

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
May 17, 2010

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Tom Lively with Brian De Vriese and Sheila Litchfield present. Also present Town Coordinator Gloria Fisher; Mohawk Estates Property Owners Assoc. (MEPOA) members Armand Clavette, Val Kaempfer, and Eileen Tougas; and Conservation Commission members Don Dekker and David Thane.

Agenda was reviewed with no changes.

Conservation Commission and Mohawk Estates Property Owners Assoc. (MEPOA)

Armand explained that MEPOA has been chemically treating the lake for weeds for years. This year when they applied for their Notice of Intent, the Conservation Commission gave permission for the herbicide to be used this year, but asked MEPOA to devise a plan with a more sustainable, less chemical solution for the long term. If that is not possible, MEPOA will be asked to file another notice of intent next year and will be allowed to apply the herbicide while they work on a plan. MEPOA is concerned about the \$2400 dollar fee to file another notice of intent. The Conservation Commission will find out if there is a way to extend the contract without filing another notice of intent. It was suggested that the MEPOA work with their current environmental engineers to find a solution.

7:41 David, Don, Eileen, Val, and Armand left the meeting. Finance Committee members Don Freeman, Dave Gott, Ned Wolf, Jeff Simmons, and Jan Carr entered the meeting.

Chapter 44 Transfers

The Board reviewed the list (see attached) received from the accountant of requested Chapter 44 transfers. Brian moved to approve the transfers as submitted. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous. The Finance Committee also voted to approve the transfers.

Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

Discussed using trash bag stickers as opposed to special trash bags if the PAYT system is implemented. Discussed the financial aspects associated with PAYT as well as enforcement. It was agreed that the goal is to get more Heath residents to recycle. Ways to do this, other than PAYT, were discussed. It was noted that it would be best to have the Franklin County Solid Waste District (FCSWMD) executive director present at the meeting. Tentative dates of June 7 or June 21 or 28 were discussed. The town coordinator will contact the executive director to arrange. Discussed how best to inform Heath residents of the meeting. Gloria will contact PTP, LEC, and other residents by e-mail and posting. Sheila will contact the Preschool Teacher.

8:34 The Finance Committee left the meeting.

Discussed Sen. Ben Downing's Coffee and Conversation meeting at the Rowe School on Friday afternoon. The Board unanimously expressed opposition to casinos in Massachusetts. The Town Coordinator will attend the meeting and inform Sen. Downing of the Board's concern.

Mail

- E-mail from Hwy Supt. re: lawn mowing bids and his recommendation to award to lowest bidder.
- E-mail from Hwy. Supt. re: Highway Materials bids. Mike recommends the lowest bidders in all categories.
- Letter from the Mass Board of Library Commissioners announcing an application round under the Mass Public Library Construction Program.
- Minutes from the March 29 meeting of the Shelburne Falls Regional Communications Center.

- Letter from the Building Inspector noting that Community Hall will be inspected on May 28.
- Dog complaint form received from a Springfield resident regarding a dog bite incident on Rte. 8A. The complaint will be forwarded to the dog officer.
- Received signed minutes of the February 11 and March 25, 2010, three-town landfill meetings.
- Notice from the MMA of the Leadership Conference for Selectmen to be held Saturday, June 12, at Old Sturbridge Village. Gov. Patrick will be the keynote speaker.
- E-mails from the Charlemont Select Board, one relaying a conversation with Town Counsel and one setting the next 3TL meeting for June 3 at Hawlemont. The Town Coordinator will attend the June 3 meeting.

Town Coordinator Report

The Town Coordinator reported that:

- Tickets are being sold for a Jack and Jill party for Tim Lively and Eileen Lucas. The party will be held at Stillwater on Thursday, June 17, at 5 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and there will be a wishing well. It is hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
- The person who submitted a complaint about a police officer stopped by the town offices. The Town Coordinator spoke with him at length. He will meet with the Police Chief.
- Gloria spent some time last week ordering and setting up Tracey's new computer, printer, and software. It's a great computer.
- Jan Ameen has an appointment with the Select Board in Rowe on May 24 at 7 p.m. If she is finished in time, she will stop by at the Heath School to answer any questions about PAYT. She also notified the town that Heath will be eligible for a DEP grant if the town wants to use stickers instead of trash bags.
- The town meeting is over and seemed to go well.
- She has e-mailed Graham in response to his e-mail about the web site. She told him we were good to go. On Wednesday, John Clark, Ag Commission, has an appointment with her to set up a web page for the Agriculture Commission.

Old Business

- Safe and Microfiche – the safe needs to be opened and the microfiche machine needs to be removed from the Police Office. The town coordinator will notify the town clerk that the microfiche machine will be removed in September. She will need to get her microfiche records transferred to disks.
- Dog Hearing – discussed the need for a hearing. Tom will speak with Town Counsel.
- Men's Room Floor – Gloria will contact Steve Crowningshield for an estimate. If the estimate is within the town's budget, she will give Steve the go ahead to complete the job.

New Business

- Warrants and Budget Scheduling – discussed setting earlier deadlines for submittals in order to have more time to review, update, and approve them. It will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.
- Board Reorganization – Brian moved to reappoint Tom as chair of the Select Board with Sheila as secretary. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- Loader – Reviewed the contract to purchase a new loader for the Highway Dept. The total cost of the loader will be \$212,230 including the \$15,000 trade-in for the old loader. Brian moved to approve the contract for purchase from C. N. Wood. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous and Tom signed the contract.
- Mowing Contract – The Board reviewed the two submitted estimates for mowing. Brian moved to award the contract to Kathy Inman as it was deemed to be in the best interests of the town. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- Fuel Bids – Brian moved to award the bids for diesel and gasoline to Dennis Burke as low bidder and to Country Oil for heating oil as low bidder in that category. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- Highway Dept. Bids – Brian moved to award all Heath's bids to the lowest bidders per the Highway Supt.'s recommendation. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Documents Signed –Warrants, a letter, vacation requests, and building permits were signed.

Minutes

Brian moved to approve the May 4 meeting minutes as amended. Sheila seconded. The motion passed.

Brian moved to adjourn. Sheila seconded. The motion passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Heath School.

Adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Fisher, Town Coordinator