

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 9, 2010

Called to Order at 7:04 P.M. with Board members Tom Lively and Sheila Litchfield present as well as Betty Nichols, Dave Howland and Jack Cable.

Reviewed agenda; will reschedule meeting to set tax rate with the Assessors and discussion regarding regionalization survey.

7:06 Dave Howland and Jack Cable representing Heath Historical Society and Betty Nichols regarding Whittemore Spring, updated the Selectboard on the status of the spring and recent water test results. Spring is in the 5th year on inactive status with DPH, during which time water test results have been inconsistent. Discussed options for additional work needed to ensure safe drinking water. Need to complete particulate testing between Aug. 15 and Oct.15 in order to keep DPH case "open" Betty agreed to find out if we'd have the opportunity to take corrective actions if the particulate test fails. She will e-mail the Selectboard on this by 8/13/10. Dave and Jack will ask the Historical Society to authorize spending for spring water testing. Tom agreed to contact Tom Danek regarding having work done on the spring. Tom L. and Jack may meet at the spring in the next couple of weeks. The Selectboard agreed to bring to Special Town Meeting a vote on expenditures for Whittemore Spring if necessary.

Margo Newton entered the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

Dave and Jack left the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Safe: Margo reported the contents of the safe were delivered to the Police Dept. once the Town Highway Dept. were about to open the safe. Contents included deeds to Town owned property and a contract for Sawyer Hall renovations from the 1970's. Discussed what to do with the safe as apparently the Town does not require its use. Temporary Town Coordinator will be asked to inquire if the Historical Society wants it otherwise it can go the person Mike knows who wants it. A suggestion was made to inquire if there might be interest among other residents.

Margo Newton expressed interest in the temporary Town Coordinator position and is available to start this week. Will attend Selectboard meetings, take minutes and other routine tasks. Sheila moved to appoint Margo Newton as temporary Town Coordinator at \$11.00 per hour to start 8/11/10 and work 10-2 Monday through Friday and remain in position until position is filled. Tom seconded, motion carried unanimously. Margo will utilize Eileen Tougas as needed for special projects.

Margo left the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Review Mail and E-Mails:

1. Note from a resident regarding condition of Community Hall bathrooms; Tom will follow-up with custodian.
2. Letter of thanks from D. Howland regarding waiving permit costs for Historical Society roof work
3. Letter from MMA regarding 6th grade essay contest – will be forwarded to school.
4. Certificate of liability insurance from Fuller Obvian for stone seal.
5. Letter from City Manager of Lowell regarding petition for home control over health care plan design. No follow-up planned.
6. Letter from MA retirement system regarding incentive for early retirement.
7. Renewal request for membership in MA Personnel Association – declined this year.
8. E-mail from Tim Lively regarding Red Cross shelter class to be scheduled.
9. Housing Authority memo regarding quarterly report from CDBG

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10. Brochure regarding a course in solving traffic problems – forwarded to PD.
11. Invoice from Charlemont for \$29,485.00 for Heath's share of new ambulance. Need MOU from Town Council- Sheila to follow-up with Mark. Have Accountant include this on warrant.
12. E-mail from Jan Ameen regarding Sept. 25 Hazardous Waste Collection Day and budgeted amount.
13. Vacation request from Post Office Manager- approved unanimously.
14. Letter from DCR regarding land preservation report and upcoming survey, forward to Conservation Commission.
15. Letter from Westfield College- no response planned.
16. Incident report from Dog Officer for info only.
17. E-mail from FRCOG regarding open meeting law changes.

Old Business

- Three-Town Landfill- next meeting 8/12/10 in Charlemont
- Storage Space – still being investigated by Hall Committee
- Dog Hearing – discussed Town Councils recommendations regarding sending a letter to dog owner. Tom will explore history of events to enable a letter to be drafted.
- Internet – Selectboard request information on status of the Assessors internet connectivity problem.

New Business

- Town Coordinator Job Search- The Selectboard reviewed letters and resumes and determined the preference is to fill the position as soon as possible, preferably with a Heath resident, and someone who is very organized, comfortable with the salary, looking for a job that they would hope to keep for several years and someone who will represent the town well. Potential dates for candidate interviews were determined with Aug 25th as preferred date.

Warrants were signed

Reviewed, amended and unanimously approved minutes of July 26, 2010 meeting.

Adjourned at 10:08 P.M.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 30, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Sawyer Hall unless interviews are scheduled for September 25th. The Selectboard also meets August 12th at the 3-town landfill meeting in Charlemont.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila M. Litchfield, appointed Selectmen's Secretary