

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
January 26, 2016

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Sheila Litchfield, with Brian DeVriese, Bill Lattrell and Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator present. Also present: Mike Shattuck, Ned Wolf and see attached sign in sheet for additional attendees.

Reviewed Agenda: 8 p.m. Heath Education Initiative Task Force – Update.

Minutes: *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 1/12/16 Select Board meeting as amended with one abstention.*

Dog Matter: Ed Grinnell, Animal Control Officer will be invited to strategize on how to tackle the current dog situation.

Pole Hearing: 7:18 p.m. hearing opened by Bill Lattrell. Sheila Litchfield recused herself as she is an abutter for the bridge replacement project. Bill presented petition information. Reviewed plans with Verizon Representative, David Pasch, and discussed concerns. Pole located at corner is especially concerning as it is vulnerable to accidents and plowing. Requested placement away from sharp corner, perhaps further into Judd Road. Public Comment period. On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to extend hearing until Feb. 9, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Colrain Ambulance: Gary Ponce offered an overview of the first year of primary ambulance service and an opportunity for feedback. They responded to 42 calls in Heath; transferred 34 patients for an average of 7 min. on road; 24 min. average on scene (from tone to on scene). Colrain will operate on medic level in April, 2016. Ten paramedic intercepts from other agencies with a response of 20 min. down from 40 min. and this will only improve. All response times depend on weather conditions. Currently, there are seven medics in service; 18 basic EMTs for a total of 25 – a lot of people are working hard. A First Responder training was well received. Further training to be announced. Staff were present at the Heath Fair and Mohawk students are offered EMT training. 200 students trained in CPR at Mohawk with Matt Wolkenbreit, who received National Educator of the Year/National Assoc. of EMTs. CPR training will expand to all those interested. 1,000 people were trained last year. Discussed Narcan and Epinephrine – cost & procurement; training, oversight, licensing fee to State, fee for possession and storage and cost of product. Tim Lively shared that the Fire Dept. has not discussed as a whole. Perhaps a needs assessment of use and/or allergies would be helpful. Discussed Lucas Chest Compression System which offers uninterrupted chest compressions. Tim will work on article for Heath Herald. The full staff was thanked for their work and they left at 8:15 p.m.

Heath Education Initiative Task Force: Ken Rocke offered an update. They have requested access to legal services independent of Mohawk District. Need legal counsel who are familiar with regional district issues. Discussed lease renewal and any issues that may arise. An informational meeting is in the planning to quell rumors and educate parents/residents on budget issues and implications & options. Discussed deep budget cuts for Heath; Charter funding and possible changes to formulae. Need a plan to restructure to have voice and continuity.

8:45 p.m. Ken Rocke and Gloria Fisher left meeting; Budge Litchfield left shortly after.

Mike Shattuck/Highway Dept.: Discussed sanding certain residences in town in times of special need. Mike shared that he's making progress on his HSED (HS Equivalency). He's working with staff on licensure. Need a design for the Transfer Station/Compactor project which may incur additional expense. Tech School may not be able to offer assistance with building of shed/electrical work. Mike will check on the status. Kara will check to see if the authorization to borrow for this project was included in the treasurer's report.

9:14 p.m. Mike Shattuck left meeting.

Community Compact Signing Event: Discussed planning for event. Kara will arrange for refreshments and prepare a display of news articles, etc. pertaining to Safety Complex.

FY17 Budget Planning: Kara will calculate .5 COLA for salaries for FY17; add Patriot Properties estimate for tax collector software to Tax Collector budget request; when available, Kara will calculate a market rate for salaries from FRCOG wage & salary survey by averaging applicable data from all towns in Franklin County and rename FRCOG rate, COMP rate. This figure will be the average of the comparable towns (Warwick, Wendell, Hawley, Charlemont, Leyden, Colrain).

Mail/ Email:

1. Letter to Ronnie Woodard with accompanying complaint; complaint filed by Officer Lively; and notice from court
2. Notice from Inspection Program re: permit fees. Brian shared that because of shortfalls, assessments may be raised.
3. Email from FRCOG re: Accountant Services and compensation and COLA. Discussed. FRCOG actual pay for services is roughly \$23.60/hour.
4. Email from FC Regional Retirement re: COLA
5. Email from Linda Dunlavy re: COLA
6. Copy of memo forwarded to Assessors re: new position
7. Email from Jan Ameen re: Landfill
8. Letters to Historical Commission regarding bridge projects
9. Email from Brian re: Land Purchase
10. Email from Lorena re: her interest in Education Task Force
11. Notice of Legislative Meetings
12. Quarterly Update for CDBG Loan

Other Separate Documents:

13. Proposal from Jerry Ferguson for FD. *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve estimate for work from Jerry Ferguson in the amount of \$240 to insulate areas in fire station.*
14. Proposal from Patriot Properties, Inc. for collecting software. To discuss further.
15. Proposal from Carson Ovitt for insulation at Community Hall. Kara will add to Special Project budget request.
16. MA DOT map for Sadoga Road over Burrington Brook bridge project (FYI)
17. Proposal from Aztec for new printer lease (color and black & white). The Board agreed that in the event that a new office copier/printer is leased/purchased, the existing copier/printer shall be donated to the Mary Lyon Foundation.
18. 1-21-16 Budget Spreadsheet

SIGNED:

1. Letter to Paul Mark
2. Paperwork for Pole Hearing
3. Warrants for Presidential Primary Election

Next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 7 p.m.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Leistyna
Town Coordinator