

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
Nov. 1, 2016

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Sheila Litchfield with Brian DeVriese, Robyn Provost-Carlson and Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator present.

Reviewed Agenda: No changes.

Minutes: *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of 10/25/16 Select Board meeting as presented.*

Heath Education Initiative Task Force: Deb Porter, Gloria Fisher, and Ken Rocke shared information and feedback regarding their recent meeting with Christine Lynch, Governance and Facilities Program Manager at Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Task Force has no recommendation at this point. The meeting with Ms. Lynch opened a new avenue to explore. DESE supports solutions that do not necessitate leaving the District. They seem flexible in trying to find a solution however. District to District tuition is possibility and would require some negotiation and possibly special legislation and approval. Chap. 70 aid would follow student in a similar manner with that of Charter students. Heath needs a give and take solution if closure is the choice. District to District tuition option may be a stepping stone to full regionalization. Timing is challenging – perhaps 1-3 years. Any amendment to regional agreement requires approval of school committee and town meeting; member towns. Many pieces must fall into place – need to lay out parameters for negotiations. The physical building will require a separate committee to begin working on transition. The district would need to maintain/support it until new use in place and no longer used as a school. Discussed declining enrollment throughout district and choice options. There is a lot to think about and implement including planning, negotiations, cost analysis, legal frameworks, communication with families and staff, etc. If District to District tuition arrangement is strong possibility, need to start on it right away. The Board thanked the Task Force members for all their hard work.

7:50 p.m. Ken Rocke left meeting and the remaining members left at 8:06 p.m.

Mail/Email and Town Coordinator Report:

1. Email from Martha Thurber re: MTRSD Negotiations
2. Letter from MTRSD regarding same
3. Excess & Deficiency MTRSD
4. Email from Todd Corcoran – update on MBI Readiness process
5. Email from Ken Gilbert clarifying grant funding
6. Email from Tracey Baronas re: upcoming change to MA General Laws Ch. 41, sect. 56
7. Correspondence re: Fire Rescue Truck.
8. Email from Jan Ameen following up on question re permits. No, she did not send the paperwork but will soon.
9. Email from Sheila re: Police Chief transition. Margo will need to review job description to begin a review of classification and salary.
10. Classification Hearing: Nov. 16, 8:30 am Sawyer Hall (posted in Recorder 1x on Nov. 1)
11. Email thread from David Travers re: Safety Complex

Other Separate Documents for review and/or signatures:

12. Board of Health Tick Testing contract.
13. Letter to Karen Brooks DRAFT
14. Chap. 90 Reimbursement Request x2
15. 2016 Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant Program paperwork (IN BLUE). *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to accept \$11,939 from 2016 Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant Program.* Signed documents.

Other Business:

1. Sheila offered a summary of the recent Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) training/drill/clinic.
2. All Boards Meeting: Discussed and planned agenda.
3. Agricultural Commission: No use of All Call E911/CodeRed system for survey but may use bulletin board, Heath Herald, kiosk, etc.
4. Community Hall Repair to fire escape stairs: Will use special project funding as well as maintenance and utilities account.
5. *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Richard Sumner on an as needed basis for substitute transfer station attendant; Brian Drummey to serve as Temporary Winter Help; Noy Holland and Craig Gerry to serve on Energy Advisory Committee.*

Next meeting scheduled for Nov. 15, 2016 at 7 p.m.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kara Leistyna
Town Coordinator**