

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Heath
Finance Committee
February 5, 2018

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Ned Wolf with Kathy Inman, Jeff Simmons and Jan Carr present.
Absent: Gloria Fisher

Agenda – The agenda was reviewed.

Minutes

Kathy resent minutes 1/23 minutes with Selectboard meeting addition. Jan made motion to approve 1/23 amended minutes which had been amended the week before, Ned seconded. Motion passed. Jeff abstained. Motion made by Kathy to accept 1/30 minutes as amended, Ned seconded. Motion passed. Jeff abstained.

Jeff queried if taking Engine#2 and its water tank out of service effect our ISO rating with regard to home insurance. We are currently at 9.

Schedule of budget hearings

2/13- 7:15 Tax Collector
2/20- 7:15 Accountant
3/6 - 7:15 Highway; 7:45 Treasurer

Stipends

We reviewed Kathy's stipend's list. Motion made by Jeff to recommend to change Fire Chief stipend to a salary. Kathy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

0 to 12 meetings (per year) - BOH, Library Trustees, Planning Board (\$375.00 chair; \$250.00 members.)

13 to 24 - Fincom, Assessors, Tech School (\$750.00 chair, \$500.00 members)

24 plus meetings - Selectboard, Mohawk School Committee (\$1,250.00 chair, \$1,000 members)

* Hawlemont school committee will be determined in the future when established

Above list is not complete - Kathy will rework stipend table.

Budget requests

Tax collecting expense line is down by 34%; tax taking is down by 27%.

Accountant is interested in establishing a stabilization fund for future software; broadband.

Jeff suggested an IT stabilization account.

Kathy to compare Heath's HWD % of budget compared to other towns. Four-day workweek should be evaluated. Backhoe and new truck are on Mike's wish list.

Engine #2 – will decommissioning it affect grant? It appears it will not affect ISO rating/home insurance rates.

Letter from Jan Ameen - \$2,580.00 fy19 vs \$2,475.00 fy18 operating assessments.

We will check with Assessors to see if they will put assessments on town's web page.

Jan made a motion to adjourn. Jeff seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Carr