

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
October 28, 2014

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Bill Lattrell, with Brian DeVriese, and Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator present.

Reviewed Agenda: Minutes of 10/21/14 will be reviewed at next scheduled meeting.

Reviewed Minutes: *On a motion by Bill Lattrell and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 10/14/14 Selectmen's meeting as written.*

Town Coordinator Report:

1. *On a motion by Bill Lattrell, and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Sarah Hettlinger to serve as Animal Inspector for Heath in FY15.*
2. Discussed the inclusion of Greenfield Ambulance to EMS Service Zone Plan for Heath. The Board agreed.

Mail/ Email:

1. Email update from Robert Bliss on TAP tax rate setting timeline
2. Meeting announcement from FCSWMD: Stan Rosenberg, Thursday, 11/6 from 9-10:30 a.m.
3. Email from Town Clerk regarding Zoning Bylaws
4. Email from Pantermehl Landscaping regarding mowing landfill (status update and suggestion for use of herbicide). Board will think this suggestion over and get back with Pantermehl.
5. Email from Jessica Colarossi, Environment Massachusetts. They are looking for support for solar energy in MA. The Board would like to sign a formal letter as the Board of Selectmen rather than individually.
6. Update from Claire Rabbitt on North Cemetery Corp. Board will wait to hear from Claire on update.
7. Email from Detectoguard regarding malfunction of medic alert buttons. They have been asked him to test the system.
8. Select Board Roundtable Meeting announcements
9. Invoice from MIIA – need a request from Reserve Fund to pay balance. Balance is 398.50 – this is needed. The invoice for the cruiser has not arrived yet so it may be more. Still awaiting a final number.
10. Letter from Charlemont regarding MTRSD School Committee and Chapter 71 funds
11. Email from Mike Smith and response from Bill Lattrell regarding Beavers
12. Email from Senator Downing regarding MBI next step and meetings
13. Email from Lorena Loubsky regarding returnable collection and PTP interest in collecting from Transfer Station. A container has been ordered.

Other Separate Documents:

14. Town Coordinator Report
15. License Bylaw FYI

Beginning at 7:18 p.m. various people entered meeting (see sign in sheet)

7:30 p.m. Kris Burnes: The Board informed all attendees of the rules of order of meeting and those of Executive Session. Mr. Burnes requested to meet with the Select Board. He was asked the topic of discussion and whether anyone's reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, was going to be discussed tonight. Kris Burnes said, 'yes.' Mr. Burnes shared that his concerns were about Chief Newton. Brian explained that an Executive Session would be necessary and because Mr. Burnes wanted to discuss Margo Newton, Chief, and Margo was present, notice would not be needed. Margo exercised her right to request that the meeting be held in open session. Mr. Burnes was offered 15 minutes to present his public comment. Mr. Burnes read from a list he prepared. Cross talk was not allowed. After 15 minutes, Mr. Burnes was asked to provide a copy of his list for the record, but he refused. The Board told him that in order to process his complaint, they request the information in writing with supporting evidence (e.g. names, dates, etc.). They added that the employee will be provided the information and chance to respond.

7:51 p.m. Mr. Burnes and his guest left the meeting.

Camille Freeman shared that she too has some concerns and the Board requested the same of Ms. Freeman – to put her concerns in writing and deliver to the Board of Selectmen for review.

8:04 p.m. Remaining attendees left the meeting (see sign in sheet)

Other Business:

Update on Feasibility Study: Brian shared that they are still trying to communicate with the State on funding options.

EMS Service Zone Plan/MOUs: Kara will contact Jeff Simmons.

DOR Follow-up & TAP Workplan Status: Sheila will work with Margo Newton and Kara will offer a follow up after contacting Bob Bliss.

FY16 Budget Planning: Board will meet on Nov. 12 and then with Finance Committee jointly on Nov. 18, 2014. Need to formally adopt Strong Chief Bylaw and standard Town bylaws as amended.

Dog Matter: Bill spoke with Ed Grinnell, ACO. Ed felt that the magistrate was fair and offered a chance to rectify situation.

SIGNED:

1. HRA Business Contract – need BOS signature as Procurement Officer
2. EMT Training MOU – Eli Smith
3. Vacation Request
4. Refunding Highway Note – Pay Down renewal \$44,000

On a motion by Bill Lattrell, and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator