

TOWN OF HEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Franklin, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Heath in the County of Franklin, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet for the purpose of electing officials, by ballot, **the polls will be opened at twelve o'clock in the afternoon and may be closed at seven o'clock in the evening at Community Hall, 1 West Main Street, Heath, on Friday, the sixth day of May, 2016.**

TOWN OFFICIALS BALLOT

SELECTMAN	3 YEARS
MODERATOR	1 YEAR
ASSESSOR	3 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER	5 YEARS
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER	3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER	3 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS
CONSTABLE	1 YEAR
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And you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to meet for the purpose of Annual Town Meeting at the **Heath Elementary School, 18 Jacobs Road, Heath, on Saturday, the Seventh day of May next, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:**

Article 1: To hear the reports of the Town Officers and to act thereon.

Article 2: To choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums in accordance with the proposed budget to defray the operating expenses of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$795,523.00** for payment of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Operating Assessment, or take any action related thereto.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,027.00** for payment of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Capital Assessment, or take any other action related thereto.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT effective July 1, 2016 by striking the following language contained in Section XIV(B),

(B) Procedure

Any proposal for amendment, except a proposal for amendment providing for the withdrawal of a member town (which shall be acted upon as provided in Section XVI), may be initiated by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Committee or by a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of any one of the member towns. In the latter case, said petition shall contain at the end thereof a certification by the town clerk of such member town as to the number of registered voters in said town according to the most recent voting list and the number of signatures on the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters of said town and said petition shall be presented to the secretary of the Committee. In either case, the secretary of the Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the board of selectmen of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signature in the case of a proposal by petition). The selectmen of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual or a special town meeting called for the purpose, an article stating the proposal or the substance thereof. Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid.

and replacing said language with the following:

(B) Procedure

Any proposal for amendment of this Agreement, except a proposal for amendment providing for the withdrawal of a member town (which shall be acted upon as provided in Section XV), may be initiated by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Committee or by a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of any one of the member towns. In the latter case, said petition shall contain at the end thereof a certification by the town clerk of such member town as to the number of registered voters in said town according to the most recent voting list and the number of signatures on the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters of said town and said petition shall be presented to the secretary of the Committee. In either case, the secretary of the Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the board of selectmen of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signature in the case of a proposal by petition). The selectmen of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual or a special town meeting called for the purpose, an article stating the proposal or the substance thereof. Except as provided below in paragraph (C) of this Section, such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting.

(C) Approval of an Amendment Requiring the Closure of a District School

Any amendment the impact of which would be the required closure of a District school, whether initiated by a member town or by the Committee, will take effect only upon its acceptance by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the member towns provided that the town(s) whose students are principally served by the District school to be closed must have voted to accept the amendment, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting. Further, any amendment to this paragraph (C) will take effect only upon its acceptance by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by Mohawk Trail Regional School District School Committee

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee

Not Recommended by the Heath School Committee Members

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the addition of the Town of Rowe as a 7-12 member of the District effective July 1, 2017 by making the following amendments to the Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement,

Strike the following language in the Preamble:

The agreement entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, and as supplemented by Chapter 371 of the Acts of 1993, among the Towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, and Shelburne, hereinafter sometimes referred to as member towns, is hereby further amended in its entirety to read as hereinafter set forth.

and replace said language with the following:

The Agreement entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, and as supplemented by Chapter 371 of the Acts of 1993, among the Towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Shelburne, and Rowe (hereinafter sometimes referred to as member towns, is hereby further amended in its entirety to read as hereinafter set forth.

Strike the following language in Section I(A):

The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional district school committee, hereafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of sixteen (16) elected members, two (2) from each town. A member appointed by the Rowe School Committee would serve as a non-voting member of the Committee as described in Section IX (G) of this Agreement. Members shall serve until their respective successor members are elected and qualified.

and replace said language with the following:

The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional district school committee, hereafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of eighteen (18) elected members, two (2) from each town. Members shall serve until their respective successor members are elected and qualified.

Strike the following language in Section I(B):

At the annual town elections in 1994, in addition to any term of office of an elected member whose term is expired, the following shall also be elected: the Town of Hawley shall elect one member for a three-year term, and one member for two-year term; the Town of Heath shall elect one member for a three-year term and one member for a one-year term; the Town of Plainfield shall elect one member for a two-year term and one member for a one-year term.

