

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
March 1, 2011

Called to order at 7:00p.m. by Tom Lively with Brian DeVriese and Sheila Litchfield present. Also present Finance Committee members Don Freeman, Ned Wolf, Dave Gott, Jeff Simmons and Jan Carr, Town Coordinator, Jenna Day and Library Trustees Chair, Deb Porter.

The agenda was reviewed. Deb Porter brought to the Selectboard's attention that the amount planned on for renovations to the proposed new library building is now expected to be \$311,000 and not \$150,000 as originally thought. She believes that this would cover all exterior paving, the elevator and the fire alarm system. The trustees would like to move forward. The total would then be \$636,000. The consensus is to project borrowing \$650,000. The grant portion of the loan would then increase to \$90,000.00

Jeff Simmons questioned the cost of furnishing the library and the cost of building maintenance was questioned.

Don Freeman noted that the grant raising potential of the library is good.

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 Finance Committee and Deb Porter and to return to open meeting following the adjournment of executive session. Roll call vote: Tom, Aye; Sheila, Aye. The motion passed unanimously. Executive session was convened at 7:30p.m.

7:45p.m. The meeting returned to open session.

Salary reviews began. The towns which we used to determine an average for a comparison were discussed. New Salem and Leverett were removed from the calculation.

The salary steps were revised. Salary grades had not been updated for three years so they were reviewed and increased by 7.8% to reflect cost of living increases during that time. Sheila introduced the income eligibility guidelines for the USDA and wants all to be aware that the town is paying some employees at the level of federal assistance programs.

Stephan Racz, Selectboard member from Buckland passed away suddenly and his wake is on Saturday.

Warrants were signed.

8:30p.m. Sheila, Don, Jeff, Ned and Dave left the meeting.

Mail was reviewed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenna Day, Town Coordinator