

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sawyer Hall
April 23, 2019

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Brian DeVriese, Chair with Robyn Provost-Carlson and Gloria Cronin Fisher present. Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator unable to attend. Bob Dane and Jan Carr were also present.

Reviewed Agenda: No changes.

Minutes: *On motion from Gloria Fisher, and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 9 and 16, 2019 BOS meeting with minor changes.*

6:05 p.m. Michael Tatro from NationalGrid joined the meeting.

6:15 p.m. NGrid Pole Hearing - Michael Tatro from NationalGrid joins the BOS to review a new commercial service application to serve a barn located at 27 Underwood Hill Road. All papers were in order and there were no questions for Michael.

On motion from Gloria Fisher, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the application and sign the "Order for Pole and Wire Location" document.

6:20 p.m. Tom Carlson and Deb Porter enter the meeting. Michael Tatro exits the meeting.

6:20 p.m. Public Comment Period - Bob Dane asked that the BOS respond to an email which he sent during the week requesting that the BOS vote to form a Negotiating Advisory Committee to study and advise the BOS in future negotiations with Carnegie Arch, LLC. Bob understands that time is of the essence in regards to the offer from Carnegie and believes that a group could start obtaining possible negotiating points for the BOS. This group would not be talking directly with representatives from Carnegie Arch, LLC, only researching information. The BOS explained that they were not comfortable creating this Committee at this time as it appeared to be premature for the Board to be creating an Advisory Committee or moving forward with any form of negotiations until after the vote at ATM as to whether or not the Town will give the BOS the authority to dispose of the building. If individuals wish to research Host Community Agreements or Community Impact Fees, they may do so on their own without the Boards request and/or vote.

6:40 p.m. Ned Wolf, Jan Carr, Paul Dabrody, Ken Gilbert from Finance Committee along with Gary Singley and Bob Viarengo join the meeting.

6:40 p.m. Citizen Group Presentation - Tom Carlson and Pam Porter join the BOS to present (4) documents that they worked to prepare with other members from their Citizens Group. Included was a document with "Financial Figures" showing projected numbers for possible Town costs like broadband, solar arrays, safety complex construction as well as numbers for Host Community Agreement income versus Town liabilities. Other documents included FY18 historical costs for Town owned buildings, DLS information regarding revenue accounting for marijuana sales and Appended Material on Community Impact Fees and Local Tax Options. Tom and Pam briefly reviewed some of the documents and answered questions from FinCom and BOS. Tom and Pam offered to answer any further questions via phone or email.

Thank you to all of the Citizen Groups for their work in obtaining information to help the Town understand all aspects of selling or not selling the former school building.

7:00 p.m. Kathy Inman joins the meeting.

7:20 p.m. Tom Carlson and Bob Viarengo leave the meeting.

7:20 p.m. BOS/FinCom Review ATM Warrant and FY20 Article 3 Budget - The group reviewed the warrant and created a short list of questions and possible additions. The warrant needs to be ready for signatures at the next BOS meeting on April 30th. Article 3 was reviewed line item by line item and a handful of questions were raised. The BOS and FinCom will work to answer all questions within the next week for final voting at the next BOS meeting. Both FinCom and the BOS agreed to include salary increase requests along with a 2% COLA and an overall increase to match the upcoming minimum wage increases.

8:25 p.m. FinCom exits the meeting.

8:35 p.m. Bob Dane exits the meeting.

8:45 p.m. Pam Porter exits the meeting.

Other Business: None.

Mail/ Email:

- Mark Reich re: Article on sale of school (see explanation in TC Report)
- Bill Ennen and Kara L. re: Heath Broadband
- Kathy Inman re: matters to discuss tonight
- Robert Dane re: Negotiating Advisory Committee
- Jim Barry re: Green Communities Event
- Office of Public Safety re: Elevator Regulations Public Hearing
- Accountant re: Year-End Memo
- Rick Colon re: MassDOT Capital Investment Plan
- John McDonough re: Future BOS meeting/ appointment of officers
- Cynthia Smith re: Hampshire Group Insurance Trust
- Ned Wolf re: Debt Exclusion
- Kris Nartowicz re: interest rates
- Crocker Communications re: Service Upgrade
- Susan Draxler re: School Proposal
- Updated MTRSD Assessment
- Copy of notice sent to residents re: new Transfer Station hours
- Elizabeth Nichols re: Demand Fee Increase
- Jane Pfister re: Green Comm. Grant
- Phoebe Walker re: ACO update and related documents for meeting
- Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services District Reports

Other Separate Documents for review and/or signatures:

- 4/9 and 4/16 minutes
- TC Report
- Draft ATM warrant (ready to sign (2) copies)
- Draft Article 3 Budget
- Treasury and Payroll Warrant
- Pole Hearing Documents

- Recorder Article 4/22 Revote set on sale of school
- MOU for ACO program
- Verizon Authorization for Make Ready Work Form and payment (14)
- NGrid Make Ready Estimate #27410016 \$34,712.66
- NGrid Make Ready Estimate #27946201 \$147,363.15
- WG&E Invoice \$1,200
- Request for Leave
- Chapter 90 Request Forms \$9,000
- Town Clerk re: Approved Zoning Bylaws
- KP Law re: Bylaw Enforcement Issue (on-going)

Next meeting scheduled for April 30, 2019 at 6 p.m.

On a motion by Gloria Fisher, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Provost-Carlson
Secretary