

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

**Hope Select Board
Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.
Hope Town Office**

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Chelsea Summers, and Beth Gindel

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Charlie made a motion to amend the agenda to include the confirmation of a deputy town clerk under new business. It was seconded Michael.

Motion passed 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- December 27, 2022: Dick made a motion to approve the 12/27/22 minutes. It was seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed 3-0-1 (Michael)

Warrants 47, 48, & 49:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Charlie made a motion to approve and sign warrants 47, 48, and 49. It was seconded by Michael .

Motion passed 4-0

New Business:

- Confirmation Deputy Town Clerk – Chelsea Summers: Dick made a motion to confirm Chelsea Summers as the Deputy Town Clerk. It was seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed 4-0

Old Business:

- Ground Penetrating Radar for Cemeteries: Upon review of the quote provided by Topographix, Charlie made a motion to approve having the forementioned company provide

ground penetrating radar services to locate actual grave sites at Morey Hill Cemetery and to have the matter placed on the warrant for the next town meeting and to make sure all funding sources are specified. It was seconded by Michael.

Motion passed 4-0

- Discussion – Special Town Meeting: Dick made a motion to call a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023. It was seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed 4-0

- Resource Protection, Mr. Leppanen – Next Steps Discussion: The Select Board opted to take no action at this time and to await results from the Special Town Meeting.

Other Business:

- None

Town Administrator Report:

- RJD Appraisals finished the inspections and inputting all of the information yesterday. Please see the attached review results and the comparison of both years.
- Spoke with Bill Brewer regarding the status of the annual audit. He said Kate has called to try to get on the schedule to finish the audit by the end of the month.
- I signed off on two FEMA project certifications. The total reimbursement to date will be \$141,413.96. There is another small one anticipated in an amount around \$1,000. The total expenses submitted by John are \$176,787.05. This is a difference of \$34,374.05. It is unclear if this is solely the FEMA reimbursement, and the Town can also expect funds from MEMA or if this is the total from both.
- The town’s attorney has not heard from Doug Kelly’s attorney regarding the replanting and restoration plan on his Highfield Rd. property. He said he would check in to why there seems to be a delay. The deadline for compliance on the second notice of violation is February 1, 2023.
- The January Planning Board meeting was postponed until next Tuesday, Jan. 17th.
- There were 5 new building permits and 1 plumbing permit issued since the 12/27/22 Select Board meeting:

○ Carly Wight	17 Becki Ln.	Addition
○ Ed Green	173 Payson Path	Wheelchair ramp
○ Lorraine Wilson	25 Loon Ln.	After-the-fact permit
○ Jay Wilson	1 Dereks Way	After-the-fact permit
○ Robert Heal	84 Church St.	Enclose existing deck
- There are 3 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$4,391.54. Unpaid 2021 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 3, 2023, if the accounts are not paid in full.

- There are 9 RE accounts for 2022, totaling \$24,334.89. Unpaid 2022 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 27, 2024, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 984 RE accounts for 2023, totaling \$1,533,821.42. The second half is due on May 2, 2023.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the Select Board meeting on 12/27/22.

Executive Session:

- Charlie made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A)(1) – personnel matters at 8:01 p.m. It was seconded by Michael.

Motion passed 4-0

- Charlie made a motion to exit executive session at 8:55 p.m. It was seconded by Dick.

Motion passed 4-0

Adjournment:

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. It was seconded by Michael.

Motion passed 4-0