

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Town of Heath  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Sawyer Hall PUBLIC HEARING  
August 27, 2013

**Called to order** at 7:05 p.m. by Sheila Litchfield, with Brian DeVriese, Bill Lattrell and Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator present. Also present, Mike Smith, Highway Supt. and Terry Walker, Grant Writer as well as number Heath residents – see attached sign in sheet.

**STRAP Grant/Safety Improvement Project :** Opened hearing with Mike Smith assuring residents that the portion of Route 8A will not be widened or straightened. The re-paving will follow the same profile. Mike stated that we have not received any money yet but that we are applying for a grant in the amount of \$983,102.00. If successful, the Town will pave 5 ½ miles of Route 8A using cold-in-place with hot mix asphalt overlay. Lines may be repainted using the funds. Areas that need improved drainage may be addressed as well. There will be nothing added but the road may be raised slightly. He explained the process and introduced Terry Walker who is helping to write and submit the grant. Mike shared that he tried, unsuccessfully to submit a grant last year and that 150 hours or more are needed for work on the application. Terry has an excellent record and shared that the application is going well. She will submit it by the due date of 9/13/13. Towns will be notified by 10/30/13 and will have one year to complete the work.

Sheila presented letter written by Bruce Phillips with a petition signed by many in support of the improvements. Terry said that the letter has already been scanned and will be submitted with the application.

Questions were asked from the public. The answers are as follows:

- 100% reimbursement therefore the town will not have to pay anything back
- Planning will be done by the Highway Superintendent and the Selectmen
- No changes will be made but areas may be smoothed and/or defects repaired; road will not be widened
- There are no written plans as the project is quite simple. Again, Mike explained the process.
- New treatment lasts approximately 20 years
- The improvements will help the frost heave problem areas
- Project to begin by June 1, 2014 and the duration should last approximately three weeks

Other folks signed the petition started by Bruce Phillips and others offered to write letters of support. Four letters in total are required.

No one had further questions.

***On a motion by Brian DeVriese and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing at 7:34 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator