

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
January 25, 2011

Called to order at 7:02p.m. by Tom Lively, Selectboard chair with Sheila Litchfield, member present. Also present; Library Trustees chair Deb Porter, Don Purington, Library Director, Jan Carr of both the Library Trustees and Finance Committees, Finance Committee Members, Don Freeman, chair, Dave Gott, Jeff Simmons and Ned Wolf, Historical Commission member Dave Howland And Jenna Day, Town Coordinator.

Sheila made a motion to enter into executive session for reason number six (to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body); to invite the Library Trustees, the Finance Committee, Dave Howland and Don Purington; and to return to open meeting. Roll call vote: Tom, Aye; Sheila, Aye. The motion passed unanimously. Executive session was convened at 7:06p.m.

7:34p.m. The meeting returned to open session. Deb Porter presented that the Trustees would like to hire Pat Leuchtman to replace Lyra Johnson while she is on maternity leave. Sheila made a motion to hire Pat to fill-in as substitute librarian. Tom seconded.

7:35p.m. Dave Howland, Don Purington and Deb Porter left the meeting. Mike Smith, Highway Superintendent entered the meeting.

Mike Smith presented his proposed Highway Dept. budget. He was asked to give a ballpark estimate for two items. He thinks adding a mid-mount wing to the 2009 Chevy would cost between \$8,000-\$10,000 and buying a new International plow truck with wing would cost between \$90,000-\$110,000. Mike stated that a wing on the 2009 Chevy would reduce the time needed to clear the road and protect the truck and driver by keeping the truck further away from the edge of the road. Mike stated that the recommended vehicle replacement schedule was not being met recognizing it was not a hard scheduled plan: small trucks at 5 years, large trucks at 10 years and equipment at 15 years. The Selectboard asked Mike to update the schedule and pass it along to the Town Coordinator.

Mike Smith presented his proposed Fire Dept. budget. Mike presented to the Selectboard that one of the attendants to the Fire Fighter One classes has requested mileage reimbursement. Mike approved the request, but there will not be enough funds in this line if the other two trainees submit mileage reimbursement. The group discussed planning for this line item. Mike will send revised budget request to the Town Coordinator. The Firefighter incentive Award will be added to the revised budget. The EMS line may need to be revised as well. The current amount pays for defibrillator replacement batteries, but the equipment needs to be repaired this year.

8:25p.m. Mike Smith left the meeting.

The Selectboard and the Finance Committee reviewed a letter from Kopelman and Paige regarding questions from Ms. McCloud's Attorney. It was decided that all of these issues reside with Charlemont. Sheila will report that Heath has approved the title search activities.

8:35pm All Finance Committee members left the meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed the payment of stipends to the Board of Health. The Board of Health will now receive half of their stipend at the half-way point of the fiscal year. This is the same procedure as for the

Selectboard. Sheila made a motion for Tracey to pay half of the stipend to the Board of Health. Tom seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Selectboard reviewed paperwork to appoint a Chief Procurement Officer. Jenna Day, town coordinator took the online training for this purpose. Sheila made a motion to appoint Jenna Day as Chief Procurement Officer. Tom seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Selectboard reviewed Seajay Spencer's cover letter and resume and her request fill one vacancy on the Conservation Commission. Sheila made a motion to appoint Seajay Spencer to the Conservation Commission effective immediately. Tom seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Selectboard reviewed Lois Buchiane's letter of resignation from the Community Hall Committee. Sheila made a motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Lois Buchiane. Tom seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Warrants were signed.

Hawley's copy of the Intermunicipal Agreement was signed.

Minutes were postponed.

The Selectboard wants the Town Coordinator to get bids on replacing the linoleum floors for the bathrooms at Sawyer Hall.

9:00 Sheila made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenna Day, Town Coordinator