

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SAWYER HALL
January 10, 2012

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tom Lively with Brian DeVriese and Sheila Litchfield present. Also present, Town Coordinator, Kara Leistyna

Agenda was reviewed: Add Al Canali, Wired West and Becky Allen, Board of Health to appointments.

Reviewed Minutes: Brian moved to accept minutes of 01/03/12 Select Board meeting as amended. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

7:15 p.m. Becky Allen entered meeting.

Community Innovation Challenge Grant: Becky reported that the FRCOG did not receive the grant for the Regional Board of Health. Heath with nine other towns is applying for a Community Innovation Challenge Grant. This grant will help fund a new Franklin Area Boards of Health Association (FABOHA). The goal is to foster improved local public health through increased training, pooling and sharing of public health resources, increasing awareness of health issues and networking. Greenfield will serve as fiduciary agent for the FABOHA. Becky shared that towns would like to preserve local authority. The membership fee will be \$25. Becky also pointed out that this association will eliminate the need for a Regional Health Agent.

Brian moved to sign the Community Innovation Challenge Grant application submitted by FABOHA. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

The Select Board commended Becky for her work.

7:31 p.m. Becky Allen left meeting and Jeff Simmons and Ned Wolf entered.

Budget Planning: Briefly discussed status of budget planning and gathering information for revenue projections. Select Board would like Finance Committee to analyze revenue projections and make assumptions/ recommendations. Jeff is also reviewing vehicle schedule replacement and comparing with other towns in Franklin County. Town Coordinator will remove 'Draft' from budget calendar and post on website with qualifying note that dates are target dates only; will check with Eileen Tougas to confirm due date for annual reports; and track actual dates on budget calendar.

8:05 p.m. Jeff and Ned left meeting and Al Canali entered.

Wired West (Community Innovation Challenge Grant): Al Canali presented an application for a Community Innovation Challenge Grant submitted by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) on behalf of WiredWest and its member towns. Heath is being asked to sign on as an interested party. If awarded the grant, BRPC will act as fiscal agent and collect a 10% administrative fee. The funds will help with efforts to improve efficiencies and delivery of a variety of municipal services that WiredWest network would enable to member towns. Board questioned whether signing a second grant application to same source would weaken chances for FABOHA. All of the projects the Board sign on to is important to the Town. The BOS is not the selecting party and would like to see them all succeed.

Brian moved to sign the Community Innovation Challenge Grant application submitted by WiredWest/ BRPC. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Al will plan a public meeting to update the townspeople on progress of WiredWest. It was suggested that he prepare a handout for Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting. Discussed briefly the failure of MassBroadband to run fiber network to Heath Fire department and EOC. Town Coordinator will prepare a letter to Senator Downing and Representative Mark.

8:24 p.m. Al Canali left meeting.

Mail/ Email:

1. Note from Francis Rauh, Jr. regarding 31 Cascade Dr.
2. Packet with instructions from MEMA represents reimbursement 75% FEMA for Stone Hill Road repairs in amount of \$2,215.22. Need signature and initials.
3. Note from Hilma regarding Conflict of Interest Training – update.
4. Note from Kristi regarding insufficient funds.
5. MEMA notice for briefing for storm of Oct. 29-30, 2011
6. Town Nurse Monthly Report
7. DLTA Annual Report
8. Cash Book Summary Dec. 2011

Old Business: Once implemented, **Reverse 911** will be removed from agenda. Town Coordinator will schedule a test call meeting with authorized users. Need to revisit **Charlemont Ambulance MOU**. Moved to ‘new business’ on agenda. Sheila will submit a report on **space needs**. Municipal/ Safety Complex Committee will meet Wednesday morning. Tom inquired about pricing for cardboard compactor. He will discuss further with Mike Smith.

Brian moved to authorize Town Coordinator to purchase Carpenter Award Plaque and use the Selectmen’s Operating Account to cover cost. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Brian moved to approve mileage reimbursement rate remain at 55.5¢. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Warrants signed.

Brian moved to sign letter to Jessica Atwood at FRCOG/ Brownfield’s Program submitted by Board of Health. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Brian moved to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator