest land only (sum of lines 21 b, c, and d above)	21e	2,063.13
22. Total assessed valuation of all classified forest land for tax year 2020	22	646,702
a. Per acre values used to assess Tree Growth classified forest land value:		
(1) Softwood	22a(1)	319.48
(2) Mixed Wood	22a(2)	389.06
(3) Hardwood	22a(3)	251.86

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

Municipality: Hope

TREE GROWTH TAX LAW CONTINUED

23. Number of forestland acres first classified for tax year 2020	23	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
24. Land withdrawn from Tree Growth classification (36 M.R.S. § 581)		
a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	24a	<input type="text" value="0"/>
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	24b	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to withdrawal of classified Tree Growth land from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	24c	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
d. Total number of \$500 penalties assessed for non-compliance	24d	<input type="text" value="0"/>
24-1 Since April 1, 2019, have any Tree Growth acres been transferred to Farmland?	24-1	<input type="text" value="No"/> Yes/No

LAND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE FARM AND OPEN SPACE TAX LAW PROGRAM
(36 M.R.S. §§ 1101 to 1121)

FARM LAND:

25. Number of parcels classified as Farmland as of April 1, 2020	25	<input type="text" value="92"/>
26. Number of acres first classified as Farmland for tax year 2020	26	<input type="text" value="79.16"/>
27. a. Total number of acres of all land now classified as Farmland (Do not include Farm woodland)	27a	<input type="text" value="1,285.55"/>
b. Total valuation of all land now classified as Farmland (Do not include Farm woodland)	27b	<input type="text" value="482,254"/>
28. a. Number of <u>Farm</u> woodland acres:		
(1) Softwood acreage	28a(1)	<input type="text" value="146"/>
(2) Mixed wood acreage	28a(2)	<input type="text" value="1309.89"/>
(3) Hardwood acreage	28a(3)	<input type="text" value="1492.83"/>
b. Total number of acres of all land now classified as <u>Farm</u> woodland	28b	<input type="text" value="2,948.72"/>
c. Total valuation of all land now classified as <u>Farm</u> woodland	28c	<input type="text" value="932,153"/>
d. Per acre rates used for <u>Farm</u> woodland:		
(1) Softwood	28d(1)	<input type="text" value="319.48"/>
(2) Mixed Wood	28d(2)	<input type="text" value="389.06"/>
(3) Hardwood	28d(3)	<input type="text" value="251.86"/>
29. Land withdrawn from Farmland classification (36 M.R.S. § 1112)		
a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	29a	<input type="text" value="All of 1 & Part of 2"/>
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	29b	<input type="text" value="8.95"/>
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to the withdrawal of classified Farmland from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	29c	<input type="text" value="\$5,305.82"/>

OPEN SPACE:

30. Number of parcels classified as Open Space as of April 1, 2020	30	<input type="text" value="5"/>
31. Number of acres first classified as Open Space for tax year 2020	31	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
32. Total number of acres of land now classified as Open Space	32	<input type="text" value="135.30"/>
33. Total valuation of all land now classified as Open Space	33	<input type="text" value="171,748"/>

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OPEN SPACE CONTINUED

34. Land withdrawn from Open Space classification (36 M.R.S. § 1112)		
a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	34a	0
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	34b	0.00
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to the withdrawal of classified Open Space land from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	34c	\$0.00

LAND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE WORKING WATERFRONT TAX LAW
(36 M.R.S. §§ 1131 - 1140-B)

35. Number of parcels classified as Working Waterfront as of April 1, 2020	35	0
36. Number of acres first classified as Working Waterfront for tax year 2020	36	0.00
37. Total acreage of all land now classified as Working Waterfront	37	0.00
38. Total valuation of all land now classified as Working Waterfront	38	0
39. Land withdrawn from Working Waterfront classification (36 M.R.S. § 1138)		
a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	39a	0
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	39b	0.00
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to the withdrawal of classified Working Waterfront land from 4/2/19 through 4/1/20	39c	\$0.00

EXEMPT PROPERTY
(36 M.R.S. §§ 651, 652, 653, 654-A, 656)

