

Minutes
Heath Finance Committee Meeting with Select board
October 21st, 2021

Present: Tom Lively (Chair), Will Emmet (Secretary), Robert McGahan, Ned Wolf,

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

1. **Item 8** of agenda: Review minutes from September 9th-
 - a. Item 5: change to "MLB"
 - b. Item 6: add "standing meeting on 3rd Thursday of month". Motion made by Bob, seconded by Will. Motion carried 4-0.
 - c. Item 2: "referring to two spreadsheets presented by David Gordon", replace "principle" with "principal".
 - d. Ned made motion to accept as amended, Bob seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
2. **Item 4** of agenda: Rescheduled MLB/Fincom meeting for 18th November. Alice's idea of examining what other local towns are doing with regard to broadband was briefly discussed. Ned pointed out that a full year of broadband operation would be better before we re-evaluate.
3. Alice arrived at 6:23 PM
4. **Item 4 (cont'd)**: Contract with Westfield Electric & Gas: 5 yr. duration; contract with Wired West: 3 yr. duration. Six communities currently use Wired West. Colrain cancelled contract with Wired West early in the game. Leyden recently dropped them.
5. **Item 5**: Review schedule for upcoming budgeting season. Should we meet weekly? Alice: Colrain SB meets every other week. Fincom meets between those times. Ned: SB members should be able to adjust spreadsheet (aka "live" spreadsheet. Alice emphasized that we need deadlines (department budgets needed by...or else). Each fincom member should birdog a deptment.
6. **Item 6**: MTRHS meeting notice for November 3rd. Ned/Alice: capital projects-annual budget. Ned and Tom will attend meeting via Zoom. Alice pointed out that funding of MTRSD assessment can be through a variety of vehicles. A debt exclusion requires a town meeting vote.
7. **Item 7**: Article 3 format. Alice emailed Colrain's approach to fincom members. A budget packet should be available 2 weeks prior to the ATM (annual town meeting). Some towns send out budget packets to registered voters. 5 pages = 1 first class stamp.
8. **Item 9**: Town budgets-review for next meeting. Alice recommended that a date for the next ATM be established and work backward from that date to set milestones.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Will seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. Next meeting: 18th November 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

William T. Emmet