

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**Hope Select Board**  
**June 11, 2024**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Hope Town Office**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**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 take agenda items out of order based on those in attendance. Minutes will still appear in order of the agenda. It was seconded by Wayne.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Minutes:**

May 28, 2024: Charlie made a motion to approve the 5/28/24 minutes as written. It was seconded by Wayne.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Warrants 92, 93, 94, 95, & 96:**

- Charlie made a motion to approve and sign the Treasurers and Payroll warrants 92, 93, 94, 95, and 96. It was seconded by Mike.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Board of Assessors:**

- Suspend as Select Board/Convene as Board of Assessors: Charlie made a motion to suspend as the Select Board and to convene as the Board of Assessors at 5:39 p.m. It was seconded by Wayne.  
**Motion passed 4-0**
- Farmland Withdrawal Penalty: Charlie made a motion to assess a farmland withdrawal penalty to Iris A. Strout and Kris P. Smith, Personal Representatives to Alton L. Pease in the amount of \$1,099.71. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 4-0**
- Adjourn as Board of Assessors/Reconvene as Select Board: Charlie made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Select Board at 5:41 p.m. It was seconded by Wayne.  
**Motion passed 4-0**

**New Business:**

- Appointment Cemetery Committee – Shawna Mitchell: Charlie made a motion to appoint Shawna Mitchell to a three -year term on the Cemetery Committee. It was seconded by Mike.  
**Motion passed 4-0**
- Town It Services: Charlie made a motion to engage Gusco for Town IT services. It was seconded by Wayne.  
**Motion passed 4-0**

**Old Business:**

- None

**Other Business:**

- Charlie asked about creating a Select Board Policy governing codes of conduct specifically attendance of at least 75%.

**Town Administrator Report:**

- Held the Public Hearing for the proposed Shoreland Zone amendments last night.
- I have not received any updates regarding the status of the FY2023 audit since the last Select Board meeting.
- A meeting has been scheduled with Gabrian McPhail from Resilient Communities for Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to begin enrollment process.
- A meeting with the Town’s new FEMA representative has been scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>. It isn’t clear if this is the final meeting, but this FEMA claim is nearing the end.
- The Appeals Hearing has been rescheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- There were 3 building permits and 1 plumbing permit issued since the 5/28/24 Select Board meeting:
  - David Gould                      127 Beaver Lodge Rd.                      Shoreline Stabilization
  - Suzanne De Cardenas              28 Pushaw Rd.                                  SFD
  - Wesley Benham                      270 Camden Rd.                                  SFD
- There are 95 RE accounts with remaining balances for FY2024, totaling \$80,783.04.
- There are 14 RE accounts with remaining balances for FY2023, totaling \$33,057.14. 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 6:55 p.m. It was seconded by Wayne.  
**Motion Passed 4-0**