



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, January 9, 2017

	Gordon Andrews	Linda Braga	Mel Conroy	Stu Hall	Diane Ruxton	Vacant	Vacant
Present	✓	✓		✓	✓		

Also in attendance were Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

Meeting Minutes

Stu Hall made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 12/12/16. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously. Gordon Andrews abstained from voting.

Mail

A copy of the Beacon and the Municipal Advocate were available for the Committee Members to review.

Silver Lake Land Deal

The article has gone before the Governor at this time. Charlie has no further information at this time.

HES Meeting

There is an increase of 2.83% in Regular Day, 2.54% increase in Total Special Education, 2.78% increase without out of district SPED, 8.63% in Transportation. All together, the increases including Vocational Ed, the increase looks to be about 4.81%. We need to keep in mind that there is \$150,000.00 for this year that is not included in this years' budget. Gordon asked for the projection of the next 3 years for the student totals in order to see what area we are heavy in. Silver Lake will be meeting on Thursday so we should get their budget then.

Budgets in General

Due to Communications leaving, the wages are going down about \$105,000.00. The steps will cost \$8,000.00. The steps will cost the Union \$30,000.00. In total, it will be a savings of \$247,000.00. The Contract is \$150,000.00 so savings will be \$97,500.00 minus one employee to pay for the first two months or so.

Most everything is coming in level funded. Health Insurance premiums should go up approx. 12% but we may not realize the 12% as we don't have as many people participating in the full plan.

Sandy will provide everyone one copies of their own budgets. Mel, Charlie and Kendra will receive full copies.

Calendar

1/10/17 – BOS to appoint Melinda Tarsi

1/16/17 – No Meeting – Holiday

1/23/17

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Braga
Clerk