

Minute of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
December 11, 2012

Time: 7:05 pm

Place: Sawyer Hall

Present: Gloria Fisher, Ned Wolf, Jeff Simmons, and Kathy Inman

Absent: Don Freeman

Members read and approved the minutes of the December 4th meeting.

Kara provided members with copies of an exchange of e-mails between Sheila and Alice. Members discussed the process of determining the Tax Rate.

Members noted that the governor's recent comments on an impending cut of 1% in state aid would imply about \$850 less for Heath. There was discussion of the vehicle replacement list.

At 7:55 Ned made a motion to suspend the meeting to move to the Community Hall to join the Selectboard at 8:00. The motion passed unanimously.

Sheila said that the Assessors will be coming to the Selectboard meeting on December 18. She is hopeful that by then the Tax Rate will have been set. Jeff suggested that by attending the Assessors' meeting scheduled for the afternoon of Monday, December 17 we might at least learn what the estimated valuation is for FY14.

Kara will send an e-mail to Alice to begin the process of setting a meeting time for Monday, December 17 that is convenient for as many as possible.

The discussion turned to capital improvements. Sheila said that the Community Hall and Sawyer Hall are on the painting list of the county jail. The floor of Sawyer Hall, one of the special projects for this year, may be done in February. There are bids out for doing one, two, or three of the garage bays. Depending on the bids, one of those bays may be delayed until FY14.

Discussion of possible future projects included the floor of the Community Hall, the furnace and insulation of Sawyer Hall, and a generator for the school. It was suggested that funds be created specifically for maintenance of town buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf, Secretary