2004 Election Year – Terms of all currently elected committee members with the exception of Heath, Hawley and Plainfield, will expire as of the annual town elections in 2004. At the 2004 annual town elections two school committee members will be elected from the Towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, and Shelburne. The school committee member who receives the largest number of votes from his/her town will serve a term of three years. The school committee member who receives the second largest number of votes will serve a term of two years.

Thereafter, in every year in which the term of office of an elected member expires, each member town involved shall, at its annual town election, select one member to serve on the Committee for a term of three years.

and replace said language with the following:

In every year in which the term of office of an elected member expires, each member town involved shall, at its annual town election, select one member to serve on the Committee for a term of three years.

At the 2017 annual town elections in the Town of Rowe, two school committee members will be elected. The school committee member who receives the largest number of votes will serve a term of three years, and the school committee member who receives the second largest number of votes will serve a term of two years. Upon the expiration of the initial term of office, each member shall serve on the Committee for a term of three years as stated above.

Each elected member commencing with the organization of the Committee following the 2004 town elections, shall have a weighted vote to be determined by the member town's population as it relates to the total population of all member towns divided by the number of representatives to the Committee from said member town. Each weighted vote shall be determined to the nearest one-tenth and be adjusted every ten (10) years using the population figures as reported in the most recent federal decennial census.

Strike the following language in Section I(F):

The District shall have one Committee composed of representatives from each member town as set forth above. Members of the Committee from the Towns of Hawley and Charlemont will not vote on any matters that the Committee determines to concern the operation of grades kindergarten through six, exclusively.

and replace said language with the following:

The District shall have one Committee composed of representatives from each member town as set forth above. Members of the Committee from the Towns of Hawley, Charlemont, and Rowe will not vote on any matters that the Committee determines to concern the operation of grades kindergarten through six, exclusively.

Strike the following language in Section I(G):

The initial weighted votes of the Committee members established in 1994 from each member town are as follows:

<u>Member Towns</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Weighted Vote of each Member</u>
Ashfield	3	5.6%
Buckland	3	6.3%
Charlemont	3	4.1%
Colrain	3	5.7%
Hawley	2	1.5%
Heath	2	3.5%
Plainfield	2	2.8%
Shelburne	3	6.5%

The weighted votes of the Committee have been adjusted using the population figures as reported in the most recent federal decennial census and are as follows:

Member Towns	Number of Members	Weighted vote of each Member
Ashfield	3	5.7%
Buckland	3	6.3%
Charlemont	3	4.3%
Colrain	3	5.7%
Hawley	2	1.5%
Heath	2	3.5%
Plainfield	2	2.5%
Shelburne	3	6.3%

The above weighted votes of the Committee members shall remain in effect until the new school committee of sixteen (16) members is reconstituted after the 2004 town election for school committee members consistent with Section I, Paragraphs A and B of the District Agreement. After the reconstitution of the committee in 2004 the weighted votes of the Committee members from each town shall be as follows:

Member Towns	Number of Members	Weighted vote of each Member
Ashfield	2	8.5%
Buckland	2	9.5%
Charlemont	2	6.5%
Colrain	2	8.5%
Hawley	2	1.5%
Heath	2	3.5%
Plainfield	2	2.5%
Shelburne	2	9.5%

and replace said language with the following:

The weighted votes of the Committee members from each town shall be as follows:

Member Towns	Number of Members	Weighted vote of each Member
Ashfield	2	8.5%
Buckland	2	9.4%
Charlemont	2	6.2%
Colrain	2	8.2%
Hawley	2	1.7%
Heath	2	3.5%
Plainfield	2	3.2%
Shelburne	2	9.3%

The above weighted votes of the Committee members shall remain in effect until the new school committee of eighteen (18) members is reconstituted after the Town of Rowe becomes a 7-12 member of the District. After the reconstitution of the Committee, the weighted votes of the Committee members from each town shall be as follows until the next federal decennial census as provided above.

<u>Member Towns</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Weighted vote of each Member</u>
Ashfield	2	8.2%
Buckland	2	9.0%
Charlemont	2	6.0%
Colrain	2	7.9%
Hawley	2	1.6%
Heath	2	3.3%
Plainfield	2	3.1%
Rowe	2	1.9%
Shelburne	2	9.0%

Strike the following language in Section III(A):

Residents of the member towns and all residents of the Town of Rowe in grades seven through twelve will be eligible to attend school at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School, located on Route 112 in Buckland, Massachusetts.

and replace said language with the following:

Residents of the member towns will be eligible to attend school at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School, located on Route 112 in Buckland, Massachusetts.

