

## MEETING MINUTES

Town of Heath  
SELECT BOARD  
Sawyer Hall  
April 16, 2019

**Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.** by Brian DeVriese with Robyn Provost-Carlson, Gloria Cronin Fisher, and Kara Leistyna present. See attendance sheet for others present.

**Review Agenda:** Minutes will be reviewed at next scheduled meeting (4/23).

### **Public Comment Period:**

- Bob Dane: A number of people were not pleased with the outcome of Saturday's informational meeting. It was off-agenda from what was planned on Tuesday. It became a meeting with a different tone which threw off the facilitator and many in attendance. Bob felt that a last-minute change to the agenda changed the point of the meeting from informational/Q&A to protest and opinion. Gloria shared that the Board was not posted and therefore could not make decisions as a group. Bob reiterated his desire for the Board to form a negotiation committee to review the possibilities/options that can be used in negotiations should Carnegie Arch be allowed to purchase property. A list of what people think is important for Heath could be drawn up that can be addressed in the Host Community Agreement.
- Tom Carlson: When here last week, groups compromised on some numbers. Wants to work with Finance Committee to review numbers – will try to do so before next week. Brian suggested adding research groups to agenda for next week (15 min. each) to ensure that after review, numbers are accurate and also to come up with cost to retrofit school building; cost of moving town offices; cost to maintain other buildings. Select Board needs to look at numbers too. Tom has reached out to two moving companies for pricing.

### **7:05 p.m. Highway Discussion:**

- Discussed multi-purpose vehicle (approved at STM, 3/5/19). Robyn has been assisting in trying to get pricing but nothing comes in at \$25,000. Need an additional \$1,500. Kara will add a transfer to the warrant from Highway Vehicle Gas & Oil account.
- Tractor: Finance Committee interested in researching renting vs. purchasing. Can cost \$1,400/day, according to Jeff.
- Roadside Mowing: Can use crew or hire out. Would need hoisters license to operate. Need to advertise – could try it for a season.
- Trucks: Jasons' truck option for replacement. Already spent close to \$20,000 this year for repairs/maintenance. Instead of replacement, discussed repurposing: it's in decent shape; maintained. Mechanic unable to work out numbers for restoration. Would take a month's lead time to disassemble and re-assemble. Truck #3 has a stainless body. Could put on new cab/chassis on International and save money. Jeff offered different options. Discussed various scenarios and decided to change warrant article(s) to propose purchase of cab/chassis and another for the tractor.
- Highway Budget: Discussed need for compliance with Dept. of Labor. Need an emergency hazard plan; response plan, hearing testing, respirator plan, etc. Decided to insert new line item, Health & Safety and propose \$5,000. Sheila is very experience in developing safety plans.
- Salt Shed: Jeff shared need for a poured foundation with fabric or metal Quonset style-hut. A new structure could potentially handle solar panels for energy needs.
- Transfer Station Hours: Discussed with attendant who feels Mondays consistently show low turnout. Proposes Wednesday 9-5 and Saturday 8-4 year-round. On a motion by Gloria Cronin-Fisher, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to change operating hours of the transfer station to Wednesday, 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 8 am to 4 pm, year-round. Kara will make changes to website; pamphlet, etc.

- Highway Crew Hours: Summer hours (4 10-hour days will commence on 4/22/19); Dohn will work Fridays.

**8:08 p.m. Jeff Johnston left meeting.**

**Other Budget Planning Business:**

- MTRSD Balance of Funds Owed to Heath: Decided to use the balance of funds to reduce FY20 capital projects assessment. Kara will make adjustment to warrant.
- Health Insurance: Hampshire Group Insurance Trust will vote on rates tomorrow. Kara will update Art. 3.
- Special Projects: Need to determine priorities.
- Debt Exclusion: A mailing will be sent to voters. Ned will create message. Kara will get labels from Town Clerk and purchase postage.

**Mail/ Email:**

- Gloria Fisher re: DCAM Bond and text from Adam Hinds' office
- Kelly Christian re: DCAM (more recent email)
- Brian's response re: DCAM
- Kathy Inman re: Saturday's meeting
- FCSWMD re: recycling
- Brian DeVriese re: Transfer Station
- Betsy Kovacs re: anonymous DEP Complaint (attached to email)
- Jim Mullaney re: CA not interested in Bray Road
- Sheila Litchfield re: Enterprise Fund
- Ned Wolf re: tax rate and worksheet
- Phoebe Walker re: ACO meeting
- Melissa Dunnet re: balance of funds owed to Heath
- MTRSD funds expense report. FYI: Tim reported today that some of the heating valves need to be repaired at the school.
- Jane Pfister re: Green Comm. grant
- Update on approved make ready estimates from WG&E

**Other Separate Documents for review and/or signatures:**

- TC Report (verbal)
- FRCOG MOU for Clean Energy Planning Assistance
- Estimate for Field Survey (WG&E)
- Certificate for Payment (\$546) WG&E
- Make Ready Work Estimate NGrid \$30,820.14
- *Draft* agenda for 4/23
- *Draft* ATM warrant
- *Draft* Article 3 Budget

**Other Business:**

- Discussed incident that arose at informational meeting that required police presence. Board would like John McDonough to follow up on matter and reach out to resident who brought the potential matter to the Board's attention. Need an investigation to see if this is truly a threat, what's behind it and why the delay in dispatch? Need to have a local officer on call when large meetings are held.

- Brian shared that he has drafted a letter to voters regarding sale of school building – he handed it out to other Board members and asked that they take a look and make comments for review next week.
- Warrant: Kara will send warrant to town counsel and prepare for signing next week (if ready).
- Transfer Station and ATM: Ken wants to vote at ATM and requests a sub or hours changed for Sat., May 11. Jeff will ask Dohn or Jason.
- Heath Herald: Gloria will prepare Select Board report for 5/5.
- Robyn re: Informational Meeting: Robyn is unhappy with information that came from groups and Finance Committee. She hoped for more neutrality between groups but feels that misinformation was shared back and forth. The promotion of marijuana was off topic. Board has taken a position to put this article on the warrant to dispose of property at 18 Jacobs Road – doesn't feel it's about cannabis. Finance Committee's job is to help make sound financial decisions. Hoping to have more concrete numbers.

**Signed documents.**

**There being no further business to come before the Board: *On a motion by Gloria Fisher, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.***

**Respectfully presented,**

**Kara M. Leistyna  
Town Coordinator**