



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

Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2017

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

Also in attendance was Kim Roy, Selectman; Barbara Gaynor, Town Clerk.

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

Reserve Fund Transfer

A Reserve Fund Transfer was submitted by Charlie Seelig in the amount of \$8,933.52 to be transferred to the Law Account to pay the January and February Legal bills. Stu Hall made a motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting with the Fire Chief

Brockton Hospital is no longer providing meds for the ambulances. They are now charging \$750.00 per ambulance for necessary meds, so we will see a new \$1,500.00 charge for that. It will become a recurring charge yearly.

Wages are up \$12,000.00 in order to cover the deployment of a Firefighter to Egypt. They can cover it within this year's budget but will need the extra for next year. Otherwise they are doing well with wages and vehicle maintenance.

The Station Maintenance Account may be short by \$3,250.00 in order to cover LED lighting. Finance Committee has put a note in the Reserve Fund as a reminder that total may be needed.

They have a new Ambulance on the Capital Plan as A2 has 105,000 miles on it. The cost will be approximately \$280,000.00 and includes equipment and radios etc. it is a F550 type front, diesel, 4WD and the length is increased by 2.5". As a result of the length increase, the trucks need to be moved around and the door sizes increased. Reframing 2 garage doors and replacing 3 garage doors will cost \$25,000.00 - \$27,000.00. That will also be on the Capital Plan.

The Chief would like to have the Annual Capital Article connected with the radios now worded "Portable Radios and Pagers" so it can be used for maintenance as well. Also on the Capital Plan will be an upgraded phone system for \$9,000.00, IV pumps (2 needed) for \$5,000.00 per pump.

Billing is going well. They are projecting to go about \$40,000.00 over the original \$210,000.00 projection. The Staffing increase has been fantastic. It has saved them numerous times. The Chief believes it has made the Town so much safer.

Meeting with Barbara Gaynor

Line 25 – Increase is 2 hours per week

Line 26 – Step increase

Line 27 – Increase is for a certification program for Asst. Town Clerk, Machine maintenance on the time clock and increase of town meetings.

Line 28 – Mel Conroy made a motion to amend and approve the amount to \$12,025.00 for Elect/Register. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Silver Lake

There was not any public discussion allowed on the new budget at their last meeting. They cut a Middle School elective teaching position, moved a secretary from the office to guidance, and made a cut in maintenance on the field. They cut a total of \$235,000.00 so we should see a discount of about \$53,000.00

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There are a number of changes but the budget numbers will stay the same.

Calendar

3/20 – Capital Plan, Board of Health, Police Chief

3/27 – Wage & Personnel, Water, Bob Badore?

Mel Conroy made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:13pm. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. All members present voted yes by individual roll call vote.

Mel Conroy made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:32pm. Seconded by Stu Hall. All members voted yes by individual roll call vote.

Regular session resumed at 8:33pm

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pm. Seconded by Mel Conroy. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Braga
Clerk