

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

**Hope Select Board
Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

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

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Sarah.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Charlie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded Mike.
Motion passed 5-0

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- October 11, 2022: Dick made a motion to approve the 10/11/22 minutes with a minor edit. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0

Warrants 26, 27, 28, & 29:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Charlie made a motion to approve and sign warrants 26, 27, 28, and 29. It was seconded by Dick.
Motion passed 5-0

New Business:

- Award Contract for 4 Shore Rd. SSWW Installation: Upon receiving a letter of approval from the DEP, Charlie made a motion to award the contract to install the new septic system at 4 Shore Rd. to the lowest qualified bidder, Ford Enterprises. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Town Administrator Report:

- The Broadband Committee will be meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27th at 2:00 p.m.
- The EMS Review Committee will be meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27th at 6:30 p.m.
- I sent a request to Town Hall Streams asking about purchasing the camera. I have not had a response from him yet.
- I did a check in with the Town Attorney about any additional information regarding the violation on Lermond Pond on Doug Kelly's property. He indicated that the Town was up to date and that there was no additional information as of today.
- The election is two weeks away. The last day to request an absentee ballot is by the close of business on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. I have posted this information on the Town Facebook and on Hope Happenings.
- There have been 230 absentee ballots issued. 143 of those ballots have been returned.
- There have been 116 property tax stabilization applications submitted to the town office as of 4:30 today.
- The FY22 audit has been scheduled for Friday, November 4th.
- The Town Office will be closing at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26th, so that staff may attend the service for Tina's father.
- Chelsea will be temporarily filling in for the bookkeeper's position.
- There was 1 new building permits and 0 plumbing permits issued since the last Select Board meeting:
 - Frank Tax 135 Beaver Lodge Rd. Tree Removal in SZ
- There are 5 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$20,012.86. Unpaid 2021 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 3, 2023, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 13 RE accounts for 2022, totaling \$31,991.78. Unpaid 2022 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 27, 2024, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 1,002 RE accounts for 2023, totaling \$1,604,105.25. The second half is due on May 2, 2023.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the last Select Board meeting on 10/11/22.

Adjournment:

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0