

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Town of Heath  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Sawyer Hall  
September 6, 2011

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Tom Lively with Brian DeVriese present. Also present Town Coordinator Kara Leistyna.

**Reviewed Agenda:** No changes.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to send letter to Dept. of Revenue Bureau of Accounts for permission to deficit spend damages as a result of Storm Irene.

**Special Town Meeting Warrant:** Reviewed articles. Discussed Article 6, Authorization to Borrow. Decided on amount of \$500,000.00. It may be less but need to set an amount for warrant purposes. Kara will prepare an explanation sheet. Reviewed reasons for each article.

Article 1: Explanation: This salary was never appropriated on the ATM warrant 2011, it is usually included on Article 3.

Article 2: Explanation: Again, this salary was never appropriated on the ATM warrant 2011, it is usually included on Article 3.

Article 3: Explanation: This article reimburses the Reserve Fund. This fund has been covering the above salaries.

Article 4: Explanation: This is National Grid invoice that was received late after the 7/15/11 FY11 deadline. This requires a 9/10 vote.

Article 5: Explanation: This amount will cover the full cost of upgrading the electrical Services at the Community Hall. The final estimate/ bid is \$10,912.07 --- \$8,000 was already approved.

Article 6: Explanation: This is to cover anticipated storm costs.

Article 7: Explanation: This amount covers the cost incurred by Heath for the roof repair at Mohawk Trail Regional High School.

Article 8: Explanation: This amount restores the Community Hall Maintenance and Utility Fund for costs to purchase PA equipment for same. Amount was not budgeted for FY12.

Kara will send draft of warrant to Town Counsel for review.

**Compensation for Storm Clean-up Workers:** Mike Smith had asked for clarification on use of local resources. Board does not feel that hiring local people as opposed to contractors is any different. All expenses due to storm including personnel should come out of emergency spending. Each dept. should keep track of all expenses including Police, Fire and Highway Depts. May also include Board of Health, Accountant, etc. Kara will relay this to each applicable dept.

Discussed Mike Smith's request to compensate volunteer firefighters at the rate of \$11.50/hour for time worked helping recover from storm.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to approve paying rate of \$11.50 per hour for firefighter's assistance with storm damage.

**Mail/ Email:**

David Thane letter of resignation from Conservation Commission. Brian offered his assistance to the Conservation Commission till a replacement is found as a temporary voting member/ chair. Will revisit at next Select Board meeting when all Board is present. Kara will check with Ethics Commission to see if there exist any conflicts with Brian's appointment to Conservation Commission.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to accept with regret the resignation letter from David Thane, effective immediately.

1. Email regarding liquor licenses 8/29/11 – Kara will ask Sheila how many licenses are available in Heath.
2. Notice of STAM meeting Oct. 13, 2011 – Kara will attend.
3. Reminded Board to mark calendars for Quarterly Meeting of Franklin County Selectmen's Assoc. meeting

Discussed ways to recognize volunteers who made their time available to help with storm clean-up effort. Will add an article to warrant for Special Town Meeting.

**Reviewed Minutes:**

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2011 as amended.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2011 as amended.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2011 at 7 p.m.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kara Leistyna  
Town Coordinator