Strike the following language in Section III(F):

The Committee shall accept for enrollment in the District High School, pupils from the Town of Rowe on a tuition basis and upon such terms as are set forth in Section IX of this Agreement. The Committee may accept for enrollment in the regional district schools pupils from towns other than the member towns and the Town of Rowe on a tuition basis and upon such terms as it may determine. In either case, income received by the District from tuition pupils shall be deducted from the total operating costs in the next annual budget to be prepared after the receipt thereof, prior to apportionment under Section IV of this Agreement to the member towns.

and replace said language with the following:

The Committee may accept for enrollment in the regional district schools pupils from towns on a tuition basis and upon such terms as it may determine. In either case, income received by the District from tuition pupils shall be deducted from the total operating costs in the next annual budget to be prepared after the receipt thereof, prior to apportionment under Section IV of this Agreement to the member towns.

Strike the following language in Section IV(H):

Third: The Committee shall apportion costs of grades seven through twelve, inclusive, to the Towns of Hawley and Charlemont in direct proportion to each town's five-year average share of student enrollment in grades seven through twelve, inclusive.

Fourth: The total budget, less the shares allocated to the Towns of Hawley and Charlemont, shall be apportioned among the district's six remaining member towns on the basis of each member town's five-year average student enrollment share. For purposes of this calculation, average enrollment share, for each of the K-12 Member Towns shall be based on its five year average proportionate share of total student enrollment in the district schools.

and replace said language with the following:

Third: The Committee shall apportion costs of grades seven through twelve, inclusive, to the Towns of Hawley, Charlemont, and Rowe in direct proportion to each town’s five-year average share of student enrollment in grades seven through twelve, inclusive.

Fourth: The total budget, less the shares allocated to the Towns of Hawley, Charlemont, and Rowe shall be apportioned among the district’s six remaining member towns on the basis of each member town’s five-year average student enrollment share. For purposes of this calculation, average enrollment share, for each of the K-12 Member Towns shall be based on its five year average proportionate share of total student enrollment in the district schools (note: pre-K enrollment will be included in the calculation beginning in FY18 and will include the data from October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016).

Strike the following language in Section VI(C):

For purposes of voting on the annual budget by the member towns, the approval of the District’s annual budget by the town meetings of each K-12 Member Town shall constitute two “units” towards approval or disapproval of the annual district budget, while Hawley and Charlemont shall have one “unit” each, with a total of ten units needed to approve the annual budget.

and replace said language with the following:

(D) Vote on the Annual Budget

For purposes of voting on the annual budget by the member towns, the approval of the District’s annual budget by the town meetings of each K-12 Member Town shall constitute two “units” towards approval or disapproval of the annual district budget, while 7-12 member towns shall have one “unit” each, with a total of ten units needed to approve the annual budget.

Strike the entirety of Section IX as follows, and renumber the remaining Sections:

SECTION IX

EDUCATION OF PUPILS FROM THE TOWN OF ROWE

(A) Special Education Pupils from the Town of Rowe

The Committee shall provide for the education of all pupils from the Town of Rowe in grades seven through twelve who are entitled to attend the District High School irrespective of the specific and particular educational needs of any pupil from said Town of Rowe, and irrespective of whether such education for any pupil from said Town of Rowe is provided at the District High School or at any other school as may be approved by said Committee.

(B) Transportation of Pupils from the Town of Rowe

The Committee shall provide for the transportation of pupils from the Town of Rowe who are entitled to attend the District High School, to and from said District High School to the extent that such transportation is provided for pupils from member towns who are entitled to attend said District High School. The Committee shall provided for the transportation of pupils from the Town of Rowe who are entitled to attend the District High School, to and from any other school as may be approved by said Committee to the extent that such transportation is provided for pupils from member towns who are entitled to attend said District High School, to and from any other school as may be approved by said Committee.

The Town of Rowe shall bear the cost of transportation for elementary pupils attending the Rowe elementary school.

(C) Tuition Basis for Pupils Grades 7-12 from the Town of Rowe

The cost of tuition to the District High School for each pupil in grades seven through twelve who attends the District High School or any other school as may be approved by the Committee, and who resides in the Town of Rowe shall be paid by said Town of Rowe to the District during the fiscal year when each such pupil is actually in attendance. The basis of the cost of tuition to the District High School or any other school as may be approved by said Committee for each fiscal year shall be established as follows: The total Maintenance and Operating Budget for said District High School as defined in Subsection VI(D) of this Agreement, for that fiscal year, reduced by the anticipated amounts of receipts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be used by the Committee to defray such budgeted maintenance and operating charges for that fiscal year, and further reduced by the anticipated amounts of surplus revenue from the District treasury to be used by the Committee to defray such budgeted maintenance and operating charges for that fiscal year, and further reduced by the amounts received from towns paying tuition to the district, consistent with the terms of Subsection III(F) of this Agreement; the balance (viz. the net operating and maintenance budget for said fiscal year) to be divided by the total enrollment of pupils in the District High School from member towns as of October 1 of the previous fiscal year and the resulting balance further divided by one and one-tenth (1.1); the final balance to equal the cost of tuition for one pupil for one complete school year.

