Minutes
Heath Finance Committee Meeting
15 September 2020

Present: Ned Wolf, Jan Carr, Ken Gilbert, Alice Wozniak, Will Emmet (all via teleconference)

Ned called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Item 1:

Joint meeting with Select board and Ken Rocke for a “tour” of the MTRSD budget assessment. Fincom meeting reconvened at 7:09 PM. Alice did not attend this portion due to missing notification of reconvention.

Discussion of Ken Rocke’s presentation:

(a) Ken asked what is the basis of the MTRSD assessment increase for Heath. 140k increase? Why? How is the wealth factor calculated?
(b) Ned noted that the cost of transportation increased.
(c) Ken asked about the ramifications of a “no” vote at the special town meeting.
(d) Ned answered that if the article fails at the STM, votes from all towns within the MTRSD would be weighted.
(e) Jan pointed out that the warrant had already been printed, so no fincom input would be possible.
(f) Ken mentioned that the SB had made no recommendation.
(g) Ned asked whether there was any chance that the MTRSD would provide funding for Heath kids to learn remotely.
(h) Jan asked why Heath was paying twice for MTRSD assessment. Will the superintendent be at the STM?
(i) Ned will forward the superintendent’s email to the fincom.

Item 2: Review of minutes of July 30th and August 18th

(a) Minutes of July 30th: Ken made motion to accept as read. Will seconded. Vote 4-0
(b) Minutes of August 18th: Jan made motion to accept as read. Will seconded. Vote 4-0

Item 3: Borrowing for broadband:

(a) Ned reviewed options and has been discussing them with Unibank. 1 million dollars raised with two short-term notes, no long-term borrowing prior to June 2021.
Item 3: Next fincom meeting: TBD STM on September 17th, 2020. Jan commented that it would be nice for the fincom to review Jean Gran’s latest spreadsheet.

Jan made motion to adjourn. Ken seconded. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Will Emmet