



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 28, 2016

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

Also in attendance were Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant, Kim Roy, Selectmen; Troy Garron, Selectmen; Tom Millias, Selectmen; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

Meeting Minutes

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/14/16. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Mail

There was no mail for the Committee to review.

Budget Meeting with the Selectmen

An Overview for FY17 per Charlie Seelig... We are starting comfortable instead of behind the eight ball. He is not assuming we are leaving any money on the table. We are not doing anything with ambulance receipts yet. Right now it is a wash, they are covering themselves. The Meals tax is a little bit below where they expected it to be. That may still be used for the Capital Plan as originally discussed, as Free Cash is harder to come by. State Aid numbers are not reaching their goals. They are only 1 or 2% (which is \$8,000.00) Health Insurance will increase again by an estimated 12%. That may be a high estimate. Retirement increase is a known number. Wage increases are roughly known as well. Kim Roy is concerned about the SPED number and feels it is too soon to decide to leave money on the table until we know that number. Mel Conroy would like to see Monponsett Watershed money put aside as well. Kim Roy would also like to see the \$70,000.00 put into the Capital Plan now instead of later. The elementary school project will have to be debt exclusion. The state is paying almost half of that project. The BOS would like to put the COA into debt payment within the levy limit. Everything is being looked at again due to the cost. Even All Seasons has been brought back up and the BOS have given a clean NO on that venture. Regionalization has been discussed and is an ongoing discussion with Plympton. Concern areas are the following: SPED, Vocational, Silver Lake and the Elementary School increase. Wish Lists would

include a Human Resource Position. The \$70,000.00 from the Meals Tax will be rolled into the Capital Plan fund.

Level Service plus steps as written last year. Motion made by Mel Conroy, Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Drew McGlincy

Kim Roy suggested that Drew participate with the Capital Plan for a few months. He wouldn't have a technical vote; however it would give him some exposure and experience. BOS in agreement. Kim will call and speak to Drew.

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Calendar

12/5 – HES School Committee Meeting

12/12 – Fire Chief 7:15pm, Melinda Tarsi 8:00, possibly no GA for meeting.

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Seconded by Mel Conroy. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Braga
Clerk