



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, March 26, 2018

	Gordon Andrews	Mel Conroy	Linda Braga	Bill McAvoy	Diane Ruxton	Melinda Tarsi	Vacant
Present		✓		✓	✓	✓	

Also in attendance was Kim Roy, Selectman; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Erika and Dave Rossini, Residents.

Mel Conroy called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

Mail

The Selectmen sent a memo regarding the Snow and Ice Account and we are currently coming close to overspending in the account.

Schools

HES brought the budget down by \$195,000.00 and SPED down by \$130,000.00. Maintenance is down and that will be because of the work being down over there this summer. No salary increase adjustment will be taken, but they did have a second retirement.

Mel Conroy would like all liaisons spoken to and put a bug in their ear about level funded expense accounts. The Emergency Management line is gone.

Highway and Cemetery extra hours have been taken out. \$98,500.00 for 2% for all employees except schools. Those are already in the school budgets.

The Audit is out of contract.

Not included in the budget at this time is the additional Highway personnel and the additional Cemetery hours. That would put us approx. \$523,000.00 under the levy. This is thanks to the school for examining their budget and finding some savings without sacrificing services or staff.

Wage and Personnel has not met at this time to discuss a recommendation on a 1% or 2% wage increase.

Article 4

Line 5 – Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$3,925.00 for Selectmen Expense. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 6 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$63,000.00 for Law. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 7 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$18,000.00 for Town Hall Electricity. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 8 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$5,700.00 for Town Reports. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 9 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$25,999.00 for Audit. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 11 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$359.00 for Fin Comm Expense. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 14 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$1,625.00 for Accountant Expense. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 19 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$13,615.00 for Assessor Expense. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 20 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$7,300.00 for Selectmen Expense. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 23 - Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$6,500.00 for Selectmen Expense. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 26 – Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$5,000.00 for Tax Title - Treasurer. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 151 – Melinda Tarsi made a motion to recommend \$1,145,686.00 for Plymouth County Retirement. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill McAvoy made a motion to level fund all non-salary lines for FY19 using the FY18 number beginning with Line 24 and going through Line 158, with the exception of Lines 26 and 151. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Melinda Tarsi made a motion to fund all non-salary lines for FY19 that have a requested amount for FY19 that is less than the number voted in FY18 (using the Finance Committee Expenditure Sheet) be funded using the FY18 number beginning with Line 24 and going through Line 158. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Calendar

Thursday's meeting - Warrant

Monday's meeting – Wage lines

Diane Ruxton made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Tarsi
Clerk