

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
SELECT BOARD
Jacobs Road Municipal Center
Monday, December 10, 2024

Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. With Robyn Provost-Carlson, Will Emmet and Hilma Sumner, Town Coordinator. Elissa Viarengo was absent.

This meeting was recorded.

Others in Attendance: See attendance list.

Review Agenda: No changes.

5:30 p.m. Tax Classification Hearing: Robyn announced that she was at the hearing as a Select Board member, not as an Assessor. The Selectboard held a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40; Section 56. The Board of Assessors recommended a single tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year. After the discussion, the Selectboard voted on whether to have a split or single tax rate. If a split tax rate were voted, there would be a different rate set for commercial, industrial, and personal properties than for residential property. ***On a motion by Will Emmet and seconded by Robyn Provost Carlson, the Select Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors and approved a single tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025.***

Public Comment: Speaking as a resident, Will Emmet complimented the Highway Department on the snow removal work done under extenuating circumstances. Pat McGahan commended the Highway Department that, against all odds, they did a good job.

Review Minutes: ***On a motion by Will Emmet and seconded by Robyn Provost Carlson, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of November 21, 2024, as presented.***

On a motion by Will Emmet and seconded by Robyn Provost Carlson, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of December 3, 2024, as amended.

Art Show Request: Harry Hallman sent a letter requesting that the rental fees for the 2025 Heath Art Show be waived. The exhibit will run from August 28, 2025, to September 10, 2025. He also asked that the rental fees also be waived for the 2026 Art Show. ***On a motion by Will Emmet and seconded by Robyn Provost Carlson, the Select Board unanimously voted to waive the rental fees for use of Community Hall for the 2025 Heath Art Show.*** The Board agreed to not make a decision at this time on the 2026 rental fees.

Salt Shed Update: The Board reviewed an agreement for landscape architectural services for the actual construction of the salt shed. ***On a motion by Will Emmet and seconded by Robyn Provost Carlson, the Select Board unanimously voted to accept the proposal dated December 10, 2024, from Walter Cudnohufsky Associates for \$9,600.***

Appraisal Update: There has been no response from the appraiser. Hilma will research other appraisers in the area. It was also noted that, if the Board wanted to issue an RFP for rental interest, an appraisal report would not be needed.

Hilltown Youth Performing Arts License Review: Robyn reported that she had a lengthy conversation with Jonathan Diamond the previous week. He is to be writing, and sending, a list of talking points for a January meeting to be held with the HYPA Board of Directors.

Winder Driving Safety Reminder: The Board issued a reminder to use caution when traveling over winter roads and during snow or ice storms. They encouraged residents to stay home if possible. If they find it necessary to go out, driving needs to be slower and patience exercised. The Highway Department is doing a good job, but residents need to drive with caution with snow on the roads.

Mail:

- H. Hallman re: request for rent waiver of art show
- B. DeVriese re: mini splits for front offices (GC project)
- FCSWMD re: Nov. processing recycling fees
- N. Holland re: article of alternative winter road treatment
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 7, 2025

6:25 p.m. *On a motion by Will Emmet and seconded by Robyn Provost Carlson, the Select Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Hilma A. Sumner
Town Coordinator