

## FINCOM MEETING MINUTES

Town of Heath

November 19, 2019

18:00: Meeting Called to Order

Members attending: Ned, Jan, Kathy, and Ken

Minutes: No minutes available to review.

Ned informed the committee members that there will be an OPEB meeting this Friday at 3:30 and they are invited to attend. The BOS, Budge Litchfield and Bob Gruen, Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, Business Administrator Melissa Dunnet, Senator Hinds, Representative Mark, and FinCom members will be in attendance.

A brief discussion ensued about the FY 21 budget planning. Kathy stated that we need to figure out the allowable budget and then if needed figure out where to make cuts. Ned identified areas in the budget that will increase. The committee agreed the need to establish a goal for the maximum tax rate.

Barbara Rode gave the Committee a schedule of the FY 21 School Budget Subcommittee meetings and an invitation to the FinCom members to attend.

18:38: Joined the BOS for Budge and Bob's briefing on OPEB in preparation for the scheduled Friday's meeting. Budge explained how the \$ 1.2 million liability was established as best as he could, but ultimately it was the work of a hired Actuary for the Mohawk School District. Also discussed were several options to pay the liability with more to follow another meeting with the Mohawk District.

The BOS would like to get started with the next year's budget planning. Hilma will provide a new Excel spreadsheet with last and this year's budget numbers for a starting point. Bill Gran mentioned that the salt shed is in dire need of repair and it will be a large budget item. Robyn mentioned that we need to project the remaining salaries for the Clerk, Accountant, and Town Coordinator for the remainder of this year's budget. It doesn't appear there is enough remaining in the line items to cover the costs.

Ned mentioned that the Town Accountant Expenditure Sheets for May, June, July, and August of 2019 list electric bills for the school building for the cost of distribution from National Grid and but none from the provider.

MTA: Jan made a motion to adjourn and Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 20:15

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken