

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee  
December 4, 2012

Time: 7:03 pm

Place: Sawyer Hall and at 8:00 pm the Community Hall

Present: Ned Wolf, Jeff Simmons, Gloria Fisher, and Kathy Inman at 7:30

Absent: Don Freeman

Copies of the following documents were given to members:

- Minutes of the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting (Ned)
- Agenda for December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (Ned)
- Revised budget memo to Department Heads (Kara)
- Report on the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee (Don)
- Options for joining the Heath School, November 11, 2012 (Ann Foshay of Rowe)
- Report on a November 27<sup>th</sup> FRCOG financial management workshop (Ned)

The minutes of the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved.

There was a discussion of the budget memo from the Selectboard and Finance Committee to the Department Heads. Members agreed that the date should be changed from December 20, 2012 to December 5, 2012. There was also agreement that the sentence in paragraph 3 about breaking down general categories like "Expenses" should be deleted. Jeff made a motion that the Finance Committee approves the budget memo with revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

Members read and discussed Don's report on the MTRSD School Committee meeting.

Kathy provided members copies of the vehicle replacement schedule that Mike Smith sent her.

At 7:55 members approved Ned's motion to adjourn and move to Sawyer Hall. The meeting resumed at 8:00 with the Selectboard. Mike Smith reported to the BOS on salary data for Highway Departments in nearby towns. The BOS authorized Mike to try to sell the Dodge pickup.

There was a discussion of the budget memo. In addition to the revisions mentioned above Sheila recommended that the last sentence of paragraph 2 be changed from "Electronic budget requests should be sent to Kara at [bos@townofheath.org](mailto:bos@townofheath.org)" to "All budget requests should be sent to Kara at [bos@townofheath.org](mailto:bos@townofheath.org)". Jeff made a motion that the Finance Committee approves the budget memo with all revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

Sheila will phone Alice to ask about the tax rate.

There was some discussion of the company Verizon's having won an abatement for pole taxes for 2009. Alice has said she will look into its possible effect on the Town's finances.

The meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ned Wolf, Secretary