40. Enter the exempt value of all the following classes of property which are exempt from property taxation by law.		
a. Public Property (§ 651(1)(A) and (B))		
(1) United States	40a(1)	\$70,000
(2) State of Maine (excluding roads)	40a(2)	\$21,600
Total value of public property (40a(1) + 40a(2))	40a	91,600
b. Real estate owned by the Water Resources Board of the State of New Hampshire located within this state (§ 651(1)(B-1))	40b	0
c. Property of any public municipal corporation of this state (including county property) appropriated to public uses (§ 651(1)(D)) (County, Municipal, Quasi-Municipal owned property)	40c	3,797,300
d. Pipes, fixtures, hydrants, conduits, gatehouses, pumping stations, reservoirs and dams of a public municipal corporation supplying water, power or light if located outside the limits of the municipality (§ 651(1)(E))	40d	0
e. Airport or landing field of a <u>public municipal corporation</u> used for airport or aeronautical purposes (§ 651(1)(F))	40e	0
f. Landing area of a <u>privately</u> owned airport when owner grants free use of that landing area to the public (§ 656(1)(C))	40f	0
g. Pipes, fixtures, conduits, buildings, pumping stations, and other facilities of a public municipal corporation used for sewerage disposal if located outside the limits of the municipality (§ 651(1)(G))	40g	0

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EXEMPT PROPERTY CONTINUED

40. h. Property of benevolent and charitable institutions. (§ 652(1)(A))	40h	1,955,100
i. Property of literary and scientific institutions. (§ 652(1)(B))	40i	582,000
j. Property of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Disabled American Veterans and Navy Clubs of the USA. (§ 652(1)(E))		
1) Total exempt value of veterans organizations.	40 j(1)	0
2) Exempt value attributable to purposes other than meetings, ceremonials, or instruction facilities (reimbursable exemption).	40 j(2)	0
k. Property of chambers of commerce or boards of trade (§ 652(1)(F))	40k	0
l. Property of houses of religious worship and parsonages (§ 652(1)(G))		
1) Number of parsonages within this municipality	40 l(1)	1
2) Total exempt value of those parsonages	40 l(2)	20,000
3) Total taxable value of those parsonages	40 l(3)	165,000
4) Total exempt value of all houses of religious worship	40 l(4)	715,800
TOTAL EXEMPT VALUE OF ALL HOUSES OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND PARSONAGES (Sum of lines 40l(2) + 40l(4))	40l	735,800
m. Property owned or held in trust for fraternal organizations operating under the lodge system (do not include college fraternities) (§ 652(1)(H))	40m	0
n. Personal property leased by a benevolent and charitable organization exempt from taxation under § 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and the primary purpose is the operation of a hospital licensed by the Dept. of Health and Human Services, health maintenance organization or blood bank (§ 652(1)(K)) (Value of property owned by a hospital should be reported on line 40h)	40n	0
o. Exempt value of real property of all persons determined to be legally blind (§ 654-A) (\$4,000 adjusted by certified ratio)	40o	0
p. Aqueducts, pipes and conduits of any corporation supplying a municipality with water (§ 656(1)(A))	40p	0
q. Animal waste storage facilities constructed after April 1, 1999 and certified as exempt by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (§ 656(1)(J)) (reimbursable exemption)	40q	0
r. Pollution control facilities that are certified as such by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection (§ 656(1)(E))	40r	0
s. Snowmobile trail grooming equipment registered under 12 M.R.S. § 13113 (§ 655(1)(T)) (reimbursable exemption)	40s	0

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

Municipality: Hope

40t. VETERANS EXEMPTIONS - The following information is necessary in order to calculate reimbursement. (36 M.R.S. § 653)

SECTION 1: The section is only for those veterans who served during a federally recognized war period		
	NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS	EXEMPT VALUE
Widower:		
1. Living male spouse or male parent of a deceased veteran \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(D))	40t(1)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(1)B <input type="text"/>
Revocable Living Trusts:		
2. Paraplegic veteran (or their widow) who is the beneficiary of a revocable living trust. \$50,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(D-1))	40t(2)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(2)B <input type="text"/>
3. All other veterans (or their widows) who are the beneficiaries of revocable living trusts. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C) or (D))	40t(3)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(3)B <input type="text"/>
WW I Veterans:		
4. WW I veteran (or their widow) enlisted as Maine resident \$7,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C-1) or (D-2))	40t(4)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(4)B <input type="text"/>
5. WW I veteran (or their widow) enlisted as non-Maine resident \$7,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C-1) or (D-2))	40t(5)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(5)B <input type="text"/>
Paraplegic Veterans:		
6. Paraplegic status veteran or their unremarried widow. \$50,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(D-1))	40t(6)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(6)B <input type="text"/>
Cooperative Housing Corporation Veterans:		
7. Qualifying Shareholder of Cooperative Housing Corporation \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(2))	40t(7)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(7)B <input type="text"/>
All Other Veterans:		
8. All other veterans (or their widows) enlisted as Maine residents. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C)(1))	40t(8)A <input type="text" value="29"/>	40t(8)B <input type="text" value="\$170,520"/>
9. All other veterans (or their widows) enlisted as non-Maine residents. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C)(1))	40t(9)A <input type="text" value="12"/>	40t(9)B <input type="text" value="\$70,560"/>
SECTION 2: This section is only for those veterans who did not serve during a federally recognized war period		
	NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS	EXEMPT VALUE
10. Veteran (or their widow) disabled in the line of duty. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C)(2) or (D))	40t(10)A <input type="text" value="4"/>	40t(10)B <input type="text" value="\$23,520"/>
11. Veteran (or their widow) who served during the periods from August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio. [§ 653(1)(C)(1) or (D)]	40t(11)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(11)B <input type="text"/>
12. Veteran (or their widow) who served during the period from February 27, 1961 and August 5, 1964, but did not serve prior to February 1, 1955 or after August 4, 1964. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio. [§ 653(1)(C)(1) or (D)]	40t(12)A <input type="text" value="0"/>	40t(12)B <input type="text"/>

