

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
May 31, 2011

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Brian DeVriese with Sheila Litchfield present. Also present Town Coordinator Kara Leistyna.

Appointments: On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, The Board voted unanimously to appoint Robert Tanner as Inspector of Animals through FY11 if he will accept the role.

Kara will ask Bob Tanner about the training requirements and whether he has completed them.

Reviewed memo from Tax Collector. Board determined it was written clearly and okay to send to tax payers. Kara will post payment due dates on Town's home page as soon as bills are sent.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila, The Board voted unanimously to approve mailing 4th quarter FY11 and first and second quarter FY12 tax bills in same envelope due to lateness of determination of tax rate.

Mail & Email

8:05 p.m. Tom Lively entered meeting.

Beaver Situation: If Board of Health needs to trap the Beavers they need to hire someone. It is discouraged that Mike be the trapper. Mike has done a good job handling the matter and needs to ask the Selectboard before any further action.

8:21 p.m. Finance Committee entered meeting.

Discussed STM warrant. Finance Committee asked questions regarding Article 4. Tom explained legal fees. The shortfall covered in Article 3 was due to extra days in year not calculated in the budget. Wondered if Article 5 made sense in light of spatial changes proposed – the lighting improvements will be adequate for all use. Satisfied with all answers to their questions, Finance Committee voted to recommend all STM articles as written. Dave Gott was nominated as the representative to serve on the Space Task Force Committee. Kara will follow up with Rebecca Allen. Deb Porter has also agreed to participate as well as Dianne Cerone.

Dave Gott thanked Brian for raising concern at a previous meeting regarding roles on committees and importance of communication. Finance Committee will discuss this as a group. It was reiterated that it is a courtesy to let the group know if your position changes on matters.

Library Update: Need to seek Town Counsel advice regarding Article 22. Can the Town legally withdraw Article at ATM? Is the Town is still bound by the Purchase & Sale agreement? Kara will contact Katharine Klein and/or Mark Reich. Discussed 'no vote' vs. withdrawal and ramifications for future financing. Dave Gott suggests a thank you be sent to Helen Mackie.

8:51 p.m. Finance Committee left meeting.

Discussed BOS meetings scheduled up until ATM/STM. Would like to have Municipal Complex and Space Task Force committee recommendations to present at ATM, however there is insufficient time to do that. Brian suggested the library space be part of the Municipal Complex Committee fearing competing interests will ensue. Sheila disagreed indicating that the library is one voice on the committee and balance can be achieved. BOS will take information from both committees and set priorities. Brian added his desire that everyone think about all issues together. Sheila concurred that a joint meeting will be beneficial and added that all ideas identified by either committee can be brought to the other to discuss.

In a motion made by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the STM Warrant for the June 20, 2011 meeting at 6:30 p.m. to be held at Heath Elementary School.

BOS signed STM Warrant. Kara will contact Town Clerk for posting.

9:21 p.m. Tom moved to adjourn. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Leistyna
Town Coordinator