

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Community Hall
March 27, 2018

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – 7 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON GREEN COMMUNITIES/ STRETCH CODE just after Town Meeting with Jim Barry, Green Communities Regional Coordinator for MA Dept. of Energy Resources to explain the Green Communities program and the criteria needed for application. One criterion is passage by town meeting of the Stretch Code. Jim described the stretch code with a power point presentation. Jim illustrated cost analysis and some common misconceptions. The ATM warrant this year will include an article asking voters to accept the stretch code as a Town General Bylaw. This proposed bylaw can be viewed at the Town Clerk's office.

Board of Selectmen Call to Order at 8:40 p.m. by Sheila Litchfield, Chair with Brian DeVriese, Robyn Provost-Carlson and Kara Leistyna present. See sign in sheet for other attendees.

Reviewed Agenda: No changes.

Ned Wolf/ Finance Committee: Finance Committee presented their proposal for stipends based on how often a committee/board/appointee meets annually. If 25 or more times, for chair the stipend is proposed at \$1,500; members \$1,000. For 12-24 times annually, for chair the stipend is proposed at \$750; members \$500. If less than 12, for chair the stipend is proposed at \$375; members \$250. Various other appointments such as Emergency Mgmt. Director remain the same. Some new stipends include Finance Committee, Planning Board, Library Trustees, and E911 Coordinator. Proposed stipends for election workers is based on number of elections per year ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,800. Discussed compensation for training, should it be required. The proposed amount is a bit more than last FY.

Electrical Assessment: Ned has been researching how the Utility Co. has assessed property owned in Heath. Ned met and corresponded with legislators and sent documents to them for review. He is asking why such a large drop in assessment in past two years. This drop significantly impacts our tax rate. Other nearby towns are experiencing similar drops. The BOS anxiously awaits clarification. Thank you, Ned.

Other Business:

- Review Minutes: *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 3/20/18 as submitted.*
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Mail/ Email:

- Charlemont re: Shared Services. Robyn will speak with Nick Anzuoni about his future interest and long range plans. The Colrain/Heath connection is working well. Kara will forward this letter to Nick and Robyn will be in touch with him as well.
- MassDOT re: bridge inspection Jacksonville over Underwood Brook. Kara will confirm bridge.
- Denise Allard re: Verde rate vs NGrid (slight)
- Nick Anzuoni re: fire dept. compensation
- Paul Baker re: pricing for trash stickers – Kara will order another batch.
- Accountant re: copy of letter sent 1/12/2006 re: Mackie Memorial Fund. Sheila will contact Helen Mackie.
- KP Law eUpdate re: Safety Law

Other Separate Documents for review and/or signatures:

- TC Report
- 3/20 minutes
- OIC Job Description and listing of action items for Melinda (for review). Kara will remind Melinda to submit monthly reports and to schedule a quarterly review (June).
- ATC Proposal with additional cost for remediation specs. *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to approve ATC proposal as submitted in the amount of \$2,500. Kara will inquire about remediation specs if needed, and cost, if additional.*
- Lead Notification Letter to sign. BOS made some requests for revisions. Kara will notify DEP.
- WG&E invoice for approval. Kara will request revision to remove town of Goshen and ask if change orders may be numbered. *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and Seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amount billed. Kara will notify Caitrin Ferriter.*
- Treasury and Payroll Warrants
- Cannabis Control Commission Municipal Guidance, March 2018
- STM Info. Sheet

Next meeting: April 3, 2018 (Classification of Highway positions)

There being no further business to come before the Board: *On a motion by Brian DeVriese, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.*

Respectfully presented,

Kara M. Leistyna
Town Coordinator