

## MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

### Hope Select Board

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

6:30 PM

### Hope Town Office

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#### **Board Members Present:**

- Sarah Ann Smith, Dick Crabtree, Mike Brown, and Bruce Haffner. Wendy arrived later.

#### **Others Present:**

- Samantha Mank, Mailyn Dodge, Chris Jaeger, Pam Jaeger, Bill Jones, and Paul Smith

#### **Call to Order:**

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

#### **Agenda Adjustments/Approval:**

- Dick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 4-0**

#### **Public Comment:**

- None

#### **Minutes:**

- December 14, 2021: Mike made a motion to approve the 12/14/21 minutes with minor edits. It was seconded by Dick.  
**Motion passed 4-0**

#### **Warrants 47, 48, 49, 50:**

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. Dick made a motion to approve, and sign warrants 47, 48, 49, and 50. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 4-0**

#### **New Business:**

- Budget Committee Vacancies:
  - William Matteson – Resignation: Bruce made a motion to accept the resignation of William Matteson from the Budget Committee. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 4-0**
  - Elinor Goldberg – Moved from Municipality: The Select Board acknowledged that Elinor Goldberg had moved from the municipality and was no longer eligible to serve on the Budget Committee.

The Town Administrator will post notices seeking Town residents who may be interested in filling either of the vacancies until June 30, 2022.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other Business:**

- Bruce said that we should start looking at putting the town municipal buildings plowing out for bid soon.
- Select Board will meet in executive session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for the Town Administrator's annual performance evaluation.

**Town Administrator Report:**

- I heard back from Bill Kelly regarding Blueberry Hill Rd. email. He said that all of the necessary requirements were included and looked ok to send. I sent the email and followed up with a phone call to Sarah McBrian. This item will be on the January 11, 2022 agenda.
- I contacted Matt Weaver from Wealth Management. He will be able to attend the January 11, 2022 SB meeting to discuss the Town's investment accounts.
- The Superintendent, Principal, and Chair of the School Committee will attend the January 11<sup>th</sup> SB meeting to discuss obtaining a bond for the school repairs that was approved at the 2021 annual Town Meeting.
- I have started working on the FY2023 budget. The goal is to have budget books available by February 8, 2022.
- Matt Deane has taken and passed the three exams needed to get his plumbing inspector certification. The state should be issuing him his permanent LPI number during the first couple of weeks in January. He is now studying to take the code enforcement exams.
- There is one pending permit for a Home Occupation. No permits were issued for structures. One plumbing permit was issued.
- Notices for impending foreclosures will be sent out prior to Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Right now there are 10 properties that are facing automatic foreclosure on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There are 10 RE accounts for 2020, totaling \$27,442.94. Unpaid 2020 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 10, 2022, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 20 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$40,883.03. Unpaid 2021 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 3, 2023, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 979 RE accounts for 2022, totaling \$1,538,680.04. The second half of taxes is due on Tuesday, May 3, 2021.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the last Select Board meeting on December 14, 2021.

**Executive Session:**

- Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F): Hardship Hope Chest Request: Dick made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to the above citations at 6:48 p.m. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 4-0**
- *During the executive session, Wendy arrived, and Mike left.*
- Wendy made a motion to exit executive session at 7:29 p.m. It was seconded by Dick.  
**Motion passed 4-0**

- No actions from executive session were taken or voted on.

**Adjournment:**

- Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. It was seconded by Dick.  
**Motion passed 4-0**

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