(D) Reduction of the Cost of Tuition for Pupils Resident in the Town of Rowe

In the event the Committee reduces the net operating and maintenance costs assessed to the member towns for any fiscal year, by reduction of the Operating and Maintenance Budget for said fiscal year or by the application of additional amounts of revenue, irrespective of the source thereof, to reduce the net operating and maintenance costs assessed to said member towns for that fiscal year, the cost of tuition to the Town of Rowe for the education of its pupils during said fiscal year shall be likewise reduced in accordance with the provisions of Subsection IX(D).

(E) Schedule of Payment of Tuition Costs by the Town of Rowe

The Town of Rowe shall pay for the tuition of its pupils to the District High School, or any other school as may be approved by the Committee, such amounts as are in accordance with the provisions of Subsection IX (D), and shall make such payments twice each fiscal year at the following time: 1) not later than January 31 of each fiscal year; 2) not later than June 30 of each fiscal year.

(F) Payment of Capital Costs by the Town of Rowe

The Town of Rowe shall have the opportunity to pay a portion of capital costs as defined in Subsection IV (B) for capital projects at District High School. The Committee shall negotiate the rate of a voluntary contribution with the Rowe School Committee at the time of each capital project.

(G) Representation on the Committee

The School Committee of the Town of Rowe may appoint one of its members to represent the Town of Rowe at meetings of the Committee. The Committee shall allow such representative all powers of discussion, debate and deliberation including, but not limited to, participation in such meetings of the Committee while in executive session, but such representative shall not have the power to vote on any matter which comes before the Committee.

(H) Administrative Support Services for Rowe Pupils Grade K-6

The Town of Rowe shall have the opportunity to utilize the services of the Superintendent of Schools and central administration, and Director of Pupil Services who also directs special education, for administration of the Rowe Elementary School and bear the costs thereof.

(I) Distribution of Assets in the Event of Dissolution of the District

In the event of the dissolution of the District, its assets shall be distributed to the member towns and the Town of Rowe on the basis of each town's respective aggregate payment of capital cost to the District.

Add the following to Section XIV as a new subsection (C):

(C) Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Any amendment to the Agreement must be approved by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Add the following to Section XV:

Pursuant to 603 CMR 41.03(2), all approvals, including but not limited to approval by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, must be in place prior to December 31 for the agreement to be effective on the following July 1.

Add the following to the last paragraph of Section XVI(A):

Pursuant to 603 CMR 41.03(2), all approvals, including but not limited to approval by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, must be in place prior to December 31 for the agreement to be effective on the following July 1, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by Mohawk Trail Regional School District School Committee

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement, to be effective July 1, 2016, as available for inspection during the regular business hours of the Heath Town Hall, Sawyer Hall, 1 East Main Street, Heath, MA, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by Mohawk Trail Regional School District School Committee

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$108,142.00** for payment of the Franklin County Technical School Operating Assessment, or take any action related thereto.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$733.51** from the Revolving Fund for Animal Control Officer for the use of the Heath Free Public Library, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize all Town departments, boards, and committees to apply for any new state or federal grants with prior permission from the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such grant awards providing no matching funds or other costs are required by the Town, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 90 to be expended for roadway improvements and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with Massachusetts Highway Department for such purposes, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$50,000.00** from Free Cash to reduce taxes in Fiscal Year 2017, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 14: To see if the town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to **authorize the establishment of revolving funds for certain town departments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 with specific receipts credited to each fund, the purposes for which each fund may be spent and the maximum that may be spent from each fund for the fiscal year as follows, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee

