

Minutes of the Heath Finance Committee

April 14, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Jacobs Road Municipal Building

Present: Dena Briggs (Chair), Alice Wozniak, and Ned Wolf

Absent: Bob McGahan, Wendy Whalen

The FinCom met with the Heath Select Board and the Town Coordinator.

Dena called the FinCom meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

Members discussed the stipends of members of the Board of Health. The FinCom expressed support for Article 3 with the exception of the line for Board of Health stipends. The FinCom objects that Board of Health stipends are the only ones in Article 3 that are increasing. After some discussion the FinCom supported the proposal to level fund the Board of Health stipends.

There was a discussion of the stipends for School Committee members. Heath is entitled to have 2 members of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) Committee. Presently, there is 1 member and 1 vacancy. In addition Heath has 1 member of the Franklin County Technical School (FCTS) Committee.

The FinCom supports keeping the stipend for serving on the MTRSD Committee at \$1000 and lowering the stipend for serving on the FCTS Committee from \$1000 to \$800 because the number of hours of committee work is less.

The FinCom supports raising the Landfill Expense Account line from \$5600 to \$8700 in light of the future need to deal with invasive plants.

Action Taken *Ned moved that the FinCom approves Article 3 as amended on 04/14/2026. Dena seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

The Select Board reported that the MTRSD has rescinded the FY27 ATM Warrant Article on funding light poles and a mower.

The Select Board explained the rationale behind the proposed closing in Article 16 of the Revolving Funds for the Community Hall and for 18 Jacobs Road in FY 27. Monies in the

Revolving Funds would be moved into the general fund for increased transparency. Big repairs would be handled using stabilization funds.

The FinCom supports the proposed closing of Revolving Funds in Article 16.

Action Taken *Dena moved that the FinCom rescinds its previous vote on all articles of the FY 27 ATM Warrant. Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

Action Taken *Dena moved that the FinCom accepts articles 1-17 of the FY 27 ATM Warrant as amended on 04-14-2026. Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

The FinCom left the Select Board meeting to reconvene in the atrium. Members read the minutes of the FinCom meeting on April 9, 2026. Alice moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Dena seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

There was some discussion of the FinCom handout for the April 18 resource fair.

In the Heath Taxation Summary it will state “This represents a 5.95% increase over FY 26.” On the front page will be the website address to see the FY 27 Budget and the FY27 ATM Warrant.

Dena moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:31. Alice seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf