

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee  
February 4, 2014

Time: 7:05 pm

Place: Community Hall, Senior Center

Present: Jeff Simmons, Don Freeman, and Ned Wolf

Members read the minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jeff made a motion seconded by Don to accept the minutes with emendations. The motion passed.

Jeff reported on his meeting with Mike. Jeff said that when he asked Mike whether we are up to date on the Highway Department maintenance, Mike answered yes. Mike said he is using a new steel blade for the bottom edge of one of the plows. This blade is in 1 foot sections. A given section can move independently of the others when it hits a bump.

Members discussed what had been gained from a review of requested invoices on Highway Department maintenance. There was a consensus that members were able to ask Mike more useful questions than would have been possible without the invoices.

The discussion turned to the setting up earmarked stabilization funds. Don noted the possible difficulty of obtaining a two thirds vote to set up the fund as well as to change its purpose. On the other hand members saw a possible advantage in forcing people to plan long range capital expenses through the choice of earmarked stabilization funds.

Finally, members discussed Sheila's preliminary groupings of towns according to different sets of data. Members generally did not favor creating a new group of towns for each issue. Conceivably, a town could match up closely with Heath in most ways but have 85% of its roads paved in contrast to Heath's 50% of roads paved. For issues involving the Highway Department it would not be useful to have those 2 towns in the same group.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ned Wolf, Secretary