

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
Finance Committee
March 12, 2019

Called to order at 6:35pm by Chair Ned Wolf with Paul Dabrody and Jan Carr present. Ken Gilbert absent. Kathy Inman arrived later. Gary Singley was a guest.

Transfers

Two requests for transfers from reserve fund have been made. Jan made a motion to transfer \$2,000 from reserve fund into winter highway wages (for overtime), Paul seconded. Passed by unanimous vote. Paul made a motion to transfer \$983.72 from reserve fund into salt and sand, Jan seconded, passed unanimously.

Debt Exclusion

Ned believes this is a good opportunity to piggyback onto the interest for upcoming ATM. The informational hearings will be a good venue to introduce and explain debt exclusion. Jan made a motion stating the Fincom supports a debt exclusion vote this year, Paul seconded, unanimously passed.

Budget

Review highway, town accountant, tax collector and town clerk budgets.

JOINED SELECTBOARD. (Kathy Inman arrived)

The SB discussed their intent to hold two informational meetings. Carnegie Arch, Jay Youmans, fincom, planning board and BOH at the first one. The second one would address other uses for school.

Bob Dane stressed the importance and time limit of our offer from Carnegie Arch and offered his services to help coordinate meetings and facilitate information sharing among voters. Bob spoke of passage of first town bylaws with the final vote of 230 for and 20 against held upstairs and downstairs (with audio) at the Community Hall. Possible members could include Paul Dabrody, Calvin Carr and Gloria Fisher(?). This group could examine other community host agreements and brainstorm about Heath's needs and community impact. Sue Lively would like to assemble information on what does the school mean? and examine the ramifications of moving everything from the Center to the school, nothing or partially (post office and town offices left where they are). Where do you want Heath to be in 20 years? Sue, Pam, Alice, Tom Carlson, Ned, Steve Thane, Larry Sampson, Hilma?

Betsy suggested extrapolating out five years in our projections.

Kara asked if we would refer to the school as a municipal building and not a school because it no longer is.

Jeff from Highway Department said the Town is presently out of gravel, low on salt & sand. We have \$4,000 in reserve account and \$20,000 in gas and oil. After May 1st, we can make interdepartmental transfers. Most likely there is no need for an STM. We will be voting to replace the #1 2003 International truck with a 2019 Dodge 5500 at the ATM. Estimate is \$130,000 and will last 7 years. Small trucks are better with salt, not sand. Big trucks are twice as expensive but last 10 – 15 years. #3 Big truck is next on the docket for replacement.

Kara suggested we mark the frost heaves with paint or cones.

Ned reported the fincom voted to have a debt exclusion vote for broadband this year. The e-mail chain demonstrates that Clark Rowell believes this as does Joe Markarian, because of better borrowing options. Heath has had four debt exclusions from 1995 – 2000. 2/3 selectboard vote is required to put on ballot, then simple majority at ballot box.

Looking ahead at budget: highway, tax collector, town clerk, town accountant, police. Do some raises put employees outside their grade?

Paul made a motion to adjourn, Jan seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Carr