



Finance Committee
 Town of Halifax
 499 Plymouth St.
 Halifax, MA 02338

Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, April 3, 2019

	Frederick McGovern	Leonard Teceno	Bill McAvoy	Melinda Tarsi	Brad Graham	Vacant
Present	X	X	X	X		

Also in attendance was Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant, Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator

Melinda opened the meeting at 7:04p.m. by reading the agenda.

The meeting was not recorded by Area 58

Mail: Copy of the Beacon

Melinda entertained a motion to approve the minutes from 03/11/2019

Motion: Bill

Second: Len

AIF

Sandy informed the committee that she increased the wage lines by 2% and filled in those numbers on the expenditure sheet and highlighted the lines that had not been voted yet. Sandy then went over the Expenditure for Raise and Appropriate and Revenue less Expenditure Raise and Appropriate with the goal being to keep a \$300,000.00 buffer.

Melinda stated that the Committee still had a handful of lines to vote, and that there are some lines that will need to be revisited.

Line #44: Police-Chief Salary: This also covers the education stipend for the Chief - \$111,494.00

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Len

Second: Bill

AIF

Line #51: Fire Chief Salary: \$125,000.00

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Bill

Second: Len
AIF

Line #83A: Highway Stormwater Management - \$114,300.00

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Bill

Second: Fred

AIF

Line #131: Parks-Wages: \$100.00

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Bill

Second: Len

AIF

Sandy pointed out that Article 5: Revolving Funds, does not have an amount because it's not an expenditure. It is a review of accounts being set up.

Melinda entertained a motion to accept

Motion: Bill

Second: Len

AIF

Article 11: Police Chief Contract - \$4,120.00

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Bill

Second: Len

AIF

Article 7: Firefighter's Contract: \$68,340.00

Bill asked if this is a wage increase. Charlie stated it is a paramedic stipend and wage increase. The negotiations are done. It will now go to town meeting. Bill asked if this is a one year contract and Charlie stated it is a three year contract. Bill asked if this stipend gets included in their wage structure. Charlie said yes, it gets added to their per hour wage.

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Bill

Second: Fred

AIF

Article #12: Town Administrator's Contract: \$13,677.00

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Bill

Second: Len

AIF

Melinda wanted to go back over the lines the committee made changes to. She stated as things evolve on town meeting floor, we might want to talk about our direction now so we can inform the town regarding decisions such as our preference regarding the new hire requests, and how the committee is leaning towards the new highway position. Regarding the sandblasting request, Melinda stated she would like to fund another truck. Fred stated the committee probably wants to consider a new position over sandblasting a truck.

Melinda asked Sandy how comfortable she feels with the estimate for outstanding contracts. Sandy stated she's only comfortable with one. The committee stated we should wait to revote lines until after wage and personnel meet. Sandy stated the committee has done very well with their recommendations and it's okay to wait. Sandy informed them they can give the town their thought process regarding the new resource officer and highway positions. Sandy informed the committee that there are two articles added to the special town meeting:

Recycling- Solid Waste Reimbursement: \$5,285.00

Melinda entertained a motion to recommend

Motion: Bill

Second: Len

AIF

The second is regarding Cabling. It has been discovered that there may be asbestos in the basement of the Town Hall. We need to have this tested before we can proceed with the cabling. The cabling would disturb the asbestos so it is on hold until the testing is complete. We will either have to remove it or encapsulate it. She will keep the committee informed when she gets numbers.

Melinda then went over the calendar. Town meeting starts on May 13th at 7:30p.m. She asked the secretary to post for a 6:30p.m. meeting on May 13th in the Teacher's Lounge at Halifax Elementary School. She also requested to post for Monday, April 8th, 22nd, 29th and Monday May 6th.

Melinda instructed the liaisons to Highway and Building to instruct the department heads that if things change we will fund their requested positions. Sandy suggested that they also inform the department heads of the amount of the budget that has been approved for them.

Melinda entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:04p.m.

Motion: Bill

Second: Len

AIF

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Clark, Secretary

Len Teceno, Clerk

