

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
December 15, 2015

Called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Bill Lattrell, with Brian DeVriese, Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator present. Also present: Mike Shattuck, and Chris Lynch.

Reviewed Agenda: Added to Other Business: Summary of MBI meeting held in Greenfield, MA.

7:05 p.m. Sheila Litchfield, Leo Sullivan, and Brian Murphy entered meeting.

Highway Update: Mike Shattuck made an assessment of Judd Road and request for guardrails. He offered pricing to the Board and discussed installation. On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the project of installation of sections of guardrails where needed on Judd Road.

Mike confirmed that Royer Road, according to the Heath Bylaws, extends 1.12 miles from Dell Road to South Road. Because a new resident is building, the highway crew will plow just past property line. Next summer, they will work to create a turn around and assess drainage needs.

Discussed need for tree removal on Royer Road.

Discussed federal grant opportunity. Mike is discussing possible grant with Peter Frieri at MassDOT. Mr. Frieri will help to determine if a grant is feasible for work on Avery Brook Road – a four year process.

7:21 p.m. Mike Shattuck left the meeting. Ken Rocke entered shortly after, as well as Bernie Kubiak.

Chris Lynch: Mr. Lynch is the Director in Business Development of the New England Division of Matrix Design Group, a full service telecommunications design firm. He stopped in tonight because he's interested in the status of the broadband build-out. Matrix designed and built the final design for Leverett, MA. They also worked on the VTA (Vermont Telecommunications Authority) regional build-out and other projects. Discussed the current MBI/WiredWest project. Mr. Lynch offered his card for future contact.

7:35 p.m. Chris Lynch left the meeting.

Colonial Power: Mr. Murphy and Mr. Sullivan offered a background on status of aggregation initiated by HCOG. They continue to petition for municipal aggregation despite DPU's denial of the original application. Questions were asked and answered, specifically what went poorly and what has changed. Colonial Power offers consultants who do municipal aggregation work. They hope to accelerate the process for approval; hopeful by first quarter of next year. Discussed rates and opt out option for residents. All residents would automatically be signed into the program but given the opportunity to opt out. Discussed green power options, and the public education portion of the application process. Colonial Power, if chosen, would be the supplier of power and listed on the National Grid bill as a line item. They do not compete with the Grid. Discussed documents needed for application and the process. Both gentlemen were thanked for their visit. They offered to return to Heath if needed and left their paperwork for review.

8:08 p.m. Brian Murphy and Leo Sullivan left the meeting.

Bernie Kubiak, a consultant for HCOG stayed on for a bit. He offered a hand-out for Energy Management Services offered through HCOG. Discussed Green Communities Initiative and building code.

8:15 p.m. Bernie Kubiak left the meeting.

Ken Roche, School Committee: Ken just recently received an email from the MTRSD Superintendent regarding the FY17 budget proposals. One proposal is to re-configure the Heath School grades to be only PK-K, and grades 1-6 to attend school in Colrain. This proposal estimates a savings of \$300-\$350k. Proposals for the FY17 budget will be discussed at the Budget Sub-Committee meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m. Discussed concerns about timing/tactics, and potential impact on Heath School. Discussed options and strong desire to be a part of the discussion and decision-making. An email shall be sent out tonight notifying Heath residents of the meeting and how this proposal could drastically affect the way Heath School operates.

9:00 p.m. Ken Roche left meeting.

Minutes: *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Select Board meeting as amended.*

Mail/ Email:

1. Various emails related to WiredWest/MBI
2. Email from Solect offering solar solutions for Heath Town Buildings
3. Email from Dave Howland – Suggestions. Kara will relay message to Mike Shattuck.
4. Email reminder of School Comm. meeting 12/16 and that the State of the District Address is on the MTRSD website
5. Letter from School Committee re: Lease renewal.
6. Email reminder of CPHS Oversight Budget Meeting 12/17.
7. Flyer meeting notice USDA Rural Development Programs and Your Town, 12/16
8. Tax Recap forms
9. Cash Book Summary November, 2015
10. Emails re: Landfill
11. Email from Michelle Reid and Bernie Kubiak re: Community Compact/Energy
12. Town Coordinator Report

Other Separate Documents:

13. Various Colonial Power documents for discussion

Other Business:

1. Heath School Lease Agreement between Town of Heath and MTRSD: ***On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the School Committee's request to extend the Lease, as written, for an additional 10-year period.***
2. Update Municipal Safety/Highway Building Project including grant: Kara will get a total for the amount of funds to request that Kris Nartowicz borrow for the Safety Complex project including PR fee, land purchase, RFP, etc. Also, Brian DeVriese and Bob Viarengo met with Rayn Chamberland, the Governor's Western MA District representative. They discussed the project and the termination of the grant. Mr. Chamberland was sympathetic and said he understood the situation. He asked for more information on what transpired from January to termination; a copy of grant, and a copy of the rescission letter.

SIGNED:

1. Bill Schedule for two invoices re: Municipal Safety Complex
2. Letter to Residents re: Emergency Numbers. Information will be added instructing residents on how to get a number assigned to property.
3. Estimate for Fire Dept. ceiling from Jerry Ferguson. ***On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to accept a bid from Jerry Ferguson to***

complete work on Fire Dept. Garage ceiling in the amount of \$2,828.46 to be paid from 03-5-220-040 Fire Dept. Sheetrock Special Project funds.

4. MCOA Direct Grant Agreement for Live Your Life Well 1-Day event
5. CDBG Addendums (2) . *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign both addendums.*

Next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2016 at 7 p.m.

On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Bill Lattrell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Leistyna
Town Coordinator