

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

**Hope Select Board
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Hope Town Office**

Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Dick Crabtree, and Mike Brown

Others Present:

- Beth Gindel

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Mike made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Dick.
Motion passed 3-0

Public Comment:

- None

Warrants 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 & 42:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Dick made a motion to approve and sign warrants 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Removal of Mr. Leppanen's Property from Resource Protection: During their December meeting, the Planning Board voted to rescind its previous decision on the Leppanen property in light of new information provided to the SB and Town regarding the property being incorrectly designated for protection. Town/SB will need to prepare a warrant for Town Meeting (or sooner if there is a special Town Meeting) and a possible letter per discussion with the town's attorney, Bill Kelly, of intent to take no action until the item is voted upon at Town Meeting/election.
- Ground Penetrating Radar for Morey Hill Cemetery – Beth Gindel: Beth shared a new letter dated Dec. 11th from Topografix LLC regarding work at Morey Hill to identify grave sites. Before any work begins, the town needs to remove some stumps prior to having that work done because there may be burial sites under them, and the equipment used by Topografix cannot work over said stumps. The estimate for the work is over \$5,000 which is

an unbudgeted, non-emergency expense. Therefore, it will either have to be approved at a special town meeting or included in next year's cemetery budget. The SB asked Beth to go back to Topografix and request a specific bid with line-item costs for the areas to be checked by the GPR (ground penetrating radar), subsequent Robotic Survey to collect data on location of remains and sites, and computer work to interpret the collected data and plotted onto a map, and a digital file which the town may use to print additional copies of the map.

Other Business:

- The Select Board discussed the possibility of having a special town meeting to address the following items:
 - Amending the Planning Board Ordinance to:
 - Reduce the number of members for seven to five.
 - Remove certain parcels from the RP district zoning map
 - Address solar installations
 - Correct an administrative error on Hope Elementary School Town Meeting Warrant

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.