

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Town of Heath  
SELECT BOARD  
Jacobs Road Municipal Center  
August 8, 2023

**Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.** With Susan Lively, Elissa Viarengo and Hilma Sumner, Town Coordinator. Robyn Provost Carlson was absent.

**Others in Attendance:** See attendance sheet.

**Review of Minutes:** *On a motion by Elissa Viarengo and seconded by Susan Lively, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023, with amendments.*

*On a motion by Elissa Viarengo and seconded by Susan Lively, the Select Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of July 31, 2023, with amendments.*

**Public Comment:** None.

**Heath Historical Society:** The Board discussed possible scenarios that would be sufficient reasons for them to terminate an agreement for the Society to use a room in Sawyer Hall. Examples include renting the entire building to the same party, or voters do not vote to maintain the building. The ability of the Board to agree to pay an amount for an early termination of the license is doubtful.

**Community Hall Floor:** The floor installer will have potential dates to begin the work of replacing the tile floor by the end of the week.

**Recording of Meetings:** Barbara Gordon will share the recording she made with Pat McGahan. Pat will then do a test download to the town's website which she will email as a link to the Board and the Town Coordinator for a test pilot. If the test is clearly audible, then it will be opened to the public.

**Town Nurse Position Description:** The Board stated that they would like to see more discussion between themselves, the Board of Health, the town nurse and possibly two members of the Council on Aging who themselves are nurses. It was also suggested that perhaps a representative of the FRCOG's Community Public Health Service should also be invited.

**Boards and Committees Appointments:** *On a motion by Elissa Viarengo and seconded by Susan Lively, the Select Board unanimously voted to appoint Kerrie McNay as a member to the Conservation Commission.*

*On a motion by Elissa Viarengo and seconded by Susan Lively, the Select Board unanimously voted to appoint Dena Briggs as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

**Unfinished Business List:** It was agreed that the 'Salt Shed' item on the Unfinished Business List should be ranked as being a top priority.

**Salt Shed:** Robyn had stated that she was going to speak with Brian De Vriese and the landscape architects to obtain more information about the results of the site feasibility study.

**Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant:** Since Heath has the opportunity to update their grant application for renovation of the Community Hall windows, Barbara Gordon has offered to send

suggestions for additional comments and information to Hilma for inclusion in the new submission which is due on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Last Minute Emails:** An email from Budge Litchfield asked if Heath would hold a Special Town Meeting to deal with the proposed articles to make changes in the regional agreement that were originally included on the Annual Town Meeting warrant and voted down due to lack of explanation and lack of time for review. Both Sue and Elissa remarked that the town should not take any action until the questions posed in May had been adequately answered. The two Board members present requested that Robyn be consulted as to her opinion.

National Grid sent an email to inform the town that there would be vegetation control measures taken in the near future on West Hosmer Road.

Governor Healey has declared a state of emergency because of the overwhelming number of refugee families that are arriving in Massachusetts and the insufficient amount of housing and necessities to meet the level of demand.

**Mail:**

- K. McNay re: interest in Conservation Commission
- B. DeVriese re: recommendation of K. McNay
- C. Rabbitt re: repair of cemetery stones in N. Cemetery
- R. Viarengo re: proposed changes to license
- N. Anzuoni re: July Fire Chief's report
- J. Gran re: Highway truck needs
- W. Gran re: Capital Improvement program
- D. Cavalier re: Unauthorized burning in Mohawk Estates
- FCRHRA re: quarterly grant report
- Sen. P. Mark re: August district office hours
- Rep. J. McGovern re: work for universal school meals
- B. Gordon re: recording of meetings
- R. Viarengo re: offer for analysis of ADA access to Sawyer Hall—this item will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.
- J. Sieving re: correspondence over legal fee reimbursement
- FCSWMD re: July recycling report

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**8:00 p.m. *On a motion by Elissa Viarengo and seconded by Susan Lively, the Select Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.***

Respectfully submitted,

Hilma A. Sumner  
Town Coordinator