

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
April 11, 2017

Time: 7:03 pm

Place: Assessors' Office, Sawyer Hall

Present: Ned Wolf, Gloria Fisher, Don Freeman (chair), Jan Carr, and at 7:32 Kara Leistyna,
Sheila Litchfield, Brian DeVriese, and Robyn Provost-Carlson

Absent: Jeff Simmons

Members read the minutes of the meetings on March 23, March 28, and April 4. Gloria made a motion seconded by Jan to approve the minutes of March 23 with emendations. The motion passed unanimously. Gloria made a motion seconded by Jan to approve the minutes of March 28. The motion passed unanimously. Gloria made a motion seconded by Jan to approve the minutes of April 4. The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed possible ways of using Free Cash. Gloria suggested the following: \$25,000 be used to start a new stabilization fund for the remediation of town owned dilapidated buildings; \$50,000 go towards the purchase of a new highway truck; \$25,000 go into the equipment /vehicle stabilization fund; and \$2,000 go into the audit account.

At 7:32 Gloria made a motion seconded by Ned to join the Selectboard meeting in progress and adjourn when our business is over. The motion passed unanimously. In reviewing Article 3 there was some discussion of line 44 Heath School Maint./Utilities (new). This line is a placeholder in case more funds are needed. Sheila said that if the warrant article passes, the \$80,000 which will come to Heath each year for three years from the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for maintenance will go into a grant fund.

The 'special projects \$10,000' of line 160 include highway/fire column rebuild, ice guards, repair of Sawyer Hall porch, and office data backup.

Brian suggested that there be a separate budget for the "closed" Heath School and that it include funds for marketing, alterations, and possibly a sprinkler system.

Representative Paul Mark will be visiting Heath on Thursday, April 13. There was a consensus that we urge him to get a response from the Massachusetts School Building Association on approved uses of the building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf, Secretary

