

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Heath
SELECT BOARD
Virtual Meeting
November 16, 2021

Called to Order at 6:01 p.m. with Robyn Provost Carlson, Susan Lively, Brian De Vriese and Hilma Sumner, Town Coordinator, in attendance.

Other Attendees: See attendance sheet.

Review Agenda: No changes.

COVID-19 Protocol:

The Board of Health is hosting a meeting for town personnel to discuss the latest information regarding COVID-19. The meeting will be held over Zoom on December 1st at 3:30 p.m. and will include a presentation by FRCOG Community Public Health Services staff.

A town employee has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID. According to the CDC guidelines the person will need to get tested after five days since there was direct contact. *On a motion by Susan Lively and a second by Brian De Vriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve that, if the test results were negative and the employee was asymptomatic, they may return to work.*

Council on Aging (COA): Members of the COA met with the Board to provide an update. They are meeting weekly for the time being. They are finishing the results compilation of the senior survey that they did. Volunteers were used to contact town senior citizens. There was over 70 percent participation. The COA has not finished analyzing the data but they have received many ideas and want to research grant opportunities for programs and coordination.

The COA and the Board reviewed suggested changes to the Senior Program Coordinator job description. The Board will finalize the pay grade after Hilma updates the document and it will be sent to COA members for a final review.

Axon Properties/Crucial: Members of the Axon Properties company joined the meeting to discuss terms of both the Development Agreement (DA) and the Host Community Agreement (HCA). It was determined that reimbursement of attorney fees should be in the DA. If there are any regulation changes to the state law, those changes would need an adjustment in the HCA. The number of farmers is now four; each would operate under the same HCA. Concern was expressed that there be limitation of expansion until the Town can witness how this is working. There are several points where town counsel and Axon Properties counsel will confer and negotiate the wording for clarity. The Board set Friday, November 19th, as a time to meet and discuss the changes. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Office Relocation: Robyn is still waiting on quotes for room dividers that would be used in the financial office room.

Hilltown Youth Performing Arts: No updates.

Route 8A Branch Brook Bridge: The Highway Superintendent has emailed the state bridge engineer to request assistance in determining a load limit for the bridge. He would like to cut traffic to one lane on the bridge.

Parks & Rec Committee charge & description: Tabled.

Fire House: Tabled.

Green Communities Update: The Energy Advisory Committee will meet on November 18th. Brian met Thursday with Roger Harris, engineer, and potential contractors to review the plans so that price quotes could be prepared.

Town Coordinator's Report:

- Assisted with coordination between town counsel and Axon Properties counsel for purposes of document preparation.
- Communicated with town counsel regarding details of the AT&T lawsuit.
- Communicated with Jonathan Diamond regarding terms of the long-term lease.
- Prepared and sent joint letter from the Board of Health and Select Board regarding insect control
- Worked on draft of letter regarding Route 8A bridge. Took pictures of condition.

Mail:

- M. Reich re: HCA approval
- L. Burke re: resignation from HCC—. *On a motion by Susan Lively and a second by Brian De Vriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to accept with regrets Lisa Burke's resignation from the Heath Cultural Council.*
- B. Fontes re: offer to be P.O. substitute—. *On a motion by Susan Lively and a second by Brian De Vriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to appoint Bill Fontes as a post office substitute.*
- K. Peppard re: volunteer appointments
- D. Clark re: comments on cannabis company
- D. Porter (Library Trustee) re: space at Jacobs Road.
- DEP re: Recycling Dividends Program grant award—. *On a motion by Susan Lively and a second by Brian De Vriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to accept the Recycling Dividends Program grant award.*

Meeting of November 23:

BUC appointment
Axon Properties
COVID concerns
Fire House

9:05 p.m. *On a motion by Susan Lively and a second by Brian De Vriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to adjourn the open session at 9:05 p.m. and move to executive session for Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(6), To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;*

For deliberation and strategy for entering a long-term lease of space at the 18 Jacobs Road municipal building with Hilltown Youth Recovery Theatre

And to reconvene in open session.

Susan Lively Aye Brian De Vriese Aye Robyn Provost Carlson Aye

9:25 p.m. *On a motion by Susan Lively and a second by Brian De Vriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to adjourn the executive session and reconvene in open session.*

Susan Lively Aye Brian De Vriese Aye Robyn Provost Carlson Aye

9:26 p.m. *On a motion by Susan Lively and a second by Brian De Vriese, the Select Board unanimously voted to adjourn the open session and move to executive session for Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3), To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.*

For deliberation and strategy in New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility v. Town of Heath, Town of Heath Planning Board

Susan Lively Aye Brian De Vriese Aye Robyn Provost Carlson Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Hilma A. Sumner
Town Coordinator