<u>Revolving Fund Title</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY17 Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY16 Fund Balance</u>
Hearings Revolving Fund	Conservation Comm., Planning Board, ZBA, or BOS	Application Fees for Hearings	Costs associated with hearings	\$1,000	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2017
Animal Control Revolving Fund	Animal Control Officer, Town Clerk, or BOS	Receipts and Fines in connection with animal control	Animal Control Costs and Expenses	\$2,000	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2017
Board of Health Revolving Fund	Board of Health, or BOS	BOH inspections and permits	Costs associated with inspections and to aid clean-up	\$5,000	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2017
Council on Aging Meals Revolving Fund	Council on Aging Chair, or BOS	Receipts from donations, or Sr. Meals	Costs associated with preparation of Sr. Meals	\$3,000	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2017
BOH Vaccine Program Revolving Fund	BOH, or BOS	Receipts from Vaccine Billing Program	Vaccine services, and expenditures	\$3,500	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2017
Recycling Program Revolving Fund	Board of Selectmen	Receipts related to the Town's recycling Program	Operation of Town's solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of FC Solid Waste Mgmt. District	\$10,000	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2017
Senior Center Revolving Fund	Board of Selectmen or Senior Center Coordinator	Receipts received from donations or generated by Senior Center activities	Costs associated with normal operations of the Senior Center	\$1,000	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2017

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of **\$4,000.00**, to be deposited in the Audit Stabilization Account, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee

Two-thirds majority vote required for passage

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of **\$5,000.00**, to be deposited in the Large Equipment/Vehicle Replacement Stabilization Account, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Two-thirds majority vote required for passage

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Assessor Property Tax Mapping Stabilization Account, the purpose of which is to save funds for the implementation of GIS (geographic information system) to facilitate assessment administration in accordance with MassGIS parcel mapping standards; and further, to transfer from General Stabilization, the sum of **\$30,000.00**, to be deposited in the Assessor Property Tax Mapping Stabilization account, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Two-thirds majority vote required for passage

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to approve Alice Wozniak to continue to serve as a member of the Board of Assessors while applications are being considered for the position of assistant assessor, and further, to allow appointment of same person, upon her resignation from her elected position, to the position of assistant assessor if so decided by the Board of Assessors, in accordance with MGL c. 268A, s. 21A, and upon the acknowledgment that this same member will not participate at any time in the process to fill this position, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Not within the purview of the Finance Committee

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$2,233.11** from Overlay Surplus to the Foot Care Clinic account, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Finance Committee

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken on Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting held on April 5, 2016 which authorized the Town “to transfer \$4,000.00 from Veteran’s Benefit account; and \$46,000.00 from Free Cash, for a total of **\$50,000.00** to the Tropical Storm Irene Expense account,” or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept and approve the following resolution regarding the critical need for immediate action on wired broadband service, as written below,

Whereas the Town’s Community Anchor Institutions have NOT been provided broadband service as promised by the Middle Mile campaign; and

Whereas the State’s westward expansion of broadband service to our rural towns of is a matter of equal rights and fair representation as guaranteed by the Massachusetts Bill of Rights; and

Whereas broadband service is THE lifeline to our economic survival; and

Whereas our population is aging and declining; and

Whereas our students' education is compromised in under-enrolled schools and thwarted by their inability to perform required online assignments; and

Whereas our residents are unable to utilize digital internet health care; and

Whereas broadband assures the interconnectivity essential to life in the 21st century; and

Whereas The Massachusetts legislature passed and the governor signed Bill H4355, an Act financing information technology equipment and related projects, on June 6, 2014, which authorized \$50 Million to the Massachusetts Broadband Incentive Fund,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we, the Registered Voters of the Town of Heath, call upon the Baker/Polito Administration to commit all necessary resources to ensure the provision of wired broadband service to Heath in its entirety thus meeting the internet needs of all its residents; and

Expediently provide resolution to this most challenging situation by allocating the funds necessary to bring this project to conclusion; and

Instruct the Massachusetts Broadband Institute to work cooperatively with the towns and their agencies, including WiredWest, and to accept input and policy direction from the towns to jointly produce an actionable plan that is acceptable to our town by June 30th, 2016.

Be it further resolved that the Town Clerk be directed to send copies of this resolution to Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, and Secretary Jay Ash, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept and approve the petitioned article to rescind the action taken on Article 36 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 9, 2015, which authorized the Town "to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of Four Million Dollars (**\$4,000,000**) for the construction of a Public Safety Facility, including but not limited to the design and equipping of said facility, and any incidental costs related thereto, for use by the departments of highway, fire, police, and emergency preparedness; and as funding for this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, sec. 7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and further, that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to execute such contracts, apply for grants, and take any action that may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article in the best interest of the Town," or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Not recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 23: To see if there is any other business for discussion to come before the Town Meeting, or take any action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen