

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath Finance Committee
Via Conference Call #1-605-313-5944
May 21, 2020

Called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Ned Wolf with Ken Gilbert, and Kathy, present; Jan Carr joined 5 minutes later. Pam Porter, Pat McGan and Robyn Provost -Carlson, Don Freeman, also present.

Ned requested No Public Comment

Taxpayer letter read and reviewed.

Fin com recommended 0 to be appropriated for 18 Jacobs from last meeting, however currently there is \$20,000 voted in by BOS.

Alice does not want to have her name attached to the letter being sent by the fin com. Jan expressing concerns about drawing free cash down to 2,000, and what will be needed if town meeting is put off until July. State opening more slowly, that possibility exists.

Certification to DOR – close to 24.30 would be certified.

Discussed expenses for next year: OPEB, and replacing truck #1

Colas 0 % \$6,500 reduction. Applies to salaried employees –Ken made a motion to reduce colas to 0 %, seconded by Kathy, unanimous approval of 4 attending members.

Stipends Town board members: Jan made a motion to cut stipends in half , total amount 8,100, seconded by Ken. Unanimous approval of 4 attending members.

Appropriation for after-hours **supplemental preschool** support \$7,000 Ken made a motion for 0 funding for that line, Jan seconded. Unanimous approval of 4 attending members.

Vote on Taxpayer letter; Changes discussed, (discussion of wording). Jan made a motion to accept the letter with suggested changes in wording, seconded by Ken. Unanimously approved of 4 attending members.

Broadband given permission to do mailing and take funds from Covid account. They will pay for postage. Fin Com letter to taxpayers to be included in that mailing.

Review of minutes from April 28, 2020. Motion to accept as written made by Jan Seconded by Ned. Approved by Ned, Jan and Kathy.

Ned reviewed changes in article 3:

Hilma recommended that for insurance line 55– value has been 43,000. There has been difficulty getting an itemized invoice to see the breakdown for the various buildings and departments., Hilma believes that it will be 41,000 Insurance. Decrease in rate partly due to credits for previously paid premiums.

Amount for **IT upgrade** – not sure if decision has been made by BOS yet.

Items on warrant 2 plows, startup cost of IT upgrade, compactor. To be covered by free cash.

Ned will request copies of the warrant and post a meeting for next Tuesday.

Motion to adjourn Jan Seconded by Ken 7:10

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Inman