

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee  
May 17, 2016

Time: 7:02 pm

Place: Assessors' Office, Sawyer Hall

Present: Ned Wolf, Jeff Simmons, Jan Carr, Gloria Fisher, and Don Freeman (chair); and at 7:30 Kara Leistyna, Sheila Litchfield, Brian DeVriese, Robyn Provost-Carlson, Mike Shattuck, and Jan Ameen

Don made available copies of the following documents:

-Agenda (Don)

-Minutes of 5/3/16 (Ned)

-Transfer Requests 05/16/16 (Tracey)

Members read the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. After some discussion Gloria made a motion seconded by Jan to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention due to absence.

Members looked over the sheet of Transfer Requests from Tracey. The first request is to transfer from the Assessor's Chair Salary Account 01-5-141-000 to the Assessor Member Stipend Account 01-5-141-001 \$166.67. The transfer is needed because during one month there were three members and no chair before the Assessors reorganized and appointed Robyn as chair. Don made a motion seconded by Gloria to approve this transfer. The motion passed unanimously.

The second transfer is request by Mike Shattuck to ensure that there are sufficient funds in the Lawn Mowing Account 01-5-192-006 for two mowings before June 30. After some discussion Don made a motion seconded by Gloria to approve the transfer of \$300 from the Winter Salt/Sand Account 01-5-423-002 to the Lawn Mowing Account. The motion passed with 4 ayes and Jeff Simmons voting nay.

Finally, members considered the three transfers requested into a new fund named 'Fire Vehicle Repair' 01-5-220-XXX set up following the mechanical breakdown of fire truck #3. The requests are that \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund, \$3,000 from the Winter Salt/Sand Fund, and \$1,090 from the Fire Department Supplies and Training Fund be transferred into the Fire Vehicle Repair Fund. Jan made a motion seconded by Gloria that these transfers be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The 5 members signed the Transfer Request form for transferring \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Fire Vehicle Repair Fund.

In discussing new officers Don and Ned expressed a willingness to continue as chair and secretary respectively. Jan made a motion seconded by Gloria that Don continue as chair and Ned as secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:28 Gloria made a motion seconded by Don that the Finance Committee join the Selectboard meeting in progress and then adjourn when its business with the Selectboard is finished. The motion passed unanimously.

Don reported our votes to the Selectboard.

Sheila welcomed Jan Ameen, Executive Director of the Franklin County Solid Waste District. She said that the Selectboard has decided that July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017 will be the rollout of pay-per-bag as the replacement for the current system of buying a \$75 sticker for the year. While those sticker payments do not come close to covering the cost of disposing of solid waste, it is anticipated that pay-per-bag with a cost per bag of somewhere between \$1.50 and \$2.00 would come much closer. Jan encouraged us to proceed with pay-per-bag. She said that in every town that has made the change the disposal costs have gone down, and the amount of recycling has gone up. She made available copies of 'Calendar Year 2015 Recycling Rate' which shows that among the seventeen towns Heath's rate is the lowest and is getting lower. Jan said that in some towns with pay-per-bag the town gives residents X number of bags, and if they need more they have to pay.

Sheila announced that on June 14<sup>th</sup> Bob Dean is scheduled to come to the Selectboard meeting to talk about a shared mechanic. On May 31<sup>st</sup> Joe Markarian is scheduled to come and assist in drafting a Capital Plan.

There is a Special Town Meeting scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>. We might have to vote to let Rowe join the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for grades 7 – 12 if at that time all the other towns have voted to approve. We might need to revisit the financing of the Assessors' software if the grant doesn't come through.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ned Wolf, Secretary