

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
August 1, 2011

Called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Tom Lively with Sheila Litchfield and Brian DeVriese present. Also present Town Coordinator Kara Leistyna, Mike Smith, Jeff Simmons, Al Canali, Don Freeman, Jan Carr.

The Select Board, with the Finance Committee, discussed the STM warrant. Several issues need to be addressed including the roof repair for Mohawk District; Community Hall electrical project; salaries for BOH and Assessors' Clerk; Truck and Equipment for Highway Dept. – bid overage. Would like to postpone STM. Discussed truck/equipment bids and the possibility of rebidding. Mike Smith not sure a better price will come of re-bidding. Postponing STM will allow more time to discuss issues with school project cost which will be incurred by each Town and added to assessment. Jeff Simmons calculated an estimated \$87,000 into FY13 budget to get an idea of how it would look. Don Freeman stated that the Finance Comm., with some reservations, could cover salaries from reserve fund with the assumption that they will be reimbursed at a later date. In sum, will need for STM a price for Truck/ Equipment; cost for MRSD roof; additional cost for lighting at Comm. Hall; Finance Committee action on salaries/ transfer and numbers from Accountant.

Mike will ask bidders for truck/equipment to hold their prices. Discussion on truck/ equipment options.

Wired West: Al Canali presented documents for signing for WiredWest Cooperative. They will meet August 13th to form the official WiredWest Cooperative. Their attorney reviewed documents and feels that it's important to have procedure done correctly to prevent a lengthy delay should it be challenged by Verizon or Comcast. The Board went through the list and signed all relevant documents.

A motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the creation of a Municipal Light Plant (MLP) as a department of the Town of Heath that reports to the Select Board.

A motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to designate Al Canali as manager of the town MLP department.

A motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to join the WiredWest Communications Cooperative.

A motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to designate Al Canali, MLP Manager, as its Delegate to WiredWest.

A motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to designate Art Schwenger as Alternate Delegate to WiredWest.

A motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Manager to execute documents necessary to effectuate the votes, and ratify and confirm any previous actions taken by the Manager that is consistent with the purpose of these votes, with the oversight of the Board of Selectmen.

Kara will have votes certified by Town Clerk, make copies and mail packet to WiredWest.

Al Canali left the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Wing Plow Bid Approval: Mike Smith presented bids for Wing Plow. Lowest bid, HP Fairfield, came in at \$12,482.00.

A motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to award Wing Plow contract to low bidder, HP Fairfield in the amount of \$12,482.00.

A motion by Sheila Litchfield, and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to allow the Town Truck to be used on August 6, 2011 and at the Heath Agricultural Fair on August 19, 20, 21 for trash removal purposes.

The Board authorized Kara to review bids for copier and make the best decision within the budgeted amount.

Next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Sawyer Hall.

A motion by Sheila Litchfield, and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator