

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
March 29, 2011

Time: 6:45 pm

Place: Sawyer Hall

Present: Dave Gott, Jeff Simmons, Don Freeman, Jan Carr, Ned Wolf, and visitors Kathy Inman, Gary Singley, Lee Shepherd, Donna Shepherd, and Dave Howland

The visitors raised questions about the effect of a possible 5 to 10 percent decrease in the valuation on the Town's finances. Gary asked whether the replacement schedule for highway department vehicles is being followed. Concerns were expressed about deferred maintenance. More concerns were expressed about cost overruns of a library project. Dave Howland said that information is available to the public on the finances of building the Heath School.

Jeff suggested that there be another appraisal of the Mackie property.

Jan reported receiving information that the first payment on a USDA loan for purchasing the Mackie property would not be until 2013.

There was a discussion of a Request to Transfer \$25 from the Reserve Account to the FRCOG Assessment. This amount is needed to pay last year's bill. Jeff made a motion to approve the transfer. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Jeff expressed concerns over an e-mail message from Don to members of the FinCom about the possible purchase of the Mackie property. He also recommended changes in the way that executive sessions have been reported in the minutes starting with the January 25th meeting. Don made a motion that for each of the meetings where there was an executive session Ned insert in the minutes that it was for purpose #6, Section 21, M.G.L. c. 30A and that he indicate that there were roll call votes to enter and to exit executive session. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Don will prepare a statement concerning his mistaken use of words in referring in the above e-mail to the possible purchase of the Mackie property.

The minutes of the March 22nd meeting were read and approved subject to Ned's finding the correct Highway Department fund into which funds were transferred.

Members approved a motion to adjourn and join the BOS meeting in progress.

Members learned that Don would be evaluating the salary schedule with the BOS.

The FinCom adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf, Secretary

