

MEETING MINUTES

**Town of Heath
Finance Committee
April 23, 2019**

Called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Ned Wolf with Paul Dabrody, Ken Gilbert and Jan Carr present. Kathy Inman arrived later. Gary Singley was a guest.

Reviewed the 4/4/19 minutes. Ken made motion to accept as amended, Paul seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Reviewed the 4/16/19 minutes. Paul made motion to accept, Ken seconded. Ned, Paul, Ken voted to approve. Jan abstained as she was absent.

JOINED SELECTBOARD at 6:40

Tom and Pam passed out an amended numbers sheet for everyone to study. Jan met with Karen at PV squared, no incentives and different numbers. Kathy brought up the need for a \$3M safety complex. Ken enquired if there are any deed restrictions on the Bray Rd property (can be sold as 1 residential building lot). Gloria is hearing from people that the vote is incorrectly presented as an either or situation.

Jan updated on need for STM for Enterprise Fund. Ask Eric to inform voters at ATM that this will be coming up.

Ned and Jan gave update on MLP meeting. Our estimated tax rate for FY2020 is \$22.40, including \$30,000 buydown.

COLA's add up to \$2,243. Heath only gave 1% last year (FRCOG gave 2%). Minimum wage is \$12.00, increasing to \$12.75 in January. The four people who requested pay raises went from mid-grad to top of grade. The lowest pay on pay grade system was \$12.61, increased to \$12.75. Reviewed salaries, minimum wage and COLA's.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – exterior double doors for Community and Sawyer Halls, drain for Sawyer Hall and cement stairs for Community Hall. We have \$15,000 in account and may not be able to get to all. Could be STM.

REVIEW OF ARTICLE 3 line items

-The balance in the fincom account is \$416.28, would like to transfer \$2,000 1st week in May. There will be \$9,979.00 left in free cash with this transfer.

-Health insurance this year has no significant increase.

-Preschool – keep it at \$10,000 until we find out how many kids we have. Spent \$12,000 last year.

RETURNED TO ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Ken made a motion to approve Article 3 (4/23 version), Jan seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Paul made a motion to recommend Warrant Articles 3 – 19, Kathy seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Jan made a motion to recommend Warrant Articles 21 – 24, Paul seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Paul made a motion to recommend Warrant Article 26, Kathy seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Recommended the \$2,000 transfer from free cash to fincom reserve fund.

Discussed the need for a Thursday Prep meeting. Safety Complex – this is not something the town has agreed on. Ned will prepare a paragraph discussing the trend toward regionalization. We have 2 fire engines, a brush truck and rescue. Cost space needs. Library. Dry storage.

Pam visited and expressed her opinions re the sale of the school and how the \$3.00 will not be a decrease to taxes. Also, the worth of the building and need for Safety Complex.

The Finance Committee disagreed with much of what was presented.

Ken made a motion to adjourn, Kathy seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:42.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Carr