

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
March 24, 2015

Called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Brian DeVriese, with Bill Lattrell, and Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator present.

Reviewed Agenda:

Add to Other Business:

- Summary of Selectmen's Association Meeting
- 3/10/15 Minutes will be reviewed at next meeting.

Reviewed Minutes:

On a motion by Bill Lattrell, and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 3/17/15 Select Board meeting as written.

Mail/ Email:

1. Various emails regarding WiredWest including a response from Monica Webb.
2. Various emails regarding Highway Dept.
3. Email from Judy Willis regarding Capital Improvement Warrant Articles
4. Email from Glen Ayers regarding new Airbnb regulations
5. Court summary of R. Woodard's hearing from Recorder
6. Email from Sheila regarding pothole repair money
7. Draft of letter M. Freeman will send to Mass DOT/Bridge replacement project
8. Email from Dale Kowacki regarding ERI legislation - clarification
9. Letter of thanks from Mantells'
10. Email from Andrea Woods regarding pothole money and procurement. Waiting for Mike's response.

Other Separate Documents:

1. Town Coordinator Report
2. FY16 Budget Spreadsheet
3. Draft of ATM Warrant
4. Transfer Station Compactor Project checklist for budgeting

7:42 p.m. Finance Committee members Don Freeman, Ned Wolf, Jan Carr, and Gloria Fisher entered meeting.

Budget Planning Meeting:

WiredWest: Finance Committee shared they feel concern about WiredWest matter. A business plan is critical in order to determine if they support the project. One is supposed to be available early April, according to Jim Drawe, Treasurer WiredWest. Numbers for Heath have to be updated to reflect accurate number of potential customers. Jan Carr attended Stan Rosenberg's Municon Saturday in Northampton. WiredWest was one issue presented. She shared that some towns are creating 501(c)(3) funds so people may donate to help those whom cannot afford the \$49 initial payment. She also shared that FCATV filmed the conference speeches and workshops. Hawley is concerned about expense due to rural location. Discussed possibility that towns could bundle together to save money, potentially. There remain a lot of questions and details to work out but it's important the Town show support at this stage. Kara will ask

Jim Drawe if he can send a list of checks being help by WiredWest. Some people have paid by check but not showing up on tally on website.

Safety Complex Building Project: Brian shared that the plans for ATM will be re-done to show revisions. A 3-D model will also be provided. Discussed land. More details and a survey/deed will be needed before voters approve. Won't require RFP due to its uniqueness for this particular project.

STM: Will not be held in April. Mike will contact vendors to relay that payments for outstanding bills will be paid after May 9.

Highway Dept.: Mike will meet on March 31st. No new vehicles will be purchased this year. Mechanical repair costs are increasing so much creating difficulty in budgeting for following year. Heavy parts run electronically so repairs must be done by specialist and this can be costly.

ATM: Discussed two large ticket articles (WiredWest and Public Safety Building). One special project is to cover cost of mitigating the frozen pipe issue at Community Hall and Highway Dept.

8:43 p.m. Finance Committee members left meeting.

Other Business:

Compactor Project – update and next steps: Reviewed checklist of to dos to determine cost to complete project. Brian will ask Matt Lively for estimates. Kara will ask Jan Ameen if she can offer a name for pricing the dismantling and removal of shed. Highway crew may be able to assist. Suggested tagging the paving portion onto another summer paving job. Need gravel prices. Brian will take measurements.

Administrative Support for Highway Supt.: *On a motion by Bill Lattrell, and seconded by Brian DeVreise, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Charlene Reynolds to serve as Office Assistant, 1-2 hours per week @ \$12.57/hour.*

SIGNED:

1. Mass DOT Contract for Pothole Chap. 90 money

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for March 31, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara M. Leistyna
Town Coordinator