

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Town of Heath  
**SELECT BOARD**  
School Building, 18 Jacobs Road  
January 28, 2020

**Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.** with Brian DeVriese, Gloria Cronin Fisher and Hilma Sumner, Town Coordinator, in attendance. Robyn Provost Carlson was absent.

**Agenda Reviewed:** Appointment with Mohawk school committee members and Hawlemont regionalization team cancelled.

*On a motion by Gloria Cronin Fisher and a second by Brian DeVriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of January 21, 2020 as amended.*

**Accounting Services:** Gloria is still in conversation the Towns of Rowe and Monroe about forming a shared employee position.

**Community Hall Hazardous Material Mitigation:** One bid was received from Abide Company to clean up the loose asbestos material in the Community Hall furnace room. *On a motion by Gloria Cronin Fisher and a second by Brian DeVriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to accept the bid from Abide for a cost of \$1,975.00.*

**Green Communities Grant:** Alyssa Larose of FRCOG has been helping prepare the quarterly report for submission to the Department of Energy Resources. Hilma will supply copies of the invoices and checks needed to send with the report. There have been two proposals from companies willing to do the solar feasibility studies in town. The Board will review the proposals this coming week with the goal of awarding the job to one of the companies on February 4.

**Tripp Tree Farm (TTF):** The Board affirmed that they would agree to the Host Community Agreement as proposed by town counsel. They developed a list of questions to which they seek information such as: proposal of increased policing costs, estimate of road repair/paving work for Taylor Brook Road and Flagg Hill Road, and projected gross wholesale product. Hilma will send remarks and questions to TTF.

**Franklin Land Trust:** The conservation restriction documents for the 6.5 acres on West Branch Road owned by Mike Freeman were presented to the Board. Mike will retain ownership of the property. *On a motion by Gloria Cronin Fisher and a second by Brian DeVriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve the conservation restriction.*

**Gary Singley Appointment:** Gary had emailed questions to the Board ahead of time so the information could be obtained. Both treated and regular salt are used alternately on the roads in the winter. Treated salt costs \$77.71 per ton while regular salt is \$60.71 per ton. The roof repair for the former school building is paid for through the MTRSD funds. Costs for July through January for operation of that building have totaled \$50,705. Paid amounts to Palmeri Electric have been \$741 for repair to three outside lights and the Ansul system and \$420 to replace thermostats.

**Town Coordinator's Report:**

- **Website Training:** On Wednesday 13 people attended the training put on by Mik Muller from MWW. It was straight-forward and useful information about entering calendar events, agendas, meetings, news and forms.

- Sawyer Hall: Furnace working overtime by Wednesday afternoon. Friday morning found the thermostat room temperature and setting aligning with each other.
- ACO Officer and Proposed Bylaws: Spoke with Kyle Dragon regarding the proposed bylaws updates for animal control and regulations. He said they were asking that each town in the animal control district adopt these bylaws so that all the towns have uniformity in terms of regulations and enforcement policy. Hilma will review them in regards to a comparison with the town's current bylaws.
- Verizon: Placed phone call to Verizon and left message regarding two checks that have been received to the town. Hilma will continue to research.
- National Grid: Placed phone call and left message to inquire about the differences in supply rates between various town buildings. Hilma will continue to research.
- MVP Information Seminar: The Board approved Hilma's attendance at a seminar that will provide information about the benefits and needs for the town to become a member of the program.

**Mail:**

CDBG Public Hearing will be held next Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Transfer Station Swap Shed: Robyn sent an email stating that she had spoken with Jeff and the swap shed doors will be kept locked from now on. Anyone wishing to leave items or 'shop' for items will need to speak directly to the transfer station attendant.

Town Counsel reviewed wording of the PVMCD warrant article and made a recommended change.

SBUC asked that they be allowed to do promotional and advertising to disseminate the fact that there is both short-term and long-term rental space available in the former school building. The Board asked for a plan and cost estimates.

MTRSD update from School Committee Chair Martha Thurber about the superintendent replacement process and the budget meeting schedule.

**Documents Approved and Signed:** Payroll and Vendor Warrants.

There being no further business to come before the Board: *On a motion by Gloria Cronin Fisher and seconded by Brian DeVriese, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Hilma A. Sumner  
Town Coordinator