

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Town of Heath
November 24, 2020

18:06: Meeting Called to Order

Members attending: Ned, Jan, Will, and Ken

Ned gave an explanation of how hard it is to give advanced notices for scheduling FinCom meetings.

Minutes: The minutes for 10-27-2020 meeting were reviewed. Ken made a motion to accept them with the discussed amendments. Will seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NEIT: New England Internet Technology Co. was contracted by Heath to upgrade Heath's IT. Funding to do this was approved at the Annual Town Meeting, but NEIT has since discovered there needs to be separate Firewalls for the Town Hall, Community Hall, and individual agencies for proper security. This will cost an additional \$5,000 with the town has applied for a grant to cover the cost. Grant results won't be known until sometime in January. The FinCom decided to wait for the grant results before recommending a transfer of the money from free cash.

Audit: Cost of the town audit was discussed with \$12,500 coming from the stabilization fund and possibly \$5,500 from free cash. The cost may be \$2,000 less if waiting until later part of FY 2021.

Cares Act: Looking for possible funding to cover the \$12,000 to upgrade the ventilation of 18 Jacobs Rd. from the Cares Act.

Insurance: Ned said the BOS would be discussing the insurance contract for 18 Jacobs Road at their meeting tonight.

Broadband: Is coming along as scheduled and light-up for FSA 2 is scheduled for late Jan to early Feb.

MTRSD: Martha Thurber, Chair of the School Committee, is wanting to form a committee to study the capital improvement needs of school buildings in the MTRSD. She would especially like volunteers from finance committees to serve on this committee.

18:35 Will made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken