

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

Hope Select Board
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
6:30 PM

Hope Town Office

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Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Dick Crabtree, Mike Brown, Bruce Haffner, and Wendy Pelletier (*arrived after warrants*)

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Sarah at 6:34 p.m.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

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

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- March 22, 2022: Dick made a motion to approve the 3/22/22 minutes. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 3-0-1 (Bruce)
- March 24, 2022: Dick made a motion to approve the 3/10/22 minutes. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 3-0-1 (Bruce)

Warrants 72, 73, & 74:

- The Select Board reviewed the warrants. The warrants were approved by consent and signed by all Select Board members present.

New Business:

- Approve & Sign Five Town CSD Notice of Election: Dick made a motion to approve and sign the Notice of Election for the Five Town CSD noting that it is upsetting that the school is not required to put the amount the voters are being asked to vote and approve on the actual ballot. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0
- 20-Day Extension for Order to Remedy – 4 Shore Dr: Dick made a motion to grant a 20-day extension for the Order to Remedy the malfunctioning septic system at 4 Shore Dr. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 5-0
- Final Vote FY23 Municipal Budget: Sarah asked that all items on the budget vote be considered as moved and seconded. The Select Board unanimously approved.

○ Administration Cost Center	<u>\$380,211</u>	
▪ Payroll Costs	\$224,022	5-0
▪ General Administration	\$86,996	5-0
▪ Municipal Buildings	\$15,313	5-0
▪ Professional Services	\$51,660	5-0
▪ General Assistance	\$2,250	5-0

○ Public Safety Cost Center	<u>\$165,002</u>	
▪ Animal Control	\$7,795	5-0
▪ Fire Department	\$106,211	5-0
▪ Ambulance	\$50,996	5-0
○ Public Works Cost Center	<u>\$717,723</u>	
▪ Recreation	\$10,062	5-0
▪ Streetlights	\$1,400	5-0
▪ Roads	\$642,717	4-1(Bruce)
▪ Sanitation	\$58,643	5-0
▪ Cemeteries	\$4,901	5-0
○ Reserves	\$57,398	5-0
○ Knox County	<u>\$303,265</u>	
▪ County Tax	\$250,289	5-0
▪ Dispatch	\$52,967	5-0
○ Revenue	\$818,810	5-0
○ ARPA Expenditures	<u>\$140,550</u>	5-0
▪ First Responders	\$23,950	
▪ Sand/Salt Shed Repair	\$30,000	
▪ Town Office Parking Lot	\$6,000	
▪ Town Office Equipment	\$2,100	
▪ True Park Wood Chips	\$2,000	
▪ True Park Parking Lot	\$30,500	
▪ Hope Grove Cemetery	\$12,000	
▪ Revaluation Implementation	\$34,000	

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Town Administrator Report:

- Still don't know when the audit will be completed. A call was placed to auditor today inquiring about billing and timing.
- Spoke with Maine Revenue Services about the Tax Deferral Program. It appears that the person in question does qualify. SB must determine next steps they wish to take regarding the TAP on Gillette Rd.
- Still working with the attorneys regarding Highfield Rd. violations. The CEO discovered another massive Shoreland Zone violation today on Lermond Pond. The DEP has already been notified and will be on site this Thursday.
- The easement for Blueberry Hill has been completed. It will be placed on the June Town Meeting Warrant.

- The CEO issued 3 building permits and 2 internal plumbing permits since the last Select Board meeting:
 - M&L Heating 310 Main St.- Install bulk fuel & lp tanks
 - J. Denman & S. Whitley 46 Island Ln. – Renovations and addition.
 - D. Gould 99 Beaver Lodge Rd. – addition
- There are 14 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$32,030.51. Unpaid 2021 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 3, 2023, if the accounts are not paid in full.
- There are 806 RE accounts for 2022, totaling \$1,193,934.77. The second half of taxes are due on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.
- The cash has not been out of balance since the last Select Board meeting on March 22, 2022.

Executive Session:

- Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A)(1) Personnel Matter: Wendy made a motion to enter executive session at 7:56 p.m. It was seconded by Mike.

Motion passed 5-0

- Select Board exited executive session. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous consent.

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