

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Heath Community Hall
February 9, 2010

Called to order at 7:53 p.m. by Tom Lively with Brian De Vriese and Sheila Litchfield present. Also present Town Coordinator Gloria Fisher and Finance Committee members Don Freeman, Dave Gott, Jan Carr, and Jeff Simmons.

Agenda was reviewed with MMAC meeting update added to new business.

Mail

- Notice from the FRCOG of Heath's FY 2011 Assessment: Assessment \$6,119 (\$5,693); FCCIP \$15,399 (\$17,815); Purchasing \$1,870 (\$1,868); Health Agent \$9,962 (\$9,483) for a total of \$33,315. Last year's total was \$34,859.
- Notice from MTRSD that on Wed., February 17, at 7 p.m. the School Committee will hold a special meeting and public budget hearing. At this meeting members towns will be asked to elect a representative for collective bargaining. Sheila will try to attend, but pointed out that it is Ash Wednesday.
- Letter from Charlemont designating the ambulance purchase breakdown by town. Heath's share will be \$29,771.00. Discussed the ambulance MOU and that Town Counsel needs Charlemont's permission to review because he also represents that town.
- E-mail from Charlemont BOS confirming 3TL to be held February 11 at 7 p.m. in Charlemont Town Hall.
- Draft of the MTRSD School Committee Meeting minutes for January 13.
- Agenda for the Feb. 10 MTRSD School Committee meeting.
- E-mail from Bob Viarengo with a notice that the State Senate adopted the Wind Energy Siting Reform Act.
- E-mail from Sheila Litchfield summarizing her phone conversation with the FRCOG re: the health agent. After discussion it was noted that the Heath Board of Health is doing very well, especially for such a new board.
- Fax from the Mass Dept. of Agricultural Resources asking the BOS to announce in a public meeting that Mass Dept of Ag Resources is considering the above purchase of the Gott/Watt property on Burnt Hill. The proposed purchase was announced.
- E-mail from Highway Supt. regarding interviewing people for the position of Transfer Station Attendant. Tom noted that Mike will do the preliminary interviews and recommend two or three people to the Board.

MMAC Report

Tom reported on the MMAC meeting he attended and discussed Mohawk's proposed FY 2011 budget. He noted that Heath's assessment will decrease 3.89% (approximately \$32,000) and that if Mohawk refinance their building loans that Heath's capital assessment will also decrease. Discussed the salary increases proposed for two Mohawk employees and why the school committee decided to give those increases.

8:27 Don, Jan, Jeff, and Dave left the meeting.

Town Coordinator Report

The Town Coordinator reported that:

- **Energy Money** – She received a letter from the Renewable Energy Trust notifying the town that we have been awarded the money we requested under the Mass Renewable Trust's Clean Energy Choice Program. Enclosed was a check for \$1,331.95. The money is to be used for a solar light for the flag pole and for a computer, printer, and associated software. Within 12 months a report has to be filed to the Trust notifying them of the goals we have achieved with the equipment we have purchased.
- **Winter Overspending** – She has been notified by the Accountant that according to Mass Municipal Finance laws that overspending winter accounts is only allowed if the appropriation for that expense equaled

or exceeded the appropriation for that expense in the prior fiscal year. This means that we will have to discuss the budget lines of all winter accounts.

- **All Boards Meeting** – She copied numerous documents, invited people, bought food, set up the Community Hall, and prepared website training materials for the participants.
- **Furnace** – Glenn White cleaned (and fixed) the furnace in Sawyer Hall this week. He suggests that the town seriously consider buying a new furnace sooner rather than later. He estimates it will cost approx. \$6,000-\$8,000 for purchase and installation.
- **School Committee** – Emily Cross will not be running for school committee in May.
- **Ambulance MOU** – Mark Reich has informed the town that he will need to obtain the consent of the town of Charlemont before reviewing the MOU since he is also counsel to Charlemont.
- **STAM Meeting** – She will not be attending a STAM meeting on Thursday in Hadley.
- **FCSWMD Meeting** – The FCSWMD budget meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 10, 7 p.m., has been postponed.
- **Budget** – She has been working on the budget worksheets for FY 2011.
- **Annual Report** – She has been working on the 2009 Annual Report.
- **Filing and Organizing** – is progressing, slowly, but it's progressing.

New Business

• Tom opened a letter of resignation from Post Office Substitute Sandy Clavette. Brian moved to accept her resignation as of February 4 with regret. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Discussed the remaining post office substitutes. Brian moved to appoint Margo Newton and Andrea Crowningshield as post office substitutes. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Documents Signed – warrants, letter, and a building permit were signed.

Minutes

Brian moved to approve the minutes of the February 2 meeting as amended. Sheila seconded. The motion passed.

Brian moved to adjourn. Sheila seconded. The motion passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Sawyer Hall.

Adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Fisher
Town Coordinator