

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee  
December 13, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Sawyer Hall

Present: Don Freeman, Jeff Simmons, Jan Carr, Ned Wolf, Betty Nichols by invitation, and Tom Lively by phone conversation

The November 29<sup>th</sup> minutes prepared by Ned Wolf and the December 7<sup>th</sup> minutes prepared by Dave Gott were read and approved with emendations.

There was a discussion of Article 5, the transfer of \$5000 from Free Cash to the Whittemore Spring Restoration Account. According to the December 7<sup>th</sup> Expenditure Report only \$241 is left in the Whittemore Spring Restoration Account. Don said that Jenna had informed him earlier that day of a \$3,979 bill to the Town from TRC. A letter dated November 30<sup>th</sup> from TRC proposes doing \$8000 work on Whittemore Spring, but it does not include the \$3,979. When FinCom members asked Betty Nichols about this matter, she said that the Board of Health did not authorize the work leading to the bill. She said that the Board of Health has had no contact with TRC. Members wondered whether Tom Lively had unwittingly incurred an expensive bill for consulting.

After speaking with Tom on the phone, Don reported that the TRC work was done on short notice and that the BOS thought it was needed to keep the project going. Jeff said that we need more explanation from TRC of three items: their November 30<sup>th</sup> proposal for Whittemore Spring, their November 24<sup>th</sup> letter to the Selectboard, and the December 8<sup>th</sup> invoice. Members thought it unlikely that before the STM people would have time to sort through new information and think whether the work on the Spring is really worth doing. Don moved that the FinCom not recommend Article 5. Ned, a member of the Board of Directors of the Heath Historical Society, abstained from voting. The remaining members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

In discussing Article 6 members expressed concerns that they had seen no plan as to how money would be spent on Community Hall improvements. Moreover, Sheila had said that a room in the Community Hall that was being used by the Town Nurse might become available. There was a consensus that the FinCom pass over Article 6.

Don distributed copies of 'Funding Package for Article 10 as of 12/13/10' for discussion. In light of recent bills from TRC the amount in the Dump Closing Account is \$7,733. There was a consensus to drop \$6,000 from the amount to be used from the Dump Closing Account in hopes that it could be made up from other sources. If not, more borrowing will be necessary. Don made a motion to accept the 12/13/10 funding package for Article 10 with emendations. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Turning to the matter of communication with the BOS, Dave asked where things stand. Don said that every Thursday the BOS agenda has to be posted. Don will check that agenda for items on which the FinCom should focus.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ned Wolf, Secretary

