

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
March 22, 2011

Called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Tom Lively with Sheila Litchfield present. Also present, Sue Crawford, Bob Gruen, Kathy Inman, Gary Singley, Becky Allen, Anne Pacino, Joanne Blier, Jan Carr, Ned Wolf, Dave Gott, Don Freeman and Margo Newton.

The agenda was reviewed.

Sheila opened discussion regarding a pre-school scholarship fund. The goal of the fund was to offer free tuition to families in hopes of retaining students. If tuition was free for families, they may stay in Heath.

7:06 p.m. Brian DeVriese entered meeting.

Discussion ensued about tuition vs. donations and pros and cons of free enrollment. If there is free enrollment there may need to be a cap. Question to whether \$10,000 would cover all students – enrollment may go up. Bob Gruen asked if donations could be requested. More discussion is needed and more information from Town Counsel. Sheila presented two charts – Grant Money and Enrollment and Record of Appropriations. Anne Pacino said the school committee will not address this issue until April.

8:01 p.m. Library Trustees, Deb Porter and Jan Carr said there is a need for informational meetings regarding the library project. Discussion ensued about what information needs to be included for those meetings. Information will be required about the tax rate. Tentative informational meetings to be April 7th (at Community Hall); April 9th (at library) and April 12th (at the school). It will also be presented at Senior Meeting on April 21st.

8:50 p.m. Will discuss salaries next meeting specifically, grade/ step may need to be addressed. Nurse and accountant need to be put on agenda.

9:05 p.m. Brian made a motion to sign FEMA contract. Sheila seconded. Discussion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Brian made a motion to continue with current fuel supplier for duration of heating season. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussed amending personnel policy to require all positions to submit time sheets beginning 07/01/11. Also, need to review policy to ensure town's compliance with Labor Laws and amend personnel policy as well.

9:35 p.m. Brian made a motion; Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous in acceptance of ABCC Temporary Population Estimate.

9:41 p.m. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Newton