

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

**Hope Select Board
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Hope Corner Fire Station**

Board Members Present:

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

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Charlie made a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion regarding the Leppanen's property as well as other property on Lermond Pond. It was seconded Dick.

Motion passed 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- October 25, 2022: Dick made a motion to approve the 10/25/22 minutes. It was seconded by Charlie.

Motion passed 4-0

Warrants 30, 31, & 32:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Charlie made a motion to approve and sign warrants 30, 31, and 32. It was seconded by Mike.

Motion passed 4-0

New Business:

- Two Properties on Lermond Pond in Resource Protection: The Town Attorney discussed the possibility of the Select Board issuing a "No Action" letter for the 2 properties currently in the resource protection district because of Hope's Shoreland Zone Ordinance but not in accordance with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) updated boundaries for Inland Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat (IWWH) mapping. The Select Board would like to have a work session with the Planning Board prior to the next PB meeting. The Select Board will determine what the next steps will be following the work session.

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Town Administrator Report:

- Eric from Town Hall Streams responded. He said the cost to purchase the camera equipment is \$600. Charlie thinks the Town may be able to buy a new camera for around \$400 but there could be ancillary costs. If the equivalent camera equipment can be purchased at a lower rate, then offer to purchase at that rate from Town Hall Streams. If Erik is willing to sell for the lesser amount, then perhaps keeping the current equipment is a good option. If not, then purchasing different a/v is the way to go. This will be an agenda item for the next Select Board meeting.
- As of 5:30 p.m. this evening, the total number of ballots cast was 915 (68%). On Friday, 292 absentee ballots were processed early. The remaining 623 ballots have been in person voting. There were 1,336 registered voters when the polls opened at 8:00 this morning.
- The auditors were here on Friday to conduct the fy22 annual audit. As of Friday, the school was not ready, but indicated they would email the required documentation to the auditors on Monday. There has not been any further communication on whether or not the material was sent.
- There was 1 new building permits and 0 plumbing permits issued since the last Select Board meeting:
 - Coastal Mountain Land Trust 223 Hope St. Privy w/ storage
- I would like to take vacation Nov. 10th, Nov. 14th – Nov. 16th, and Dec. 5th – Dec. 16th.
- There are 5 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$20,066.80. 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 \$32,061.83. 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 \$1,580,005.20. The second half is due on May 2, 2023.
- There have already been pre-payments on 3 accounts for the 2024 RE taxes totaling \$419.78.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the last Select Board meeting on 10/25/22.

Adjournment:

- Dick made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. It was seconded by Charlie and Mike.
Motion passed 4-0