

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Hope Select Board  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022  
6:30 p.m.  
Hope Town Office**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

- Samantha Mank, Beth Gindel, Cynthia Della Penna, and Jim Della Penna

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda Adjustments/Approval:**

- Charlie made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the two items regarding roads and winter roads from the agenda until a later date. It was seconded by Michael.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Minutes:**

- November 8, 2022: Dick made a motion to approve the 11/8/22 minutes. It was seconded by Charlie.

**Motion passed 3-0-1 (Michael)**

**Warrants 33, 34, 35, & 36:**

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Charlie made a motion to approve and sign warrants 33, 34, 35, and 36. It was seconded by Michael.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**New Business:**

- Ground Penetrating Radar for Cemeteries – Beth Gindel: Beth shared a fee schedule and an email from Topographix describing services provided by the company which would include: locating the graves, providing a map indicating the physical location of each grave, GPS coordinates for each grave, and a digital file that is accessible & usable by the Town. The Select Board asked Beth to obtain a specific quote for the above-mentioned items. The actual cost will determine the next steps in the process.
- Options for Meeting Camera Purchase: Michael wanted to know why the Select Board was considering a six-month trial period for Zoom if it has already been determined that the service was not being utilized by residents. Charlie indicated that he doesn't mind eliminating Zoom but considers the camera a tool for the town to use if needed in the future.

Michael suggested a camera could be purchased in the future just as easily and made a motion to not purchase a camera at this time. It was seconded by Dick.

**Motion passed 3-1** (*Charlie*)

Sarah made a motion to discontinue the use of Zoom for routine meetings but to retain the option to use if needed. Zoom offers a free service which allows 45 minutes of use. Samantha will cancel the paid Zoom account subscription. It was seconded by Charlie.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other Business:**

- None

**Town Administrator Report:**

- I've sent a message to RJD requesting dates for the anticipated start date of the 2022 property inspections. This year, the properties on map 8, and maps 12-22 are slated to be inspected and reviewed. A notice will be posted on the website and Facebook once there is a confirmed schedule.
- Received an email from John Powers, the Division Chief for NEMHS, our ambulance provider. He is concerned about ongoing incorrect information that may be spreading throughout the towns. As a result, he would like to meet with the managers/administrators of the four towns in an effort to provide the most accurate information and to answer any questions or concerns the towns may have.
- There will not be a November Broadband Committee meeting. They are attempting to schedule the next meeting for December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Many of the Planning Board members were unable to meet this evening. It has been requested to schedule the workshop meeting after Thanksgiving. The next regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting is Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Town Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.
- There were 2 new building permits and 1 plumbing permit issued since the last Select Board meeting:
  - Chris Stone      34 Island Lane      New Foundation under camp
  - Ricky Creamer    39 Fogler Rd.      Accessory Structure
- There are 5 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$20,120.78. Unpaid 2021 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 3, 2023, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 12 RE accounts for 2022, totaling \$28,678.45. Unpaid 2022 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 27, 2024, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 999 RE accounts for 2023, totaling \$1,572,577.89. The second half is due on May 2, 2023.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the last Select Board meeting on 11/8/22.

**Adjournment:**

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. It was seconded by Dick.

**Motion passed 4-0**