

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Heath Elementary School
April 12, 2011

Called to order at 8:20 p.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; Town Assessors Val Kaempfer and Alice Wozniak; School Committee members Becky Allen and Ann Pacino; Kara Leistyna.

The agenda was reviewed. The Finance Committee asked about the status of setting the tax rate and when the viewing process would start. A possible Classification Hearing could be held May 3 with Assessors and Board of Selectmen. Don Freeman asked that the commitments be posted on-line. Patriot would charge \$2,000.00 to do this. The Assessors reported that the files extraction from the Assessors to the Tax Collector with the new Patriot software went well.

The Reconciliation of overlay accounts was discussed. Jenna read the Accountant's memo. The Assessors recommended that the town only authorize the 2008 overlay account be released to overlay surplus at this time.

Brian moved to authorize the 2008 overlay account be released to overlay surplus. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Tom asked for clarification of the DOR review provided by the Assessors at a previous meeting. Alice explained that the review described the activities that DOR recommended the Assessors complete the following year. Alice indicated the Town was required to issue the \$10,000 value exemption letters to prove that second homeowners were within that value. Triennial valuation will not happen again until 2015.

8:43 p.m. Assessors left the meeting.

The School Committee reported that Pre-School is not on the MTRSD School Committee agenda for this Wednesday night. Town Counsel recommends that Heath and the Mohawk District enter into a Special Municipal Agreement to document understanding that Heath has appropriated monies to ensure preschool tuition is free. The District needs to determine how best to do this in fairness to other preschools in the District, and the District needs to determine what the tuition rate will be and how to administer it. There are very few options for day care, and many families have to seek the most cost effective options for themselves.

The Select Board recommended that pre-school support be increased to \$15,000 and agreed to write a letter to the District describing Heath's preferences about preschool. Dave Gott asked if it is legal for Heath to have free preschool tuition while other towns do not. It was stated that Rowe appropriates money every year to support their preschool. The District administers the State grant for preschools. Don asked if the revolving account could pay down the \$15,000. It could.

Brian made a motion that the Select Board write a letter to the MTRSD in support of Heath Preschool. Sheila seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

On another school-related subject, it was questioned why the Heath LEC is comprised primarily of choice parents and only one local parent. Apparently there are no LEC rules on this except that it should be balanced and right now it is not balanced.

9:12 p.m. Becky and Ann left meeting.

The draft ATM warrant was reviewed and revised.

The draft STM warrant was reviewed and revised.

Brian made a motion to vote to accept the ATM and STM warrant articles as amended. Sheila seconded. Motion carried.

10:00 p.m. Dave Gott and Alice Wozniak left the meeting.

The Select Board discussed the shed request and determined to schedule a meeting with Eileen before ATM.

10:30 p.m. Jan Carr left meeting.

Ned Wolf and Jeff Simmons left the meeting.

The Board reviewed the updated Purchase & Sale agreement for 4 East Main Street.

Brian made a motion to sign the Purchase & Sale Agreement for 4 East Main Street. Sheila seconded.

Brian made a motion to accept Mike's vacation request. Sheila seconded. Motion carried.

Brian made a motion to appoint Kara Leistyna as the Town Coordinator effective May 9, 2011 with training to commence immediately. Sheila seconded. Discussed. Motion carried.

Motion moved to adjourn the meeting, Sheila seconded, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Day, Town Coordinator