



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

Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 23, 2016

	Gordon Andrews	Linda Braga	Mel Conroy	Nikki Newton	Stu Hall	Julianne Crawford	Vacant
Present	✓	✓	✓		✓		

Others in Attendance:

Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Kim Roy, Selectman.

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:14pm. The meeting is being recorded by Area 58.

Mail

The May copy of the Beacon was available.

A new list of Elected Officials was available.

Town Meeting Recap

- Glad to be done in one night.
- Next year Gordon would like to see a spreadsheet showing recommendations, votes, summary and reasons why each Article was voted the way it was.
- Earlier notice from the Selectmen on Contracts.
- Kim would like to see Capital item recommendations printed in the Warrant.
- Possibly put Articles 5-11 into the Operating Budget so they are completed first. A bylaw change would have to be presented at the Special Town Meeting.

Reappointment of Members

Mel Conroy made a motion to reappoint Gordon Andrews and Nikki Newton. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Braga and Stu Hall to attend the Selectmen's Meeting on 6/14/16 at 7:35pm to vote their reappointment.

Policies and Procedures

He has signed a contract with a firm for Financial Policies with Eric.

The Health Insurance Consultant meeting will take place next month. Target date of 6/23.

The revenues are up 15% over LY and what was estimated for FY16. Excise is currently over 1 million, so that is good.

There is a meeting on 6/9/16 with the Superintendent of Schools to further discuss the sale of the Silver Lake land to Kingston.

#### Regional Dispatch

The Selectmen are hoping to hold a public forum for the residents of Halifax. The State will contribute \$100,000.00 per year towards the Regional Dispatch. Currently the budget is \$300,000.00. Duxbury will charge \$150,000.00 net. So, we will be looking at approximately \$175,000.00 in savings when benefits are included. The state is willing to pay for the installation of a safe infrastructure for the current Police Station. Cameras etc. to allow for monitoring during dark times. Most of the staff would be able to move to Duxbury so layoffs will not happen as a result. Matt Tucker is leaving regardless as he has accepted an offer with Duxbury. It would be a 5 year contract and the earliest implementation date will be sometime in October. Plympton is already part of Duxbury's Dispatch Center and it is going very well.

#### Calendar

August Meeting – Ambulance Revenue Discussion

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm. Seconded by Gordon Andrews. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mel Conroy  
Clerk