

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
March 13, 2018

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. by Sheila Litchfield, Chair with Brian DeVriese present. Robyn Provost-Carlson and Kara Leistyna not present.

Reviewed Agenda: As a result of significant snow storm and various cancellations, meeting business reduced with only time sensitive materials discussed/signed.

Other Business:

- Reviewed WG&E Phase 2 Amendment: ***On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign Phase 2 Amendment;*** document was signed electronically. WG&E was informed via email.
- Discussed ongoing conversation with Rural Connections' and their interest in continuing and expanding the use of Heath Community Hall for Internet Café. Agreed to send letter to be signed by BOS and Margo as Community Hall Committee chairperson, to congratulate those who created the Café and to inform them that the apparent success of the program indicates BOS sponsorship is no longer needed in order to continue the program. Kara to draft letter.
- Discussed update on Heath school transition to Hawlemont; School Committee representatives Budge Litchfield and Bob Gruen informed BOS that MTRSD legal counsel has spoken with DESE and has verbal agreement for a streamlined approach to regionalization with Hawlemont. School district Counsel suggested that Heath BOS appoint a team to negotiate on Heath's behalf. ***On a motion by Brian DeVriese and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously "to appoint Budge Litchfield and Robert Gruen to represent Heath as the regionalization planning team to negotiate with Hawlemont Regional School Committee regarding amending the Hawlemont Regional Agreement to allow Heath to join the Hawlemont Regional School District."***
- Reviewed consultant contract to appoint Robert Bourke as Broadband Construction Liaison. ***On a motion by Brian DeVriese and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the contract at a rate of \$35 per hour effective immediately.***
- Sheila provided a status update regarding conversations with Highway Superintendent about possible reorganization of Highway Department. Robyn will follow-up with Mike upon her return. BOS and FinCom will meet with Mike on 3/20/18 to discuss further.
- Opportunity Zones: To be discussed on 3/20/18.

Mail/ Email:

- Emails re: Opportunity Zones
- Sheila Litchfield and Robin Pease re: insulation. Kara will confirm balance, if any.
- Letter from Carolyn Kirk re: Extra Mile Contingency funds and Sheila's reply to Bill Ennen.

Other Separate Documents for review and/or signatures:

- Treasury and Payroll Warrants

Next meeting scheduled March 20, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Sawyer Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Board: ***On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Sheila Litchfield, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.***

Respectfully presented,

Sheila Litchfield
Chair