

MEETING MINUTES

**Town of Heath
Finance Committee
May 7, 2019**

Called to order at 6:04pm by Chair Ned Wolf with Paul Dabrody and Jan Carr present. Kathy Inman arrived later and Ken Gilbert was absent.

Reviewed the 4/23/19 minutes. Paul made motion to approve, Ned seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Reviewed the 4/30/19 minutes. Jan made motion to approve, Ned seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

JOINED SELECTBOARD at 6:15

Pam was presenting. \$40,000 - \$150,000 (HCA) limited to five years and has to have impact fee. Of that money, she believes we can only depend on \$70,000 in tax revenue. When asked, Pam doesn't know for sure if the \$250,000 can be used for roof from the state appropriation.

Sheila gave an MLP update.

Heath's make-ready costs are one of the higher in western Mass. We should put on hold the \$500,000 Kris was going to borrow as she may have to borrow more - \$1.1M. Debt exclusion is so, so necessary because we are at the levy limit. Our excess capacity of \$334,000 allows us to pay for maybe one year. Payments start in FY21. It is not a good picture. Bill has started the process of requesting funds from LMCF. We will get 75% of \$1.5M and then when all of the towns make-ready costs are known, we will receive the remaining 25%. There is a chance we may have to put the project on hold.

Eric discussed general planning of Annual Town Meeting.

Do articles 1&2, then 8, 9, 10, 11, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Wording of Article 15 from town counsel. A motion may be made to insert "adding general municipal purposes" but any other wording must be in scope. SB addresses first, the fincom. The audience may ask questions or make a statement. Questions are usually answered by boards. We will be using ballot machine with privacy screens.

Ned discussed fincom's handout looking ahead to FY21 and a tax rate of \$25.01. Pam questioned the roof repair. She said she will question because of money in transition fund and the fact that there is no warrant for a new roof. There will be four more payments of \$20,000 from 7/1/19 - 6/3/20. Brian requested that the roof and the \$55,000 maintenance be stricken from Ned's FY21 projection.

Food table by H.A.Y. program will be set up in the hall. Mention dedication of annual report to Art.

Explanation sheet.

RETURNED TO ASSESSOR'S OFFICE at 7:30

Sue Lively in attendance.

Ned passed out stipend paperwork.

Ned read letter from Rowe fincom re need for Western Mass fincoms forming an association.

Worked on fincom handout for ATM using some ideas from Kathy and addressing editorial from Recorder.

Kara came in to say we need more money for legal fees. Transfer \$2,500 from Select Board and Community Hall accounts.

Too tired to keep working. Can finalize edits via email.

Paul made a motion to adjourn, Kathy seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Carr