

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SAWYER HALL
July 12, 2012

Called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Sheila Litchfield, with Brian DeVriese, Tom Lively, Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator.

Reviewed Agenda: No changes.

7:13 p.m. Dave Howland entered meeting.

Reviewed Minutes:

Brian moved to approve minutes of 6/28/12 Select Board meeting as amended. Tom seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Dave Howland came to propose his idea to update the Memorial stone in the Town Center to reflect the names of people who served in more recent wars/conflicts. He has prepared a submission for the Heath Herald inviting all veterans to participate in the parade at the Heath Fair, and to seek information relative to updating the Memorial. Methods of funding the project were discussed. Dave will continue research on names, etc. It was suggested that Dave take a look at what other towns have erected to memorialize/update various wars/conflicts. The Board appointed Dave to serve as Chair of the War Memorial Committee and Bob Bourke as Co-Chair.

7:28 p.m. Finance Committee Chair, Don Freeman entered as well as Ned Wolf, Jeff Simmons and Kathy Inman. Dave Howland left at 7:40 p.m.

FY12 Transfers and Other Discussion with Finance Committee: The Select Board reviewed Accountant's transfer requests. FinCom previously reviewed and approved. Brian moved to approve transfers as submitted for FY12. Vote was unanimous and motion approved.

Don sent out the letter drafted to nearby comparable towns seeking information on their highway department salary figures and job descriptions. When towns respond, Don will report back to the group. Discussed schedule going forward and it was decided that there is no need to meet with Finance Committee during the summer.

7:46 p.m. Finance Committee Chair, Don Freeman as well as Ned Wolf, Jeff Simmons and Kathy Inman left the meeting and Michael Smith entered the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Highway Department: Discussed highway truck driver salary. Mike shared Joey Sonntag's letter of resignation. Brian moved to accept Joey Sonntag's resignation with regret. Tom seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried. Discussed paving plans for this summer. Mike will determine the most needed 1.5 mile section of Rt. 8A to pave. He will be using Cold-In-Place (CIP) recycling and described the process. CIP creates less waste and gives a 20 year life to the roads. Mike is applying for a STRAP grant to receive \$500,000 towards CIP recycling/paving process. Discussed other areas in need and ongoing work on Hosmer Road and other roads. Reviewed standard operating procedure for notifying residents of roadwork. Mike notifies people if the road will be closed for any period of time. Otherwise for regular roadwork, no notification is given. Mike cannot determine when Hosmer Road work will be complete. However, he stated that it has slowed down a bit. Ditching will be done in next 2-3 weeks and the last task is surface gravel for 3,471 ft. of roadway starting from the Edridge's southward to be worked on. Work will most likely last through the summer. In response to a resident's concern that FEMA will

not pay their share for road repairs, Mike affirmed that all work met with FEMA approval *prior* to onset. All work was done in a manner as to protect and maintain natural habitats while protecting infrastructure. Historically, Heath has always been reimbursed for FEMA/MEMA work but it is a long process. Mike believes that maintenance for Hosmer Road will not burden the taxpayer. On the contrary, his opinion is now that the road is improved, it will be easier to maintain. Plowing in the winter will extend to Eldridge's if needed. If not, it will extend to Peter Simpson's residence.

Lastly, Mike presented bids for work to be done on the recycling platforms at the Transfer Station. The Board reviewed. Brian moved to hire Russ Donelson to build two platforms at transfer station as submitted on bid for the price of \$3,100-3,500 each. Work to begin and be completed by 7/30/12. Money to pay for the construction to come from FCSWMD escrow fund. Tom seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion approved.

8:33 p.m. Mike Smith left meeting.

Mail/ Email:

- Town Coordinator Report
- Notice from ABCC regarding record keeping
- Memo from Finance Committee – draft of salary inquiry to local Towns
- Update from Tim Lively, Emergency Management Director
- Email from Mike Smith regarding plans for road paving for summer, 2012
- FY2013 Estimated Cherry Sheet Receipts
- Nurse's monthly report
- Email from Mike Smith regarding employee resignation

Other Business:

FY 13 Appointments: Brian moved to make the following appointments for FY13. Tom seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion approved.

Board of Health Question on Revolving Account: The Select Board would like Karen Brooks, BOH Clerk, to forward a letter with a specific question for Town Counsel including anticipated concerns regarding use of Revolving Account. Kara will forward to Town Counsel for an opinion.

Alternate Election Workers

Margo Newton
Gloria Fisher

FRCOG Regional Dog Kennel Representative

Robert Tanner, Jr.

FRCOG Regional Dog Kennel Alternate

Margo Newton

Select Board Correspondent to Heath Herald

Brian DeVriese

Community Hall: Board planned for discussion with Community Hall Committee. Meeting to take place July 26th and discussion shall include use of sign; planning & budgeting for projects; activities & sponsoring events, etc.

Old Business:

Three-Town Landfill: Tom will follow-up with Phil Keenan, Select Board member in Hawley.

Weekly warrants were signed.

Mass DEP Annual Water Quality Report for CY 2011 was signed.

Resignation Acceptance letter to Dianne Grinnell was signed.

Brian moved to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. Tom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting scheduled for July 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator