

Finance Committee  
1E. Main St. Heath, MA 01346  
Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2019

- Present: Ned Wolf, Chair; Jan Carr and Alice Wozniak.  
Others Present: Jean Gran; Tom & Sue Lively; Pam Porter.  
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.  
Minutes: **Alice Wozniak moved to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2019 as corrected. Ned Wolf seconded. Passed unanimously by those present.**
- 6:15PM: Joined Board of Selectmen meeting.  
Public Comment & Mail. No Fin Comm business.
- 6:30PM: Annual Town Meeting recap- Next Steps:  
1.) End of year transfers are scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
2.) Allowable school uses were questioned following Article #15 [allowing BOS to negotiate lease, sale or rental of school building] not passing. Brain Devriese, BOS Chair emailed Mark Reich of Kopelman & Paige (K & P) about possible use. Mr. Reich referenced M.G.L. CH 40, Section 3 saying that we can lease up to 30 years with a proper lease; insurance and indemnification. Also, noted that we can continue to use the building as we were pre-ATM; i.e. Jonathan Diamond with his performances, meetings, etc.  
Discussion ensued on concerns from the Fin Comm & audience:
- How long can we sustain with Mohawk monies?
  - Jean Gran & Alice Wozniak will work on putting expenses into an Excel spreadsheet.
  - What is our rental potential?
  - Agreed to meet jointly with BOS on June 4<sup>th</sup> with our information.
  - Asked for written clarification from K & P on uses and limitations.
  - Gloria expressed concerns on roof. Robyn Provost-Carlson will reach out to Fred Pazmino of Titan Roofing to do a full inspection to determine the severity of the roof and its needs.
  - Solar-BOS in an effort to minimize costs will look at putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for school and center properties.
- 7:00PM: Jeff Johnston, Highway Superintendent report:
- OSHA updates. He has completed 7 out of 8 violations.
  - Transfers-  
\$705.00 from Vehicle Gas & Oil to Wildlife Damage Control for beaver issue.  
\$3,400 from Vehicle Gas & Oil to Town Garage Maintenance to cover upcoming utilities.

- Truck #3 can pass inspection & plow. Looking to replace this vehicle for \$107K for cab & chassis minus trade-in.
- ¾ Ton Pickup-Jeff has 3 quotes at \$27K with trade in.
- Tractor will cost \$58K new. Pricing for hiring out mowing roadside is \$9,500 a month or \$38K for 4 months.

7:31PM: Broadband-Art Schwenger

- Municipal Light Advisory Committee report based upon a meeting with Jan, Ned, Art, Sheila Litchfield and Bill Ennen (on phone). There are 236 poles to replace in Heath. Potential Make Ready cost of \$2.2M and have been approved for \$1.45M.
- Telecommunications hut will be 9'x16' but they also asked for a pricing on a 10'x20' for added storage.

7:40PM: Kathy Inman entered meeting.

8:15PM: **Fin Comm returned to the Assessors' Office to meet.**

Transfers: **Kathy Inman moved to approve the transfers for the Highway Dept. as follows:**

1. **\$705.00 Vehicle Gas & Oil to Wildlife Damage Control.**
2. **\$3,400. Vehicle Gas & Oil to Garage Maintenance.**

**Jan Carr seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Next meeting: Items to be worked on:

- Costs of upcoming year for school.
- Review language of MGL CH40, Section 3
- Ask BOS for clarification on municipal use and leasing.

New Business: Tom Lively asked to be recognized and delivered a packet on Open Meeting Law Guidelines to a Public Body. This was in relation to an email from April 22, 2019. Ned had spoken to Attorney General's Office on conversations/emails and understood it was okay as long as there was not a quorum. He would review the notice and look back through his emails to see if any deliberations or email interactions transpired.

Adjourn: **Jan Carr moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Kathy Inman seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Wozniak