

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING
Hope Select Board
October 22, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Charlie Weidman, and Wayne Luce

Others Present:

- Marc Ratner

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Sarah.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- The agenda was approved as written by consent of all present.

Public Comment:

- Marc Ratner introduced himself as a candidate for the Knox County Commissioners. There was wide ranging discussion.

Board of Assessors:

- Suspend as Select Board/Convene as Board of Assessors: Charlie made a motion to suspend as the Select Board and convene as the Board of Assessor. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion passed 3-0

- Review, Approve, & Sign 2024 Municipal Valuation Return: Charlie made a motion to approve and sign the 2024 Municipal Valuation Return. Sarah had some questions just to understand better the exemptions for charitable properties and places of education/scientific. She was unaware that there was that much valuation in either of the categories. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion passed 3-0

- Farmland Withdrawal Penalty for Grace Josselyn, Map 19 Lot 024 - \$9,770.82: Charlie made a motion to **assess** a farmland withdrawal penalty by issuing a supplemental tax bill to Grace Josselyn for the FY2025 tax year on the parcel located on map 19 lot 024 in the amount of \$9,770.82. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion passed 3-0

- Adjourn as Board of Assessors/Reconvene as Select Board: Charlie made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and to reconvene as the Select Board at 6:02 p.m. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion passed 3-0

Minutes:

- October 8, 2024: Charlie made a motion to approve the 10/8/24 minutes as written. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion passed 3-0

Warrants 29, 30, 31, 32, & 109:

- Charlie made a motion to approve and sign the Treasurers and Payroll warrants 29, 30, 31, 32, and 109. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

- Election Clerk Appointments: Charlie made a motion to appoint Holly Miller and Charlene Allen as Hope Election Clerks for a two-year term expiring on October 18, 2026. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Adjournment:

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. It was seconded by Wayne.

Motion Passed 3-0