

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING
Hope Select Board
February 27, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Charlie Weidman, Mike Brown, and Wayne Luce

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Sarah.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Charlie made a motion to approve the agenda as written. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- February 13, 2024: Charlie made a motion to approve the 2/13/24 minutes as written. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 4-0

Warrants 65, 66, and 67:

- Charlie made a motion to approve and sign the Treasurers and Payroll warrants 65, 66, and 67. It was seconded by Wayne.
Motion passed 4-0

New Business:

- Ballot Clerk Appointments: The Town Clerk is requesting that the Select Board appoint Dick Crabtree and Charlene Mazzeo as ballot clerks in order to have an equal number of registered democrats and republicans for the upcoming elections. Charlie made a motion to appoint Richard Crabtree and Charlene Mazzeo as election clerks for a two-year term expiring on February 27, 2026. It was seconded by Wayne.
Motion passed 4-0

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Town Administrator Report:

- I spoke with the Superintendent of Schools regarding audit update. The grants are still being invoiced. She will reach out to the auditor once the state has accepted the invoices.
- Hope Elementary School will begin budget workshops on March 7th @ 6:00 p.m. at the school. These are public meetings.
- Matt walked the Rt. 17 property to locate property pins. He was able to locate most everything and doesn't think an actual boundary survey is needed at this time. We will be collecting information regarding sand shed structures to present to the Select Board in the very near future.
- The RJD appraisers have finished the last round of property inspections. They inspected 313 parcels. 193 of them had some kind of change added to what was already on file. There was \$612,400 net gain in valuation. The full revaluation is scheduled to be implemented July 1, 2025 (FY26).
- There were no new building permits and 1 plumbing permit since the 2/13/24 Select Board meeting.
- There are 970 RE accounts for 2024, totaling \$1,561,855.88. The second half is due on April 30, 2024.
- There are 15 RE accounts for 2023, totaling \$34,996.69. Unpaid 2023 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 11, 2025, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- All of the property taxes for 2022 have been paid in full. There are no foreclosures.

Executive Session:

- 1 M.R.S. §406 (6)(A)(1) – Town Administrator Annual Performance Evaluation: Charlie made a motion to enter executive session at 6:00 p.m. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 4-0
- Charlie made a motion to exit executive session at 6:21 p.m. It was seconded by Wayne.
Motion passed 4-0

Adjournment:

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion Passed 4-0