

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Town of Heath  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**COMMUNITY HALL**  
September 18, 2012

Called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Sheila Litchfield, with Tom Lively, and Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator present.

**Reviewed Agenda:** No changes.

**Reviewed Minutes:**

Tom moved to approve 8/30/12 of Select Board meeting as amended. Sheila seconded. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

**Mail/ Email:**

- Town Coordinator Report
- Email from Joanne Blier MTRSD regarding Franklin County Tech School. Kara will find out whether public comment period has ended.
- Memo from Don Freeman re: Reconstruction of Hosmer Road. Issue resolved.
- Berkshire Enviro-Labs, Inc. notice of closure by DEP.
- Correspondence regarding CIC grants. Information forwarded to Municipal Committee.
- Email from Deb Porter regarding School-Community Connections and a grant they are applying for to carry out this program.
- Heath Nurse monthly report.
- Disasters and Town Management – seminar series. Kara will attend on 11/5/12, “Public Information Officer” from 5:30-9:00 p.m. in Turners Falls.
- Email from K&P regarding New Alcoholic Beverages License for Caterers.
- Email from Ethics Commission Regarding Fundraising by Municipalities.
- MMA Reminder of Friday morning Legislative Breakfast meetings.
- Notice from DCR – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding re: October Snow Storm.
- United Nations Assoc. of Greater Boston asking that Oct. 24 be declared United Nations Day. The Board voted unanimously for Heath to recognize 10/24/12 as United Nations Day. Kara will prepare a formal proclamation for Board to sign at next meeting.
- MMA Municipal Innovation Award Notice.
- Notice from Building Inspector re: 34 Papoose Lake Drive, Heath.
- Cash book summary August, 2012.
- Email from Mike Smith regarding upcoming paving work on 8A. Kara will put up a notice at Sawyer Hall and on website.
- The Board voted unanimously to award the following FY13 Salt/Sand bids:
  - Regular Salt: International Salt @ 63.54
  - Treated Salt: Cargil @ 74.76
  - Sand: Mitchell @ 12.00
  - Safe Roads Liquid (a 40/60 Safemelt product for liquid pretreatment)
- Larry Sampson expressed interest in joining the Heath Cultural Council. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Larry Sampson to the Heath Cultural Council (a 3-year seat).
- FCSWMD Hazardous Waste collection budget – the Board unanimously agreed to cover shortfall with the Escrow account should it be needed.

- Email from Claire Rabbitt requesting approval for Ceceila Sherman to cover for her when she's on vacation and that she be paid from Town Nurse account at the same hourly rate. The Board unanimously approved Claire's request.

**Status Update on Ongoing Action Items:** Reviewed and revised.

- Further discussed Highway Laborer salaries and whether to address matter on Special Town Meeting warrant. Kara will research past minutes to find discussion on this topic.
- Charlemont Ambulance Memorandum of Understanding: Kara will bring draft that has been reviewed by Town Counsel to next meeting.

**Other Business:**

**Health Insurance Policy for Retirees:** The Board will make no change at this time. Currently, Heath does not offer post employment benefits.

**Special Town Meeting Warrant:** Board reviewed draft of warrant. They made some changes to Articles 6 & 7 and Article 2. Kara will work with Accountant and Town Clerk as well as add Planning Board articles to next draft to be reviewed at 9/27/12 meeting. Finance Committee will attend. Warrant to be posted by October 9, 2012.

**Use of Town Common and Road Closure:** Board voted unanimously to allow diagonal portion of South Road in Town Center to be closed from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 9/22 for a church dinner. Application for Use of Town Common was completed by church and signed by Board of Selectmen.

**Schafer & Huntley Contract:** Contract reviewed by Town Counsel for services related to assessment of bridge renovations on 8A and Sodaga Road bridges.

**Three-Town Landfill Annual Monitoring:** Tom had a phone discussion on the matter with Dan Hall from Mass. DEP. Mr. Hall understands that the monitoring for 2012 will not be ready for Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. He is also aware that the three towns are in the process of hiring an engineer for the post-closure monitoring program. Kara will send a marked up permit to Mr. Hall and request in a cover letter that the changes be made. Bill Hoyerman from Coler & Colantonio says that after reviewing a five year span of negative results he could propose to the DEP a minor permit modification including lesser frequency of monitoring. After modification requests are approved, an engineer will be hired to conduct the tests and produce a report.

**FCSWMD Escrow:** Further discussed impending closure of escrow program and best options for establishing a revolving account for operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products. It was discussed that if these expenses are paid from the revolving account, they would not need to be appropriated in Article 3. Board needs to decide which expenses to include and table for further discussion and analysis of costs for transfer station.

**Conservation Commission:** The Board voted unanimously to appoint Robert Dane to the Conservation Commission and to accept the resignation of Kara Leistyna, who served temporarily on the Commission until a permanent appointment was made.

**Roadside Mowing:** The Board voted unanimously to appoint Robert Bourke as a Roadside Mower for the Highway Dept. This temporary position will pay \$11.50 per hour.

**Items Signed:**

- Weekly warrants were signed

- Schafer & Huntley contract signed
- Request for Leave
- Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority Agreement for Revolving Loan Program
- Community Hall Policy on Use Update
- Application for Use of Town Common – Heath Union Church

Tom moved to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. Tom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Next meeting scheduled for September 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator