

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee  
February 5, 2013

Time: 7:04 pm

Place: Senior Center, Community Hall

Present: Don Freeman, Gloria Fisher, Ned Wolf, Kathy Inman, Jeff Simmons, and at 7:15 Kara Leistyna, Sheila Litchfield, Tom Lively, Brian DeVriese, and at 7:30 Mike Smith

Copies of the following documents were distributed:

Agenda (Don)

Minutes of the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting (Ned)

Draft(7) STM Warrant 2-26-13 on thumb drive (Kara)

The minutes of the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved with emendations.

Members discussed Article 3 of the February 26<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant. This article if approved would transfer \$8,050 from Free Cash to Highway Garage Doors FY13 for the expansion of the third garage bay. Gloria made a motion that the Finance Committee rescinds its vote of January 29<sup>th</sup> on recommending Article 3. The motion passed by unanimous vote. She then made a motion to approve Article 3. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 2.

At 7:15 pm members suspended the meeting to join the Selctboard upstairs. At 7:30 Mike Smith arrived for the Highway Department budget hearing. Members agreed that there would be a review of highway department salaries at the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members asked Mike about the increase in the Machinery Maintenance Supplies Account. He said the increase is due to inflation and a growing reliance on outside service. Regarding Highway Materials, Mike said the account is used to buy gravel for the Town's gravel roads. He said that the Town has never funded blacktop because that comes from Chapter 90 money. Members discussed the benefit of using calcium on gravel roads. Mike will come up with an estimate for the cost of the calcium needed. As for the quantities of sand and salt used so far this winter, Mike said that they are comparable to those of last year. He will come up with an estimate for a new roadside mower. Finally, he will get an estimate on the cost of repairing the grader.

Turning to the Fire Department budget request, Mike noted that the amounts requested for FY14 are the same as those for FY13. He expressed interest in the possibility of forming a regional fire department provided it is done right.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf, Secretary

