

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING
Hope Select Board
April 9, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Chelsea Summers

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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:

- March 27, 2024: Charlie made a motion to approve the 3/27/24 minutes with one spelling error correction. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 4-0

Warrants 76, 77, 78 & 79:

- Charlie made a motion to approve and sign the Treasurers and Payroll warrants 76, 77, 78, and 79. It was seconded by Mike.
Motion passed 4-0

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Deputy Town Administrator Report:

- The laptops for the Select Board have arrived. When Sam returns, she will download the necessary software onto each laptop prior to distribution.
- No bids were received for the winter maintenance contract for the municipal facilities. The opportunity will be advertised again for a second cycle which we anticipate will draw in bids.
- Nomination papers are still available with the deadline of April 12th as the last day to be returned with signatures to the Town Office. 2 residents have taken out papers for Select Board, 2 residents for Budget Committee, and 1 resident for School Committee.
- The final reimbursement for the FY24 Tax Stabilization program has been received from the State.
- The Knox County Interim Administrator has announced that the Knox County Regional Communications center will be poised to reacquire its Public Safety Answering Point responsibilities as early as May 1, 2024. Knox County is currently in an agreement with Waldo County to answer 911 calls which will end May 31, 2024. Knox County administration is confident that the combination of management changes, compensation increases, and recruitment efforts will allow for the successful reacquisition of Communication's tasks.
- Sam and I will be meeting with Kate and Steph at SU#69 Central Office on Friday, April 12th. The focus of the meeting will be surrounding current finances and the progress of the FY 2023 audit.
- There were 2 building permits issued since the 3/26/24 Select Board meeting:
 - John Merrifield 101 Colonel Ln. Residential Dwelling w/ Attached Garage
 - Suzanne De Cardenas 28 Pushaw Rd. Residential Dwelling w/ Attached Garage
- There are 813 RE accounts with remaining balances for FY2024, totaling \$1,170,252. The second half of taxes is due on April 30, 2024.
- There are 14 RE accounts with remaining balances for 2023, totaling \$33,339. Unpaid 2023 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 11, 2025, if the accounts are not paid in full.

Adjournment:

- Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. It was seconded by Wayne.
Motion Passed 4-0