

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 9, 2010

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Tom Lively. Brian DeVriese and Sheila Litchfield were in attendance. Present from the Finance Committee: Don Freeman, Ned Wolf, Jan Carr and Dave Gott arrived at 7:09p.m.. Also on hand were Dave Howland and Jenna Day.

The agenda was reviewed and then approved by the Selectboard.

With the Finance Committee present, the Selectboard reviewed a memo from Dave Howland regarding the proposed purchase of the McCloud property. Dave had attended a three town landfill meeting in Charlemont on November 8, 2010 and wanted to make recommendations to the Selectboard regarding the proposed warrant language as it related to clean-up of the property. He questioned how the Selectboard proposed to pay for the intended purchase of the property. He also had suggestions for changes to other documents reviewed at the three town landfill meeting and expressed his opinion that Heath pursue no involvement after the sale of the property.

The Selectboard and the Finance Committee discussed potential financing options and inquired to the current balances in free cash, stabilization and the dump closing account. Ned Wolf represented the issues raised in his email of 11/7/10 regarding debt exclusion calculations. The joint committees discussed potential projects that could be affected by this use of funds.

Dave Howland asked if there is data available to present at Special Town Meeting about the correlation between the well water and the landfill contamination.

The Finance Committee will meet and report their recommendation to the Selectboard on how to finance the proposed purchase and their opinion on future revenue sharing from the property.

7:45 p.m. Anne Pacino and Becky Allen of the School Committee arrived as did Jeff Simmons of the Finance Committee and all Finance Committee members left as did Dave Howland.

Becky Allen reported on the October school committee meeting discussion of the school use policy. She reported that the superintendent wants to revise the policy and will reveal a proposal at the November meeting. The Selectboard would like to see the new proposal and then comment to the policy subcommittee. The group discussed the current fee structure.

Becky and Anne reported on their subcommittee involvement. Becky attends the Education Collaborative and the policy meetings and Anne is on the building and the transportation subcommittees. Recent issues included revising policy on children not met at bus stops.

The mail was reviewed including: Kopelman & Paige advisement on changes to laws regarding personnel file reviews by employees; Board of Health copy of letter to the FRCOG regarding Health Agent; Letter from Rollo Kinsman regarding trees on Colrain Stage Road including a photo; a reminder from Eileen Tougas that the lighting at the Community Hall is insufficient.

The Selectboard reviewed a memo on Spring cleaning.

The town coordinator is to begin work on the warrant for Special Town Meeting and send to town counsel.

The Town Coordinator is to ask the Accountant for an explanation of the Read/Carpenter Expendable Trust and if money can be spent from this account to purchase a perpetual plaque for Heath Elementary School.

Brian made a motion to enter into a contract with the state Department of Environmental Protection to purchase recycled materials with grant money provided by them. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried and Tom signed the contracts.

Warrants were signed.

Brian moved to adjourn. Sheila seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Day, Town Coordinator