Total number of ALL veteran exemptions granted in 2020 40t(A)

Total exempt value of ALL veteran exemptions granted in tax year 2020 40t(B)

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

Municipality: Hope

EXEMPT PROPERTY CONTINUED

40. u. Solar and wind energy equipment. § 655(1)(U) & 656(1)(k) (reimbursable exemption).
- 1) Total number of solar and wind energy equipment applications processed. 40 u(1)
- 2) Total number of solar and wind energy equipment applications approved. 40 u(2)
- 3) Total exempt value of solar and wind energy equipment. 40 u(3)

40. v. Other. The Laws of the State of Maine provide for exemption of quasi-municipal organizations such as authorities districts and trust commissions. These exemptions will not be found in Title 36.

Examples: Section 5114 of Title 30-A provides for exemption of real and personal property of an Urban Renewal Authority or Chapter 164, P. & S.L. of 1971 provides for exemption of real estate owned by the Cobbossee-Annabessacook Authority. (See also 30-A M.R.S., § 5413, Revenue Producing Municipal Facilities Act.)

Enter the full name of the organization in your municipality that has been granted exempt status through such a law, the provision of the law granting the exemption and the estimated full value of real property.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PROVISION OF LAW	EXEMPT VALUE
Holbrook Family Cemetery	Title 13 Sec. 1143	\$500
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL		40v <input type="text" value="500"/>
40. TOTAL VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW		40 <input type="text" value="7,489,620"/> (sum of all exempt value)

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

41. a. Does your municipality have tax maps? 41a Yes YES/NO
 If yes, proceed to b, c and d. If no, move to line 42. Give date when tax maps were originally obtained and name of contractor. (This does not refer to the annual updating of tax maps.)
- b. Date 41b mm/dd/yyyy
- c. Name of contractor 41c
- d. Are your tax maps PAPER, GIS, or CAD? 41d
42. Enter the number of land parcels within your municipality (Not the number of tax bills) 42
43. Total taxable land acreage in your municipality. 43
44. a. Has a professional town-wide revaluation been completed in your municipality?
 If yes, please answer the questions below. 44a Yes YES/NO
 If no, please proceed to line 45.
- b. Did the revaluation include any of the following? Please enter each category with YES or NO.
- 44b (1) Yes LAND
- 44b (2) Yes BUILDINGS
- 44b (3) Yes PERSONAL PROPERTY
- c. Effective Date 44c mm/dd/yyyy
- d. Contractor Name 44d
- e. Cost 44e

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

Municipality: Hope

MUNICIPAL RECORDS CONTINUED

45. Enter the best choice that describes how the municipality administers its assessment function. Choose SINGLE ASSESSOR, ASSESSORS' AGENT or BOARD OF ASSESSORS. Include the name of any single assessor or agent.

a) Function 45a Assessors' Agent
b) Name 45b Vernon Ziegler
c) Email address 45c vziegler@hopemaine.org

46. Enter the beginning and ending dates of the fiscal year in your municipality.

FROM 46a 7/1/2020 TO 46b 6/30/2021
mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

47. Interest rate charged on overdue 2020 property taxes (36 M.R.S. § 505) 47 8.00
(not to exceed 9.00%)

48. Date(s) that 2020 property taxes are due. 48a 9/30/2020 48b 4/3/2021
48c mm/dd/yyyy 48d mm/dd/yyyy

49. Are your assessment records computerized?

49a Yes YES/NO Name of software used 49b TRIO

50. Has your municipality implemented a local property tax relief program under 36 M.R.S. § 6232(1)?

50a No YES/NO How many people qualified? 50b _____
How much relief was granted? 50c _____

