

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
September 12, 2011

Called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Tom Lively with Sheila Litchfield present. Also present Town Coordinator Kara Leistyna.

Reviewed Minutes of September 6, 2011 meeting.

7:06 p.m. Dick Voytko, Heath resident, entered meeting.

7:12 p.m. Becky Allen entered meeting.

On a motion by Sheila Litchfield, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2011 as amended.

7:30 p.m. Ann Pacino entered meeting.

Reviewed Minutes of August 29, 2011.

On a motion by Sheila Litchfield, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2011 as amended.

Reviewed Agenda: Added to 'Old Business' appointments to Board of Health and Conservation Commission.

Dick Voytko asked the Board about grants for solar and wind power for Towns to make money. Asked if there was a way to save. The Board explained that use of the Three-Town Landfill was considered in the past but there are deed restrictions. Also informed him that Heath has an approved cell tower by-law.

School Committee: Ann Pacino confirmed that Joanne Blier, Michael A. Buoniconti and the Project Manager for the roof repair will be available to answer questions at the Special Town Meeting. Ann continued to answer questions posed by the Select Board regarding the project. She affirmed that MSBA will start reimbursing on a monthly basis two months into the project. She reviewed the payment schedule. She further stated that the State requires each Town vote to approve the full amount of the project prior to work starting. Discussed article on Special Town Meeting warrant relating to roof. Sheila pointed out that the wording did not include an option to raise & appropriate the funds – the wording was amended by Select Board. A question was posed about the original contractors who installed roof. Sheila suggested to Ann that an overview of the construction project should be provided to the voters and Tom stressed that it should also include what measures can be taken now and in the future to prevent problems – how to ensure pieces are in place so there is recourse should something fail.

E911/Code Red Update: Becky Allen reported that changes were made on contract. She pointed out that in paragraph #9 on Page 2, there is no longer an automatic renewal but an option to extend for another three years. This was done to avoid an increase in rate upon renewal. Select Board reviewed and approved amended form and signed. Becky will include a message in the Herald about E911 services and will implement the program.

8:15 p.m. Don Freeman, Jan Carr, Ned Wolf, Dave Gott and Jeff Simmons entered meeting.

Reviewed Warrant articles for Oct. 3, 2011 Special Town Meeting. School Committee Rep. reiterated information about school roof project. Discussed anticipated questions by Townspeople. Questions will be answered on Town floor. Don reported that the school project will not bring the

Town over levy limit. Discussed impact of storm expenditures and reimbursement by MEMA/FEMA.

8:33 p.m. Dick Voytko left meeting.

Discussed further articles on Warrant. Finance Committee gave their recommendation on Articles 1-6 and 9. FinCom needed to vote on remaining articles.

8:40 p.m. Finance Committee, Ann Pacino and Becky Allen left meeting

Mail/Email: Kara shared the following correspondence:

1. Heath Nurse July and August Report – Sheila will contact regarding vaccine purchases
2. HRA notice for funding availability to assist income-eligible homeowners in Heath with health and safety improvements to their homes
3. Hampshire Council of Governments notice for electricity supply extended beyond municipalities
4. Surplus Property Program from Jan Carr
5. Credit application from Aztec (for copier supplies)

Board read Town Coordinator Report.

8:55 p.m. Finance Committee re-entered meeting. Posed question to Board regarding the funds to pay for Conservation Commission Assistant. Funds will come from revolving account and position will not be paid in excess of \$1,000.00. Finance Committee voted to recommend remaining warrant articles with the exception of Article 8. Don would like to find out more about the emergency borrowing procedure. Recommendation is under review by Finance Committee.

9:05 p.m. Finance Committee members left meeting.

On a motion by Sheila Litchfield, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to accept Special Town Meeting Warrant as written.

Board of Selectmen discussed MEMA request for Heath to join the Statewide Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement and Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement. Under the Statewide Public Safety Mutual Aid Law, cities and towns are able to request and receive mutual aid from other municipalities during disasters and other public safety incidents but each Town must ‘opt-in’ formally as required by the law.

On a motion by Sheila Litchfield, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to opt-in to the Statewide Public Safety and Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Agreements.

Warrants were signed.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2011, at 7 p.m.

On a motion by Sheila Litchfield, and seconded by Tom Lively, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Leistyna
Town Coordinator