

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
February 26, 2013

Time: 7:40 pm

Place: Community Hall, Senior Center

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

The February 19th minutes were read and approved with emendations by those who attended.

Don, Gloria, Kathy, and Ned signed forms for the Request to Transfer that was approved at the February 19th meeting.

Members discussed the Town Clerk's budget request. Last year \$2,600 was approved for the bylaw compiling project. Members wondered how many hours Hilma is devoting to that project. The request for a salary increase amounting to an average of 20 hr/wk at \$20 per hour led members to ask what Hilma's current rate of pay is. The committee has found it difficult to get comparative data on the pay for town clerks in other towns. Gloria said that she will ask Hilma how her hours working as Town Clerk are spent.

Gloria reported on a recent Mohawk Regional School District budget meeting. The operating assessment for Heath is \$23,652 less than last year while the capital assessment is \$6,200 more resulting in a total assessment for Heath that is \$17,452 less than last year. Gloria said that it was suggested that the district schools could save money by consolidating. Members discussed the financial implications for a town whose recently constructed or renovated school is closed.

Don will ask Sheila for a list of Town projects in order that we can assess their relative importance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf, Secretary