51. Has your municipality implemented a local senior volunteer tax credit program under 36 M.R.S. § 6232(1-A)?

51a No YES/NO How many people qualified? 51b _____
How much relief was granted? 51c _____

52. Has your municipality implemented a local property tax deferral for senior citizens under 36 M.R.S. § 6271?

52a No YES/NO How many people qualified? 52b _____
How much relief was granted? 52c _____

I/We, the Assessor(s) of the Municipality of Hope do state that the foregoing information contained herein is, to the best knowledge and belief of this office, reported correctly and that all of the requirements of the law have been followed in valuing, listing and submitting the information.

ASSESSOR(S)
SIGNATURES

DATE 9/8/2020
mm/dd/yyyy

NOTICE: This return must be completed and sent to the Property Tax Division by November 1, 2020 or within 30 days after the commitment date, whichever is later, in order to avoid reduction or loss of any entitlement under the Tree Growth Tax Law municipal reimbursement program for the 2020 tax year.

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

Municipality: Hope County: Knox

VALUATION INFORMATION

1. Enter the number and type of new, demolished and converted residential buildings in your municipality since April 1, 2019, giving the approximate increase or decrease in full market value.

	One Family	Two Family	3-4 Family	5 Family Plus	Mobile Homes	Seasonal Homes
New	3	0	0	0	2	0
Demolished	1	0	0	0	1	0
Converted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation Increase (+)	\$181,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,400	\$0
Valuation Loss (-)	\$36,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,800	\$0
Net Increase/Loss	\$145,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,600	\$0

2. Enter any new industrial or commercial growth started or expanded since April 1, 2019, giving the approximate full market value and additional machinery, equipment, etc.

None

3. Enter any extreme losses in valuation since April 1, 2019, giving a brief explanation such as "fire" or "mill closing", etc. giving the loss at full market value.

None

4. Explain any general increase or decrease in valuation since April 1, 2019 based on revaluations, change in ratio used, adjustments, etc.

None

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION STANDARD FORM

Municipality: Hope

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

1. Total taxable valuation of real estate	1	197,330,080 <small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 6)</small>	
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2	244,300 <small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 10)</small>	
3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	197,574,380 <small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 11)</small>	
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)	12,470,500 <small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 14f)</small>	
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)	8,729,350 <small>(line 4(a) multiplied by 0.7)</small>	
5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)	7,200 <small>(must match MVR Page 2, line 15c)</small>	
(b) The statutory standard reimbursement for 2020 is 50% Municipalities with significant personal property & equipment may qualify for more than 50% reimbursement. Contact MRS for the Enhanced Calculator Form.	5(b)	3,600 <small>(line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5)</small>	DO NOT QUALIFY
6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6	206,307,330	

ASSESSMENTS

7. County tax	7	\$288,262.00	
8. Municipal appropriation	8	\$1,093,408.00	
9. TIF Financing plan amount	9	\$0.00 <small>(must match MVR Page 2, line 16c + 16d)</small>	
10. Local education appropriation (local share/contribution) <small>(Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)</small>	10	\$2,691,929.00	
11. Total assessments (Add lines 7 through 10)	11	\$4,073,599.00	

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing	12	\$100,000.00	
13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to be used to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, Tree Growth reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement))	13	\$581,950.00	
14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14	\$681,950.00	
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)	15	\$3,391,649.00	

16.	\$3,391,649.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	x	1.05	=	\$3,561,231.45	Maximum Allowable Tax
17.	\$3,391,649.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	+	206,307,330 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small>	=	0.016440	Minimum Tax Rate
18.	\$3,561,231.45 <small>(Amount from line 16)</small>	+	206,307,330 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small>	=	0.017262	Maximum Tax Rate
19.	197,574,380 <small>(Amount from line 3)</small>	x	0.016700 <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	\$3,299,492.15 <small>(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)</small>	Tax for Commitment
20.	\$3,391,649.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	x	0.05	=	\$169,582.45	Maximum Overlay
21.	8,729,350 <small>(Amount from line 4b)</small>	x	0.016700 <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	\$145,780.15 <small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small>	Homestead Reimbursement
22.	3,600 <small>(Amount from line 5b)</small>	x	0.016700 <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	\$60.12 <small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small>	BETE Reimbursement
23.	\$3,445,332.41 <small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22) (If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)</small>	-	\$3,391,649.00 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	=	\$53,683.41 <small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small>	Overlay

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant,
Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.