

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Heath
SELECT BOARD
Sawyer Hall
May 15, 2019

Call to Order at 4:00 p.m. by Brian DeVriese with Robyn Provost-Carlson and Kara Leistyna present. Gloria Cronin Fisher unable to attend. See attendance sheet for others present.

Review Agenda: No changes.

Legislative Action to Validate May 10, 2019 Election: *On a motion by Robyn Provost-Carlson, and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with requesting the Governor to correct and validate the election of May 10, 2019 and send letter to Senator Hinds and Rep. Mark asking their assistance to deliver request to Governor Baker.*

Kara Leistyna will prepare documents and Town Clerk will mail them promptly. Heath will stay apprised of action on this matter.

The reason this step is necessary is because of miscommunication by all parties. The warrant needs to include the language of the ballot question or a separate election warrant needs to be posted alongside the ATM warrant. Discussed how to avoid this mistake in the future. The intention of the Town-wide mailing prior to the vote was to notify everyone about the debt exclusion question and explain the reason behind it. The posting error may be remedied through legislative action.

Heath School Building: Brian mentioned that he learned from Town Counsel that the former school building may be leased for up to 30 years with permission from Select Board. Brian did not offer any details but will research leasing option further. Kara will add to future agenda Lease/Occasional Use of 18 Jacobs Road. Need to be certain that insurance is appropriate for use.

Request for Use of Heath School building: Discussed use of building and the emphasis to renters to adhere to the rules of use. Brian will reach out to Jonathan Diamond via telephone to discuss with him the importance of compliance and then Brian will report back to Board.

Broadband: Sheila Litchfield offered an update. The Town will not be responsible for costs over and above our borrowing authorization of \$1.45 million. Make Ready costs have been determined and are substantially greater than originally anticipated. There are Last Mile Contingency Funds available and Bill Ennen is revising the request for Heath. Heath is working diligently with Bond Counsel, DOR, Unibank to ensure understanding of matter. Heath has cooperated with all tasks required thus far. Payments for borrowing will begin in FY21. Thank you, Sheila.

Signed documents.

There being no further business to come before the Board: *On a motion by Robyn Provost-Carlson, and seconded by Robyn Provost-Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:39 p.m.*

Respectfully presented,

Kara M. Leistyna
Town Coordinator