

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SAWYER HALL
January 24, 2012

Called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Tom Lively with Brian DeVriese and Sheila Litchfield present. Also present, Town Coordinator, Kara Leistyna

Agenda was reviewed: Planning Board was added to 'Appointments' at 8:15 p.m.; MMAC and Revised Performance Review form were added to 'Other Business.'

Reviewed Minutes: Brian moved to accept minutes of 01/10/12 Select Board meeting as amended. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Reviewed Minutes: Brian moved to accept minutes of 01/17/12 Select Board meeting as amended. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

7:33 p.m. Don Freeman, Ned Wolf, Jeff Simmons and Dave Gott entered meeting.

Joint Budget Planning Meeting (BOS and FinCom): Meeting chaired by Finance Committee. Reviewed Budget Requests by Department. Finance Committee retired at 8:20 p.m. to their own meeting and returned at 9:40 p.m. Collectively determined which department heads will have budget hearings. Noted some changes that Town Coordinator will make on spreadsheet. Jeff mentioned an article that the Firefighters would like on ATM warrant. Next Joint Budget Hearing will be 1/31/12. Budget Hearings will commence on 2/7/12.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to cover an additional Veteran's Benefits expense of \$2,372.60 from the Franklin County Solid Waste Management Escrow Account which as of 1/18/12 has a balance of \$11,138.

It was discussed that additional Veteran's Benefits are anticipated and a Special Town Meeting will be needed to address these unanticipated expenses. Finance Committee left meeting at 10:37 p.m.

8:20 p.m. Calvin Carr, Bob Viarengo, Dino Schnell, Doug Mason, Jo Travis and Noel Abbott entered meeting.

Planning Board: Cal Carr offered update on large scale wind energy systems and large scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations moratorium and by-laws. A public hearing will take place on Feb. 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. A Special Town Meeting (STM) article will ask voters for moratorium until Annual Town Meeting (ATM). Then at ATM, voters will be asked for a continuance for another year. This moratorium will offer the Planning Board time for research and education in an effort to create intelligent commercial wind and solar by-laws. An advisory committee will report to the Planning Board. Cal would like to request an increase in the expense account to cover Planning Board consulting fees. Planning Board will submit two articles for STM, 1) moratorium 2) expense budget not to exceed \$3,000 for consulting fees.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to hold a Special Town Meeting on February 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall.

8:45 p.m. Calvin Carr, Bob Viarengo, Dino Schnell, Doug Mason, Jo Travis and Noel Abbott left meeting.

Mail/ Email:

1. Email from Cal Carr, Chair of Planning Board – copy of letter sent to Town Counsel
2. Mass DOT letter stating Rt. 8A/Jacksonville Stage Road / Mill Brook Bridge needs updated bridge posting
3. Contact information for Paul Mark
4. Selectmen's Operating Expense report FY12
5. Email and info. from FCSWMD regarding deteriorated condition of trash compactor. **On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to accept proposal of replacement charges in the amount of \$779.03 for trash compactor.** Discussed condition of concrete pad. If needed, repairs could be made in future. These expenses should be added to FY13 budget as part of Transfer Station maintenance. Any unforeseen expenses could be covered by the escrow account.
6. December's report from FCCIP
7. Mike's correspondence with Val regarding Mohawk Estates' request to sand private roads. Board agreed that the Town cannot legally maintain private roadways. Town Coordinator will reply. Select Board also discussed a resident's request for sanding their driveway and denied request unless new circumstances warranted an exception.
8. FCSWMD Meeting Minutes, etc.
9. Reports from FCCIP FY13

Other Business: The Board reviewed and discussed Sheila's revisions to the Performance Review form. Brian suggested some explanation may be helpful. A copy of the form with brief explanations will be added to Personnel Policy. Briefly discussed the upcoming MMAC meeting (Feb. 1, 2012).

Warrants signed.

Brian announced that he will be out of town next week and will not attend the Select Board meeting.

Brian moved to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator