

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
August 8, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Sawyer Hall

Present: Ned Wolf, Jan Carr, Don Freeman, and Jeff Simmons; Kara Leistyna and the BOS at 7:45 pm

The minutes of the July 26th meeting were read and approved.

Don provided members with the user id and password for the fincom e-mail.

Jeff informed members that the Mohawk Estates association will meet on the first weekend in September.

Members discussed the possible funding for a new truck and the possibility of three simultaneous truck loans approaching. Coupled with the possibility of more abatements such loans raise the possibility of the town's being over the levy limit in FY2013. Mike is reluctant to use Chapter 90 money for a truck. Ned wondered about the relative importance of each future truck to the fleet. There was a consensus that in meeting with the BOS Don would list such concerns as loans, abatements, Mohawk roof repair, and a municipal complex as keeping the FinCom from recommending that tax payers cover a \$44,000 increase in the cost of a truck. The FinCom urges seeking a second hand truck at a cost below \$110,000 or refurbishing the present truck.

The FinCom adjourned to join the BOS meeting in progress at 7:45 pm.

In a discussion of what voters were saying at the June 20th continuation of the ATM Tom said he heard that the Town needs to maintain what it's got especially the roads. That is why he thinks a new truck is needed. Brian and Sheila favored the FinCom approach expressed by Don of looking for a second hand truck or refurbishing the present truck. Sheila said that costs should be obtained for each of those options.

Tom said that he would get in touch with Mike about the proposed new truck. The STM that had been planned for August 15th has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled. An official request for roof repair funds is awaited from the Mohawk School District. Another item on the warrant will be funding the salaries of clerks from the Reserve Fund.

Don made a FinCom motion that funds be transferred back to the Reserve Fund. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jeff made a motion that Don communicate with the Mohawk School District Office to explain the 27% increase in the cost of roof repair. The motion was approved unanimously.

FinCom members said that the issue of Community Hall electrical work should be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf, Secretary